



**Tim in KY** GdI Stage 18 is this year's longest at 231 kilometers. The route is from Roveretto, near Lake Garda, south and west to Stradella in the Po River valley.

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02:00:11 pm



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1622052322-stage-18-route.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** The first 196 kilometers are flat. In the last 35 km there are four small climbs, only one of which is classified, a 4. The last of the climbs crests with 5 km to go. The descent is somewhat tortuous until 2 km to go. This could be a bunch sprint if there enough teams left willing to mind the gap.

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1622052379-stage-18-profile.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1622052392-stage-18-finish-route.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 11:45 with finish imagined either side of 17:15. Forecast is for rain at the start giving way to sunny skies as the route move south. Temps in the upper teens to low 20s.

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02:02:08 pm



**BusterSci** 30+ km in and the possible break has only 18s

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06:26:17 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Go everyone.Â Seems like it will be a quiet early race, after the break gets settled.

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06:34:23 am



**BusterSci** 45km. Still just 20ish seconds as the peloton continues to chase and attackers try to bridge to the gap. Â Bora also seems to be near the front, keeping things under control. Â I've seen multiple shots of SAGAN minding who gets away.

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06:40:53 am



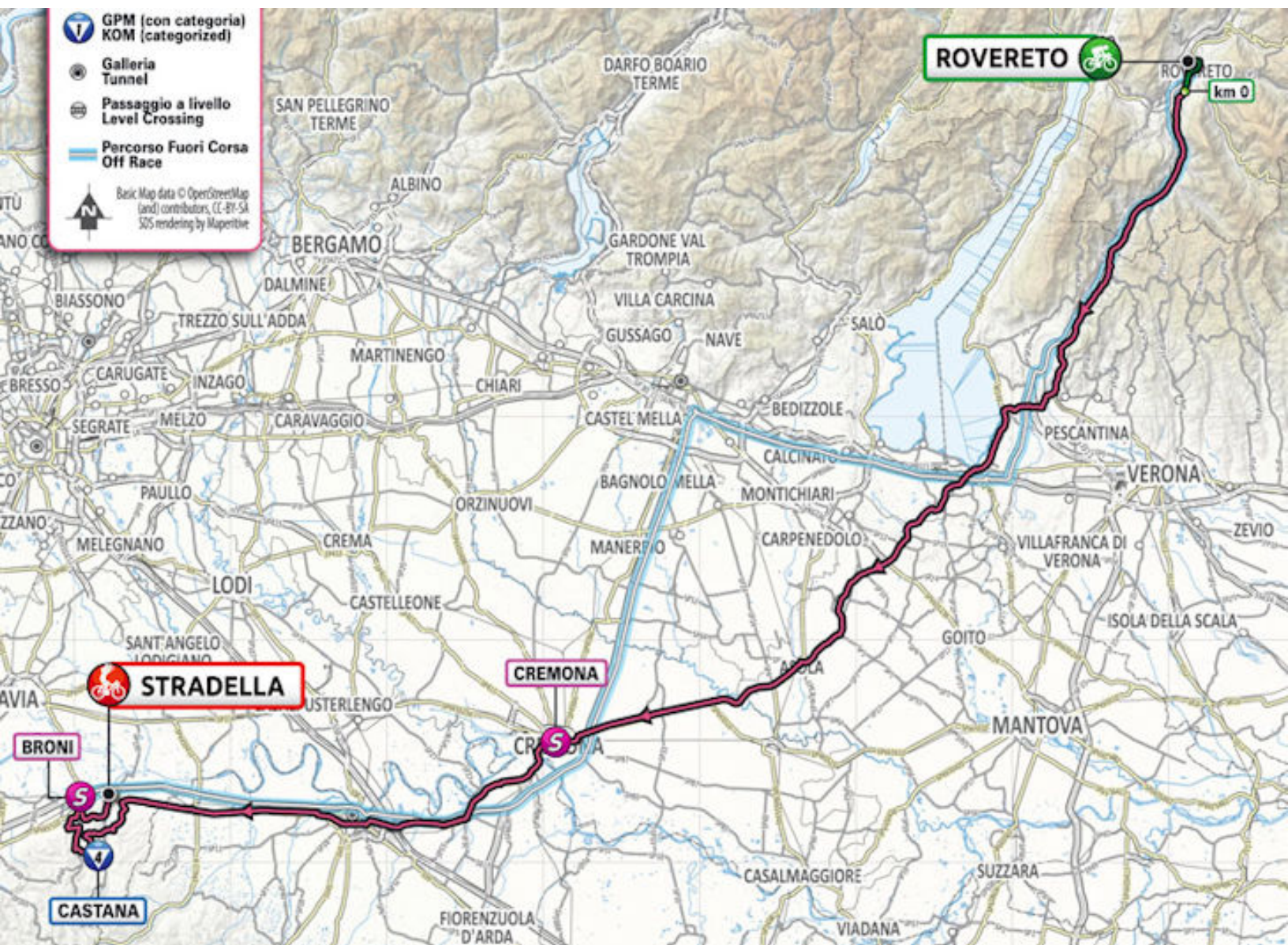
**Charlie in Tenn** Almost settled but then not.

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06:47:02 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I expected DQS to put 3 guys in the break.

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# STRADELLA



**Arrivo  
Finish Line**  
Piazzale Trieste



**✗ sp.10  
sp.201**  
N 45°04'37.1"  
E 09°16'49.6"  
2600 m →



**Fuori Corsa  
Off Race**



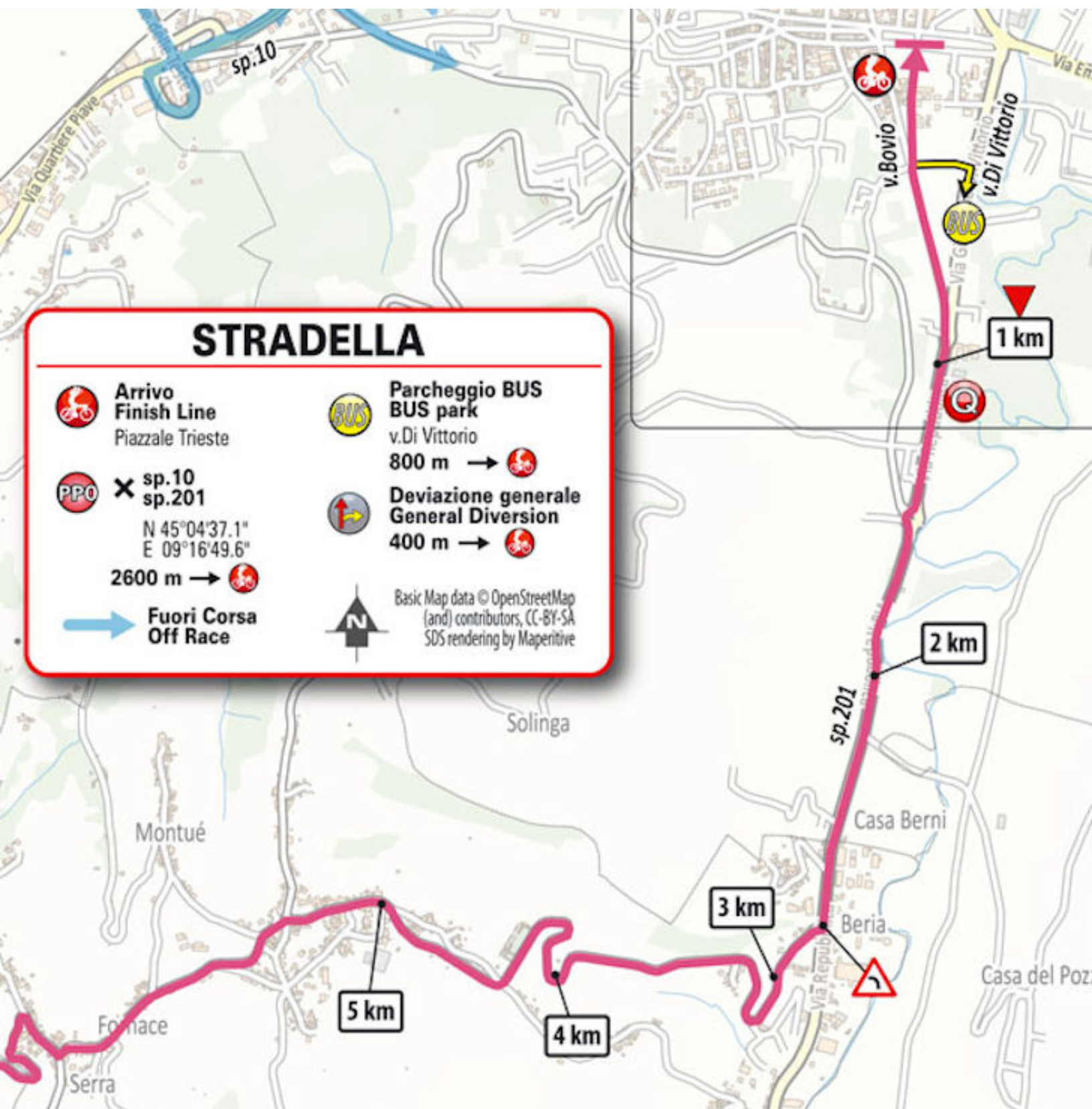
**Parcheggio BUS  
BUS park**  
v.Di Vittorio  
800 m →



**Deviazione generale  
General Diversion**  
400 m →



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**Charlie in Tenn** Break of 23 is to big for fantasy points.

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06:48:46 am



**BusterSci** Sagz policing the front

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06:49:16 am



**BusterSci** Hunh. Â First morning since the first shut-down I can recall hearing jets overhead at regular intervals.

05-27-2021  
06:51:24 am



**BusterSci** Speed boat towing a banana with kids on it.

05-27-2021  
06:55:10 am



**BusterSci** I think the peloton has backed off.

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06:55:32 am



**Mikey** Good Morning

05-27-2021  
06:56:49 am



**BusterSci** 2:03 finally after nearly 60km

05-27-2021  
06:57:08 am



**BusterSci** Morning

05-27-2021  
06:57:19 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I didn't even see that Ulissi finished 4th yesterday until late last night. Just kinda ignored the non GC in the top finishers. Pretty impressive.

05-27-2021  
06:58:13 am



**Mikey** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1622113428-Bench%20Visit.jpg>

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**Mikey** Went for a ride yesterday Buster

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06:59:23 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Looks like a nice place to stop for a break.

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06:59:45 am



**Mikey** Very relaxing

05-27-2021  
07:00:11 am



**BusterSci** We done good, helped by good people, in memory of a good man.

05-27-2021  
07:00:21 am





**Mikey** I'm proud to have been able to play a part in it. We did do good.

05-27-2021  
07:01:13 am



**BusterSci** One wonders how it would have happened without a MOTS.

05-27-2021  
07:02:01 am



**Mikey** Just in the right place at the right time. Truly a effort of love.

05-27-2021  
07:04:13 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Mikey, you were a big part of getting it done.

05-27-2021  
07:04:22 am



**Mikey** Thanks Charlie. I can't explain exactly why I was so drawn to Mons and his family. It was more than just being close geographically. It just seemed we had so many other connections. I enjoyed talking with him about growing up near my hometown and sharing the same memories. It was my treat and genuinely a grace filled time. Too short...

05-27-2021  
07:07:35 am



**BusterSci** Total aside: I listen to audiobooks because before my recent surgeries, reading was very difficult for me. Â Audible has a sale right now and I was looking through the books. Â 2.5% of the sale books titles started with "The Girl..." Â So I did a search. Â They have over 5000 books starting with "The Girl...", nearly all published after "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo." Â It seems publishers saw a hit series and decided to ride the wave.

05-27-2021  
07:13:40 am



**Mikey** Sex sells?

05-27-2021  
07:15:05 am



**BusterSci** No. Â Titles starting with "The Girl..." sell. Very few of them appear sexual in nature--and if that's your goal, you push it in the cover art or the blurb.

05-27-2021  
07:16:21 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Girls are a group that buys books.

05-27-2021  
07:16:23 am



**BusterSci** Right, Charlie. Â Although the majority seem targeted more at women than girls, if you want to make that distinction.

05-27-2021  
07:17:25 am



**BusterSci** 157.5km to go, 5:19

05-27-2021  
07:17:45 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Girl heroines that overcome. I like the genre though I lean more toward fantasy or science fiction.

05-27-2021  
07:19:15 am



**Mikey** For whatever reason my SBS feed from Australia has not started bike coverage and I am watching a documentary about searching for treasure. 05-27-2021 07:19:18 am



**BusterSci** You're not missing anything right now. 05-27-2021 07:19:36 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I like treasure. 05-27-2021 07:19:40 am



**BusterSci** Charlie, have you read Kristine Kathryn Rusch's Diving series? SF, strong female lead(s). Fun books. 05-27-2021 07:21:48 am



**Mikey** Weird. All I had to do was mention it and I get coverage at 20 after the hour. Unusual time to start, but hey its the Giro everything is different 05-27-2021 07:21:54 am



**Mikey** Grapes! 05-27-2021 07:22:41 am



**BusterSci** from my experience, US TV is the only place where things start at the top of the hour. 05-27-2021 07:22:51 am



**Mikey** Oh man bison down 05-27-2021 07:25:07 am



**BusterSci** They've left the wine behind for most of the rest of this stage. 05-27-2021 07:29:57 am



**Tim in KY** Just IGD at the front. 6:49. 05-27-2021 07:30:18 am



**Tim in KY** Lots of chores and errands this morning.Â Sit more to do. 05-27-2021 07:30:54 am



**Tim in KY** First sprint is in Cremona. Lots of laughs in Cremona. 05-27-2021 07:32:55 am



**Mikey** Good day for chores and errands. A Lot of paint to dry today. 05-27-2021 07:33:11 am



**Charlie in Tenn** My chores are rearranging kids crap in the family room, throwing meat in the slow cooker, and looking for graduation regalia. I may have to take a nap along the way. 05-27-2021 07:33:37 am



**Mikey** Slow cooked meat..... even sounds good just saying it

05-27-2021  
07:34:42 am



**BusterSci** Frau made fresh pita in the wood fired pizza oven last night. Â So good.

05-27-2021  
07:36:34 am



**Mikey** You are living the life Buster

05-27-2021  
07:42:30 am



**BusterSci** I'm pretty happy with it.

05-27-2021  
07:46:54 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I was also hoping that Puccio or Ganna would be allowed to get in the break today.

05-27-2021  
07:49:46 am



**Mikey** Gorka in but he's the best placed. Rest day for everyone else. 15 minute break?

05-27-2021  
07:50:44 am



**BusterSci** Charlie, Filippo Zana got in the break. Â Not close enough?

05-27-2021  
07:53:34 am



**Charlie in Tenn** It really comes down to the sprinter's teams. If they want to go for a win, they have to chase. The finish hills and downhills are technical and very narrow. There could be some gaps for the GC guys but it won't be much, unless there is a wreck and things get messy.

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07:54:35 am



**BusterSci** Yup. Â Sagan just happy nobody is challenging the points jersey.

05-27-2021  
07:56:32 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Buster, no. I was more thinking of Brailsford's we are going to let the guys race quote from last year's Giro.

05-27-2021  
07:56:50 am



**BusterSci** Yeah, he's a bastard.

05-27-2021  
07:57:06 am



**BusterSci** A lying one at that.

05-27-2021  
07:57:14 am



**BusterSci** I think the honest way to have responded to their experience last year would have been to say "It was kind of liberating to be freed from controlling the race, as it allowed our guys to have fun and just race instead. Â We'll do it again when we think we can't win."

05-27-2021  
07:59:25 am



**Tim in KY** They are actually going fast in relation to the time schedule.Â  
Now more errands.

05-27-2021  
07:59:39 am



**BusterSci** The first 60km were frantic.

05-27-2021  
08:02:13 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Kristine Kathryn Rusch's Diving series did not ring any bells so I have now done a little reading about it. Looks good. I am actually reading whatever is on the shelves in the family room. Many books that Sheila has read, books I bought through the years, random stuff that I am not sure where it came from. Several Piers Anthony books are in the works at the moment. For those that love puns, Piers is just one after another. One title is "Isle of View". Say it out loud to your sweetheart.

05-27-2021  
08:05:05 am



**bikerabe** 120 km to go 10' gap

05-27-2021  
08:10:45 am



**BusterSci** Charlie: Brandon Sanderson's Mistborn, Stormlight Archive (men and women leads), Alcatraz (young adult), Joe Abercrombie's First Law series (brutal fantasy, but strong women), Mary Robinette Kowal's Lady Astronaut series, Terry Pratchett's Discworld Witches thread and the YA Tiffany Aching thread, Michael Sullivan's Legends of the First Empire, Scalzi's Interdependency series, Robin Hobbs Liveship Traders series, NK Jemisin's Broken Earth trilogy, Neal Stephenson's Seveneves. Â That's what I got going through my Audible library.

05-27-2021  
08:25:30 am



**Charlie in Tenn** OK, I have Bevin and Cavagna in the break. Donny, Dagies, Brad have Bettiol. Mikey, RCG, Tim, and Buster with Cavagna. Susan, Sas, Lost Dog, Bill, Steve with no one. Jo with Gorka, John with Cavagna and Gorka, Michael F with Bevin and Ulissi, Ken has Ulissi,Â Now for the bottom 2Â Dstan - BettiolÂ Â AliQ - Bettiol and BevinÂ I am cheering for my 2 guys.

05-27-2021  
08:32:54 am



**BusterSci** I think Bora will come to the fore and close this down. Â If not, Ulissi is the winner.

05-27-2021  
08:34:01 am



**Charlie in Tenn** How can we do so much research in the middle of an exciting race...

05-27-2021  
08:34:07 am



**BusterSci** You can take my predictions to the bank. Â And they will ask you to please leave, you're bothering the customers.

05-27-2021  
08:35:19 am



**Mikey** Wow! Time will tell..... For me I'll just have to wait. Time for errands. Hope to be back for the end

05-27-2021  
08:35:43 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Your idea that Peto and possibly Cofidis and ISN will want to shut it down is a big possibility. I think Bettiol, Cavagna, Ulissi, and Gorka could all be in the final, if the pack can't pull them back.

05-27-2021  
08:36:52 am



**Katie S** Good morning all. Mikey, thank you for the picture. So nice to see the bench in good use.

05-27-2021  
08:37:32 am



**BusterSci** Oh, Bettiol. Â Missed that. Â Yes. Â I'm less high on Cavagna in that group, otherwise I agree.

05-27-2021  
08:37:47 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Hi Katie.

05-27-2021  
08:37:51 am



**BusterSci** Katie, it's wonderful to see your smiling avatar between grumpy monk and grumpy penguin. Â Brightens the place up.

05-27-2021  
08:38:32 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I agree.

05-27-2021  
08:39:15 am



**Katie S** i do what i can

05-27-2021  
08:39:25 am



**BusterSci** Maybe you should post a grumpy version so's ya fit in.

05-27-2021  
08:40:32 am



**BusterSci** It's a gloomy rainy day here. Â When Frau got up, Ripley came into the living room and just curled up on her bed. Â Didn't even look at the food in her bowl. Â So grumpy Ripley.

05-27-2021  
08:42:19 am



**Tim in KY** I see I've missed all the excitement.

05-27-2021  
08:42:50 am



**BusterSci** So have we, Tim. Â So have we.

05-27-2021  
08:43:01 am



**BusterSci** We've hit 12 minutes. Â This seems to be decision time for the sprinters in the peloton.

05-27-2021  
08:44:13 am



**BusterSci** And as I typed that they've pulled back 15s.

05-27-2021  
08:44:36 am



**Katie S** what color is that on the EF helmet? Coral? And are they vying for ugliest kit since AG2R?

05-27-2021  
08:44:48 am



**Katie S** (i \*can\* be grumpy, too!)

05-27-2021  
08:45:08 am



**BusterSci** I actually like the EF kit. Â I just wish the color intensive part was on the back, and bigger. Â But I can see why people don't like it.

05-27-2021  
08:47:05 am



**BusterSci** I have two measures for whether I like team kit: 1) can I tell who it is from any camera angle, and 2) would I wear it if I dropped 30 pounds and surgically rebuilt my shoulders.

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08:48:55 am



**Katie S** good criteria. I think I'd like it better if it just was all-in on the color panes. It's the halfy-halfy that brings it down to unappealing. OK, so what is the BEST kit for your criteria. Can be best kit in history, too.

05-27-2021  
08:50:18 am



**Tim in KY** We're getting to see a lot of Cremona.

05-27-2021  
08:52:52 am



**BusterSci** And seeing it twice

05-27-2021  
08:53:39 am



**Katie S** Yeah, these stages have been beautiful, too. Especially prior couple days. I'm hearing sounds of awakening and yearning coming from the drawer where my passport resides ...

05-27-2021  
08:54:07 am



**BusterSci** Best kit is such a hard question because so much of the historical kit also depends on what happened in that kit. Â Love the Molten kit.

05-27-2021  
08:54:54 am



**Katie S** Classic

05-27-2021  
08:55:07 am



**BusterSci** That was autocorrect. Â Molteni, dammit.

05-27-2021  
08:56:15 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Of the current kits, I like Trek, Movistar, Astana.

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08:59:17 am



**Tim in KY** Ronco, Cicconi and Shultz (BEX) DNS today.Â First two are crash-related. Don't know about Shultz.

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09:01:48 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I didn't know about Ciccone. Bummer for him and Trek.

05-27-2021  
09:02:35 am



**BusterSci** Hate the Astana blue. I liked the dark blue and fluoro-green Movi better. I Trek isn't bad.

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09:02:49 am



**Katie S** You just hate Vino

05-27-2021  
09:03:13 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Who doesn't?

05-27-2021  
09:03:29 am



**Charlie in Tenn** But I like the color

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09:03:39 am



**BusterSci** I like the kit for watching a race, though.

05-27-2021  
09:03:43 am



**Katie S** ditto dito

05-27-2021  
09:03:50 am



**Katie S** t

05-27-2021  
09:03:52 am



**Charlie in Tenn** and Movi is just the big flowing M more than the color. For Trek it is the bold wide colors. UAE is so similar but I don't like it.

05-27-2021  
09:05:01 am



**Charlie in Tenn** In the women's peloton I like the purple kits.....OK that is 1/3 of the field but I still like them.

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09:06:18 am



**BusterSci** Totally agree on that, Charlie. I Purple needs way more representation in the peloton.

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09:06:44 am



**Katie S** Burple!

05-27-2021  
09:06:54 am



**Katie S** (i have a purple road bike so completely agree)

05-27-2021  
09:07:06 am



**BusterSci** I always thought the Sky kit was really classy--and it's hard for me to say that.

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09:07:26 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I also like the women's Trek blue color.

05-27-2021  
09:07:35 am



**Tim in KY** So, Shultz was also in the crash.

05-27-2021  
09:08:37 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Yes on the Sky kit. I have to look at helmets to find the Ineos team now.

05-27-2021  
09:08:47 am



**Tim in KY** Is that a banana in Carthy's pocket?

05-27-2021  
09:09:13 am



**BusterSci** Discovery wasn't a horrible kit. The earth and the Discovery font looked really good.

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09:09:36 am



**BusterSci** The black, light blue and white Leopard Trek kit was nice.

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09:10:01 am



**Tim in KY** The break is still on the fast side of the time schedule.

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09:11:18 am



**BusterSci** OK. Â I've given up on the break getting caught.

05-27-2021  
09:14:28 am



**Katie S** feels like a recovery ride

05-27-2021  
09:14:50 am



**BusterSci** This was fun:  
<https://twitter.com/SlenderSherbet/status/1397868432801079297>

05-27-2021  
09:16:02 am



**Katie S** Track stop to bunch sprint there

05-27-2021  
09:20:59 am



**Tim in KY** 2 KU.

05-27-2021  
09:25:08 am



**Tim in KY** Break is now faster than the fastest... But only by a minute.

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09:30:39 am



**BusterSci** So boring today that three quarters of the "bloop" noises are people getting logged off and back on rather than posting.

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09:30:52 am



**Tim in KY** I don't hear the bleeps when I have the stream sound on.

05-27-2021  
09:32:01 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Is that what that is. I was confused.

05-27-2021  
09:32:02 am



**BusterSci** I stream from a different device. Â For some reason my laptop won't stream to the TV but my phone and iPad will.

05-27-2021  
09:33:20 am



**Tim in KY** Did Bettiol have a mechanical?

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09:36:25 am



**BusterSci** That's what PCS says

05-27-2021  
09:38:39 am



**BusterSci** Back in the break, though

05-27-2021  
09:39:00 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I got lost in twitter world.

05-27-2021  
09:43:35 am



**Tim in KY** 50 km banner.

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09:47:51 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Zana gets his radio receiver adjusted.

05-27-2021  
09:52:59 am



**Tim in KY** O'Zana.

05-27-2021  
09:53:31 am



**BusterSci** The Irish are taking things over.

05-27-2021  
09:53:49 am



**BusterSci** Albert O'Bettiol?

05-27-2021  
09:54:10 am



**SFinAus** Good day all.Â Wish I could be here more regularly this Giro.Â It would have been nice to watch the last couple of stage in real time.Â My sincere thanks to all who keep the Pub up and running and available to read after hours too.

05-27-2021  
09:55:51 am



**Tim in KY** Almost 15 minutes, Charlie.

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09:57:38 am



**Tim in KY** Peloton currently riding at the slowest imaginable speed.

05-27-2021  
09:59:26 am



**Katie S** Hi Shawn.

05-27-2021  
09:59:28 am



**bikerabe** 41 km 15' gap

05-27-2021  
10:00:54 am



**Alaska dave** Good morning from the rain forest. Last dry day forecast for May is today. My office may resemble the race today.

05-27-2021  
10:03:26 am



**bikerabe** 4 to 5 km get to the little lumpiness that could prompt escape attempts from break. Vendrame?

05-27-2021  
10:05:28 am



**Tim in KY** Cavagne.

05-27-2021  
10:05:41 am



**BusterSci** Bettiol and Ulissi

05-27-2021  
10:05:47 am



**bikerabe** O yay

05-27-2021  
10:05:58 am



**BusterSci** Is that another Irishman?

05-27-2021  
10:06:33 am



**BusterSci** O'Yay

05-27-2021  
10:06:38 am



**Alaska dave** Last 30 km is a never ending roller coaster according to Bernie.

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10:06:44 am



**Tim in KY** [https://rumbletalk-images-](https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1622124769-stage-18-profile.jpg)

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10:07:50 am



**Tim in KY** 35 km banner.

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10:09:22 am



**Alaska dave** Peloton is 10 km behind the break. Definitely at recovery pace?

05-27-2021  
10:09:24 am



**bikerabe** Jacop O'Mosca in break

05-27-2021  
10:12:18 am

172 - ROVERETO



86 - STRADELLA



**Tim in KY** 1 KU.

05-27-2021  
10:12:27 am



**Alaska dave** For the club race group. 45 km for the recovery ride.

05-27-2021  
10:12:39 am



**Tim in KY** Break is on the first lump.

05-27-2021  
10:12:53 am



**Katie S** nice pink stripe

05-27-2021  
10:13:14 am



**BusterSci** O'Zana!

05-27-2021  
10:13:43 am



**BusterSci** Cillian Kelly says last time Dan Martin won a GT stage and irishman won the following stage. Â So O'Zana has a chance.

05-27-2021  
10:14:20 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Action. Yeah.

05-27-2021  
10:14:23 am



**Tim in KY** O'Denz gets to the front.

05-27-2021  
10:15:47 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Go Bevin.

05-27-2021  
10:15:55 am



**Tim in KY** Seems early for this.

05-27-2021  
10:16:51 am



**BusterSci** Bevin is a good TTer and may think he can do this alone if he gets away.

05-27-2021  
10:17:44 am



**bikerabe** Go O'Bevin !

05-27-2021  
10:18:03 am



**BusterSci** Are there any Paddys that aren't Irish?

05-27-2021  
10:18:47 am



**SFinAus** I don't know how Cillian comes up with half the questions he answers much less the data base queries that produce the answers.

05-27-2021  
10:19:22 am



**BusterSci** He's spent years creating a database.

05-27-2021  
10:20:10 am



**SFinAus** I've seen many far less productive databases and associated administrators and users.

05-27-2021  
10:23:20 am



**BusterSci** Cillian is a geek, geeking out on the object of his geek affection.

05-27-2021  
10:24:05 am



**BusterSci** There's Cavagna

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10:24:10 am



**BusterSci** TT time

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10:24:51 am



**BusterSci** Roche and Bettiol counter

05-27-2021  
10:26:27 am



**Tim in KY** 25 km banner.

05-27-2021  
10:26:44 am



**BusterSci** A TTer, a Classics specialist and a Climber go into the last 25km...

05-27-2021  
10:27:18 am



**Tim in KY** This crests at 22.4.

05-27-2021  
10:28:39 am



**Alaska Dave** Gap growing

05-27-2021  
10:29:26 am



**Mikey** Errands complete

05-27-2021  
10:29:27 am



**BusterSci** That isn't an insurmountable gap, but only a handful of chasers are really contributing.

05-27-2021  
10:32:12 am



**Alaska Dave** A tale of two rides. It was the fastest of times it was the slowest of times.

05-27-2021  
10:32:26 am



**Tim in KY** Earliest imaginable finish time is 16:59.

05-27-2021  
10:33:36 am



**BusterSci** Did Bettiol make the chase group?

05-27-2021  
10:33:37 am



**Alaska Dave** No one wants to tow someone else to the finish. No team has enough firepower in the break.

05-27-2021  
10:33:42 am



**Tim in KY** Yes.

05-27-2021  
10:33:45 am



**BusterSci** Ok. Â Didn't know how badly he went wide in that corner. Â He lost the lead and at least 4 places in the chase.

05-27-2021  
10:34:14 am



**Tim in KY** Vineyards are back.

05-27-2021  
10:34:17 am



**Tim in KY** Bettiol is not in the front 3.

05-27-2021  
10:35:27 am



**BusterSci** He's pulling back to the that chase now

05-27-2021  
10:35:45 am



**BusterSci** 7 in the chase

05-27-2021  
10:35:53 am



**Tim in KY** Chase keeps getting bigger.

05-27-2021  
10:37:19 am



**Alaska Dave** Group is chasing backwards

05-27-2021  
10:37:21 am



**Tim in KY** This hill crests at 14.1.

05-27-2021  
10:39:13 am



**bikerabe** 33" gap

05-27-2021  
10:39:20 am



**Alaska Dave** The gap gets bigger

05-27-2021  
10:39:25 am



**BusterSci** Bettiol on his own now

05-27-2021  
10:39:52 am



**Tim in KY** 15 km banner.

05-27-2021  
10:40:00 am



**Alaska Dave** Giro gap drop

05-27-2021  
10:42:03 am



**Tim in KY** Bettiol only 0:12 back.

05-27-2021  
10:42:09 am



**Alaska Dave** 10 seconds.

05-27-2021  
10:42:14 am



**BusterSci** That, apparently, was the Buttafuoco wine region.

05-27-2021  
10:42:21 am



**BusterSci** Who knew?

05-27-2021  
10:42:25 am



**BusterSci** Bettiol is a big engine. Â Can TT and is a better climber than Remi

05-27-2021  
10:42:42 am



**Tim in KY** Second sprint comes at the foot of the final hill.

05-27-2021  
10:44:48 am



**BusterSci** Also went through Oltrepo Pavese and Gutturnio regions

05-27-2021  
10:45:34 am



**BusterSci** Roche joins Bettiol

05-27-2021  
10:45:39 am



**Tim in KY** Are you making those grape name up?

05-27-2021  
10:46:09 am



**Tim in KY** 10 km banner.

05-27-2021  
10:46:27 am



**BusterSci** Those are DOC regions, not grape names.

05-27-2021  
10:46:28 am



**Tim in KY** Never heard of any of them.

05-27-2021  
10:46:53 am



**Charlie in Tenn** The hill will make the difference. One way or another.

05-27-2021  
10:47:07 am



**BusterSci** Me neither.

05-27-2021  
10:47:10 am



**Mikey** I thought you meant there Â was a Roche and Bettiol vineyard

05-27-2021  
10:47:23 am



**BusterSci** Just picking through my World Atlas of Wine, 8th edition.

05-27-2021  
10:47:27 am



**BusterSci** I know valpolicella. Â This area must make a lot of industrial alcohol.

05-27-2021  
10:48:25 am



**Tim in KY** Roche not helping.

05-27-2021  
10:48:27 am



**Tim in KY** This crests at about 6 km to go.

05-27-2021  
10:49:33 am



**BusterSci** Oltrepo Pavese makes Chard, Pinot Nero and Pinot Bianco and the atlas says it's the fulcrum of Lombardy wine. Â Gutturino makes an improving red from Barbera and Bonarda.

05-27-2021  
10:50:06 am



**Alaska Dave** Betiol drops roche again.

05-27-2021  
10:50:34 am



**BusterSci** O'Bettiol just needs to think "Flanders"

05-27-2021  
10:51:00 am



**BusterSci** 7s

05-27-2021  
10:51:27 am



**BusterSci** C'mon Bert.

05-27-2021  
10:51:49 am



**Katie S** so dang close

05-27-2021  
10:51:51 am



**BusterSci** It'd be nice if Bettiol could blow past.

05-27-2021  
10:52:14 am



**BusterSci** And he tries!

05-27-2021  
10:52:17 am



**Katie S** buy-bye

05-27-2021  
10:52:22 am



**BusterSci** One more go

05-27-2021  
10:52:42 am



**Tim in KY** If they cat and mouse, they're toast.

05-27-2021  
10:52:47 am



**BusterSci** Cav has popped

05-27-2021  
10:52:50 am



**Charlie in Tenn** dammit

05-27-2021  
10:52:52 am



**BusterSci** 5km, 18s

05-27-2021  
10:55:06 am



**Alaska Dave** Roche looks to be struggling

05-27-2021  
10:55:17 am



**BusterSci** Old guys know how to pull out the last bit, though.

05-27-2021  
10:56:12 am



**BusterSci** For me, it's pulling the last bit out of the bottle, but still.

05-27-2021  
10:56:29 am



**BusterSci** Bettild won't get caught on a descent

05-27-2021  
10:57:02 am



**BusterSci** 3km

05-27-2021  
10:57:06 am



**Katie S** it's gotta feel like a long way

05-27-2021  
10:57:29 am



**BusterSci** Yeah. Â It's the flat where he could get caught.

05-27-2021  
10:57:41 am



**SFinAus** He looks so strong, smooth, and taking such nice lines.Â Schweet

05-27-2021  
10:57:44 am



**bikerabe** Penultimate KM

05-27-2021  
10:58:02 am



**BusterSci** 2km

05-27-2021  
10:58:02 am



**Tim in KY** Roche may get caught.

05-27-2021  
10:58:02 am



**BusterSci** 17s

05-27-2021  
10:58:04 am



**BusterSci** 19s

05-27-2021  
10:58:42 am



**BusterSci** 1.4km

05-27-2021  
10:58:45 am



**BusterSci** KITE

05-27-2021  
10:59:03 am



**bikerabe** Ultimo KM

05-27-2021  
10:59:04 am



**Katie S** by golly, i think he's got it

05-27-2021  
10:59:36 am



**BusterSci** That's a class rider.

05-27-2021  
11:00:15 am



**Katie S** Nice. And he did the jersey proud.

05-27-2021  
11:00:27 am



**SFinAus** Yes he is and did.

05-27-2021  
11:00:48 am



**Tim in KY** 15 km for the peloton.

05-27-2021  
11:01:30 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Consonni second, Roche 3rd

05-27-2021  
11:01:40 am



**Tim in KY** And right on the earliest imaginable finish time.

05-27-2021  
11:02:07 am



**SFinAus** Thanks again everyone.

05-27-2021  
11:02:23 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Good finish. Cavagna finished 9th I think.

05-27-2021  
11:03:05 am



**Mikey** Dare I say good better Bettiol

05-27-2021  
11:03:15 am



**BusterSci** You may. Â But you may take heat for it.

05-27-2021  
11:03:49 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Look out at the bottom of fantasy. Dstan and AliQ both have Bettiol.

05-27-2021  
11:06:25 am



**Charlie in Tenn** [https://rumbletalk-images-](https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1622128337-stage%2018.PNG)

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05-27-2021  
11:07:19 am



**Mikey** Nice Charlie Â Dstan will be bent for sure

05-27-2021  
11:07:19 am



**Alaska Dave** Enjoy the day

05-27-2021  
11:07:37 am



**Charlie in Tenn** It will be a while before the GC guys finish. I doubt that anything happens but someone could take a flyer which upsets the guys in front of him and chaos.

05-27-2021  
11:09:05 am



**Charlie in Tenn** 9 kms for the pack

05-27-2021  
11:10:02 am



**BusterSci** Just received via email: We want you to hear it from us first â€œ the Cycling Pass content has a new home on Peacock Premium! Catch every stage of the Tour de France live, plus, the most iconic cycling races like La Vuelta a EspaÃ±a and Paris-Roubaix. You can also stream hundreds of movies and thousands of episodes all in one subscription.Â Due to this platform change, we will not auto-renew your NBC Sports Gold subscription. You will continue to have access to Cycling Pass content through June 8, 2021.

05-27-2021  
11:15:53 am

## Preliminary results.

RNK.	RIDER	TEAM	TIME
1	 <a href="#">BETTIOL Alberto</a>	EF Education - Nippo	5:14:43
2	 <a href="#">CONSONNI Simone</a>	Cofidis, Solutions Crédits	0:17
3	 <a href="#">ROCHE Nicolas</a>	Team DSM	0:17
4	 <a href="#">ARNDT Nikias</a>	Team DSM	0:17
5	 <a href="#">ULISSI Diego</a>	UAE-Team Emirates	0:17
6	 <a href="#">BATTISTELLA Samuele</a>	Astana - Premier Tech	0:17
7	 <a href="#">ZANA Filippo</a>	Bardiani-CSF-Faizanè	0:17
8	 <a href="#">TESFATSION Natnael</a>	Androni Giocattoli - Sidermec	0:17
9	 <a href="#">CAVAGNA Rémi</a>	Deceuninck - Quick Step	0:24
10	 <a href="#">MOSCA Jacopo</a>	Trek - Segafredo	1:12



**Mikey** 5k nobody making an unexpected move

05-27-2021  
11:19:21 am



**Mikey** Fun day tomorrow

05-27-2021  
11:19:41 am



**Mikey** Big day for Yates?

05-27-2021  
11:19:55 am



**Mikey** Bernals helpers making Â sure to keep the pace high

05-27-2021  
11:21:53 am



**Mikey** Not

05-27-2021  
11:22:37 am



**Mikey** Nobody making waves at this point

05-27-2021  
11:23:38 am



**BusterSci** Ok. Â Tomorrow.

05-27-2021  
11:23:52 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Ganna wins the sprint from the pack.

05-27-2021  
11:24:03 am



**Charlie in Tenn** No change in GC.

05-27-2021  
11:24:24 am



**Charlie in Tenn** bye all.

05-27-2021  
11:25:06 am