



BusterSci Longest stage of the race today at 238km

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BusterSci Two Cat 4s and two Cat 2s

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BusterSci I'm here because my dog is a wuss in thunderstorms. Been up since 2:30. Race starts shortly at 4:20 CDT and live coverage at 6:05 CDT.

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BusterSci So if you log in and nobody is responding, share your thoughts on the ruling in the ToC yesterday. Personally, I find it the sort of two-bit crap that keeps haunting cycling. I don't find the leeway in the regulations that allow it, thus I feel it shouldn't be allowed.

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BusterSci But there is one thing to keep in mind: the race jury is always international in a WT race. That isn't to say there isn't pressure to help the "local" rider and team, but it isn't a hometown jury making a hometown decision.

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BusterSci Other than Tom, Jelle "Belle" Vanendert was also a DNF yesterday

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BusterSci The race is on and there are attacks from the get go.

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BusterSci Ok, different websites have different info on the number of classified climbs. I guess there's only one.

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BusterSci And the race jury has already decided to award the points to Tejay.

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Rob Looks like a day for the breakaway

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BusterSci I suspect the same. If we don't get some hot and wild Degenolt action then something is very wrong with the world.

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41 m
Cassino

577 m
San Giovanni Rotondo



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BusterSci No announced break yet. Lots of attempts.

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BusterSci Laurens ten Dam abandons.

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BusterSci Hi Tim. Nice FB photo.

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Tim in KY I haven't seen any ToC replays so I don't have an opinion, but I do know that the UCI appoints the race jury and they are not necessarily, or even likely Americans.

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BusterSci Correct.

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Tim in KY Thanks

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Tim in KY Going out again after lunch but back later.

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BusterSci How's the weather there?

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BusterSci Roglic involved in a crash.

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BusterSci Roglic 30s back. Majka also caught up in the crash.

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BusterSci Zakarin and Landa also caught up, but the peloton is waiting for them all.

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BusterSci Back together

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BusterSci Doc Mobile is checking with riders involved in the crashes.

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BusterSci Ruglick showing a lot of buttcheek.

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BusterSci A break has 40s. Followed by a chase 26 back. I'll give details in a bit after I make breakfast for Frau and things have stabilized.

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BusterSci The break: José Rojas, Andrey Amador (Movistar), Nans Peters (AG2R La Mondiale), Pieter Serry (Deceuninck-QuickStep), Ruben Plaza (Israel Cycling Academy), Nicola Bagioli (Nippo-Fantini-Faizanè), Valerio Conti (UAE Team Emirates), Fausto Masnada (Androni-Sidermec), Giovanni Carboni (Bardiani-CSF), Valentin Madouas (Groupama-FDJ), Sam Oomen (Team Sunweb), Amaro Antunes (CCC Team)

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BusterSci Two minutes and the sprinters teams have come to the fore.

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BusterSci Flo is streaming.

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BusterSci 3:50 the gap. Conti is in the break, and he's only back 1:59 on pink.

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BusterSci Hi Charles

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BusterSci Another man down for Sunweb, as Robert Power abandons after that crash.

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Donny Roglick getting cheeky?

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BusterSci Needs Asscream

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Donny Don't we all, Buster, don't we all?

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Donny Well since its just us chickens in the coop for now, I'll chime in with what I think regarding the ToC decision yesterday.

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BusterSci Great!


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Donny It was close to the 3km time neutralization barrier when the silliness occurred. That barrier is in place to try and make the race safer for the sprinters by getting the GC boys and teams out of the way. It is an arbitrary point placed for safety sake. If a crash happens before that point it should count as part of the race, by a strict


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reading of the rules. Then, there is the "human eye" aspect of the race jury which by strict interpretation of the rules can apply all rules as they see fit. They decided to pretend 3km is actually 3.5km in this case, case closed.


 **Donny** Rules is rules, unless there is a loophole providing a way to make the rules on the fly. 16-May-2019 07:57:07

 **BusterSci** My primary problem with that interpretation is there is no allowance for it. If it said in the rules "The 3km limit may be extended at the discretion of the race jury." then super. The other problem is that the rules say specifically that you have to be in the group where the crash occurred. Tejay wasn't even close.


 **Charles Davis** Hi gang, Give me a few minutes to catch up and I will then be caught up. 16-May-2019 08:06:11


 **BusterSci** That said, the only thing I think is sacred about most rules is that they are rules. Changing them is fine by me. But follow them. Rules are what makes life with others possible. 16-May-2019 08:06:17

 **Charles Davis** I am still thinking on the Tejay thing. However, I did read that the bike he borrowed from Morton had the brakes switched so his second crash was due to that. 16-May-2019 08:12:54


 **BusterSci** He didn't have a second crash. He missed a turn due to the brakes. He was behind the second crash which didn't involve him. 16-May-2019 08:13:35

 **Charles Davis** Right. My confusion. 16-May-2019 08:13:58

 **BusterSci** No worries. Confusion was the order of the day. 16-May-2019 08:15:09

 **Charles Davis** I had a good day yesterday. I had the winner of both races. It will probavlyruin my chance at the Lanterne Rouge in Cali but deems the breaks. 16-May-2019 08:18:30

 **Charles Davis** I cannot type. 16-May-2019 08:18:57

 **bikerabe** My opinion on ToC jury decision. The ToC officials were as impartial as Italian, French and Spanish officials have been during their Grand Tours. 16-May-2019 08:24:33



BusterSci Reminder: The officials do not come from the home country. That said, it is not unusual to favor the home team.

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bikerabe Of course the broadcasters wanting a decision that will benefit their audience #s has NO effect on decision, nudge nudge wink wink.

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BusterSci More than just the broadcasters. The race sponsors, organizers, host towns, etc.

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Charles Davis OK, you have convinced me. It was a bad call. Racing luck is racing luck. Tejay gets a gift from the UCI officials. Now will he crack on the mts today?

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bikerabe ToC has a Cat 1 climb in the middle today, but the final decision will be made on Mt Baldy on Friday.

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Donny Charles I would expect him to actually, but cyclist have one thing in common with stocks; Past performance does not guarantee future results.

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Donny 85.5km to go and the gap is coming down a bit to 5min 30seconds

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Donny Ruglick has his team up front driving the chase. Everyone talking about, will he give the Jersey away? What do you think? I say, nope

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Donny Hey Jo,

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Joanna in New York Hi there! Was out teaching this morning, and have to leave again soon, but wanted to drop in.

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Joanna in New York How was your MRI, Buster? I think it has been at least a year since my last one...

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BusterSci Confining. Results at 7AM tomorrow

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Joanna in New York Luckily, being in the tube doesn't bother me - especially since I've more MRIs that I can count. Fingers crossed for a fixable explanation to your shoulder issues.

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BusterSci I keep falling asleep, having an apnea event, and thus moving and needing a scan redone.

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Joanna in New York Oh geez!

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Joanna in New York The most difficult MRI I had to endure was for my brain and brain stem. The Tech said "okay, this next scan is 6 minutes, do not swallow". That was fun, ended up pressing my tongue to the roof of my mouth for six long minutes.

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Donny proof that time is relative, eh Jo

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BusterSci I've got no time for my relatives

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Joanna in New York Yup!

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Donny I suppose that time problem is relative to the relations, Buster?

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BusterSci I'm sure you can relate

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Donny relatively well, yes

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Donny the relative time between the break and the bunch has not changed a jot in the last 10km

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Donny They have keep the exact same relationship.

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Donny even all the same guys on the front.

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Donny really, nothing going on out there at all.

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Donny no rain, no big winds, just dudes on bikes out front being chased by dudes on bikes at a gap of 5 min or so.

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SFinAus Hello all. Hope everyone is having a good day.

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Donny Hello Sean,

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SFinAus I haven't been following the ToC (aside from watching video of Remi C's descent), but it looks like I should check it out. Without knowing the particulars, I think 3 km means 3.0 km. Sure, it's arbitrary distance, but it is what is stated. For that matter the location of the finish line is arbitrary and we pay attn to that down to the cm. There's often wistful statements like, "If the line and been +/- 10m things would have been different", but the outcome is always accepted. So should 3km or whatever they decide to document. There. :)

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BusterSci A man after my heart

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bikerabe less than 20 km to final climb, any climbers in the break?

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Donny The break is mostly strong climbers, perhaps not elite climbers, but strong.

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Donny 214 Conti (UAD) 1:59 52 Carboni (BRD) Y 2:53 16 Peters (ALM) Y 3:07 106 Madouas (GFC) Y 3:20 7 Rojas (MOV) 3:33 71 Antunes (EF1) 3:43 2 Amador (MOV) 4:25 88 Serry (DQT) 4:26 26 Masnada (ANS) 5:21 205 Conci (TFS) Y 5:26 196 Oomen (SUN) Y 5:49 143 Bagioli (NIP) Y 7:29 116 Plaza (ICA) 10:00

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Donny Dudes in the break

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Alaska Dave Good morning. I was almost up to date with chores before I watched the ToC replay, my wife gave me credit for catching up.

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SFinAus Numbers and docs have been my working life, for better and worse. A colleague has to publish an annual report on the performance of a very complicated continuous realtime system. There are some hard numbers to check against, but he also has to check compliance against a list of other "Assertions" of performance. They're not requirements and open to interpretation. That's where his fun starts - not. ;)


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bikerabe Movistar is strong with Andrey Amador and JJ Rojas in the break. I'll root for Sam Oomen


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 **Donny** With 47km to go and a 5:30 advantage, I am thinking that someone from the break will get the win. There still might be a bit of a GC battle behind but they might all just be happy to put another stage behind them. 16-May-2019 09:54:02


 **Charles Davis** Sorry got distracted by daughter. Doesn't seem like I missed much. 16-May-2019 09:54:10


 **BusterSci** SF, it reminds me of the many times I had to instruct engineers that the document is a "specification" not a "generalization" 16-May-2019 09:54:38


 **Donny** ooooooooooooooooooman! 16-May-2019 09:55:48

 **Charles Davis** BTW, I cannot lay on my back. So MRI have never worked for me. I relax and then start to roll over. Then do it again and again. I don't know what I will do if I am ever in serious need of one. 16-May-2019 09:55:55


 **BusterSci** I mentioned apnea. I have what's called central apnea. It isn't like obstructive apnea where your airway blocks. Instead, if I sleep on my back my brain just stops sending signals to breath. So if I annoy you, apparently some part of me agrees with you. 16-May-2019 09:57:44


 **Tim in KY** Because of my choclear implants, I can't have any more MRIs. Which is fine with me. 16-May-2019 09:58:04

 **BusterSci** Tim, may I ask who's implant's you have? 16-May-2019 09:58:45

 **Tim in KY** Buster, in answer to your weather question, after the storms on Saturday, it's been bright sunshine and upper teens. But very windy. See FB pix I just posted. 16-May-2019 10:01:30

 **Tim in KY** Advanced Bionics. 16-May-2019 10:02:15

 **BusterSci** I worked with the guy that managed the field clinical engineers for their original release. 16-May-2019 10:02:52

 **Tim in KY** Cool. And our daughter is their outside counsel for CMS regulation 16-May-2019 10:05:00



Charles Davis My Mom just got some choclear implants about a month ago. No idea which ones.

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Tim in KY It's beginning to look like the break will stick.

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BusterSci I strongly suggest anyone getting an implantable medical device of any sort ask their care team what device they intend to use, and then do some research. While most of the companies in my industry are good and try their best to make good products, it isn't always the case, and when it isn't, the physician isn't necessarily aware of any issues.

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Tim in KY I had to research all three choices and tell my neurologist which one I wanted. When I picked AB, he said he thought that was the best choice.

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Tim in KY Ads.

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Tim in KY I have no one in the break, so I'm screwed again today.

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Donny The Break is climbing, so who is going to jump first

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Donny With the break on the climb the gap is growing?

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bikerabe Masnada goes!

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Charles Davis A little action.

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Charles Davis Conti with him others several seconds back

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Tim in KY Yawn.

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bikerabe Conti started today 1'58" behind and is virtual race leader

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Tim in KY Wasn't that Jumbo's plan?

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Charles Davis Leaders 5:20 behind

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Charles Davis Race leader

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Tim in KY Or more.

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Maite Hi everyone! Finally here!

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Donny Welcome!

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10:32:01



bikerabe Buono sera

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Charles Davis Hi Maite

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10:32:37



Tim in KY Hi Maïté, but it's boring.

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Donny Just in time to see the break attack each other and the bunch not care a fig what happens.

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Donny Anyone have Conti? on the VG team

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Charles Davis Masnada, conti out front, Plaza, Amador, +1 about 22 secs back, 8 others following them.

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BusterSci I've got Plaza

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Charles Davis Carboni with Plaza

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Donny I'm like Tim, I have no one in the break.

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Charles Davis Roglic giving the jersey to to break. 6:22 down Conti the best of the break.

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Charles Davis I have none of them either.

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Donny More nothing is doing a good job of dragging Conti into pink

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Charles Davis Conti is already in the pink. He is well ahead of the others.

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Charles Davis Sam Ooman has the best chance to be a threat for the overall win.

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SFinAus Masnada - more nothing?

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BusterSci I have Ooman

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Charles Davis DOG!

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Donny Sí Sean

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Charles Davis All of the break could be at the head of the race if things stay the same.

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Maite SFinAus, Masnada ' nothing more.

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Donny If you have more nothing do you get 0+0(man)

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Maite :D

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Tim in KY Ads. At the most exciting time.

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bikerabe over 7' to peloton !

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Charles Davis Not that exciting

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Charles Davis ALL of the break are ahead of Roglic as of now. Virtual leaders.

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Tim in KY You exaggerate, Charlie.

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Charles Davis I don't think so.

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Tim in KY "Not that exciting" is an exaggeration.

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Alaska Dave Exaggeration or Understatement?

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Charles Davis Oh, yeah I will give you that one. Though the excitement is who is going to win.

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BusterSci My dad would point out it's exactly that exciting.

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Charles Davis I see where you get your...wisdom.

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Donny in relation to what Buster?

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Tim in KY Let's not reprise Who's on First.

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Donny what?

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Tim in KY Second base.

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Donny I don't know

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BusterSci I thought Who was a doctor.

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Tim in KY I was going to say, you know, there's a bike race. And then I realized there isn't.

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Charles Davis Rojas trying to get to the front pair.

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Donny He might just make it before he gets dropped again as the road tilts back up to the line

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Tim in KY Buster, wine joke for Charlie.

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BusterSci But I don't Waaaant to make a jooooke!

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BusterSci Oh. Wine. Right.

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SFinAus Gracias, Maite. I'd hate to confess how much time I spent trying to pick up some German skills before the Worlds, only to fail miserably. I ain't even good at English.

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Donny I suppose you can have nothing more but you cannot have more nothing

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Marc @ Toad Hall How many k left, you wits? I'm still without video.

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Donny 2.9

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SFinAus What's the old joke - What do you call someone who can only speak one language? American.

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Donny km

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Donny to

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Alaska Dave Donny, unless you are following this “race”?

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bikerabe 3.3 k to go

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Tim in KY True, Dave.

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Donny haha dave

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Donny a lot more nothing going on today

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BusterSci If the Victor is Conti will anyone make the connection?

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Donny probably not

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bikerabe Valerio Conti

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Tim in KY Je ne comprends pas.

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Donny je suis désolé Tim

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11:06:51



bikerabe 2 k

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Donny nothing more to see here

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bikerabe Ultimo Kilometri !

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11:08:24



Donny conti rary to what some may think

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Tim in KY Conti is being bested.

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bikerabe Masnada wins

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Tim in KY But just for the stage. He still gets Pink.

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BusterSci I know his name is Valerio. But if he won he'd have been the victor.

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Charles Davis The break won!!!

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Donny the top ten with be the 8 in the break followed by yesterdays top two.

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Tim in KY Jumbo is still pushing it! In an alternate universe.

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bikerabe Sunday is TT before rest day

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Donny we already had the end game

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BusterSci Hold on! Jury decision. Their giving the magnolia rosa to Tejay.

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BusterSci Thanks for ruining my joke, autocorrect.

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Marc @ Toad Hall "Friday for a change a poco mas nada."

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- 1 Valerio Conti (Ita) UAE Team Emirates 25:22:00
- 2 Giovanni Carboni (Ita) Bardiani CSF 0:01:41
- 3 Nans Peters (Fra) AG2R La Mondiale 0:02:09
- 4 José Rojas (Spa) Movistar Team 0:02:12
- 5 Valentin Madouas (Fra) Groupama-FDJ 0:02:19
- 6 Amaro Antunes (Por) CCC Team 0:02:45
- 7 Fausto Masnada (Ita) Androni Giocattoli-Sidermec 0:03:14
- 8 Pieter Serry (Bel) Deceuninck-QuickStep 0:03:25
- 9 Andrey Amador (CRc) Movistar Team 0:03:27
- 10 Sam Oomen (Ned) Team Sunweb 0:04:57



Charles Davis Roglic fell so he should keep the jersey.

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BusterSci And it was after the 300km to go mark.

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Marc @ Toad Hall Three TTs seem excessive/

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SFinAus Not only did the break win (albeit somewhat gifted) but the stage finished before my meeting. A great day indeed. Thanks all.

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Tim in KY Time for a quiche Lorraine from Picard and a romaine salad from Carrefour. À demain.

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Donny I might be able to check in tomorrow, maybe. Then I will be off the grid for a week, might get a chance to check in a bit after that but no guarantee. So just in case I don't see any of you in live coverage again until July. Enjoy the Giro!

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bikerabe Giro took extra TT that ToC isn't doing

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Charles Davis BTW, Pretty in Punk has Masnada on her team.

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Charles Davis as does Dagies

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Charles Davis <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1558020863-giro%20GC%20after%206.PNG>

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Charles Davis That is the GC after today's stage.

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Charles Davis OK bye all

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Marc @ Toad Hall Thanks, everyone.

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