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BusterSci Break at 4:20 is: In the attack are: Guillaume Martin (Cofidis), Julien Simon (Total Direct Energie) and Jonathan Lastra (Caja Rural-Seguros RGA), Mattia Cattaneo (Deceuninck-Quick Step), Rui Costa (UAE Team Emirates), Rob Power, Mark Donovan (Sunweb), Alex Aranburu, Luis Leon Sanchez (Astana), Nick Schultz, Robert Stannard (Mitchelton-Scott), Tim Wellens (Lotto Soudal), Jose Joaquin Rojas (Movistar).

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Tim in KY Almost 3 hours into the race there is still 120 km to go. Gap is 5:18. G. Martin has taken top KOM points on all three of the Cat 3s so far.

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Tim in KY AG2R is down to three riders.

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Charlie in Tenn I know it is crazy but I pick someone from the GC pack to win today.

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Charlie in Tenn Surely someone is going to attack, right?

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Tim in KY Who knows. I have errands to run. Hope to be back by TV time.

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BusterSci As far as GC attacks, who? where? how do they stay away? and who are they attacking? There may be attacks to gain places in the 6th to 18th group. I don't see it from the top 5 until the final climb. There isn't a team with a second guy close enough to force a chase from the other top 5 guys. So I would say it has to be opportunistic, like echelons or a crash/mechanical when the race is "on"

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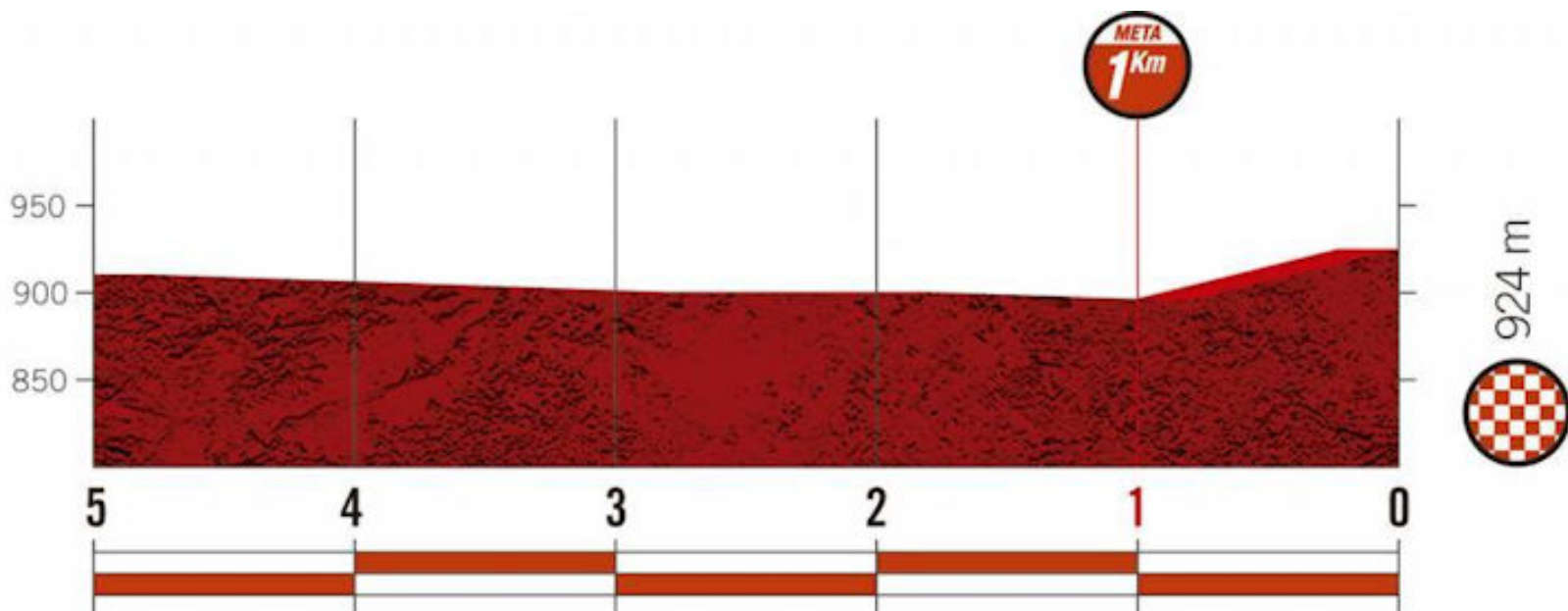


Katie S Good morning. I'd agree w/ that ... I don't think there is an opportunity on a day like this to shift the top 5 around, unless someone has a

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Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day.



BusterSci If I thought somebody looked vulnerable I might have my team really push it on an early climb and see if the opponent struggled. Â Something like Carapaz spending a lot of time at the team car/doc mobile, or Rog swapping out bikes multiple times, etc. Â Anything that says maybe they aren't comfortable. 11-05-2020 08:04:05



BusterSci We could ask who the best descender is in the GC group? I don't see anyone in the top group that gets regularly raved about, but that doesn't mean there isn't a good one. Â Rog has shown he's got the best final kick if it comes to a sprint. Â But there's a reason the climbs are Cat3. Unless they're hiding something from us (which wouldn't be a surprise) there just doesn't look to be a spot for anyone but an WHF-type to snap the cord and get away. 11-05-2020 08:10:07



BusterSci So by pouring out everything I know in an authoritative manner, I'm sure to be wrong. Â Throw a dart at the leaders list and you'll have a better chance than me. 11-05-2020 08:11:12



Katie S or at least as good. How notable are these descents -- if they're off Cat 3s, is there really much room to make a difference? 11-05-2020 08:17:13



Katie S I'm splitting my time between peeking in here pre-race, dealing w/ emails from the boss, and trying to write a column for the paper on the high fire danger of eucalyptus trees. I probably should pick one thing... 11-05-2020 08:18:13



Tim in KY Gap is down to 2:42 with 85 km to go. 11-05-2020 08:25:59



Katie S sending a message that the break will not be permitted to stay away for a win 11-05-2020 08:26:27



Charlie in Tenn Who is on the front? If it is Total Direct Energie then they will stop before the catch and then let them go. 11-05-2020 08:32:26



Tim in KY Bora is at the front. 11-05-2020 08:32:52



Katie S funny, Charlie 11-05-2020 08:33:53



Katie S Love that replay of Wellens' win ... it just looked so sneaky and surprising. And effective. 11-05-2020 08:36:49



Tim in KY Wet roads at the finish.

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BusterSci Choppy audio

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BusterSci Woods said he was surprised at how close the line was to the last turn.

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Katie S he looked entirely surprised. one might even say whiplash.

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Tim in KY When we were visiting my wife's relatives in Australia, I discovered that eucalyptus wood is great for starting fires.

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Katie S exactly

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Katie S it's the unintentional ones that are the problem. Back in 1991, the East Bay hills fire (SF Bay area), temps hit 2000 F

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Tim in KY Peloton nearing the top of the fourth Cat 3. Break is descending.

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Charlie in Tenn Is eucalyptus native in California?

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BusterSci Introduced

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Katie S it's not. It's native to Australia (and only Australia). Some enterprising would-be timbermen brought gum trees to California in the 19th century. Since our climate is similar, they thrived. The problem was they brought the wrong species that are unsuitable for timber

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Katie S the things grow like weeds.

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Katie S they shed bark and leaves and pods and are full of oil. The oil in the debris inhibits (ok, prevents) undergrowth.

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BusterSci Some species are native outside Oz proper, but still in that general area.

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-  **Katie S** let's list all the things people introduced to North American that were a Bad Idea: Eucalyptus, Nutria, Starlings ... next???
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-  **BusterSci** Leafy spurge
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-  **Katie S** Vinca
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-  **BusterSci** purple loosestrife
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-  **Katie S** Zebra mussels -- but i guess those were unintentionally intro'd
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-  **BusterSci** (Tiny part of my genetic makeup says "Europeans")
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-  **BusterSci** Asian carp
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-  **Katie S** yeah, those are bad
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-  **Tim in KY** Long uncategorized climb now to the sprint.Â Someone has a weird sense of humor.
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-  **Katie S** I meant the carp, but I think concur on the Continentals
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-  **Katie S** shall we call them the First Mover Disadvantage?
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-  **BusterSci** Nutria, Burmese Python, snakeheads, feral hogs, domestic cats,
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-  **Tim in KY** Despite the brisk headwind, they are still faster than the fastest...
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-  **Katie S** HEY! (cats)
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BusterSci Cats kill close to 1 billion songbirds a year in the US alone.

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Katie S i know ... but not mine. My study window has killed two birds alone this year: A Swainson's Thrush and a Golden-Crowned Sparrow. (I'm not sure why, there's no empty space that would make them think they could fly on through to the other side.) But my cats are indoor-only and have killed nothing (useless creatures).

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BusterSci I'm not anti cat, I just don't understand why cat owners think it's OK to let their beasts roam free.

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BusterSci I think if you hear a bird thump a window and then go outside you'll find that the sun is at an angle that the window reflects things and appears as though it isn't there.

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Tim in KY From today's finish to tomorrow's start town is a two hour drive.

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Katie S that's not onerous ... not like those 5-hour transfers.

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Tim in KY It's a pain if you've just ridden a six hour race.

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09:07:05



Tim in KY Mas way back in the cars.

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09:09:13



BusterSci I'd like to see what the median and mean transfer is. Even many stages that start in the prior finish town require some bus ride to the team hotel. Â So maybe it's more about how much longer than they're used to rather than absolute length. Â Still, 2 hrs is a pain. Â They only have so many hours free.

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BusterSci Long transfers should come after (or before) the 3-4 hours stages. Â Not the 230km ones.

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09:11:08



Charlie in Tenn I agree about the sun, reflections, birds, and windows.

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09:11:46



Katie S good! It's just odd that this has been the year that birds have hit that window. It's under and overhanging deck above it, and a redwood tree is off to one side. I do think it's happened when the sun has managed to glint off the glass. My plan is to hang some sparkly ribbon (old VHS tape?) off the bottom of the deck to discourage them.

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BusterSci There are falcon silhouette decals that seem to work OK. Some people hang old CDs. Maybe just put your cats out there. ðŸ˜ƒ

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Tim in KY Almost up to the sprint point.

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09:19:56



BusterSci What's up with Welly?

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bikerabe Wellens otb breakaway

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09:22:03



Tim in KY If G. Martin gets 3 KOM points on the final Cat 3 and Wellens gets none, Martin has locked up the jersey.

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09:23:57



Katie S Seemed like a leisurely discussion

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09:25:31



Tim in KY Peloton goes through the sprint point at 2:15.

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09:25:54



Katie S He's just pooped.

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09:26:28



Tim in KY They've been riding for 5 hours and still have 52 km to go.

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bikerabe 52 km 5 hours racing so far

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09:28:09



Charlie in Tenn I also vote, very windy.

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09:32:04



BusterSci You or the race, Charlie?

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09:33:52



Tim in KY Last climb starts with 25.2 km to go.

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Tim in KY Oh, that's why they're faster than the fastest. They started early.

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bikerabe 42 km to go 1:26 gap

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09:45:34



Tim in KY Why do the Burples have red jackets?

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BusterSci Because they couldn't afford custom ones is my guess.

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09:49:29



Bill Wilkinson You'd think the sponsors would want logos all over everything...

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09:51:06



BusterSci They do. Â And they think the teams should use the money already given them to do it.

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BusterSci Pro-con teams think maybe chain lube and a meal a day might be a better use of the money.

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BusterSci Damn! Â That guy dropped his flag while looking at the camera and it was no more than 18" from the riders wheels.

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Tim in KY Under a minute now.

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Tim in KY Wet roads.

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09:58:57



Bill Wilkinson 1KU 42s

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Tim in KY On a really crappy little road now.

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Bill Wilkinson That looks like the roads around here...

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SFinAus Same here, except no longitudinal 1-2 inch gaps.

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10:02:33



BusterSci But to be fair, crappy little roads are part of what makes cycling in Europe the best. Â A big problem with the ToC, for instance, is the riders look to be going half speed because the roads are twice as wide.

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Charlie in Tenn The break is trying to do something. They dropped a few guys.

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bikerabe Catteneo out front in break 1:08 gap

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10:06:09



Tim in KY It looks like G. Martin won't be clinching the dots today.

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10:06:19



bikerabe good

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10:07:34



BusterSci Yup. Â Nothing against Martin, but keeping the challenge alive for another day is good for interest.

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10:08:34



BusterSci Froomey go boomy

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10:12:58



bikerabe 26 km 1:41

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10:13:46



Tim in KY Final Cat 3 starts.

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10:14:18



bikerabe Viva Italia Go Catteneo !

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10:14:30



Tim in KY Main break only has about 0:30 on the peloton.

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bikerabe under 5 km to KOM

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10:17:18



BusterSci Roskopf signs with Rally Cycling for the next two years, so seemingly either couldn't get a WT contract or wanted to stay in the US.

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bikerabe hilltop finish town

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10:20:06



Tim in KY Raining smartly now.

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10:21:05



Katie S what is stupid rain?

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10:21:19



BusterSci That's what it is when I'm out in it.

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10:22:08



bikerabe Roskopf is 31 all about young riders in the WT

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10:22:38



Katie S anyone surprised Campernuts hasn't found a ride next year yet?

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BusterSci Yes

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10:24:32



BusterSci Although I think with a rider of his talents it may be that he's had offers that don't fit his estimation of his worth.

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Tim in KY Sticky jacket for Woods.

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10:26:06



bikerabe 20 km gap 2 minutes

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10:26:15



Katie S Egad, it's raining geniusly now

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10:26:16



bikerabe 6 hours done

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10:27:36



Tim in KY Tunnel right after the KOM banner.

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10:28:23



BusterSci Pozzo and Campernuts are signed with NTT for next year, and Doug Ryder said today he's close to a sponsor.

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10:28:24



Bill Wilkinson Oh, look! fog!

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10:28:45



Katie S he'd better deliver, or that contract won't be worth the 1s and 0s it's rendered in

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10:29:11



bikerabe Mader another young Swiss

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Charlie in Tenn Mader seems like he going good but probably not enough to catch the leader

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Bill Wilkinson Cataneo pedaling in the SuperTuck. Yoi!

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BusterSci Cattaneo looks to be about 70% legs

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Tim in KY 1. Mattia Cattaneo (Deceuninck-Quick Step), 3 pts 2. Gino Mader (NTT Pro Cycling), 2 pts 3. Guillaume Martin (Cofidis), 1 pt Martin now leads the KOM standings by 55 points, and there are 54 points up for grabs until Madrid.

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Tim in KY Game over.

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Tim in KY The rest of the break seems to have been pelotoned.

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Charlie in Tenn Most of these riders a tallish and skinny. I am short and girthy. No wonder I never rode for many years.

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Tim in KY Out of the fog now.

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Tim in KY Looks out of the rain, too.

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BusterSci I'm tall and paunchy

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10:36:16



bikerabe Mader caught

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Tim in KY Smallish peloton now.

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BusterSci I normalling hate verbing of nouns, but I accept "pelotoned" with joy.

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Katie S me too also

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10:37:31



Tim in KY Don't think he'll make it alone.

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10:38:38



Bill Wilkinson 7.6k, 43s

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10:39:56



Tim in KY Times taken at 3 km.

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Bill Wilkinson 8k for the bunch

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Bill Wilkinson 7k

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10:40:40



Katie S good use of the 3 km

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10:40:46



Charlie in Tenn He is slowing down.

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10:41:44



Katie S but he only needs to go 2.7 km to win, yes?

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Bill Wilkinson Nice effect between the rain and the headlights from the team cars...

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10:42:29



Bill Wilkinson Depends on whether he has the lawyers to stop the counting...

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10:43:01



Tim in KY No. Winner taken at the finish.

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Bill Wilkinson 5.2k 21s

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10:43:17



Bill Wilkinson Sue the peloton! sorry...too much election coverage...

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10:44:20



Bill Wilkinson 4k, 12s

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10:44:37



Bill Wilkinson Hounds, heels...

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10:45:24



Bill Wilkinson chomp.

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10:45:26



Tim in KY Tomorrow has a Cat 1 and a Cat 2 but they're in the middle part of the stage.

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BusterSci You'd think the peloton would thin out? And it does.

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10:46:23



Bill Wilkinson Looks like someone taking a flier. Willi Smit...

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Tim in KY GC riders sit up.

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Bill Wilkinson Everyone happy to sit on Smit's wheel

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Bill Wilkinson 1.2k

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Bill Wilkinson red kite

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Bill Wilkinson crocodiles....

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Bill Wilkinson Morkov goes

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BusterSci Phillipson

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Bill Wilkinson Philipson, ackerman

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Bill Wilkinson Philipson!

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Katie S nicely, safely in.

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10:49:58



Katie S all righty, team. Off to the showers. see you tomorrow.

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10:50:12



BusterSci They seem happy.

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SFinAus That's a happy team.

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10:50:54



BusterSci Or all their mothers' died.

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BusterSci Can't really tell.

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Tim in KY This celebration seems a bit over the top.

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SFinAus Stage finished not only in time for my mandated compliance training at 10, but also with enough margin to brew a cup of coffee. Thanks all.

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10:52:02



BusterSci YOU VILL COMPLY!

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10:52:19



BusterSci Training complete.

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Tim in KY Some unfamiliar names in there.

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Charlie in Tenn It was a long day. I guess they were not really expecting a win.

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 JASPER PHILIPSEN	25	UAE TEAM EMIRATES	06H 22' 36"
 PASCAL ACKERMANN	61	BORA - HANSGROHE	06H 22' 36"
 JANNIK STEIMLE	16	DECEUNINCK - QUICK - STEP	06H 22' 36"
 FRED WRIGHT	117	BAHRAIN - MCLAREN	06H 22' 36"
 DION SMITH	86	MITCHELTON - SCOTT	06H 22' 36"
 REINARDT JANSE VAN RENSBURG	167	NTT PRO CYCLING TEAM	06H 22' 36"
 MAGNUS CORT NIELSEN	104	EF PRO CYCLING	06H 22' 36"
 DORIAN GODON	124	AG2R LA MONDIALE	06H 22' 36"
 STAN DEWULF	143	LOTTO SOUDAL	06H 22' 36"
 MICHAEL MØRKØV	15	DECEUNINCK - QUICK - STEP	06H 22' 40"



Bill Wilkinson We have always been at war with East Asia...

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SFinAus Heh.Â I gotta get a certificate to prove my compliance - or the absence of it will be exhibit A in proceedings.

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10:54:01



Tim in KY Things to do now.

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Charlie in Tenn OK, good bye. Thanks for showing up. Yep, homeschooling awaits. See you tomorrow.

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