



**Tim in KY** VaE Stage 18 is 177 kilometers from Colmenar Viejo to Becerril de la Sierra. But those two towns are only 23 km apart so there is a big loop through the mountains to the north to account for the rest of the distance. This is the same route on which Tommy D lost the red jersey to Aru in 2015.

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1568216573-stage-18-route.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** There are four categorized climbs on the stage but only two mountains. After climbing both in succession, the route turns around and climbs both in the opposite direction. There is a 21 kilometer descent off the final climb and then four km uphill to the line.

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1568216635-stage-18-profile.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** Start time is 12:40 CEST (06:40 EDT). Finish is imagined between 17:20 and 17:50. Live video from before the start. Forecast is for sun with temps in the mid-20s.

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**BusterSci** I like the way it's almost a mirror image, but not quite. So you change bikes early, leaving your transponder with the bike on the car. Somewhere on that plateau after the first climb you swing off for a Dumoulin and everyone passes by. Three hours later the peloton returns on their way back, you catch back on, and being fresh, win the stage. That's how it would have happened before TV.

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**Tim in KY** There's a flaw in that scheme somewhere. Perhaps it's having the boy work the bellows.

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**BusterSci** Catching a train was a common race tactic back in the day.

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**BusterSci** And I don't mean catching the DQS train in a crosswind.

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**Tim in KY** Sound on Gold is distorted again this morning.

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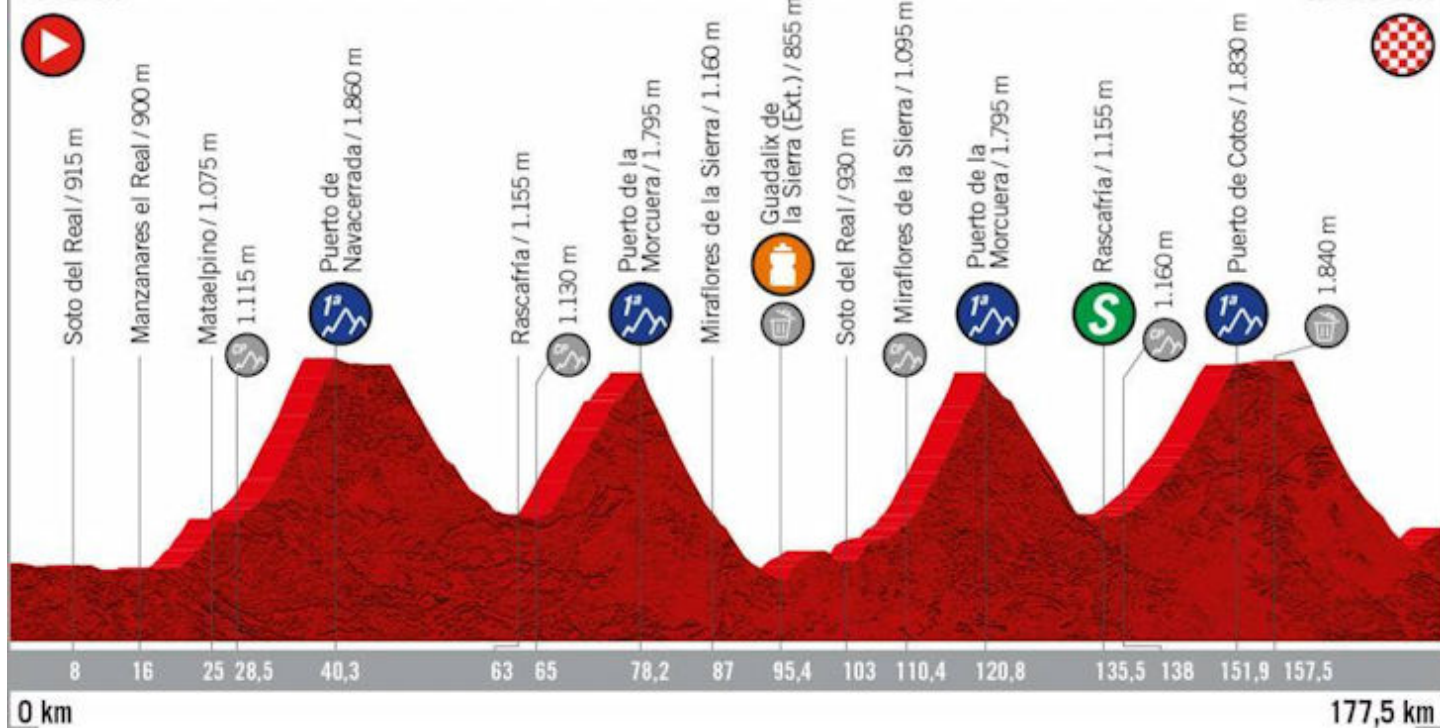
**Tim in KY** Neutral start.

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**COMUNIDAD DE MADRID. COLMENAR VIEJO**  
**925 m**

**BECERRIL DE LA SIERRA**  
**1.095 m**





**Tim in KY** My presence here will be sporadic midmorning.

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**BusterSci** I think this is the first time I've been available for the whole stage.

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**Joanna in New York** If they go again for an average of 50-60 km/hr, I'll be here the entire stage. I suspect that will not be the case and I will have to depart prior to the finish.

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**BusterSci** That may be a bit fast for a mountain stage.

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**BusterSci** Tony Martin decides he needs to be in front today, even in the neutralized zone.

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**BusterSci** Looks like a lovely day

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**BusterSci** Anti-kite?

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**BusterSci** That's 1km to the start.

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**Tim in KY** I thought you meant Charlie Brown's tree.

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**BusterSci** That's good.

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06:39:24



**BusterSci** One of the women doing my dad's PT looks amazingly like a 40ish Lucy van Pelt. My dad likes to point that out to her, and my response the other day was

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**BusterSci** "Be very careful if she says 'Your next exercise is to kick this football..."

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**BusterSci** Tony on point

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**Tim in KY** Nobody even trying to attack yet.

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**BusterSci** Crosswinds again. Tony has them riding in the gutter.

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**BusterSci** There should have been a question mark after "again"

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**BusterSci** Two DQS right behind him.

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**Tim in KY** The polka dot shorts just look silly.

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**Tim in KY** Now some tentative attacks.

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**Joanna in New York** <https://rumbletalk-images->

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**Tim in KY** The official start of the first climb is in 20 km but the road goes up in 10.

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**BusterSci** Cavagna hopes to achieve what?

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06:53:21



**Tim in KY** Screen time?

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06:53:43



**BusterSci** Not typically a DQS objective.

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**BusterSci** At least not exclusively.

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**Tim in KY** Low water in that reservoir.

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**BusterSci** 4 in front now, others trying

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**Tim in KY** Four?

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**BusterSci** My bad. 4 chasing, I think it's three in front, no?

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07:06:05



**Tim in KY** Three in front. For now.

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07:06:27



**BusterSci** The peloton certainly seems a mess

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**BusterSci** Rain and T-storms again today. Not typical for mid-september in this neck of the woods. A dreary birthday for Frau.

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**BusterSci** 18s for the leaders

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**Tim in KY** We could use some rain here.

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07:09:01



**BusterSci** This last week is killing the farmers around here. Not the time of year they want rain.

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**Tim in KY** Leaders being hauled back at the start of the climb.

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**BusterSci** Wout tries an attack

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**Tim in KY** Poels still by himself.

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**BusterSci** Again on roads that would look more at home in the ToC.

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**Tim in KY** Or Utah.

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**Tim in KY** Poels still alone but only has 0:16.

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**BusterSci** Out to 28s.

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07:37:26



**BusterSci** It's been interesting that the camera on Poels shows the elevation markers each 100m increase.

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**Tim in KY** Gaps small enough to disappear on the descent.

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**Tim in KY** The Gerbilizer has abandon.

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**BusterSci** Really? That's my favorite yet.

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**BusterSci** Now I'm disappointed he's abandoned.

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**Katie** OMG, Buster: "Your next exercise is to kick this football..."

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**Katie** Good morning, all. Another morning "practicing" sleep deprivation

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**BusterSci** Me too, sponsored by scaredy dog and the thunderstorms. Which has the form of a good band name, but upon consideration isn't at all.

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**Katie** Hmmmm. What kind of music would Scaredy Dog And The Thundestorms play?

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**BusterSci** Kiddie Pop

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**BusterSci** 42s

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07:45:05



**BusterSci** 500m left the first climb

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**Tim in KY** Poels over.

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**Tim in KY** Bouchard second over.

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**Katie** Dang, shades go flying!

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07:48:30



**Tim in KY** Puerto de Navacerrada (cat-1, km 40.3) 1. Wout Poels (Team Ineos), 10 pts 2. Geoffrey Bouchard (Ag2r La Mondiale), 6 pts 3. Omar Fraile (Astana Pro Team), 4 pts 4. Darwin Atapuma (Cofidis), 2 pts 5. Pierre Latour (Ag2r La Mondiale), 1 pt.

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**Grupetto Brad** Was able to find a eurosport feed today!

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07:50:35



**Grupetto Brad** And, now that i've said that, it's cut out...

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**Katie** Well, in horse-racing, Justify (2018 Triple Crown Winner) failed a drug test before the 2018 Kentucky Derby but raced anyway. The dope: scopalamine. However, according to the NY Times, the board disposed of the inquiry altogether during a closed-door executive session. It decided, with little evidence, that the positive test could have been a result of Justify's eating contaminated food.

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**Katie** where have I heard this before????????????????????

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**Tim in KY** We had the Justify discussion on Facebook yesterday.

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07:54:38



**Tim in KY** This descent is 25 km and the second climb starts immediately at the bottom.

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07:55:24



**Katie** D'oh. I just can't bring myself to join FB, but I do miss the opportunity to hang out with y'all there.

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**Tim in KY** Seven chasers about to catch Poels. The peloton is 0:38 back.

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**Tim in KY** Geoffrey Bouchard (AG2R La Mondiale), Sergio Higuita (EF Education First), Tobias Ludvigson (Groupama-FDJ), Louis Meintjes, Ben King (Dimension Data) and Tao Geoghegan Hart (Team Ineos) join Wout Poels (Team Ineos)

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**Tim in KY** Second climb starts in 7 km.

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08:04:55



**Charlie in Tenn** Hello all. I am really here.

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08:09:54



**Katie** Hello, Real Charlie

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08:11:31



**Tim in KY** Leaders are on the second climb.

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08:13:45



**Joanna in New York** BRIDGE!

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08:14:44



**Charlie in Tenn** Katie join FB but never comment or like anything. You can follow along.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Go Poels.

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08:16:10



**Tim in KY** The GC group is 2:00 back now.

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**Tim in KY** The five chasers have joined the seven at the front.

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**Tim in KY** Movi and JV both have a man in the break.

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**Charlie in Tenn** 12 out front, Hermann Pernsteiner (Bahrain-Merida) 1:00back, prlton 2:00 back

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**Tim in KY** 108 km, 3:00.

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**Katie** Tim, in your preparation for this race, did you come up with total feet (or meters) of climbing for today?

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08:24:18



**Joanna in New York** Hermann Pernsteiner (Bahrain-Merida) bridges back to the breakaway. 13 riders now

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**Tim in KY** Break: Wout Poels, Tao Geoghegan Hart (Team Ineos) Geoffrey Bouchard (AG2R La Mondiale), Sergio Higuita (EF Education First), Tobias

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Ludvigson (Groupama-FDJ), Louis Meintjes, Ben King (Dimension Data), Nelson Oliveira (Movistar), Omar Fraile (Astana), Óscar Rodríguez (Euskadi-Murias), Neilson Powless (Jumbo-Visma), Jonas Koch (CCC Team), Hermann Pernsteiner (Bahrain-Merida).



**Tim in KY** No, Katie, I did not.

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**Tim in KY** Gap is out to four minutes.

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08:35:55



**BusterSci** Fell asleep.

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**Katie** Lemme guess, Ripley was on your lap.

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**Tim in KY** I have chores to do and errands to run. Back for the finish.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Pernsteiner (17th) 30:12 and Higueta (18th) 32:31 and Tao 58:45 are the best placed in the break.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Tao is 25th

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**BusterSci** Ripley has to been interested in my lap lately.

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**Charlie in Tenn** OK the break is going to go away and win. What about the bunch? Is anyone gonna attack on the final climb? I say yes, though they may be attacking for positions.

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**Joanna in New York** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1568292394-1568292094661.jpeg>

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**Joanna in New York** Sofie busily shedding hair on her fresh, clean blankies...

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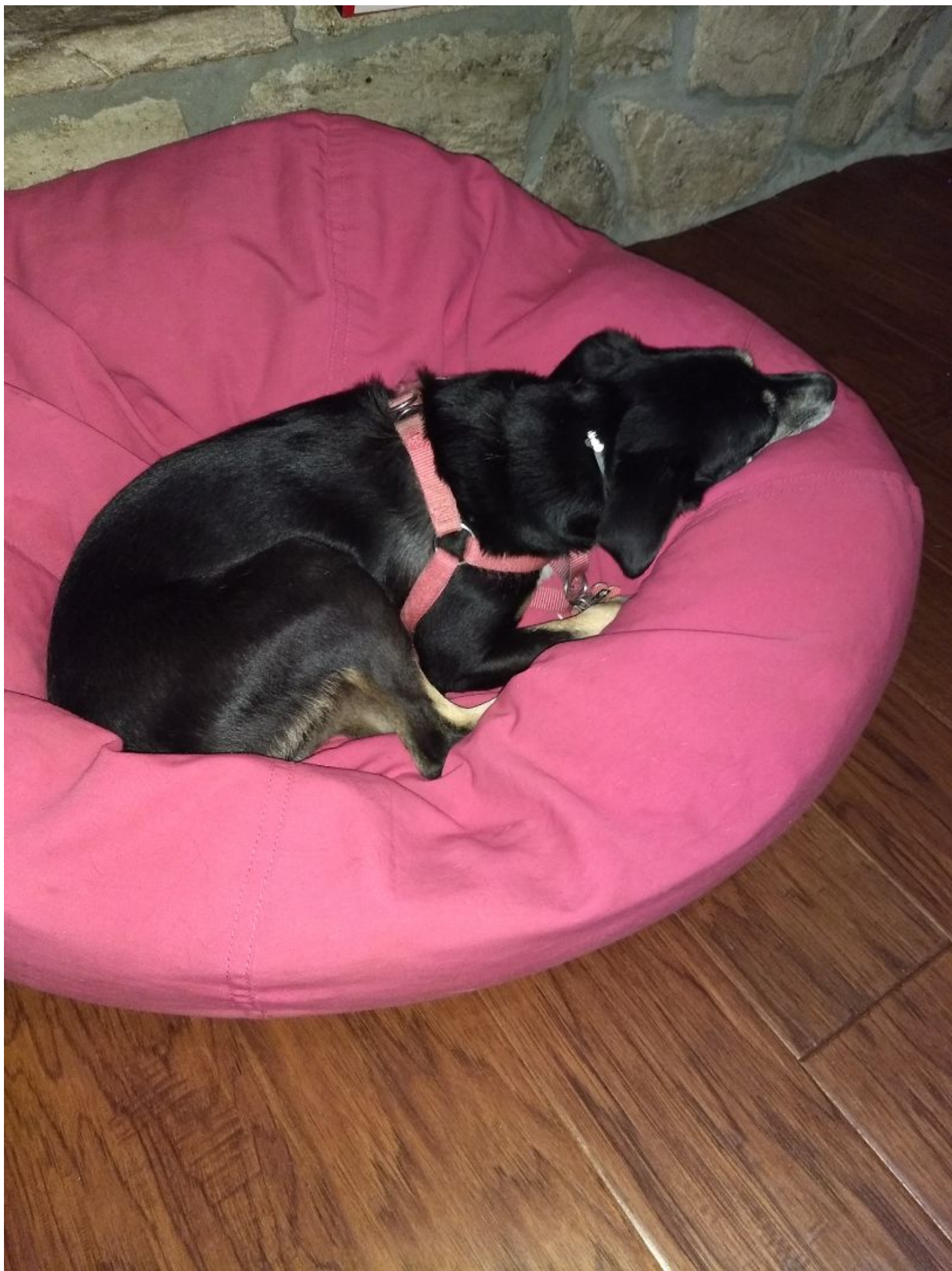


**Katie** Gotta get 'em to smell right.














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-  **Joanna in New York** Washed every throw in the house yesterday, the amount of yellow hair was staggering... 12-Sep-2019 08:42:50
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-  **Katie** I'm surprised a new dog didn't animate from all that hairy DNA 12-Sep-2019 08:43:34
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-  **Joanna in New York** Could happen. 12-Sep-2019 08:43:54
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-  **BusterSci** Have a visit and laugh: 12-Sep-2019 08:46:45  
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-  **Joanna in New York** Just under 3 KUs to go. 12-Sep-2019 08:46:48
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-  **Charlie in Tenn** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1568292760-1568292462207.jpeg> 12-Sep-2019 08:47:42
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-  **Joanna in New York** Those were great, Buster! Thanks for sharing! 12-Sep-2019 08:48:58
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-  **BusterSci** My homies got in 5 of 40 photos--fully 1/8th 12-Sep-2019 08:49:20
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-  **Katie** Is that a new pink bed post-move? 12-Sep-2019 08:49:48
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-  **Joanna in New York** Oh, just saw your post about Ivanka's Birthday - please wish her a Happy Birthday from me. :-)
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-  **Joanna in New York** Penguins, by their nature, tend to the humorous... 12-Sep-2019 08:50:55
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-  **Katie** They do. Buster, those were hilarious. 12-Sep-2019 08:51:55
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-  **Joanna in New York** Puerto de la Morcuera (cat-1, km 78.2) 1. Geoffrey Bouchard (Ag2r La Mondiale), 10 pts 2. Tao Geoghegan Hart (Team Ineos), 6 pts 3. Wout Poels (Team Ineos), 4 pts 4. Nelson Oliveira (Movistar Team), 2 pts 5. Omar Fraile (Astana Pro Team), 1 pt 12-Sep-2019 08:52:01
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**Charlie in Tenn** Katie, no that is the only bean bag to survive.

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08:53:27



**Charlie in Tenn** Happy birthday to Frau.

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08:53:59



**Charlie in Tenn** Funny photos are always good.

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08:55:01



**BusterSci** Ripley still hasn't cottoned to her new travel crate. She's certain we're planning an elaborate trap for her. Even when we put food in it she waits until we're at least 15 feet away before she goes in to get it, and then it's just a bolt in and spring back out again.

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**Joanna in New York** Poor Little Dog. Perhaps have it a few feet from you when you are on the sofa, and fling cheese into it. :-)

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09:00:22



**BusterSci** Tried it. Nope. Won't go in until we move away.

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09:02:28



**Joanna in New York** Awww, bless her.

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09:03:23



**BusterSci** We bought a Kuranda bed for her on the deck. She didn't get on it for a year but now she uses it all the time. She's stubborn as hell and I'm not fighting her. Until Saturday at my parents, when she'll be put in the crate.

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09:03:38



**Joanna in New York** Does the Kuranda bed fit in the crate?

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09:05:16



**BusterSci** No. We put her favorite bed in the new crate and her new bed in the old crate. She would not use either crate.

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09:05:48



**Katie** She's worried about getting trapped in a pod

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09:06:10



**Joanna in New York** She was a rescue, right?

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09:06:49



**BusterSci** Yes.

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09:06:54



**Joanna in New York** HORSES!

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09:06:58



**Joanna in New York** AND DONKEY!

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09:07:10



**Joanna in New York** Poor little dog has some unhappy associations with crates, bless her heart. A friend I had in my youth picked up a dog that had been thrown out of a car. The dog would NEVER get back in a car. Made vet visits impossible.

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**BusterSci** I don't think the rescue part has anything to do with it. She is very adaptable to people and places. She loves her regular crate, goes happily into other dog's crates.

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**BusterSci** But she is certain that anything I want her to do is a trap.

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09:09:38



**Joanna in New York** So, she's just a minx.

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09:09:45



**Joanna in New York** A suspicious minx at that.

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09:10:18



**Joanna in New York** Sofie is the easiest dog to medicate, she'll eat anything so pilling her is a piece of cake. Another dog was super suspicious, and despite his love of food, if he thought you slipped anything into it, he wouldn't take it.

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09:11:37



**BusterSci** Rip is very good with that, too. If Ivanka does it.

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09:12:31



**Katie** I wouldn't trust a penguin trying to pass me drugs, either

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09:15:51



**Katie** not even in tasty herring

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**BusterSci** Walter White penguin

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09:17:51



**BusterSci** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1568294578-1568294277792.png>

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**Joanna in New York** Heisenberg

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09:19:24



**Grupetto Brad** He-ice-en-berg?

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09:21:31



**Joanna in New York** 71km 4:44

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09:23:19



**Joanna in New York** 2 KUs

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09:30:14



**Joanna in New York** Louis Meintjes (Dimension Data) and Jonas Koch (CCC Team) have a 23s gap on the rest of the break

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09:30:44



**Joanna in New York** Trek and JV lead the peloton.

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09:38:12



**BusterSci** I see Astana

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09:38:38



**Joanna in New York** Now you do, they weren't there a moment ago.

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09:39:39



**Grupetto Brad** Astana storms to the front. Don't want this break to stay away, it seems.

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09:39:50



**BusterSci** BTW, this race is showing once again that Ineos isn't the dominant beast everyone complains about. However, they do send all their best riders to the Tour.

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09:40:07



**Charlie in Tenn** There is activity at the race. Astana does seem to want to push on.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Lopez goes

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09:50:40



**Charlie in Tenn** Fraile is somewhere ahead to help Lopez. Kuss is still with Roglic and Powless is up ahead.

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09:52:20



**Charlie in Tenn** Q, Valverde and Solar still there for Movistar.

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09:53:10





**Charlie in Tenn** Pogacar is there.

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09:53:49



**BusterSci** Majka and a Lotto there, too

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**BusterSci** That's Hagen

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09:54:47



**BusterSci** Valverde tight on Rog. Q trying to work his way between them.

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**BusterSci** Tao failing a bit

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**BusterSci** Pog has to lead the chase to stay close to Supermán

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**Katie** Q getting dropped

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10:00:17



**Katie** Fun descent

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10:01:02



**Charlie in Tenn** Fraile and Lopez are together going down the hill

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10:01:08



**BusterSci** Pog tries to attack on the descent

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10:01:26



**BusterSci** Bridging to Powless

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10:01:33



**BusterSci** Higuita monster in the lead

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10:01:52



**BusterSci** Lopez has 17s on Rog group, which is together again

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10:03:01



**BusterSci** Higuita monster has 6s on the chase group

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10:04:17



**BusterSci** Higuita not a good descender

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10:05:57



**BusterSci** In comparison to the great ones.

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10:06:31



**Katie** Makes you realize how dangerous these descents are at those speeds

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10:07:09



**BusterSci** The chase is taking much more confident lines

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10:07:45



**BusterSci** Only 12s now for Lopez over the Rog group.

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10:08:21



**BusterSci** I do not feel confident the break has a chance.

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10:08:44



**Katie** what a landscape

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10:11:56



**Katie** Cobbles!

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10:13:15



**Tim in KY** Last climb starts.

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10:16:05



**Katie** Higuita working hard

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10:16:25



**Joanna in New York** Puerto de la Morcuera (cat-1, km 120.8) 1. Geoffrey Bouchard (Ag2r La Mondiale), 10 pts 2. Óscar Rodríguez (Euskadi-Murias), 6 pts 3. Louis Meintjes (Dimension Data), 4 pts 4. Sergio Higuita (EF Education First), 2 pts 5. Hermann Pernsteiner (Bahrain-Merida), 1 pt

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**Tim in KY** I hope Higuita lasts to the line.

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**BusterSci** Agree.


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10:17:18





**Joanna in New York** Intermediate Sprint: 1. Sergio Higuita (EF Education First), 4 pts, 3" 2. Geoffrey Bouchard (AG2R La Mondiale), 2 pts, 2" 3.

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 **BusterSci** And if he doesn't, I hopes it's because there's some major upset in the GC standings. But doesn't look to be the case, as JV is closing on the Lopez group. 12-Sep-2019 10:18:14


 **BusterSci** I was about to say that the monasteries all look the same, then heard them say it was the same one they went by at the start, which makes sense because this is a sort of out and back route. 12-Sep-2019 10:20:44


 **Joanna in New York** The Deja vu Stage. 12-Sep-2019 10:21:15


 **BusterSci** I was about to say that the monasteries all look the same, then heard them say it was the same one they went by at the start, which makes sense because this is a sort of out and back route. 12-Sep-2019 10:21:47


 **Joanna in New York** <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2tmmc2> 12-Sep-2019 10:21:54


 **Joanna in New York** LOL! 12-Sep-2019 10:22:01

 **Tim in KY** This climb crests with 25.6 to go. Then there's 7 km of flat before the descent. 12-Sep-2019 10:22:30

 **BusterSci** Higuita opening his gap to 1:12 12-Sep-2019 10:23:58

 **Joanna in New York** Bummed that I will be missing the finale, hope it is a good one! 12-Sep-2019 10:24:36

 **BusterSci** The difference here is the guys in the chase can rest a bit as JV pulls them along on the shallower slopes here. 12-Sep-2019 10:25:22

 **BusterSci** Lots of trees. Are those larches? 12-Sep-2019 10:26:04

 **BusterSci** 1:19 12-Sep-2019 10:26:35

 **BusterSci** 7 seconds in the last km 12-Sep-2019 10:26:48



**Katie** Feed shows Wilco Kelderman OTB by about 45 seconds

12-Sep-2019  
10:28:08



**Mikey** Good Morning All

12-Sep-2019  
10:28:27



**Joanna in New York** GO TAO GO!

12-Sep-2019  
10:28:43



**Joanna in New York** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0zVsxUbbjM>

12-Sep-2019  
10:29:19



**Grupetto Brad** The leaders seem to be toying with each other a bit. Higuita might have a chance???

12-Sep-2019  
10:31:38



**Tim in KY** Gap up to 1:28.

12-Sep-2019  
10:31:42



**Joanna in New York** From Cyclingnews.com: Tour of Britain: Van der Poel retakes lead in time trial Affini wins the stage <https://buff.ly/2AiF0wR>

12-Sep-2019  
10:32:15



**Charlie in Tenn** The 2 big winners yesterday, Knox and Kelderman are not with the top guys today.

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10:32:59



**Charlie in Tenn** besides Q of course.

12-Sep-2019  
10:33:26



**Joanna in New York** Sadly, must leave. Have a great day all!

12-Sep-2019  
10:34:59



**Tim in KY** Lopez again.

12-Sep-2019  
10:35:11



**Tim in KY** This is not good for Higuita.

12-Sep-2019  
10:36:10



**BusterSci** Pog having a hard time hanging on

12-Sep-2019  
10:37:08



**Charlie in Tenn** and again

12-Sep-2019  
10:37:12



**BusterSci** That's youth

12-Sep-2019  
10:37:15



**BusterSci** Quintana suffering from yesterday. And all the other things about Quintana

12-Sep-2019  
10:38:14



**BusterSci** Nairo gone

12-Sep-2019  
10:39:12



**Katie** he needs a flat stage to gain time

12-Sep-2019  
10:42:19



**Tim in KY** Hig almost to the top.

12-Sep-2019  
10:43:12



**BusterSci** Majka having a quietly excellent race

12-Sep-2019  
10:44:19



**Tim in KY** Hig likely to be caught on the plateau.

12-Sep-2019  
10:44:44



**Katie** Polite fans.

12-Sep-2019  
10:45:18



**BusterSci** I think he holds on until that kick-up at the end.

12-Sep-2019  
10:45:25



**Katie** he may need to be a little bolder on the descent, but that's a scary prospect

12-Sep-2019  
10:46:19



**BusterSci** Rog and Valverde have been sitting on Lopez all the way up.

12-Sep-2019  
10:46:48



**Tim in KY** It's not a very technical descent.

12-Sep-2019  
10:46:57



**Tim in KY** Descent starts at 18.7.

12-Sep-2019  
10:47:48



**BusterSci** UAE DS is mismanaging this.

12-Sep-2019  
10:51:41





**Tim in KY** How?

12-Sep-2019  
10:52:03



**Katie** Thinking Pog should wait and not burn up his matches, say the experts

12-Sep-2019  
10:52:29



**BusterSci** Pog should drop back with Nairo

12-Sep-2019  
10:52:32



**BusterSci** There we go

12-Sep-2019  
10:52:39



**Tim in KY** Hig faster than the fastest imaginable.

12-Sep-2019  
10:53:26



**BusterSci** If those gaps are right, Someone is helping the Pog group

12-Sep-2019  
10:54:56



**BusterSci** They took them off, so I don't think they were right

12-Sep-2019  
10:55:22



**Katie** Well, well, supertuck for Hig

12-Sep-2019  
10:56:31



**BusterSci** 40 to Rog and another 45 to Pog

12-Sep-2019  
10:57:37



**Katie** I wonder what P'OG thinks of Pog?

12-Sep-2019  
10:57:57



**Katie** thinks

12-Sep-2019  
10:58:00



**BusterSci** Pog group losing time. 50s back of Rog now

12-Sep-2019  
10:58:46



**Mons Soseman** Muy buenos dias

12-Sep-2019  
10:59:33



**Mons Soseman** Am I wrong or have the lugnuts gone to the dogs?

12-Sep-2019  
11:00:21



**BusterSci** Woof

12-Sep-2019  
11:00:29



**Mons Soseman** I always wondered what sound penguins made

12-Sep-2019  
11:01:01



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11:02:36



**Mikey** Logan is up

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11:02:44



**Katie** (man, I could set my clock to the utility crews working on our street this week. 8 a.m. sharp the jackhammers start)

12-Sep-2019  
11:02:53



**BusterSci** Who is a good dog!

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11:02:59



**BusterSci** Almost a minute now that Pog is behind the Rog group

12-Sep-2019  
11:03:31



**BusterSci** Which means Lopez has 20s or so on Pog for the white.

12-Sep-2019  
11:03:45



**Katie** how steep is that last pitch?

12-Sep-2019  
11:04:36



**BusterSci** Valverde sitting in back now

12-Sep-2019  
11:06:25



**Tim in KY** Goes up 100 meters over 4 km.

12-Sep-2019  
11:06:38



**BusterSci** 2.5%

12-Sep-2019  
11:06:51



**Katie** just enough to feel the smack

12-Sep-2019  
11:07:15



**BusterSci** Now it's serious for Higuita

12-Sep-2019  
11:08:20





**Katie** tailwind

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11:09:15



**BusterSci** Oh geez. What drivel. "He's the second smallest rider in the race but he's got the biggest heart." Lazy pabulum.

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11:10:01



**BusterSci** Coming up on 2km

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11:10:37



**BusterSci** Just under 3km for the Pog group

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11:10:45



**Katie** yeah. so i did the metric conversion. He's 5'5", 123 lbs in Murican

12-Sep-2019  
11:10:45



**BusterSci** That's small.

12-Sep-2019  
11:10:56



**Katie** as for the size of his heart...

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11:10:59



**BusterSci** When does Valverde go?

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11:11:09



**BusterSci** Because his heart has had a lot more assistance over the years.

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11:11:26



**BusterSci** 1.5km

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11:11:34



**Miren Brinkman** Morning All!!! Vamos, Higuita, Vamos! Dale, Dale Higuita!

12-Sep-2019  
11:11:36



**Katie** Go Higgie!

12-Sep-2019  
11:11:42



**Katie** (sorry)

12-Sep-2019  
11:11:44



**BusterSci** Just in time, Maite!

12-Sep-2019  
11:11:44





**BusterSci** Rog group is just going to ride in it seems.

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11:12:10



**Miren Brinkman** Timed it perfectly

12-Sep-2019  
11:12:16



**BusterSci** 23s

12-Sep-2019  
11:12:21



**BusterSci** Kite

12-Sep-2019  
11:12:29



**BusterSci** Kite for Rog group

12-Sep-2019  
11:12:55



**BusterSci** 300m

12-Sep-2019  
11:13:29



**BusterSci** 200m

12-Sep-2019  
11:13:38



**BusterSci** Up and sprinting

12-Sep-2019  
11:13:43



**BusterSci** 100m

12-Sep-2019  
11:13:50



**BusterSci** HIGUITA!

12-Sep-2019  
11:13:59



**Tim in KY** Yea!

12-Sep-2019  
11:14:02



**Katie** GOOOOAAAAAALLLLLLL

12-Sep-2019  
11:14:03



**BusterSci** The sprint for bonus

12-Sep-2019  
11:14:09



**BusterSci** Rog pips Valverde

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11:14:22



**Mons Soseman** A great stage,somehow

12-Sep-2019  
11:15:22





**BusterSci** Hagen leads the Pog group across

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11:15:25



**Mons Soseman** I am going up to Michigan for an Uncle's funeral. Don't know what that does to my schedule tomorrow or Saturday...

12-Sep-2019  
11:15:49



**Katie** Rog immediately on the cool-down machine.

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11:15:52



**Katie** Ah, I'm sorry about that, Mons.

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11:16:27



**BusterSci** Ah, crap. Missing the finale for 3 days straight meant I also cleared my brain of that horrid ear worm of a theme song.

12-Sep-2019  
11:16:53



**BusterSci** But not any more.

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11:16:58



**BusterSci** Lopez picks up 59s

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11:17:17



**Mons Soseman** hasta la baby, vista

12-Sep-2019  
11:17:58



**Mikey Rodan** Katie, you can always join FB with some made up name like Steve

12-Sep-2019  
11:19:47



**Charlie in Tenn** Thanks all. I drifted away today. Looks like we had a good crowd. See you tomorrow.

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11:20:05



**BusterSci** Trying again with a compressed page

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11:20:30



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



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Stage General after the stage 18 | distance 177.5 km

1		HIGUITA GARCIA Sergio Andres	Nº75	EF EDUCATION FIRST	4h 33' 09"
2		ROGLIC Primož	Nº131	TEAM JUMBO - VISMA	+ 00' 15"
3		VALVERDE Alejandro	Nº1	MOVISTAR TEAM	+ 00' 15"
4		MAJKA Rafal	Nº41	BORA - HANSGROHE	+ 00' 15"
5		LOPEZ MORENO Miguel Angel	Nº21	ASTANA PRO TEAM	+ 00' 17"
6		HAGEN Carl Fredrik	Nº93	LOTTO SOUDAL	+ 01' 16"
7		MEINTJES Louis	Nº111	TEAM DIMENSION DATA	+ 01' 16"
8		QUINTANA Nairo	Nº7	MOVISTAR TEAM	+ 01' 16"
9		POGACAR Tadej	Nº177	UAE TEAM EMIRATES	+ 01' 16"

## General Individual after the stage 18 | total distance 2828.5 km

1		ROGLIC Primož	Nº131	TEAM JUMBO - VISMA	<b>71h 16' 54"</b>
2		VALVERDE Alejandro	Nº1	MOVISTAR TEAM	+ 02' 50"
3		QUINTANA Nairo	Nº7	MOVISTAR TEAM	+ 03' 31"
4		LOPEZ MORENO Miguel Angel	Nº21	ASTANA PRO TEAM	+ 04' 17"
5		POGACAR Tadej	Nº177	UAE TEAM EMIRATES	+ 04' 49"
6		MAJKA Rafal	Nº41	BORA - HANSGROHE	+ 07' 46"
7		KELDERMAN Wilco	Nº151	TEAM SUNWEB	+ 09' 46"
8		HAGEN Carl Fredrik	Nº93	LOTTO SOUDAL	+ 11' 50"
9		KNOX James	Nº66	DECEUNINCK - QUICK - STEP	+ 12' 44"



**Katie** That's a good one, Charlie. I'll think about it...

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11:22:26

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**Katie** (Mikey, I mean!)

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11:23:27

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**Katie** ciao all.

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11:23:32

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