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## The BMC team wins the initial time trial in the Tour of Spain 2015

### Slovak Peter Velits, first leader

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**USPA NEWS** - A team time between Puerto Banus and Marbella, in the province of Malaga on the Spanish southern coast, about 7.4 kilometers, turned out to be the 70th Vuelta of Spain, which takes place between August 22 and 13 September. The BMC US team won the time trial and placed his rider Peter Velits as leader.

After the BMC, which marked a time of 8:10:06 at the finish of Marbella to an average of 54.3 kilometers per hour, the Ukrainian team Tinkoff Saxo and the Australian Orica Greenedge, both a second behind the winner were classified; Dutch Lotto Jumbo, 8 seconds, and the Ettix Quick Step 10 seconds. The BMC confirmed its status as a specialist in the collective lap times, because this year he also won the Tour and the Dauphiné. The organization of the Tour decided that the first stage only classify team and the red jersey of the Tour would be the first rider of the winning team to cross the finish line. That was the Slovakian rider Peter Velits.

Cyclists will leave on Sunday with their stopwatches to zero for the second stage. The decision of the organization of the Tour was the result of complaints from the teams and their riders for the layout of the trial. A short stage between two tourist resorts on the Spanish Sun Coast, held in parallel with the seafront on uneven ground with stretches of asphalt, sand and stones. In view of the equipment, that fact harmed the performance of their brokers and threatened the security of the race. And that concern was on the stage.

Top teams aspiring to win the Tour as British Sky Chris Froome and Joaquin Rodriguez of Katusha security prevailed over speed and crossed the finish line at 1.11 (9:21:03) and 0.54 (9:04:05) of BMC, respectively. Others like the Giant Alpecin (9:17:06) and Cannondale Garmin (9:30) far exceeded the mark of a winner. But the slower was French Europcar, which marked a time of 10:25 in Marbella.

The Vuelta 2015 announced interesting stages in Froome-Quintana (Sky-Movistar) duel with an eye toward the ultimate goal of Madrid. Chris Froome was the winner of the last Tour de France and the Colombian Nairo Quintana was second on the podium in Paris. In the Vuelta, Colombian wants to invest posts. His teammate, the Spanish Alejandro Valverde, will help to achieve this, but he does not give up trying too if the occasion arises. For now, the stakes are high. The real fight begins this Sunday.

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