

Sprinter shows up tactics

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The Australian Orica-GreenEDGE team has been labelled predictable for its tactics in races poised to finish in bunch sprints by the very rider who showed it up in the first stage of the Giro d'Italia - British speedster Mark Cavendish.

Cavendish (Omega Pharma-QuickStep) became the first wearer of the maglia rosa by winning Saturday's crashed-filled 130-kilometre circuit race in Naples from Italian Elia Viviani (Cannondale) and Frenchman Nacer Bouhanni (FDJ).

For Cavendish, who has 11 Giro stage wins, there was no denying his drive after being inspired by the way his teammates rode so well for him from the start of the stage, and the tactics of Orica-GreenEDGE which had numbers in the sprint.



Mark Cavendish celebrates his stage victory. Photo: Getty Images