



Tim in KY Gdl Stage 18 is 144 kilometers from Morbegno, on the river Adda, South along the east shore of Lake Como and continuing south to Cesano Maderno, just north of Milan. After crossing the finish line for the first time there are two laps of a technical, but flat, 13 km urban circuit.

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01:30:16 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1748453726-1748453427394.jpeg>

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01:30:50 pm



Tim in KY There are four climbs in the middle of the route, a Cat 2, two Cat 3s and the Red Bull kilometer. The rest of the route is flat but predominately urban.

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01:31:37 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1748453818-Stage%2018%20Profile.jpg>

05-28-2025
01:31:59 pm



Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 14:00 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:15. Forecast is for sunshine in the mid- to upper-20s.

05-28-2025
01:32:53 pm



Tim in KY Hotter than expected. Upper-20s now. No DNS so far but still 90 minutes to the start.

05-29-2025
06:28:06 am



BusterSci Daniel Friebe reports that Ayuso may be a DNS today. This may be old news since I haven't been around. Stung by a bee yesterday and has badly swollen eye. Will warm up and decide.

05-29-2025
06:54:46 am



Tim in KY <https://www.cyclingnews.com/news/juan-ayuso-has-no-intention-of-leaving-and-we-have-no-plan-to-let-him-go-uae-team-emirates-back-spaniard-to-recover-from-giro-ditalia-disappointment/>

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07:02:31 am



Tim in KY FWIW

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07:02:48 am

LEGENDA / KEY



Red Bull km



Sprint Punti
Points Sprint



GPM (con categoria)
KOM (categorized)



Galleria
Tunnel



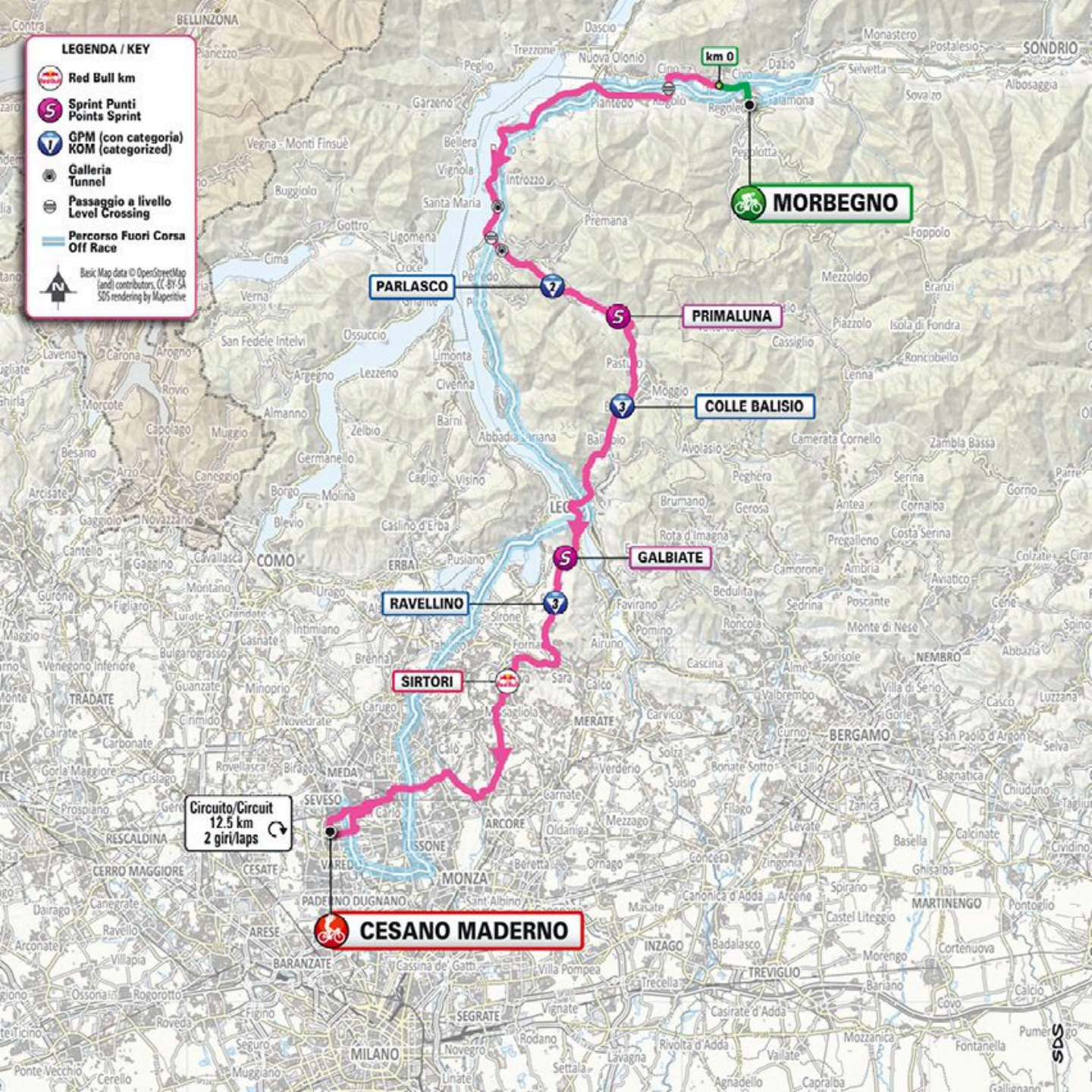
Passaggio a livello
Level Crossing



Percorso Fuori Corsa
Off Race



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km 0

MORBEGNO

PARLASCO

PRIMALUNA

COLLE BALISIO

GALBIATE

RAVELLINO

SIRTORI

Circuito/Circuit
12.5 km
2 giri/laps

CESANO MADERNO

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**Arrivo
Finish Line**
Corso Roma



**sp.35
11 - Seveso**

N 45°38'20.3"
E 09°09'37.2"

1100 m →



**Fuori Corsa
Off Race**



**Parcheggio BUS
BUS park**
Piazza Giacinto Facchetti
1600 m →



**Deviazione generale
General Diversion**
300 m →



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**Ingresso Circuito
Circuit Entrance**
32.1 km →

Circuito/Circuit
12.5 km
2 giri/laps

10 km

via G.d.Medici

via Po

via Don L.Viganò

via C.Savina

via Podgora

San Carlo

via Trento

Molinello

4 km

3 km

via M.Resegone

2 km

via Col di Tenda

via Cavour

via G.Garibaldi

via F.Cavallotti

1 km

BOVISIO MASCIAGO

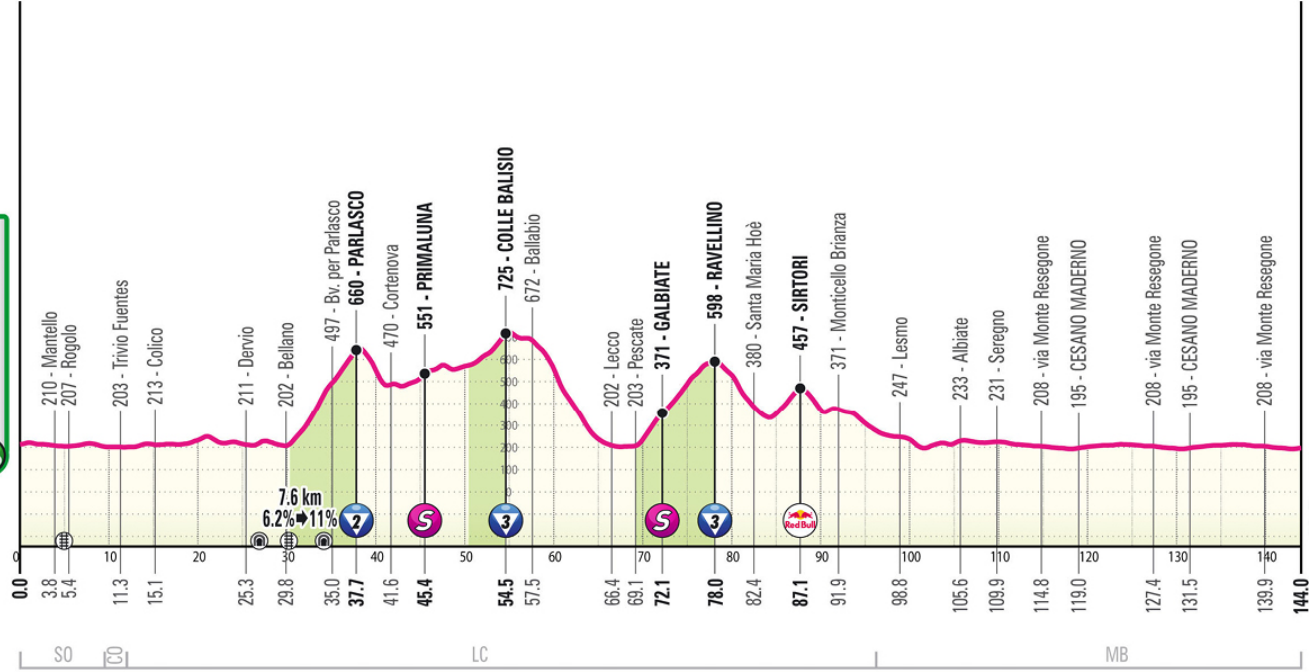
**SQUADRE
TEAMS**

**sr.355
9 - Binzago**

N 45°37'19.2"
E 09°09'57.5"

2000 m →

216 - MORBEGNO



SDS

195 - CESANO MADERNO





BusterSci It's interesting how things happen to GC leaders who are supplanted within a race. I think it's usually the emotional letdown that allows crashes or illnesses to happen and loom larger.

05-29-2025
07:05:08 am



Tim in KY Neutral. Ayuso is in the bunch.

05-29-2025
07:53:02 am



Charlie in Tenn Good morning.

05-29-2025
07:53:39 am



Tim in KY Hi Charlie.

05-29-2025
07:54:14 am



John There are a lot of sharp turns in that finishing circuit. Can't the Giro ever put out a safe and sane finish?

05-29-2025
07:55:56 am



Tim in KY It looks really nasty for sure.

05-29-2025
07:56:46 am



Charlie in Tenn Everybody outside the GC guys could be up for the break today.

05-29-2025
07:58:21 am



Tim in KY I don't know, Charlie. I'm expecting a bunch sprint and a typical Polti and Bariani easy break.

05-29-2025
07:59:55 am



Charlie in Tenn This is the last non mountain or non sprinter chance for all the other type of riders. Also lots of teams with no wins so I think it will be a large breakaway.

05-29-2025
08:01:27 am



Tim in KY Everybody on the pre-race show was picking a sprinter to win.

05-29-2025
08:02:10 am



Tim in KY Sprinters' teams are patrolling the front.

05-29-2025
08:03:52 am



Tim in KY A lonely FDJ out front.

05-29-2025
08:04:58 am



Tim in KY Visma and Picnic are chasing everything down.

05-29-2025
08:05:52 am



Charlie in Tenn Crapass and Tonelli have birthdays today.

05-29-2025
08:06:57 am

**bikerabe** WvA and Mads out front05-29-2025
08:12:50 am**bikerabe** no rscape05-29-2025
08:13:22 am**Tim in KY** This is crazy.05-29-2025
08:25:08 am**Charlie in Tenn** Ayuso has been off or near the back since the start. He was stung by a bee yesterday. Rubbing around his eye, been to the dr car already.05-29-2025
08:27:55 am**bikerabe** know how that feels gor stung once on CycleOregon near my eye05-29-2025
08:33:34 am**Charlie in Tenn** My idea that everyone wants to be in the break may lead to your idea that the sprint teams will keep it together.05-29-2025
08:33:51 am**Tim in KY** What we seem to have now is a huge "break" full of sprinters.05-29-2025
08:35:43 am**Tim in KY** On to the Cat 2.05-29-2025
08:36:17 am**Tim in KY** I think Ayuso is ready to abandon.05-29-2025
08:39:12 am**Tim in KY** Very hairpinny climb.05-29-2025
08:42:28 am**John** He's fading fast. Can't see him continuing much longer.05-29-2025
08:42:28 am**Charlie in Tenn** Yeah, he seems done.05-29-2025
08:42:50 am**RCG** Ayuso finished in the grouper to yesterday. He's demoralized as well as stung and I think he'll climb off soon.05-29-2025
08:42:51 am**Charlie in Tenn** He would be a big help tomorrow for UAE. Del Toro may need him.05-29-2025
08:43:35 am



RCG Grupetto. Spell check doesn't do Italian cycling terms.

05-29-2025
08:43:44 am



John Gotta be tough to ride with his eye swollen shut and face all puffy

05-29-2025
08:44:17 am



Tim in KY The way he's hurting mentally and physically I don't think he can help anybody.

05-29-2025
08:44:38 am



RCG He wasn't able to help yesterday. If he's unable to ride well and unable to help del Toro, why suffer on?

05-29-2025
08:45:34 am



RCG That's it. Over for Ayuso. He climbs into the team van.

05-29-2025
08:46:02 am



PasadenaK8 Mornin' ~

05-29-2025
08:47:01 am



RCG I think it's 90% mental, 10% physical. You could just see it growing over the last few days.

05-29-2025
08:47:08 am



RCG Good morning, K8

05-29-2025
08:47:24 am



PasadenaK8 Mornin', RCG!

05-29-2025
08:47:41 am



Tim in KY The rain has stopped here. I'm going for a walk.

05-29-2025
08:48:49 am



RCG Sometime steroids are used for a reaction like that with all the swelling — probably not an option for a pro rider.

05-29-2025
08:50:04 am



RCG I am supposed to vend at one of our local farmers market type things here today and we had pretty good rain again last night. Hopefully it will clear up before midday. It's pretty cool, because the market is put on by a church; they collect vendor fees (which aren't ridiculous like some) and uses those entirely for outreach. Last year they bought a shower truck to take around in rotation to the homeless camps in the area.

05-29-2025
08:53:26 am



RCG They have mostly produce and baked goods, but also people vending other stuff too. Maybe this week I can get hubby to stay at my

05-29-2025
08:56:05 am

tent while I look around. He will undoubtedly be going for the “Fred Bread “ (something neither of us needs— but it’s good).



RCG I’d rather peruse the fruit and veggies.

05-29-2025
08:56:43 am



RCG Pretty area they’d cycling through.

05-29-2025
08:57:16 am



RCG Verdant with mountain views

05-29-2025
08:58:00 am



PasadenaK8 Just under 3 KUs...

05-29-2025
09:02:23 am



Katie S Good morning, all. Very sad for young Ayuso. I remember when Jonathan Vaughters got stung on his eyelid way back in his career. Kind of his defining injury, I think.

05-29-2025
09:04:03 am



PasadenaK8 Mornin', Katie ~ Ayuso gave it a good try, but alas.

05-29-2025
09:06:02 am



Katie S We are heading out for the first round of the golf tournament. Yesterday we went over to watch the practice rounds, but it was 55F and rainy. Not pleasant. I mean, I'll stand out in the rain for a time trial in France, but not to watch golfers practice in Wisconsin. Plus, I'm a lot older now...

05-29-2025
09:16:33 am



bikerabe no Rory at the Memorial Katie

05-29-2025
09:19:10 am



Katie S We're here for the US Women's Open, so no Rory there, either.. ;-)

05-29-2025
09:21:33 am



Katie S ciao, tutti!

05-29-2025
09:21:36 am



Charlie in Tenn Hi Katies. I just realized I am supposed to be at my volunteer job. I guess I had better get out of here.

05-29-2025
09:22:05 am



RCG Beautiful Italy. Not so much for the Giro riders.

05-29-2025
09:22:32 am



PasadenaK8 Ciao, Katie. Stay dry... Hi Charlie!

05-29-2025
09:22:46 am



Charlie in Tenn Trish and Katie S and Mike - I think we are still on for the lugnut meetup in Boston on June 4th. We just needs some actual info on where and when.

05-29-2025
09:23:35 am



Charlie in Tenn bye all

05-29-2025
09:24:13 am



PasadenaK8 Bye, Charlie...

05-29-2025
09:24:26 am



Tim in KY The last Cat 3 starts in 3 km.

05-29-2025
09:30:10 am



Mikey Hey all. I'm trying for the LR in VG! Well I wasn't trying at first but ...

05-29-2025
09:32:47 am



Tim in KY They're at the south end of Lake Como. After the Cat 3 it gets pretty urban.

05-29-2025
09:33:15 am



PasadenaK8 Dang, Gonna miss looking at this beautiful scenery. Some real beauty shots in the Quad today.

05-29-2025
09:34:53 am



Mikey <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1748526208-1748525908025.jpeg>

05-29-2025
09:38:29 am



Mikey Let sleeping dogs...

05-29-2025
09:38:55 am



PasadenaK8 Aaah, what a beautiful sweetie.

05-29-2025
09:40:39 am



PasadenaK8 Mads picks up more sprint points.

05-29-2025
09:42:33 am



Mikey Norman makes a great dog oven

05-29-2025
09:42:58 am



Mikey its toasty

05-29-2025
09:43:24 am



Tim in KY They're just about smack on the imagined time right now.

05-29-2025
09:44:06 am



RCG Mikey, you know you are trapped amd can't move... because you have to let sleeping dogs lie. 05-29-2025 09:47:40 am



RCG Time to charge electronics and start packing the van..... 05-29-2025 09:48:08 am



Tim in KY Gap is up to 7:42. 05-29-2025 09:54:38 am



Tim in KY Best-placed rider in the lead group is down 40 minutes so it is a GC rolling rest day. 05-29-2025 09:56:00 am



Mikey Plenty of paint drying today Tim 05-29-2025 10:01:37 am



Tim in KY At least they're riding quickly. 05-29-2025 10:02:14 am



bikerabe going to be a long wait for GC at the finish 05-29-2025 10:03:43 am



Trish in MA Good morning, all. Charlie and Katie, I'll email with a place for our meet-up. I'm thinking the Prudential Center. The Sox are playing at home, but it's a 1:35 game, so there should be parking, and Katie is staying right across the street. Charlie, do you have Mike in MA's email? 05-29-2025 10:05:04 am



PasadenaK8 You know it's a paint drying day when PCS is posting stats like: "Biggest races where Wout Van Aert never competed" (list of 20 races) 05-29-2025 10:07:42 am



Trish in MA Geez, the breaks are riding at 2x the speed of the peloton. 50k/hr vs. 25k/hr 05-29-2025 10:12:04 am



PasadenaK8 But here's an interesting stat they just posted, about how the current GC would look without bonus points... 05-29-2025 10:12:34 am



Tim in KY I thought that was interesting, K8. But superfluous for sure. 05-29-2025 10:12:38 am



PasadenaK8 <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1748528266-1748527966833.jpeg> 05-29-2025 10:12:48 am





Tim in KY Looks pretty much the same.

05-29-2025
10:13:24 am



Trish in MA Except the top would be much, much closer

05-29-2025
10:15:17 am



PasadenaK8 Swap of Yates & Carapaz placements, and much closer gaps.

05-29-2025
10:15:31 am



Trish in MA I'm off to whack weeds. Happy paint drying!

05-29-2025
10:21:56 am



Alaska Dave Good morning. It's 42 and raining. The forecast has even eliminated the hint of sunshine in two weeks.

05-29-2025
10:30:24 am



Alaska Dave At least the paint is drying in sunshine.

05-29-2025
10:30:52 am



Tim in KY That's interesting. They're talking about what will happen if the front group laps the GC group on the circuit.

05-29-2025
10:32:27 am



bikerabe uno ku

05-29-2025
10:33:00 am



Alaska Dave Break from the break

05-29-2025
10:36:40 am



bikerabe group of 11 off the front no Mads no Kaden

05-29-2025
10:47:41 am



bikerabe 1:53 gap

05-29-2025
10:48:20 am



bikerabe Ice Ice Baby

05-29-2025
10:49:19 am



bikerabe circuit about 12 km

05-29-2025
10:51:28 am



bikerabe Nico Denz in front for Red Bull

























05-29-2025
10:57:12 am



bikerabe another new winner

05-29-2025
10:58:56 am

How would the GC look like without time bonuses?

#	UP/ DOWN	RIDER	TIME	TOTAL TIME BONUS
1	-	 DEL TORO Isaac	65:31:20	46
2	▲ 1	 YATES Simon	0:05	-
3	▼ 1	 CARAPAZ Richard	0:09	14
4	-	 GEE Derek	1:11	-
5	-	 CARUSO Damiano	2:20	-
6	-	 BERNAL Egan	4:03	6
7	-	 PELLIZZARI Giulio	4:20	4
8	-	 RUBIO Einer	5:23	-
9	-	 YATES Adam	6:59	-
10	-	 STORER Michael	7:00	-
11	-	 POOLE Max	7:14	-
12	-	 MCNULTY Brandon	8:17	-
13	-	 PIDCOCK Thomas	9:13	4
14	-	 PIGANZOLI Davide	10:45	-
15	-	 TIBERI Antonio	14:02	-
16	-	 MAJKA Rafał	17:14	-
17	-	 PRODHOMME Nicolas	24:19	-
18	-	 KNOX James	27:24	-
19	-	 SVESTAD-BÅRDSENG Embret	31:52	-
20	-	 MEINTJES Louis	35:30	-
21	-	 QUINTANA Nairo	38:02	6
22	-	 ULISSI Diego	39:28	6
23	-	 ARENSMAN Thymen	39:57	-
24	-	 STORK Florian	42:58	8
25	-	 FORTUNATO Lorenzo	48:08	12

**bikerabe** bell lap05-29-2025
10:59:15 am**PasadenaK8** Man, Denz is a machine! Gap to Group 1 just keeps on growing...05-29-2025
11:04:55 am**Tim in KY** "You chase him" "No, you chase him"...05-29-2025
11:05:45 am**PasadenaK8** Ain't that the truth.05-29-2025
11:06:22 am**bikerabe** 6 kim05-29-2025
11:06:44 am**PasadenaK8** Wonder if he'll come across the back of the GC group?05-29-2025
11:07:18 am**PasadenaK8** Kite...05-29-2025
11:12:36 am**Tim in KY** I don't know where the GCs are.05-29-2025
11:12:50 am**bikerabe** don't srr ant riders in front of Denz05-29-2025
11:13:23 am**PasadenaK8** Nice job, Denz!05-29-2025
11:13:50 am**PasadenaK8** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1748532128-1748531828800.jpeg>05-29-2025
11:17:10 am**PasadenaK8** Looks like the Peloton is about 11+ minutes from the finish. Gonna head out. See ya all domani...05-29-2025
11:19:53 am**bikerabe** 3 Cat 1 climbs romorrow finish 5 km after a Cat 205-29-2025
11:20:41 am**bikerabe** Saturday an Hor catrgoty climb and Cat 3 tops 28 nkm from finish05-29-2025
11:30:52 am**bikerabe** Carapaz 41 sec back S Yates 51 sec behind05-29-2025
11:47:15 am

Preliminary results.

RNK.	RIDER	TEAM	TIME
1	 DENZ Nico	Red Bull - BORA - hansgrohe	3:12:07
2	 MAESTRI Mirco	Team Polti VisitMalta	1:01
3	 PLANCKAERT Edward	Alpecin - Deceuninck	1:01
4	 MAGLI Filippo	VF Group - Bardiani CSF - Faizanè	1:01
5	 EDMONDSON Alex	Team Picnic PostNL	1:01
6	 DE BONDT Dries	Decathlon AG2R La Mondiale Team	1:01
7	 HOOLE Daan	Lidl - Trek	1:01
8	 DE PRETTO Davide	Team Jayco AlUla	1:01
9	 CONCI Nicola	XDS Astana Team	1:01
10	 WARBASSE Larry	Tudor Pro Cycling Team	1:01

