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 **Tim in Ky** The stage ends with a fast, technical 7 km descent off a Cat 2. 08-20 13:28
















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 **Tim in Ky** Kilometer 0 is at 13:16 CET (07:16 EDT). Finish expected between 17:30 and 18:00 CET (11:30-noon EDT). Live video from the get-go. 08-20 13:35


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-  **Tim in Ky** Sunny and pleasant on the route today. 08-21 06:23
-  **Tim in Ky** This is probably not the day for a breakaway to succeed but noted breakers 08-21 06:48  
David Arroyo, Thomas De Gendt and Will Clarke have all lost enough time that they might be give a short leash early in the stage.
-  **Tim in Ky** Gold is live. 08-21 06:58
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-  **Tim in Ky** Loooong neutral zone. 08-21 07:18
-  **Tim in Ky** Hi, Jo. 08-21 07:18
-  **Joanna in New York** Hi Tim! I'm popping in, but probably popping back out. I 08-21 07:19  
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-  **Tim in Ky** Sorry Jo. 08-21 07:20
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	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Looks like Domont about to be caught on the steep base of this climb.	08-21 10:05
	<b>Katie</b> Will they take break at Naturelandia?	08-21 10:05
	<b>Marc @ Toad Hall</b> Only by following the Vuelta did I know the "Final Jeopardy" answer of two months ago about the highest European capital. Looks lovely.	08-21 10:06


-  **Tim in Ky** It's an amusement park, Katie. 08-21 10:07
-  **Tim in Ky** Gap is under 3:00. 08-21 10:07
-  **Tim in Ky** And Sky takes the front. 08-21 10:07
-  **memb54** Eurosport in French. At least I get to see the last part. 08-21 10:08
-  **Tim in Ky** Pedrero of Movi attacks the peloton. 08-21 10:09
-  **SFinPoT** Adios for now gang. May check in later though. Hopefully I'll have pic or two tomorrow. 08-21 10:09
-  **memb54** Sky at the front? Someone said they'd do that 08-21 10:09
-  **Tim in Ky** Everybody said they'd do that. 08-21 10:10
-  **Tim in Ky** Red jersey attacks out the back. 08-21 10:11
-  **Mons Soseman** Are skies blue again? 08-21 10:11
-  **Mons Soseman** or black, as the case may be. 08-21 10:11
-  **Tim in Ky** They are in Andorra, Mons. 08-21 10:11
-  **Mons Soseman** great 08-21 10:12
-  **Tim in Ky** Alexandre Geniez (AG2R-La Mondiale), Davide Villella (Cannondale-Drapac) and Fabricio Ferrari (Caja Rural-Seguros RGA) are in the lead by themselves now. 08-21 10:13
-  **Mons Soseman** So question for some of our science types. NBC reported that in the path of totality, the temp could drop 15 degrees. But, that's not always what happens at sunset, as the ambient air remains the same. Are they talking in the desert or something? 08-21 10:13





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 **Katie** Nice of them to draw a line showing the path of the eclipse. ;-) 08-21 11:06

 **donny** ac out the back. not good for Trek 08-21 11:07

 **donny** goes to show how hard sky is drilling it, they only have one man left in front of 08-21 11:07  
Zoom

 **Mons Soseman** Looks good SF 08-21 11:09

















 **Tim in Ky** Can't tell who the BMCs are in that front group. 08-21 11:10

 **Marc @ Toad Hall** Please, let this race just be not a Froome show. There is so much 08-21 11:10  
other great talent.


















 **donny** AC getting spit out the back of the Contador group. 08-21 11:10















 **Tim in Ky** Chaves is there and Nibbles. 08-21 11:10











 **Tim in Ky** Tejay is there1 08-21 11:10

 <b>donny</b> Aru also hanging in there	08-21 11:11
 <b>Tim in Ky</b> Bardet and Pozzo.	08-21 11:11
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 <b>Marc @ Toad Hall</b> A Bardet parcours today.	08-21 11:12
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 <b>donny</b> Froome jumps!	08-21 11:13
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 <b>Tim in Ky</b> Froome goes.	08-21 11:13
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 <b>donny</b> They have a good gap. Nibbles leading the chase and seems in no panic	08-21 11:14
 <b>Katie</b> apparently less well than Froome, Tim	08-21 11:14
 <b>donny</b> We shall soon see Tim	08-21 11:14
 <b>Tim in Ky</b> Pozzo leading the chase for Bardet.	08-21 11:15
 <b>Katie</b> Plus, Froome can use his elbows as wings	08-21 11:15
 <b>Tim in Ky</b> Bardet goes.	08-21 11:15
 <b>donny</b> Aru passes him	08-21 11:16



	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Nibbles and BMCs dropped.	08-21 11:16
	<b>donny</b> WEEEEEEEEEE!	08-21 11:17
	<b>Slaughter Macduff</b> Stealing a few minutes to check in. How many KM are left?	08-21 11:17
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> 5 km to go. All downhill.	08-21 11:17
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Bardet and Aru almost there.	08-21 11:18
	<b>Marc @ Toad Hall</b> Poor Berto,	08-21 11:18
	<b>donny</b> are and Bardet are catching on to froome and Chavez	08-21 11:19
	<b>donny</b> Aru that is.	08-21 11:20
	<b>Slaughter Macduff</b> Aru and Bardet better not blow it (I have them both)	08-21 11:20
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> But I have Chaves and Froome.	08-21 11:20
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Nibble only 0:10 back.	08-21 11:21
	<b>Slaughter Macduff</b> Yeah, but I'm on page 2 and you're on the podium :D	08-21 11:21
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Caught by Nibbles group.	08-21 11:23
	<b>donny</b> nibbles sprinting for the stage	08-21 11:23
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Nibbles wins!	08-21 11:23
	<b>Katie</b> Well, that didn't turn out like Froome wanted it to...	08-21 11:23
	<b>Katie</b> Hurrah for Nibali!	08-21 11:24

	<b>SFinPoT</b> Nice. Looking foward to the video tonight	08-21 11:24
	<b>Marc @ Toad Hall</b> Who knew The Shark could sprint so well against such guys?	08-21 11:24
	<b>donny</b> Enjoy the daytime darkness Nuts. see ya tomorrow	08-21 11:25
	<b>Gilliemarie</b> Thanks guys, see you in the am!	08-21 11:25
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Berto 2::34 back.	08-21 11:26
	<b>Marc @ Toad Hall</b> Bless you all. Awaiting the GC results, heavily weighted by bonus seconds.	08-21 11:27
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Froome takes Red with the three intermediate sprint bonus seconds!	08-21 11:27
	<b>Katie</b> Berto needs to hang up the cleats and go to the beach. It's time, alas.	08-21 11:27
	<b>SFinPoT</b> Ouch for Berto. Awfully early to be thinking about single stage exploits to salvage a gc	08-21 11:27
	<b>Katie</b> OK, gang, that's it for me. Must do some work, then head out for a run to see the world go dark. See you tomorrow!	08-21 11:28
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	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Chris Froome (Team Sky) is the new overall leader of La Vuelta 2017, two seconds ahead of David De La Cruz (Quick-Step Floors), Nicolas Roche (BMC) and Tejay Van Garderen (BMC). Vincenzo Nibali (Bahrain-Merida) is 10" behind.	08-21 11:30

-  **Tim in Ky** Chaves is at 0:11. 08-21 11:31
-  **SFinPoT** Thanks Tim. Good day to all. Get well soon Jo. 08-21 11:31
-  **Mons Soseman** wow 08-21 11:31
-  **Mons Soseman** Froome has eclipsed all else. 08-21 11:32
-  **Tim in Ky** And, as if it matters, they finished well ahead of the fastest expected time. 08-21 11:32
-  **Marc @ Toad Hall** Katie, you may be right. Contador has never been my favorite, but 08-21 11:32  
I've always admired his "screw the rhythm" uphill attacks. He is to climbing what Robbie McEwen is to sprints: totally unpredictable
-  **Mons Soseman** Chao por ahora 08-21 11:33
-  **Tim in Ky** Got to get some stuff done before the eclipse starts. See you all tomorrow. 08-21 11:33
-  **Marc @ Toad Hall** Bless you all. 08-21 11:37
-  **BusterSci** Is it over? 08-21 11:54