



Tim in KY

03-03-2018 04:44:11

P-N Stage 1 preview with maps and profiles here: <http://www.ciclismointernacional.com/paris-nice-2018-stage-1-preview/>

This is a relatively short stage at 135 km so the start time isn't until 13:35 CET and no live video until 15:20 CET. Mostly flat today with three cat 3s, two in the middle and the last right at the end. 300 meters of vertical climb in the final 2 km.

Temperatures in the very low double digits C and rain.



BusterSci

03-04-2018 07:28:30

Greetings, Sir Tim.



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 07:32:10

Morning all.



Tim in KY

03-04-2018 07:33:24

Morning. We should have had the neutral start by now but no word of it yet.



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 07:36:24

I pick Alaphilippe even though he is not on my team.



Tim in KY

03-04-2018 07:37:55

It does look like an Alaphilippe finish. I have Calamity Jane for the break. Neutral start was five minutes late.



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 07:40:46

I have Viviani and everyone else is either a GC hopeful or should be support for GC. Maybe Valgren will go in breaks or try for the mt jersey today. I didn't study anything before picking my team, How are you? Did you have a good off season?



Tim in KY

03-04-2018 07:42:42

It was too cold here in January but it has warmed up nicely for March. We already have daffodils in the garden.



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 07:44:27

We had a week in Feb that we slept with the windows open. Daffodils and Bradford pears are blooming all over the mts.



Tim in KY

03-04-2018 07:45:12

Right now on the course there is drizzle and 8C with a small head wind.



BusterSci

03-04-2018 07:46:51

About 14" on the ground and another 4-8 tomorrow. But the days are regularly above freezing and a march sun is hot, so spring, which in Minnesota means mud and potholes, will arrive early.



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 07:48:38

Good morning, Gents!



Tim in KY

03-04-2018 07:49:59

It's a very circuitous route today that stays in the southwest suburbs of Paris, so the weather won't change much but the wind direction will change often as the route curves around. Hi, Jo.



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 07:50:00

Hi Joanna.



BusterSci

03-04-2018 07:50:25

Ah, good. I was waiting for actual gents to respond.



Tim in KY

03-04-2018 07:50:50

No word of an official start yet.
As soon as I say that...



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 07:54:01

This is a test, do not adjust your feeds. Artie
Cool, the "keywords" feature works. Of course, I have ONLY ONE keyword, or else have to buy more. Of course, I gave it to Mr. Smarty Pants.



Tim in KY

03-04-2018 07:56:35

Where is the keywords feature?



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 07:58:14

It's on the Rumbletalk account.
I just wanted to test it out. If we want to designate a single keyword per race or stage, we can. I will just set up the link. The downside, there is only one...



Tim in KY

03-04-2018 07:59:59

Not terribly useful then.



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 08:00:20

Nope.



BusterSci

03-04-2018 08:02:25

It can change every day? It might be handy to link to a race summary page. Even though Tim does us the service of providing the regular race preview, people still ask about the stage rather than scrolling up. Throwing out the keyword occasionally and linking it to a summary page might help.



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 08:04:14

If we can decide on the keyword, I can link it/change it daily.



BusterSci

Pandiculation

03-04-2018 08:05:11



Charles Davis

Dang you beat me to it.

03-04-2018 08:05:35



Joanna in New York

But, of course...why didn't I think of that.

03-04-2018 08:05:45



BusterSci

I'll be honest, I searched for big, obscure words and that was the first one I saw that I had no familiarity with.

03-04-2018 08:07:12



Joanna in New York

Okay, pick a summary webpage and an appropriate word, and I will set it up.

03-04-2018 08:07:31



BusterSci

Since Tim is the one who clips and links summaries, he should have the honors.

03-04-2018 08:08:06



Tim in KY

But I don't see how to do it.

03-04-2018 08:08:57



BusterSci

Rolland, Roelandts and Perichon (who is rather rude not to have anything "roll-y" in his name) are in a break.

03-04-2018 08:09:03



Tim in KY

Pierre Rolland (EF-Drapac) Pierre-Luc Perichon (Fortuneo-Samsic) and Jurgen Roelandts (BMC Racing) are off the front but I don't know by how much.

03-04-2018 08:09:51



Joanna in New York

It has to be done in my Rumbletalk account. So, if you let me know, I can set it up.

03-04-2018 08:11:03



Tim in KY

Two minutes.
Here is today's preview: <http://www.ciclismointernacional.com/paris-nice-2018-stage-1-preview/>
QS and FDJ lead the peloton.

03-04-2018 08:11:13



Joanna in New York

Great, what word do we want to use as the Key Word? Should be something we wouldn't ordinarily type, or the link will be coming up in every post.

03-04-2018 08:13:12


BusterSci

 callipygian? 03-04-2018 08:14:18

 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 08:14:40
We may need a penalty box...


 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 08:14:57
Oh, like that's new.

 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 08:15:03
LOL!

 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 08:15:47
Like you never wanted to say "That Sagan certainly is callipygian!"

 **Tim in KY** 03-04-2018 08:16:36
Gap is out to 2:55.

 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 08:17:04
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 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 08:17:24
Rolland was one of my fillers, so let's hope they hang on and he can scoop up some mountain points.

 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 08:17:55
Okay, the Key Word (which might actually be pertinent and memorable is): Standings.


 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 08:18:28
Like what I do on the telly?

 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 08:18:37
Exactly!

 **Tim in KY** 03-04-2018 08:18:39
Case sensitive?


 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 08:18:45
standings
no


 **Tim in KY** 03-04-2018 08:19:16
standings
It's not lighting up.


 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 08:20:01
Hmmm...well, that makes no sense. Why is it only working for me. I hate technology.

 **Tim in KY** 03-04-2018 08:20:24
Artie worked for me.


 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 08:20:50
Now, I'm thoroughly confused.

 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 08:20:57
What about SpArtiecus?
That's good, it doesn't see a word inside a word like the banned words.


 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 08:21:58
Use SpArtiecus (BTW, love this as a new nickname for the boy) in a sentence...

 **RSoseman** 03-04-2018 08:22:08
Just dropping in before Mass (three Masses actually). Is it over?

 **Tim in KY** 03-04-2018 08:22:21
No.

 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 08:22:34
Mons, do us a favor and write a one word post. Only the word: Standings
Hi Mons!!

 **Charles Davis** 03-04-2018 08:23:18
Standings
Artie

 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 08:23:43
I suspect they don't want you to change the keyword mid-chat because that would let you have multiple keywords.

 **Charles Davis** 03-04-2018 08:23:57
I concur

 **RSoseman** 03-04-2018 08:24:02
Standings?

 **Tim in KY** 03-04-2018 08:24:05
Gap is 3:20. Nothing to see here.



RSoseman

03-04-2018 08:24:06

Standings
Standing!!!



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 08:24:16

Yet, the new one works for me. Working for Mons, too.
But only once.
Standings
Works for me every time.
WTH?



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 08:24:57

Standings



RSoseman

03-04-2018 08:25:02

I am logged on with Firefox, if that makes a difference?



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 08:25:02

Artie



Tim in KY

03-04-2018 08:25:03

It only works for you. Mons' word did not light up for me.



RSoseman

03-04-2018 08:25:22

It lit up for me.



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 08:25:27

Now works for Charles. Artie will not work anymore, I replaced Artie with Standings as I only have ONE keyword option.



RSoseman

03-04-2018 08:25:30

Perhaps you need more prayer and fasting Tim? :)
I am on Firefox and logged on with my Twitter account



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 08:26:01

standings and artie



RSoseman

03-04-2018 08:26:06

if that helps.



BusterSci

03-04-2018 08:26:14

Swiss molecular biologists combined the DNA of Fabian Cancellara and Royal Tourmalet and created a Centaur named SpArtiecus.



RSoseman

Got to go for now and check those standings

03-04-2018 08:26:16



Tim in KY

Artie still lights up for me. I'm off to church shortly, Mons.

03-04-2018 08:26:28



Charles Davis

I am on Chrome and logged in through facebook
Artie or standings

03-04-2018 08:26:28



Joanna in New York

Okay, Buster, no more penalty box.

03-04-2018 08:26:55



Charles Davis

neither lit up that time for me

03-04-2018 08:27:08



Joanna in New York

Interesting, Tim. I bet if you refreshed, standings would work for you.

03-04-2018 08:27:12



Charles Davis

That did it.

03-04-2018 08:27:35



RSoseman

A fresh new standings

03-04-2018 08:27:38



Joanna in New York

Charles, "Artie" is no longer a keyword. I'm allowed only one, and I changed it to standings.

03-04-2018 08:27:45



RSoseman

Whoops, didn't work that time

03-04-2018 08:27:47



Charles Davis

standings

03-04-2018 08:27:59



BusterSci

I logged out and then logged in to check the standings

03-04-2018 08:28:06



Tim in KY

standings.

03-04-2018 08:28:12



Rsoseman

03-04-2018 08:28:13

Standings
lost it. Alas. Later duds
*dudes



Tim in KY

03-04-2018 08:28:40

Neither logging out nor reloading worked.



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 08:28:45

Enjoy church we will work on keywords



BusterSci

03-04-2018 08:28:45

No even Mons thinks we're duds.



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 08:28:54

Bizarre...



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 08:29:07

Truely



Tim in KY

03-04-2018 08:29:10

standings



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 08:29:23

Yay!



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 08:29:37

Standings



BusterSci

03-04-2018 08:29:37

We haven't really excogitated this one. Here Jo was gasconading about it.



Tim in KY

03-04-2018 08:29:43

Not using a period worked.



BusterSci

03-04-2018 08:29:43

I'm not seeing it.
Not on my screen



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 08:30:10

standings



BusterSci

03-04-2018 08:30:20

I haven't seen a link on any of them, except for the occasional Artie.



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 08:30:24

I was using a capital.
My lastest linked



BusterSci

03-04-2018 08:31:11

My Artie linked up but not any of the standings



Tim in KY

03-04-2018 08:31:21

Gap is at 3:20 still and I'm outie.



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 08:31:32

I refreshed and it helped.



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 08:31:38

I think you've used up a month in your "word of the day" calendar, Buster.
Bye, Tim!!



BusterSci

03-04-2018 08:32:21

OH! I refreshed and all the Artie turned off and the standings turned on.
Refresh is the key.



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 08:32:55

Hmmmmm, now who suggested that????



BusterSci

03-04-2018 08:33:19

The talented Miss Ripley wants me to move to the sofa so she can nidificate next to me.
Yes, Jo. Your ideas are quite proficuous.



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 08:33:47

Ripley pic time!
When all else fails - refresh...



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 08:34:21

Leaders are 3:29 ahead with about 100KM to go.
I just realized that now our friends will still ask about the profile and such and some will now ask about today's keyword as well. Should be interesting.



BusterSci

03-04-2018 08:38:38

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fullsizeoutput_134.jpeg
Let's try Ripley stealing eggs again and hope it doesn't rotate...



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 08:39:34

Such a sweetie!

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I am SpArtiecus!



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 08:44:07

Awesome



BusterSci

03-04-2018 08:45:07

Where does he put the motor?



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 08:45:26

Hay, grain, and lots and lots of treats.



BusterSci

03-04-2018 08:45:41

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Ripley has a more noble side as well



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 08:45:45

Hi Donny!



Donny

03-04-2018 08:46:03

standings one and all



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 08:46:06

My wife is pushing for adding a dog to our family. We have two little kids (3 and 5) and travel a lot so I am trying to hold off until after the summer travels. I love dogs but hate boarding them when they are relatively new to the family.



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 08:46:12

Love that Ripley!
Nailed it, Donny!



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 08:46:46

Hello Donnie.




Donny

03-04-2018 08:48:07

Does anyone else have the whispering voice saying, "The password is...." going on in the background of their brain

Joanna in New York

 Always. 03-04-2018 08:48:22


 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 08:48:44
I have a veritable chorus in the back of my brain, the sides of my brain, the front of my brain...

 **Donny** 03-04-2018 08:48:49
standings marc

 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 08:49:03
The Toads are in the Hall!

 **Donny** 03-04-2018 08:49:27
Do they sing in rounds for you BusterSci

 **Marc @ Toad Hall** 03-04-2018 08:49:56
Joanna: is Artie a father?


 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 08:50:28
Soon, Marc! First foals are due in May and June - cannot wait! Already has several breedings for this year.


 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 08:50:35
Roelandts took the intermediate sprint, followed by Rolland and guy without any roll in his name.

 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 08:50:49
So, not Bob, then...


 **Donny** 03-04-2018 08:52:06
how much leash do the breakers have?

 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 08:53:36
3+
43.8km in the first hour of wet racing

 **Donny** 03-04-2018 08:57:05
was amazing how slow they were going in Strade Bianchi yesterday. average speed of only 39kph. just pathetic really.


 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 08:59:47
For those who have it, the "Coverage to begin shortly" screen is up on NBCSportsGold


Joanna in New York


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20180304143714__andreas.jpg 03-04-2018 09:00:07
The Break.
Photo © Alex Broadway

 **Charles Davis** 03-04-2018 09:01:30
So who is everyone's pick for the day?


 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 09:04:11
Alaphilippe possibly.

 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 09:04:17
3:15 the gap. Re: Donny's take on Strade Bianchi speed: Kwiatkowski won in 4:42 last hear. Benoot in
5:03. 21 minutes different just because a bit of rain and mud.
Alapeanutbutter sandwiches is the consensus.

 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 09:05:44
Jumping Julian is on my Fantasy Team, so hoping...

 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 09:07:29
I'm seeing only 6 riders on Sky's startlist. Did I miss a story somewhere?


 **Tim in KY** 03-04-2018 09:08:04
They a seventh.
Added

 **Donny** 03-04-2018 09:08:16
Sky did not have enough patches to start a full compliment of riders?
One rider got lost on the way to the Jiffy stop?

 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 09:08:50
Maybe they could get someone to show up accidentally?

 **Tim in KY** 03-04-2018 09:09:12
The complete list is on the ASO site.

 **Donny** 03-04-2018 09:09:19
I hear that sort of thing is going around Buster

 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 09:09:36
Ah. Steephill shows 6, CN shows that David Lopez got squeezed out of Froome's kidney at the last
minute.

 **Donny**

03-04-2018 09:09:49

I am waiting for my pot of Gold, that I did not order to get here.
Froome had to huff and puff to squeeze out that last little bit did he?
Sorry don't mean to be bagging on Sky so hard. Innocent until proven guilty.
by say a urine test

 **BusterSci**

03-04-2018 09:12:13

And shipment records

 **Tim in KY**

03-04-2018 09:12:20

iPhone test. standings
In RRBBB, note that there are two tunnels in the last 5 km.

 **BusterSci**

03-04-2018 09:17:48

Oh, that's interesting.

 **Donny**

03-04-2018 09:17:53

NRRBBB there have been 1.2 billion iPhones sold in the last ten years. and 3.9 billion bibles sold since
1500bc
ad
not bc

 **BusterSci**

03-04-2018 09:19:00

Since the bible is accessible for free on every one of the iPhones, the iPhone will never catch up.

 **Joanna in New York**

03-04-2018 09:19:43

Just had to buy a new iPhone on Saturday. My trusty 2015 iPhone 6 (you know, the one that you cannot find batteries for) slipped out of my hand during my last Virginia trip and screen cracked. Sigh...

 **Donny**

03-04-2018 09:19:48

I was wondering if that would count in the total of bible sales? I suppose it would only count if it was downloaded?

 **BusterSci**

03-04-2018 09:20:38

Gold is LIVE

I replaced my aged 5S with an 8 last fall. Happy with it, but the OS has gotten really buggy. They made a good choice to focus the next major revision on stability and usability instead of features.

 **Joanna in New York**

03-04-2018 09:23:06

I ordered an 8. Gave Hubby an X for Christmas.

 **BusterSci**

03-04-2018 09:23:30

X is too big for my tastes. I generally buy the smallest available.



Donny

100 million bibles sold per year, 171, million iPhones.

03-04-2018 09:23:42



Joanna in New York

Same for me.

03-04-2018 09:23:52



BusterSci

Sounds like we have the SBS broadcasters.

03-04-2018 09:23:52



Joanna in New York

Horses!!

That was a timely piece of video, at least for me...

03-04-2018 09:24:05



BusterSci

Bible batteries last a lot longer, Donny. And their screens don't crack.

03-04-2018 09:24:39



Donny

My bibles are so old they don't have batteries.
still work like new though

03-04-2018 09:26:01



BusterSci

They have a reasonable OS, but people certainly like to hack it and use it for outside the EULA.
Only 1:18 the current gap.

03-04-2018 09:28:18



Tim in KY

Too soon to catch.

03-04-2018 09:29:40



BusterSci

Rolland seems to spend a lot of time with jersey or rain jacket flapping.
Gold is going Max Headroom on us.

03-04-2018 09:31:14



Joanna in New York

So far, Gold has remained steady for me.

03-04-2018 09:33:41



Donny

German Eurosport has ski jumping, silly Germans

03-04-2018 09:34:20



Joanna in New York

You don't have to jump very high to get over skis.

03-04-2018 09:34:42



Charles Davis

Tiz just changed to the live race. 54.5 to go

03-04-2018 09:36:40



BusterSci

03-04-2018 09:37:11

Gold appears about a tenth or so ahead.
54k. 1:07. As Tim says, it's too early to catch, but Quickstep has no interest in letting this group get too far away.



Katie

03-04-2018 09:43:42

Bonjour! So happy to see you all here. Looks like a chilly day out there.



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 09:44:15

Hi Katie!



BusterSci

03-04-2018 09:44:31

Just looking back at Donny's last post. How many times in world history do you think someone has used the term "Silly Germans." How dour would you need to be to consider Germans silly? I suppose Finns could pull it off.



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 09:44:42

Hi Katie



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 09:44:59

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German Ski Jumping



BusterSci

03-04-2018 09:45:38

Now do one where he sticks a perfect Telemark landing.



Donny

03-04-2018 09:45:59

nice Jo. hi katie



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 09:46:31

I'll need some time to waste to do that, Buster. ;)



BusterSci

03-04-2018 09:46:34

Perichon is scooping up the mountain points and making Rolland look like an amateur.
You're here, aren't you, Jo?



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 09:48:23


It's a fair cop.



BusterSci


03-04-2018 09:48:46


I did a quick search to see if someone had tried it already and ran across some interesting horse skijoring videos.


 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 09:49:03
Perhaps I should have phrased it, that I'd need *more* time to waste...

 **Marc @ Toad Hall** 03-04-2018 09:49:16
Joanna, I thought you would have relocated to the Old Dominion State by now.


 **Katie** 03-04-2018 09:49:24
Horse skijoring... yep, I'm in the right place


 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 09:50:31
Marc, we are working on design now, hoping to break ground next year. Hubby is still gainfully employed in NYC, and now is Commodore of a local Yacht Club, so we're staying for a little bit longer.
LOL, Katie!

 **Katie** 03-04-2018 09:51:03
I'd like to report that my cat, the one diagnosed with a brain tumor during the TdF, is still with us, peppy as ever. Better living through PEDs (aka steroids). We are beginning to think the MRI was wrong.

 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 09:51:19
That is wonderful news, Katie!
Our soon-to-be 17 year old cat, Gracie, is still going strong. And she reminds us of that with amazing Siamese vocalizations throughout the evening.

 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 09:52:08
Superb, Katie.

 **Marc @ Toad Hall** 03-04-2018 09:52:35
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Hope the weather treated you better on Friday than it did Toad Hall

 **Donny** 03-04-2018 09:53:03
That's awesome Katie, just don't forget to send back all the steroids you did not order that might get delivered by accident.

 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 09:53:32
In a Jiffy bag.

 **Marc @ Toad Hall** 03-04-2018 09:53:36
What color kit does the kitty wear?

 **Charles Davis** 03-04-2018 09:53:43
Good one Donny



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 09:55:35

We lost a couple fenceline trees, I think they may belong to our neighbor, but didn't suffer any power outages. All my friends in VA have been without power for a couple days. Hubby and I will have a full-house generator.



Katie

03-04-2018 09:56:39

Hmmm. I think it's probably best described as the Dimension Data one ... the green being her eyes (sorta)



BusterSci

03-04-2018 09:58:28

Gap back up to 1:25 at 39.8km to go
Coming up to the second intermediate sprint.



Tim in KY

03-04-2018 09:58:49

We haven't lost power since we had our generator installed.



Donny

03-04-2018 09:59:29

Best offense is a good defense, eh Tim?



BusterSci

03-04-2018 09:59:35

I picked up a large portable a few years ago and have needed it 3 times. Nice to have. I think I'll put in a transfer switch so I don't have to run cords all over.



Tim in KY

03-04-2018 10:00:17

Those really aren't Rolland sized "mountains", Buster.



BusterSci

03-04-2018 10:00:31

Roelandts takes the sprint points again.
True, Tim.
HORSES



Marc @ Toad Hall

03-04-2018 10:02:52

Your gold is a few seconds ahead of mine (?)



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 10:03:33

Wow, video from cockpit of almost landing.



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 10:04:44

I thought we were going to land.



Donny

03-04-2018 10:05:29

You guys have the go pro video of the ski jumping too?



Jennifer Simon

03-04-2018 10:06:03

Bon jour!



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 10:06:29

Hi Jen!



Donny

03-04-2018 10:06:45

Hello Jen!



Katie

03-04-2018 10:06:45

Bienvenue, Jen!



BusterSci

03-04-2018 10:06:49

Tejay fall down go boom
34km, 46s



Donny

03-04-2018 10:08:01

Little early for him to put himself out of contention isn't it? Normally we get to hear how confident he and his team are of his chances until the first big mountains when he attacks out the back.
New year new strategy?



Jennifer Simon

03-04-2018 10:09:03

NRRBBB PSA to the group: Fifty Shades Freed is bad. Like, REALLY BAD. Saw it yesterday, for fun (don't judge, we snuck in adult bevs & snax)



BusterSci

03-04-2018 10:09:21

Dan Martin, Calamity Jane caught out as well, chasing back on.
31km, 28s



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 10:11:10

World Track championships on one of the Dutch feeds. I know so little about track racing but it is cool to watch.



Jennifer Simon

03-04-2018 10:11:21

@Jo: Name suggestion for the new place: Flying Horse Ranch



BusterSci

03-04-2018 10:12:07

Love track racing. Need to watch more to understand it better.



Jennifer Simon

03-04-2018 10:12:42

@Buster read "Gold is LIVE" as God is LIVE, waiting for the coffee to kick in

 **Donny**

03-04-2018 10:12:42

What are all of your feelings on the reverse crusade route of the Giro this year? I have mixed feelings about it.

 **Joanna in New York**

03-04-2018 10:12:44

Forever, my business name has been "Gray Horse" - the new identity (inspired by my penchant for French cycling place names) is Cheval Gris.

 **Donny**

03-04-2018 10:13:18

also a fine wine Jo.

 **Jennifer Simon**

03-04-2018 10:13:20

Cheval Gris is tres fancy

 **Joanna in New York**

03-04-2018 10:13:46

Good grief - roundabout through a building!

 **BusterSci**

03-04-2018 10:14:35

Equally mixed, Donny. Like many bold gestures, it could be done well and it could be horrible.

 **Charles Davis**

03-04-2018 10:15:06

I am ok with the Giro. All for more global stuff but do understand the political realities of the middle east

 **BusterSci**

03-04-2018 10:15:14

Tejay has abandoned.

 **Jennifer Simon**

03-04-2018 10:15:29

:(

 **Donny**

03-04-2018 10:15:43

certainly a new strategy for Tejay.

 **Charles Davis**

03-04-2018 10:15:47

Tough way to start the season

 **BusterSci**


03-04-2018 10:16:37

Tejay crashed Hardagain.


 **Joanna in New York**


03-04-2018 10:16:56


Slow claps for Buster.

 **Charles Davis** 03-04-2018 10:18:23
All of my pirate feeds suck today. The weather doesn't help. I may have to buy NBC gold or Fubo earlier than I anticipated this year.

 **Jennifer Simon** 03-04-2018 10:18:38
CLAPPPP CLAPPPPPP CLAPPPPP

 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 10:19:01
Charles, Fubo will carry all the NBC races as well as their own, so it may be the best choice. But it's now \$45 a month plus \$9 for the cycling package. ASO has been very aggressive against the pirate streams the last couple years. I would not expect to get any ASO race via pirate feet.


 **Donny** 03-04-2018 10:20:55
wow pricy that is about 7 bottles of Cheval Gris


 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 10:21:01
Calamity Jane has a puncture.
If you want a OTT TV package, Fubo isn't a bad deal. But if all you want is cycling, it's horrible.
22.8km, 20s
This camera shot needs a bit of Valkyries
Calamity Jane is back in the peloton and moving up to the front
He'll contest the finish
20km


 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 10:24:44
Llamas!


 **Katie** 03-04-2018 10:24:49
Llamas!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRozKfYGFVc>

 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 10:25:36
<https://youtu.be/hBaUmx5s6iE>

 **Joanna in New York** 03-04-2018 10:25:49
40 SPECIALLY TRAINED ECUADORIAN MOUNTAIN LLAMAS 6 VENEZUELAN RED LLAMAS 142 MEXICAN WHOOPING LLAMAS 14 NORTH CHILEAN GUANACOS (CLOSELY RELATED TO THE LLAMA) REG LLAMA OF BRIXTON 76000 BATTERY LLAMAS FROM "LLAMA-FRESH" FARMS LTD. NEAR PARAGUAY


 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 10:27:40
Seems we have a variety of favorite llama references.
The break will not hold


 **Charles Davis** 03-04-2018 10:28:51
Since I am a former Fubo subscriber, I get some discount offers so I am hoping one will pop up at a good time. We will see. Once I do pay for a month I watch everything that I can. Baseball, videos of old cycling races, movies, etc. So we will see.


 **Jennifer Simon** 03-04-2018 10:29:24
NUTS reference Llamas today, give the penguins a little break.


 **Charles Davis** 03-04-2018 10:29:46
standings

 **Jennifer Simon** 03-04-2018 10:30:14
Thanks Charles

 **Marc @ Toad Hall** 03-04-2018 10:30:37
Anybody want to chime in on the reduced size of the teams? I'm not so sure that races will be safer, but I'm certain that the opportunities for new talent will be reduced.


 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 10:30:46
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 **Katie** 03-04-2018 10:31:33
Marc, I missed that ... what's the headcount per team now?

 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 10:31:36
I think the races will be more exciting. One less guy is one less for the train.

 **Katie** 03-04-2018 10:31:39
(nice, Buster)
aha.

 **BusterSci** 03-04-2018 10:32:08
8 in GTs, 7 in all others

 **Charles Davis** 03-04-2018 10:32:24
I like the idea from a competition angle (hope it helps but not sure) but not from power to the worker point of view.

 **Katie** 03-04-2018 10:32:42
You lose a couple guys to crashes or illness and, wow, you are down to a tiny cadre.



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 10:33:14

So don't hire TJ.
Too soon.



BusterSci

03-04-2018 10:33:23

rimshot



Jennifer Simon

03-04-2018 10:33:36

Way harsh, Tai



BusterSci

03-04-2018 10:33:52

Caught
13.7km



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 10:34:11

You know how when you live somewhere for awhile, you accumulate a bunch of stuff? I have not been able to do any spring cleaning (throwing stuff away) for a couple years due to my shoulder surgeries. I am now able to sort, so ordered clear plastic storage boxes in different shapes and sizes. They all shipped separately and now my entry hall looks like Stonehenge. In 14km, I'm off to organize...
Hysterical, Charles!



BusterSci

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My strategy is to order one roll-off, 10 yard "storage" box and put everything in there.



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 10:35:22

Those storage containers are awesome.



Marc @ Toad Hall

03-04-2018 10:36:36

Only in the USA could storage boxes be an industry. WUDDA KULCHA!



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 10:36:51

Buster, I could easily do that, but would meet resistance from someone else in the house...



BusterSci

03-04-2018 10:37:44

Ah. I've mostly broken Frau of the hoarding habit.



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 10:38:07

Lucky you...



Donny

03-04-2018 10:38:26

almost I am sure is the operative word



BusterSci

03-04-2018 10:38:40

If it doesn't have a statement of alcohol by volume on the label I see no reason to keep it around.



Katie

03-04-2018 10:38:42

My partner was gone for 7-1/2 weeks caring for her father, during which time I went on a cleaning binge that involved trips to the dump, the residential haz-mat depot, and the organization aisle of the hardware store.

(hear, hear Buster! I organized that cupboard, too!)



Donny

03-04-2018 10:40:03

I think the reduced team size is in order to give the TV moto's fewer targets.



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 10:40:10

The race is definitely ON!



BusterSci

03-04-2018 10:40:13

Each time I do a house clean/organize I create 3 piles: save, throw, uncertain. The first step in the next cleaning cycle is to throw out the uncertain pile, because if I haven't used it since the last cleaning there's no reason to keep it.

RIMSHOT, Donny!



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 10:40:26

Nice shots of the Eiffle Tower in the distance



BusterSci

03-04-2018 10:41:26

Astana trying to turn prize money into salary and/or Vino's bail.



Donny

03-04-2018 10:42:04

these guys have to race for prize money they are going to get even thinner



BusterSci

03-04-2018 10:42:20

Under 6km

Lotto leading



Joanna in New York

03-04-2018 10:42:31

Did someone say "Vino", oh...nevermind.



Donny

03-04-2018 10:42:46

its an uphill finish yes?



BusterSci

03-04-2018 10:42:51

Yes it is.

From 2km out



Charles Davis

Who is Lotto's leader

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BusterSci

300m

The elevation change, that is
This is a Tim Wellens finish for Lotto
Greipel can't do it.
4.4km
Single file

03-04-2018 10:43:15



Charles Davis

Of course.

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Joanna in New York

Some gurning at the front of the race.

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BusterSci

3.6km

3km. Lotto still leads
Sky and QS lurking behind
FDJ there as well
Some Direct Energie too
Sky moving up
CRASH

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Joanna in New York

CRASH!

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BusterSci

Zacharin

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Joanna in New York

About 10 riders down

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Katie

one was towing another bike like a fifth-wheel

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BusterSci

Degenkolb, perhaps

A Sky
A Lotto Jumbo

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Joanna in New York

A couple riders split around, missing the downed riders, then crashed into each other.

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BusterSci

1.9km

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Jennifer Simon

ZUT!

03-04-2018 10:46:53



BusterSci

Climbing

1.6km

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Joanna in New York

Attacks.

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BusterSci

Villemos attacks

Small gap

1.3km

50 yards

yards

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Donny

Allez Juliean

03-04-2018 10:47:48



Joanna in New York

Dude cycling on the sidewalk carrying a selfie-stick...

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BusterSci

No panic in the peloton

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Jennifer Simon

eejit

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BusterSci

Riders dropping off

75 yards

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Donny

they've seen selfie sticks eh buster

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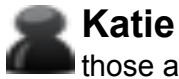
BusterSci

1km

125meters

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He's opening the gap wide
On the cobbles
Villemoz is widening the gap
Peloton lines out



Katie

those are pretty tidy looking cobbles

03-04-2018 10:49:32



BusterSci

Ture dat
Closing the gap now
Bahrain leading

03-04-2018 10:49:40



Joanna in New York

The struggle is real!

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BusterSci

Villemoz cracking
Dumare sprinting

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Joanna in New York

Caught

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BusterSci

Passed
Alaphillipe cracks
Photo

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Donny

Pavé-ment?

03-04-2018 10:50:55



Joanna in New York

Brutal finish!

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Katie

get out the cameras

03-04-2018 10:50:57



BusterSci

Wellens, Izaguerre and Dumare
No order yet
Hard day in the rain

03-04-2018 10:51:02



Donny

pretty sure I have Dumare on the old team TP

03-04-2018 10:51:56



BusterSci

They're all spent

03-04-2018 10:53:15



Marc @ Toad Hall

Don't like Dumare's body language.

03-04-2018 10:53:20



Joanna in New York

Team Tourmalet J is apt to be very close to the bottom of the standings...
See what I did there?
Okay, I'm off to get organized!
Have a great day, all!

03-04-2018 10:53:33



BusterSci

Hunh. They gave it to the French guy

03-04-2018 10:54:04



Katie

huh

03-04-2018 10:54:10



Charles Davis

Izaguerre i think

03-04-2018 10:54:38



BusterSci

Dumare, Izaguirre, in that order

03-04-2018 10:54:51



Jennifer Simon

Thanks y'all. It's good to be able to pop into the Pub again. Have a great day. I'm inspired & off to konmari my closets
Thanks Buster & Charles!

03-04-2018 10:55:02



Charles Davis

Wellens was moving the fastest but did not get there.

03-04-2018 10:55:41



BusterSci

Demare. Get it right, fish breath

03-04-2018 10:55:47



Tim in KY

Dumare was awfully leany on that finish.

03-04-2018 10:56:00



BusterSci

Laporte thrid
Wellens fourth
Alapenautbutter sandwiches 6th

03-04-2018 10:56:06



Marc @ Toad Hall

03-04-2018 10:57:03

Thanks, friends,



BusterSci

03-04-2018 10:57:45

Awaiting a top 10 to screen grab



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 10:57:56

Good finish.



BusterSci

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See youse guys tomorrow.



Charles Davis

03-04-2018 11:01:07

Bye all.