




 **Tim in KY** Gdl Stage 7 is 181 kilometers from Notaresco south to Termoli, both on the Adriatic coast. The first 35 km are along the coast. Then there is a 73 km diversion inland for the stage's only categorized climb, a Cat 4. The route then returns to the coast until 1500 meters to go when the road turns east into central Termoli. 05-13-2021 02:25:42 pm


 **Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1620930658-stage-7-route.jpg> 05-13-2021 02:25:59 pm


 **Tim in KY** The turn inland at 1500 meters is the first of four turns before the finish. There is also a constriction of the road at a railroad overpass. 05-13-2021 02:27:08 pm


 **Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1620930738-stage-7-finish-route.jpg> 05-13-2021 02:27:19 pm

 **Tim in KY** The profile is flat at both ends with numerous lumps in the middle leading to and from the KOM climb. 05-13-2021 02:28:15 pm


 **Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1620930806-stage-7-profile.jpg> 05-13-2021 02:28:27 pm

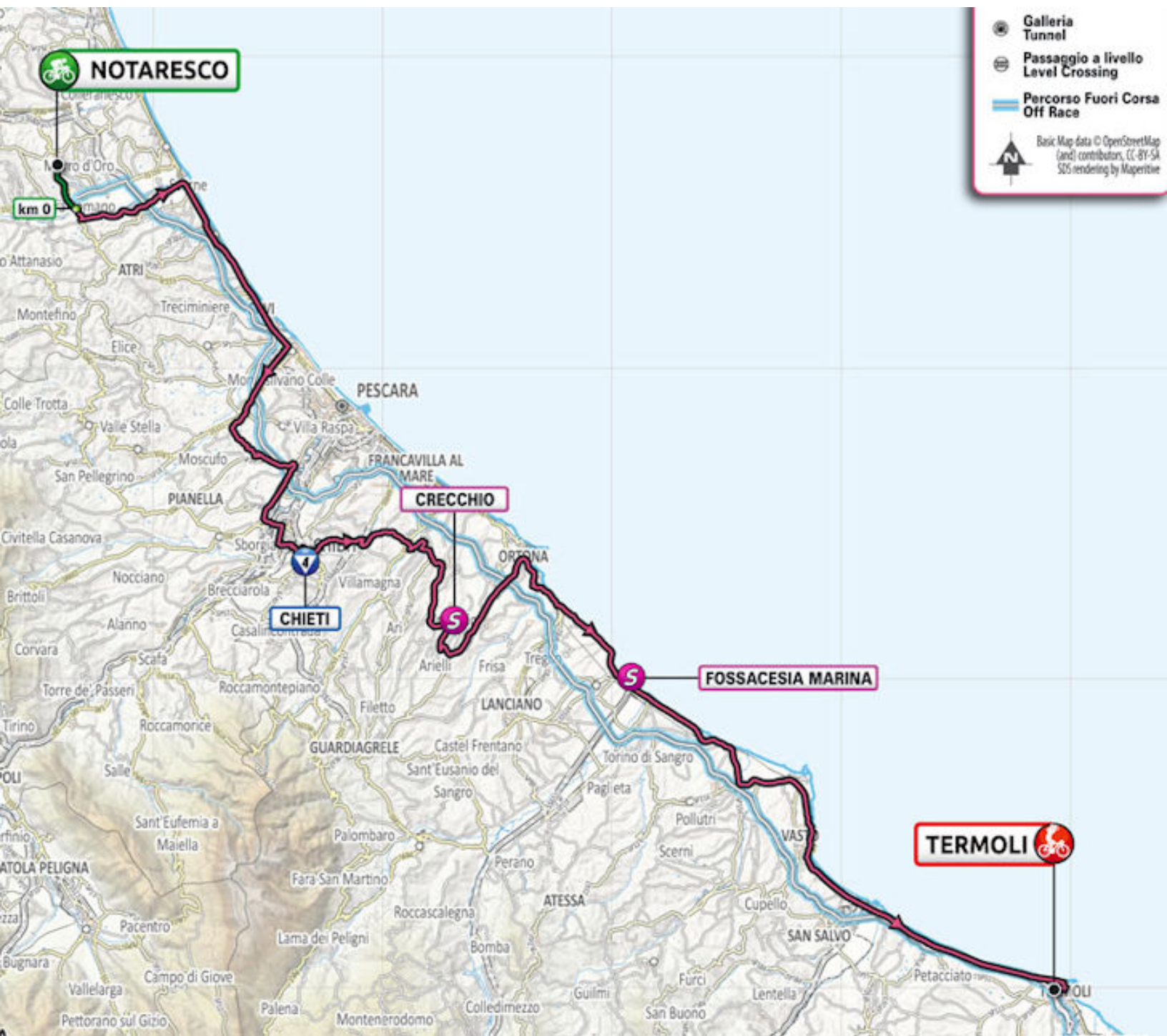
 **Tim in KY** The only significant climb occurs when the route leaves the coast with 1500 meters to go. There is a short 12% ramp to a continually rising road to the finish. 05-13-2021 02:30:27 pm

 **Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1620930937-stage-7-finish-profile.jpg> 05-13-2021 02:30:38 pm

 **Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:00. Finish is imagined at the usual 17:15. Forecast is for clouds (but no rain) with temps in the upper teens. Along the coast, the wind will be on shore but are not predicted to be strong enough to cause trouble. 05-13-2021 02:32:35 pm

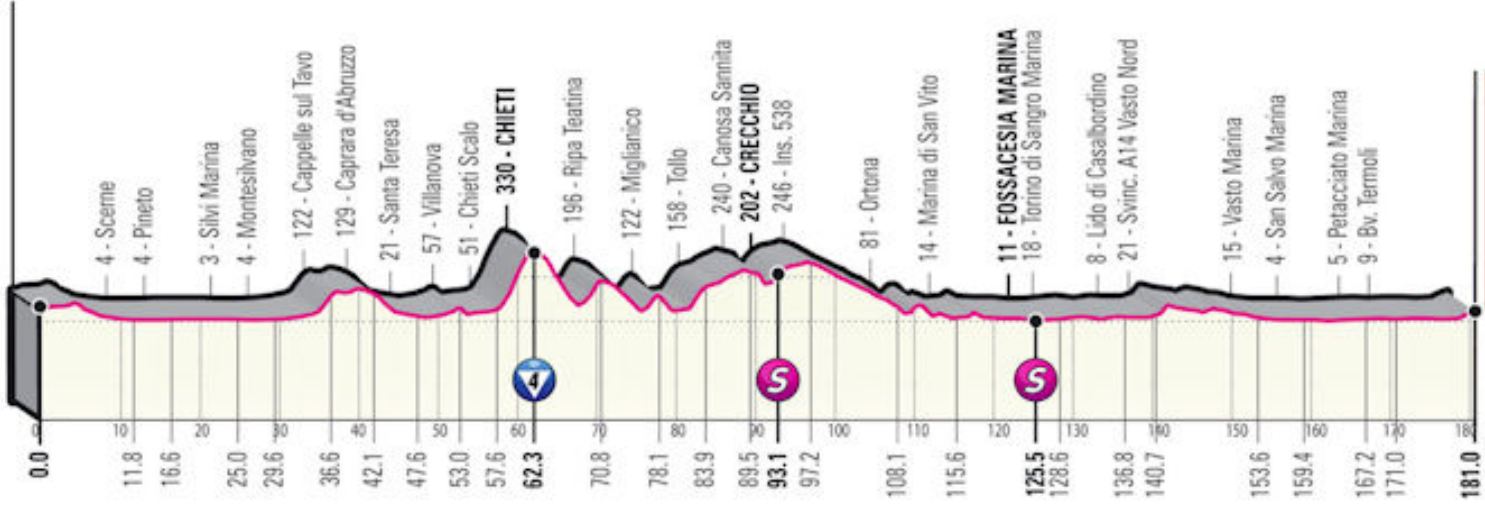
 **Tim in KY** Neutral start. 05-14-2021 06:53:44 am

 **Tim in KY** Buster, have you seen any statement from BEX about the car? 05-14-2021 06:54:13 am





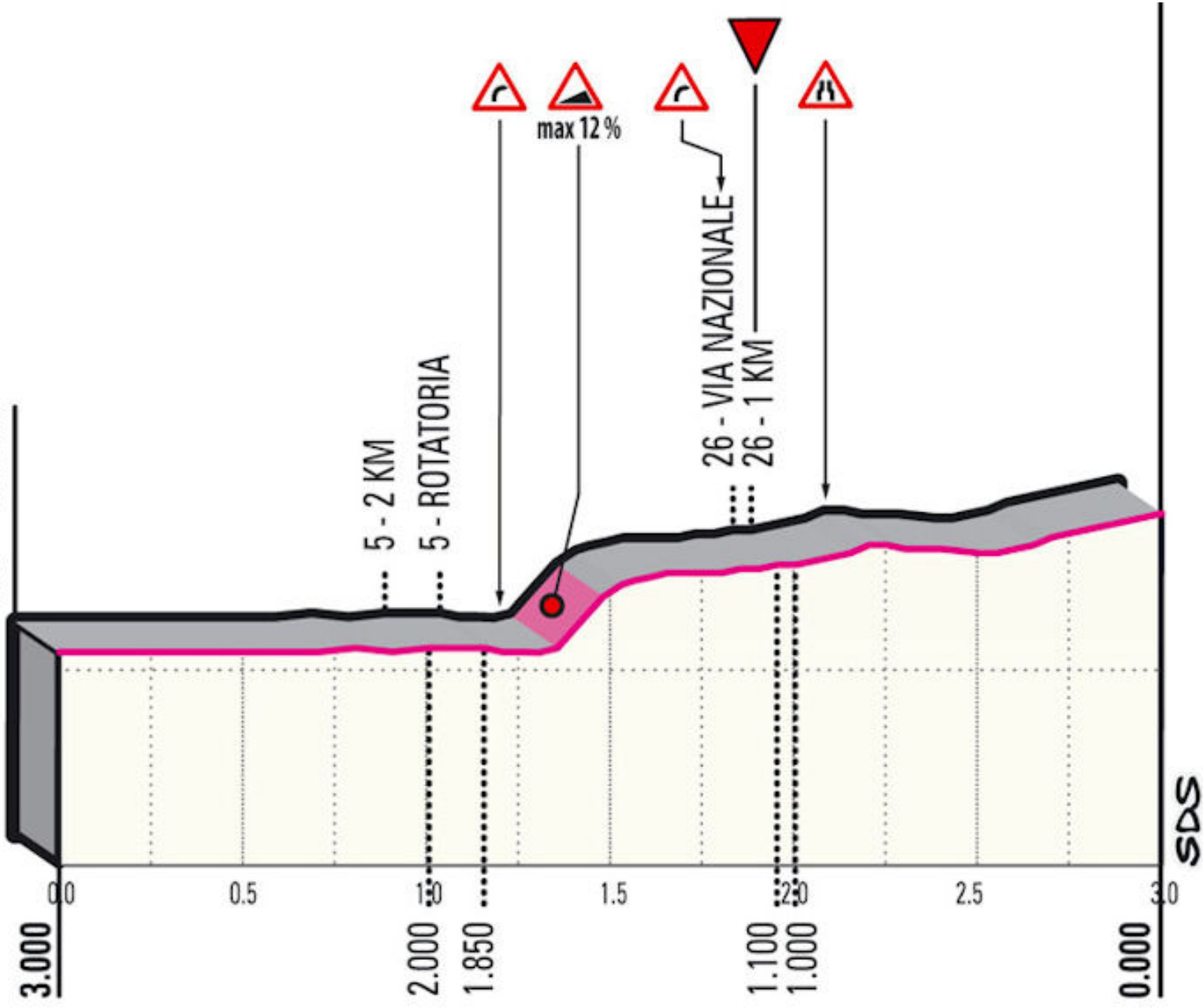
55 - NOTARESCO



39 - TERMOLI

SDS

13 - 3 KM





BusterSci No

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06:57:00 am



BusterSci I've seen the "These things happen" nonsense from the Giro, but nothing from BEX. Â Matt White is normally a pretty forthcoming guy, so I'd expect something.

05-14-2021
06:57:58 am



Tim in KY Pozzovivo DNS today.

05-14-2021
06:58:59 am



Tim in KY Six abandons so far.

05-14-2021
07:01:43 am



Tim in KY Sprint stage = easy break for the pro-coni teams.

05-14-2021
07:04:27 am



Tim in KY Three riders in the break have 3:35 on the languid peloton.Â The best placed of the three is down 46:00.

05-14-2021
07:20:54 am



BusterSci Haven't watched yet, but : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YSxm3Zy1Os4>

05-14-2021
07:26:54 am



bikerabe Cycling News back on the Web Bike X DS Gene Bates expelled from Giro for hitting Serry

05-14-2021
07:34:39 am



BusterSci I think Matt is underplaying it quite a bit. Â Sounds like Serry was pretty sore. Â Bates isn't expelled, exactly, but he can't be in a car or in the convoy. Â He can still assist from the hotel, etc.

05-14-2021
07:38:06 am



Charlie in Tenn Yeah, Matt is downplaying it and I understand why. Matt says something like it was just an accident, Serry got back on his same bike and rode to the finish. BTW, he later talks about Bouhanni and Groanwagan and says the penalty should be based on the action not the consequences. So he kinda contradicts himself.

05-14-2021
07:42:45 am



Tim in KY Lotto S keeping the leash short.. 3:50.

05-14-2021
07:46:35 am



BusterSci It's quiet today.

05-14-2021
08:01:49 am



Mikey Good Morning

05-14-2021
08:01:57 am



Tim in KY Is quiet the same as boring?

05-14-2021
08:02:16 am



Tim in KY Morning, Mikey.

05-14-2021
08:02:31 am



BusterSci Hunh...wuh? Â Must have drifted off.

05-14-2021
08:02:47 am



Mikey Heard anything about Ewan going home early and cutting out of the race?

05-14-2021
08:06:34 am



BusterSci Just the blurb on CN

05-14-2021
08:06:49 am



BusterSci Makes sense. Â His goal is to win stages in all three GTs in one year. Â I guess it's only been done twice, but I want to confirm that.

05-14-2021
08:08:48 am



BusterSci Three times.

05-14-2021
08:09:18 am



Mikey That's not going to help my fantasy team. Stupid darts

05-14-2021
08:10:09 am



BusterSci Miguel Poblet, Pierino Boffi, Petacchi

05-14-2021
08:10:19 am



BusterSci I think pure sprinters are not generally good choices for GTs. Â Says the guy racing to the Lantern Rouge.

05-14-2021
08:11:12 am



Tim in KY There are more sprint stages in this Giro than most GTs.

05-14-2021
08:12:27 am



BusterSci Most handicappers thought the opposite, Tim. Although there's room for interpretation as to what a sprint stage is. The ones I read say there are 5.

05-14-2021
08:14:22 am



BusterSci 6-8 is a historical normal range. Â I see a couple saying 7 for this Giro, which puts it right in the middle of that range.

05-14-2021
08:17:30 am



BusterSci At this point it might be better if they lost the signal from the road. 05-14-2021
08:18:47 am



Mikey Maybe Movistar will come to the front and attack 05-14-2021
08:20:26 am



BusterSci Only if they already have someone in the break. 05-14-2021
08:20:54 am



Charlie in Tenn Don't give up on them Buster, They could still attack. 05-14-2021
08:21:45 am



Mikey We can always hope 05-14-2021
08:23:09 am



BusterSci Cillian Kelly says: If this Giro feels particularly carnage-y, it isn't. 05-14-2021
08:23:19 am
There have been 5 DNF's so far. The last time there were fewer abandons in
the



BusterSci Giro after Stage 7 was 1992 05-14-2021
08:23:33 am



Tim in KY This Giro has seemed relatively crash-free, but crashes there 05-14-2021
08:25:21 am
have been have been brutal.



BusterSci Agreed 05-14-2021
08:25:37 am



Charlie in Tenn and taken out GC hopefuls 05-14-2021
08:25:53 am



BusterSci I might even say small and brutal. Â Haven't seen big pile-ups yet. 05-14-2021
08:26:25 am
Â And right, Charlie. Â Very targeted to GC



Joanna in Virginia I logged in to say good morning before I have to log 05-14-2021
08:28:20 am
out.Â :P



Charlie in Tenn [https://rumbletalk-images-
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08:28:36 am



Joanna in Virginia Adorable, Charlie! 05-14-2021
08:28:48 am



Charlie in Tenn Happy Birthday to my 9 year old son.

05-14-2021
08:28:56 am



Joanna in Virginia :CK:

05-14-2021
08:29:12 am



Mikey lickin the lips for cake?

05-14-2021
08:29:39 am



Charlie in Tenn I am baking sugar cookies as we watch the race. Cakes and such this weekend.

05-14-2021
08:30:12 am



Joanna in Virginia This stage is so exciting I've been going through the mail for the last 30 minutes...

05-14-2021
08:30:16 am



BusterSci With rain on the way, I think I'm going to tear myself away from this thrill fest and take Ripley for a walk before it gets wet.

05-14-2021
08:30:32 am



Charlie in Tenn Ha, I just walked an outgoing piece of mail to the mailbox.

05-14-2021
08:30:58 am



Joanna in Virginia I am off to the feed store and then the barn. It might be a late Pub Sweeping, Tim.

05-14-2021
08:30:59 am



Mikey Nice Charlie. The wif made me Irish whiskey cake

05-14-2021
08:31:20 am



Charlie in Tenn Everyone have a good day.

05-14-2021
08:31:20 am



Joanna in Virginia Have a great day everyone!

05-14-2021
08:31:31 am



Tim in KY I suspect it will surprise no one to hear that they are riding slower than the slowest...

05-14-2021
08:33:02 am



Tim in KY Almost to the Cat 4.

05-14-2021
08:37:47 am



Tim in KY Mechanical for Ewan.

05-14-2021
08:42:43 am

Celebrations

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bikerabe Pellaud gets inter sprint

05-14-2021
08:47:32 am



Tim in KY That was the Cat 4 KOM. Sprints come at 88 km and 55 km to go.

05-14-2021
08:52:35 am



Mikey Too much excitement for me. I'm off to the food bank

05-14-2021
08:55:08 am



Tim in KY Feedzone.

05-14-2021
09:00:22 am



SFinAus Hello, anybody home? :)

05-14-2021
09:00:47 am



Charlie in Tenn I am here, again.

05-14-2021
09:01:21 am



SFinAus FWIW, I just saw a UAE rider taking things out of his feed bag and tuck them under the front of his jersey, thus solving the mystery of the bulge on the stomach.

05-14-2021
09:02:05 am



Charlie in Tenn The sugar cookies never made it to the oven. Bike Exchange car came out of nowhere and knocked the bowl in the floor. We had to change our bike and are now making cupcakes.

05-14-2021
09:03:03 am



SFinAus These things happen.Â Bet they aren't saying much about it

05-14-2021
09:04:53 am



Charlie in Tenn I will remember it though, One of these days I will use that card to my advantage. I bet DQS uses this plan as well.

05-14-2021
09:06:46 am



Tim in KY Gap drops under 3:00.Â Just over 3 KU to go.

05-14-2021
09:09:07 am



SFinAus They'll have to average 50kph to make the nominally imagined time.Â Averaging is kinda pointless knowing how much thing change later though.

05-14-2021
09:15:04 am



Tim in KY It will certainly speed up in the last 20-30 km.

05-14-2021
09:15:59 am



Charlie in Tenn Yes, this is a sleepy start, middle, and quick finish.

05-14-2021
09:16:00 am



Tim in KY First sprint in 3 km.

05-14-2021
09:31:29 am



Tim in KY Sprint points will be available for the peloton.

05-14-2021
09:34:28 am



Tim in KY Another uphill sprint.

05-14-2021
09:36:37 am



Charlie in Tenn Sagan gets 4th no other sprinters involved

05-14-2021
09:39:20 am



Tim in KY Brought the gap under a minute.Â It's going back up not.

05-14-2021
09:40:15 am



Tim in KY now.

05-14-2021
09:40:24 am



Tim in KY With 81 km still to go, the gap is just 1:38.

05-14-2021
09:47:46 am



Tim in KY Break is back on the coast now.Â Gap is 2:30.

05-14-2021
10:04:58 am



Charlie in Tenn What did I miss?

05-14-2021
10:05:47 am



Tim in KY Nothing.

05-14-2021
10:07:05 am



BusterSci Me neither?

05-14-2021
10:10:17 am



Tim in KY You missed everything, Buster.

05-14-2021
10:10:59 am



BusterSci Reminds of one of my dad's dad jokes. Â Everytime a TV program ad would say "Don't miss blah blah blah" my dad would say "I won't see it, and I won't miss it."

05-14-2021
10:12:38 am



Tim in KY Stronger wind than predicted.

05-14-2021
10:26:54 am



Tim in KY Looks like a headwind though.

05-14-2021
10:27:33 am



Tim in KY 50 km banner for the break.

05-14-2021
10:36:36 am



Tim in KY 1:42.

05-14-2021
10:36:40 am



SFinAus Ah, discussion on GCN about tides affecting wind affecting races.Â Thank you, Sean.

05-14-2021
10:46:15 am



Tim in KY Currently 25 minutes slower than the slowest...

05-14-2021
10:48:13 am



Tim in KY 40 km banner.

05-14-2021
10:51:59 am



Tim in KY 35 km banner.

05-14-2021
11:00:36 am



Tim in KY 1 KU.

05-14-2021
11:02:54 am



BusterSci So there are three steps to victory today: make it up that 12% ramp, recover without slipping back, have the legs left to finish it off.

05-14-2021
11:05:19 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1621005157-stage-7-finish-profile.jpg>

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Charlie in Tenn Will there be any leadouts after the hill.

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11:12:04 am



Tim in KY 25 km banner.

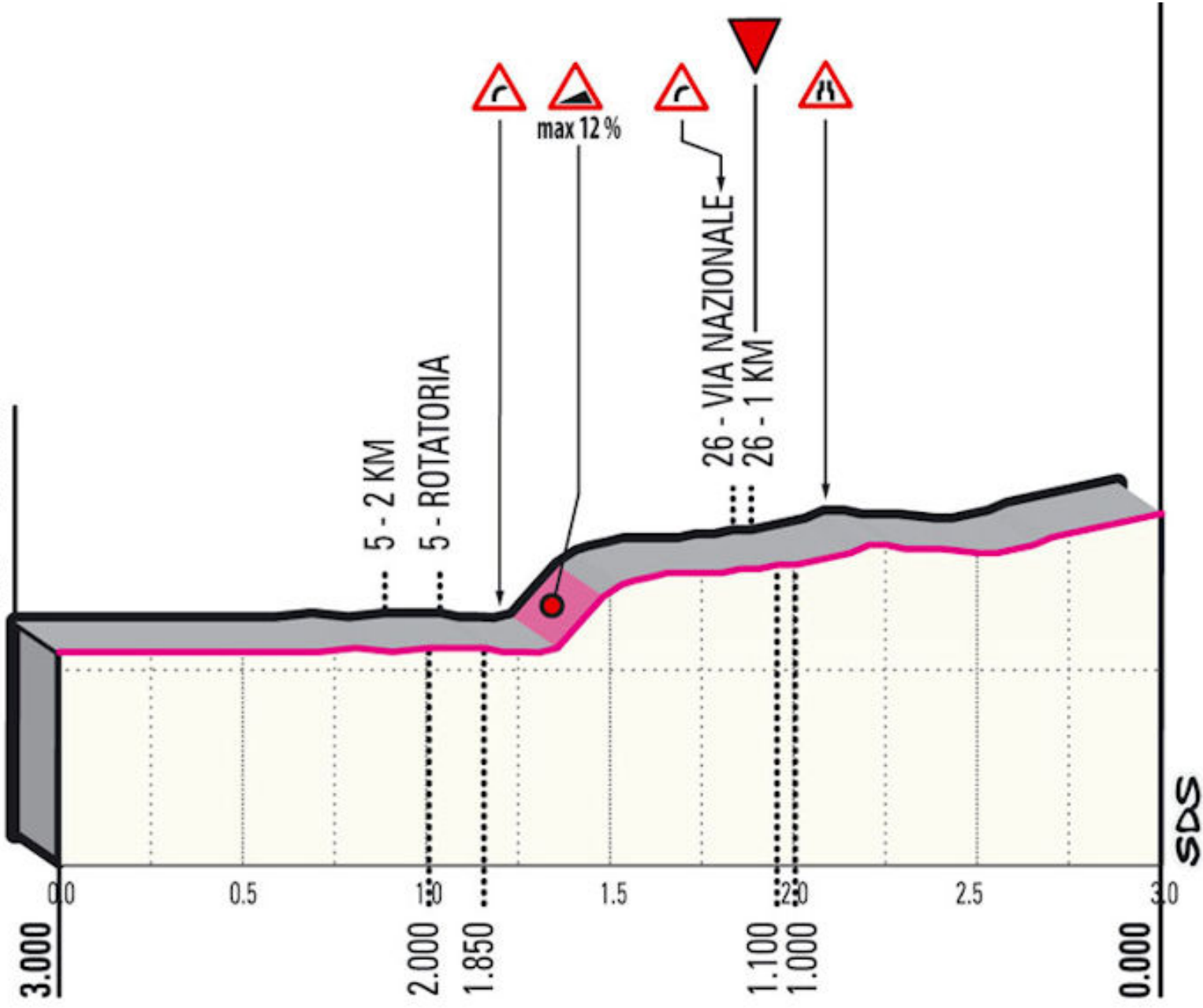
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BusterSci I think Sagan could have his GC guys as leadoffs, for what it would be worth. Â I don't know the other teams well enough to speak to them. Â If Ineos thinks they have a stage winner they could do the same.

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11:15:40 am

13 - 3 KM





BusterSci leadouts. Â Not leadoffs.

05-14-2021
11:15:53 am



Tim in KY Eisel says the leadout guys won't make it up the ramp.

05-14-2021
11:17:14 am



BusterSci I agree with normal leadout guys.

05-14-2021
11:18:16 am



Charlie in Tenn That sounds like the sprinters may not make it up at the front.

05-14-2021
11:18:46 am



Charlie in Tenn I think a GC guy wins today.

05-14-2021
11:20:31 am



BusterSci Nizzolo and Sagan types can. Â Don't see Ewan making it. Â I'm not sure about Gaviria and Viviani. Â I forget how they do on a punchy climb.

05-14-2021
11:20:35 am



BusterSci Charlie, I don't bet against that.

05-14-2021
11:20:43 am



Charlie in Tenn Or more likely a non sprinter of some sort.

05-14-2021
11:21:21 am



BusterSci That's hardly a prediction, though. Â Take out 8-12 guys who are "sprinters" and you still have 90%+ of the peloton left.

05-14-2021
11:22:31 am



Tim in KY Gaviria can make it, Viviani can't.

05-14-2021
11:22:39 am



BusterSci I thought one could and one couldn't, but didn't remember which was which.

05-14-2021
11:22:58 am



BusterSci On Lotto, I'd take DeGendt over Ewan today.

05-14-2021
11:24:03 am



Tim in KY DeGendthas been at the front all day.

05-14-2021
11:24:56 am



BusterSci So I did miss everything...

05-14-2021
11:25:17 am



bikerabe Caught

05-14-2021
11:25:23 am



SFinAus I agree with all you guys about who will win.

05-14-2021
11:26:04 am



BusterSci Bettiol has a good shot.

05-14-2021
11:26:07 am



Charlie in Tenn Ewan looked good on the Poggia at san Marino.

05-14-2021
11:26:55 am



BusterSci Longer and not as steep.

05-14-2021
11:28:04 am



Tim in KY 15 km banner.

05-14-2021
11:28:06 am



Charlie in Tenn There was a guy that moved up 82 places yesterday. He could move up 82 more today and still not be in the top ten. Sorry, random thought.

05-14-2021
11:28:35 am



BusterSci I'd say Sagan and Nizzolo are favorites.

05-14-2021
11:28:48 am



BusterSci That, Charlie, amuses me.

05-14-2021
11:28:54 am



SFinAus Fun rando thought

05-14-2021
11:29:02 am



BusterSci Ulissi.

05-14-2021
11:29:22 am



Charlie in Tenn What reminded me was how many spots DiMarchi lost.

05-14-2021
11:29:48 am



Tim in KY Litter zone.

05-14-2021
11:30:18 am



Charlie in Tenn Sounds bad for Merlier. Intestinal issues

05-14-2021
11:31:55 am



SFinAus Have to drop off for a meeting.Â See you tomorrow.

05-14-2021
11:33:22 am



BusterSci Moscon. Gallopin. O Naesen. Bilbao. Â These are my non-GC picks for today, along with Sagan, Nizzolo and Bettiol.

05-14-2021
11:33:24 am



Tim in KY 10 km.

05-14-2021
11:34:02 am



BusterSci On the other hand, that ramp is only about 125 meters long

05-14-2021
11:34:43 am



Tim in KY We are already 12 minutes beyond the slowest imaginable finish time.

05-14-2021
11:38:33 am



BusterSci But they're trying to make that up on the run in. Â (I know that doesn't make sense, it's why I said it!)

05-14-2021
11:39:06 am



BusterSci Bora is definitely in it for Peto.

05-14-2021
11:40:28 am



BusterSci 3km

05-14-2021
11:41:34 am



BusterSci CLIMB

05-14-2021
11:42:59 am



BusterSci Sagan off the front with a blue guy

05-14-2021
11:43:27 am



BusterSci Many EFs behind

05-14-2021
11:43:40 am



BusterSci Sagan staying off the front

05-14-2021
11:43:59 am



BusterSci That wasn't sagan

05-14-2021
11:44:18 am



BusterSci Ewan is there

05-14-2021
11:44:35 am



BusterSci CALEB

05-14-2021
11:44:57 am



BusterSci Well, now it's clear why I keep dropping in the standings.

05-14-2021
11:45:35 am



Charlie in Tenn Sagan did have chain issues but he was about 10 back at the time

05-14-2021
11:45:42 am



Charlie in Tenn I knew Ewan had this!

05-14-2021
11:46:00 am



Tim in KY Does Carthy get S.T. because of the mechanical?

05-14-2021
11:48:25 am



Charlie in Tenn yes

05-14-2021
11:48:34 am



Charlie in Tenn I think

05-14-2021
11:48:47 am



Charlie in Tenn but maybe not

05-14-2021
11:49:05 am



Tim in KY Things to do...

05-14-2021
11:49:14 am



Charlie in Tenn I am not sure

05-14-2021
11:49:14 am



Charlie in Tenn Yep, we are about to party.

05-14-2021
11:49:33 am



Charlie in Tenn Sagan bumped the signage and did something to his chain/gears.

05-14-2021
11:50:25 am



BusterSci I don't think mechanicals counts as crashes.

05-14-2021
11:53:21 am



bikerabe tomorrow 1 big climb in 2nd half and real climbing finish A stage to gamble on?

05-14-2021
11:58:10 am