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Cycling

ITALIAN MISSAGLIA CLAIMS OVERALL INDIVIDUAL TITLE

KUALA LUMPUR, March 1 (Bernama) -- Italian Gabriele Missaglia of the professional team Mapei-Bricobi won the overall individual title after 12 stages of the 1998 Le Tour de Langkawi cycling event which ended here today.

Missaglia, who won the yellow jersey for the first time from teammate Andrea Tafi yesterday, crossed the finishing line with a final burst to claim the coveted title from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The 28-year-old rider received RM80,000 in prize money from the Prime Minister. Kuala Lumpur City Hall Datuk Bandar Tan Sri Kamaruzaman Shariff flagged of the race today.

The Kuala Lumpur criterium race, the last stage of the gruelling competition which began on Feb 18 in Langkawi, was won by Scigno-Gaerne rider Luca Cei with a time of 1 hour 24 minutes and 36 seconds.

Polish Piotr Wadecki from MROZ team finished a close second behind Cei while Graeme Miller of New Zealand was third. Both recorded the same time set by Cei.

Indonesian Tonton Susanto, who overtook the orange jersey in the stage 11 from Tanjung Malim to Genting Highlands yesterday from Xuezhong Tang of China, won the orange for the second time, grabbing RM20,000 for being the best East Asian rider overall.

The "King of Mountain" title went to Douglas Ryder of South Africa, earning him RM25,000. He won the red jersey again for the fourth time in stage 12 today.

American Fred Rodriguez from the Saturn team was crowned "King of Sprint", picking the green jersey and RM25,000 as prize money.

Mapei-Bricobi team from Italy emerged as the best team overall while in the East Asian category, the Philippines was the winner.

For the Malaysian riders, 1997 SEA Games silver medallist Tsen Seong Hoong was the best local rider among the Malaysian finishers. Overall, he was 39th.

Others national riders who took part was M. Kumaresan (42th), Sharulneeza Razali (45th), Nor Affandy Rosli (56) and Mahadzir Hamad (65).

For the Malaysian B, Chung Chee Wai was the best rider. He was 52th overall. Others, Mohd Hardi Razali (66th), Wong Ah Tiam (80th) and Musairi Musa (90th),

Some 150 participants from the 24 teams took part in the 12 stages of the third edition of the tour which covered nationwide before ending today in Dataran Merdeka.

#### Results

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#### TOP 10 FINISHERS IN STAGE 12

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1. Luca Cei (Scigno-Gaerne - SCR) 1:24.36s
2. Piotr Wadecki (MROZ) "
3. Graeme Miller (NZL) "
4. Fred Rodriguez (Saturn - SAT) "
5. Nor Affandy Rosli (MAL) "
6. Frank McCormack (SAT) "
7. Arne Hohenstein (Agro Adler - AAB) "

8. Mirko Rossato (SCR) "
  9. Patrick Vetsch (Post Swiss - POS) "
  10. Robert Hunter (RSA) "
- (all the time recorded are the same)

TOP 10 OVERALL

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1. Gabriele Missaglia (Mapei-Bricobi - MAP) 45:12.50s
  2. Giuliano Figueras (MAP) 45:13.16s
  3. Niklas Axelsson (SCR) 45:14.15s
  4. Andrew McClean (RSA) 45:15.09s
  5. Andrea Tafi (MAP) 45:15.27s
  6. Stig Guldbaek (DEN) 45:15.28s
  7. Fred Rodriguez (SAT) 45:16.08s
  8. Allan Iacoune (AUS) 45:17.15s
  9. Piotr Wadecki (MROZ) 45:17.56s
  10. Andrey Mizurov (KAZ) 45:19.29s

EAST ASIAN TOP 10 FINISHERS IN STAGE 12

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1. Nor Affandy Rosli (MAL) 1:24.36s
  2. M.Kumaresan (MAL) "
  3. Tsen Seong Hoong (MAL) "
  4. Mahadzir Hamad (MAL) "
  5. Sharulneeza Razali (MAL) "
  6. Enrique Domingo (PHI) "
  7. Carlo Jasul (PHI) "
  8. Amin Suryana (INA) "
  9. Warren Davadilla (PHI) "
  10. Musairi Musa (MAL B) "
- (same time recorded)

EAST ASIAN TOP 10 OVERALL

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1. Tonton Susanto (INA) 45:34.42s
  2. Xuezhong Tang (CHN) 45:36.00s
  3. Arnel Quirimit (PHI) 45:38.18s
  4. Victor Espiritu (PHI) 45:39.21s
  5. Yajun Ma (CHN) 45:41.02s
  6. Tsen Seong Hoong (MAL) 45:42.52s
  7. M.Kumaresan (MAL) 45:46.21s
  8. Sharulneeza Razali (MAL) 45:49.22s
  9. Chung Chee Wai (MAL B) 45:54.31s
  10. Carlo Jasul (PHI) 45:56.49s

TOP 10 TEAMS OVERALL

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1. Mapei-Bricobi (ITA)
  2. Saturn (USA)
  3. South Africa
  4. Denmark
  5. Lada Cska Samara (RUS)
  6. Oilme-Klein (USA)
  7. MROZ (POL)
  8. Scrigno-Gaerne (ITA)
  9. Australia
  10. Philippines

EAST ASIAN TEAMS OVERALL

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1. Philippines
  2. Malaysia
  3. China
  4. Indonesia
  5. Malaysia B
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