

Accident Owain Doull, Tour of Abu Dhabi, Stage 1, February 23, 2017

1. Video of accident:

http://video.eurosport.co.uk/cycling/abu-dhabi-tour/2017/team-sky-s-owain-doull-suffers-nasty-bum-injury-in-abu-dhabi_vid960773/video.shtml

The video shows at 0:28 that Owain Doull was on the left side of Marcel Kittel and fell into the barriers on his left too. Kittel himself only crashed a little after Doull did.

Therefore there is no possibility that Doull's LEFT foot was at any time in contact with the disc brake rotors mounted on the left side of Kittel's bicycle.

The possibility that Doull cut his shoe in the barriers or some other material on his left during the crash is much higher. It can not clearly be determined where he got the crash.

2. Photos of crash scenario:



This picture shows clearly the two riders, Kittel in red and Doull in turquoise. Very same conclusion as mentioned above.

3. Article Velonews.com

The very same conclusion comes again from this article:

http://www.velonews.com/2017/02/news/did-disc-cut-doull-race-footage-suggests-it-didnt_431165

4. Photo of sliced shoe of Owain Doull



The picture shows the cut in the shoe of Owain Doull. This picture does not prove that the cut was done by a disc brake or not.

The interesting thing visible on the shoe is the red/brown coloured part along the cut. The colour might come from the blood which is rather unlikely seeing the little amount of blood on Kittel's sock. The other possibility is of course that the colour comes from rust of the barriers on the road or dirt on the street.

5. Video of Disc brake cutting

http://www.velonews.com/2017/02/video/video-can-disc-rotors-actually-cut_431182

Velonews.com created a video after the crash yesterday checking the possibility of a cut of a NON-ROUNDED disc brake to a cycling shoe.

Even though the contact of the shoe to rotor was longer than it would probably be in a crash there was no cutting to the leather of the shoe possible.

6. Conclusion

Above facts do exclude the possibility that the cut to the shoe of Owain Doull was done by a disc brake.

This information and a clear statement from the UCI Working Group on disc brakes including UCI, AIGCP, CPA and WFSGI on the continuation of the trial shall be shared with the press today.