



Tim in KY TdF Stage 15 starts the shift to the Alp with 169 kilometers from Muret, just north of the Pyrenees, east to the medieval Disneyland of Carcassonne.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752945628-stage-15-route.jpg>

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Tim in KY The first half of the route is mostly flat until the hill of the sprint followed by two Cat 3s 14 km apart. There is a Cat 2 that crests 52 km from the finish but oddly continues to climb up another 300 meters after the KOM line. The final 40 km is downhill or flat. The finish is curvy and has several turns in the final kilometer. Sprint zone is the final 4 km.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752945683-stage-15-profile.jpg>

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752945704-stage-15-route-finale.jpg>

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Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:30 CEST, Finish is scheduled for either side of 17:15. Forecast is for clouds and some sun with temps in the mid- to upper-20s.

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01:17:12 pm



Tim in KY Steff Cras (Team TotalEnergies), Mattias Skjelmose (Lidl – Trek) and Remco Evenepoel (Soudal Quick-Step) DNF stage 14. There were no OTL.

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01:24:39 pm



Tim in KY The only penalty/fine on stage 14 was 5,000 CHF to the Ineos team car for "Assault, intimidation, insults, threats, improper conduct (including pulling the jersey or saddle of another rider, blow with the helmet, knee, elbow, shoulder, foot or hand, etc.), or behaviour that is indecent or that endangers others. Directed at any other person (including spectators)".

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MURET

208 m

**CARCASSONNE**

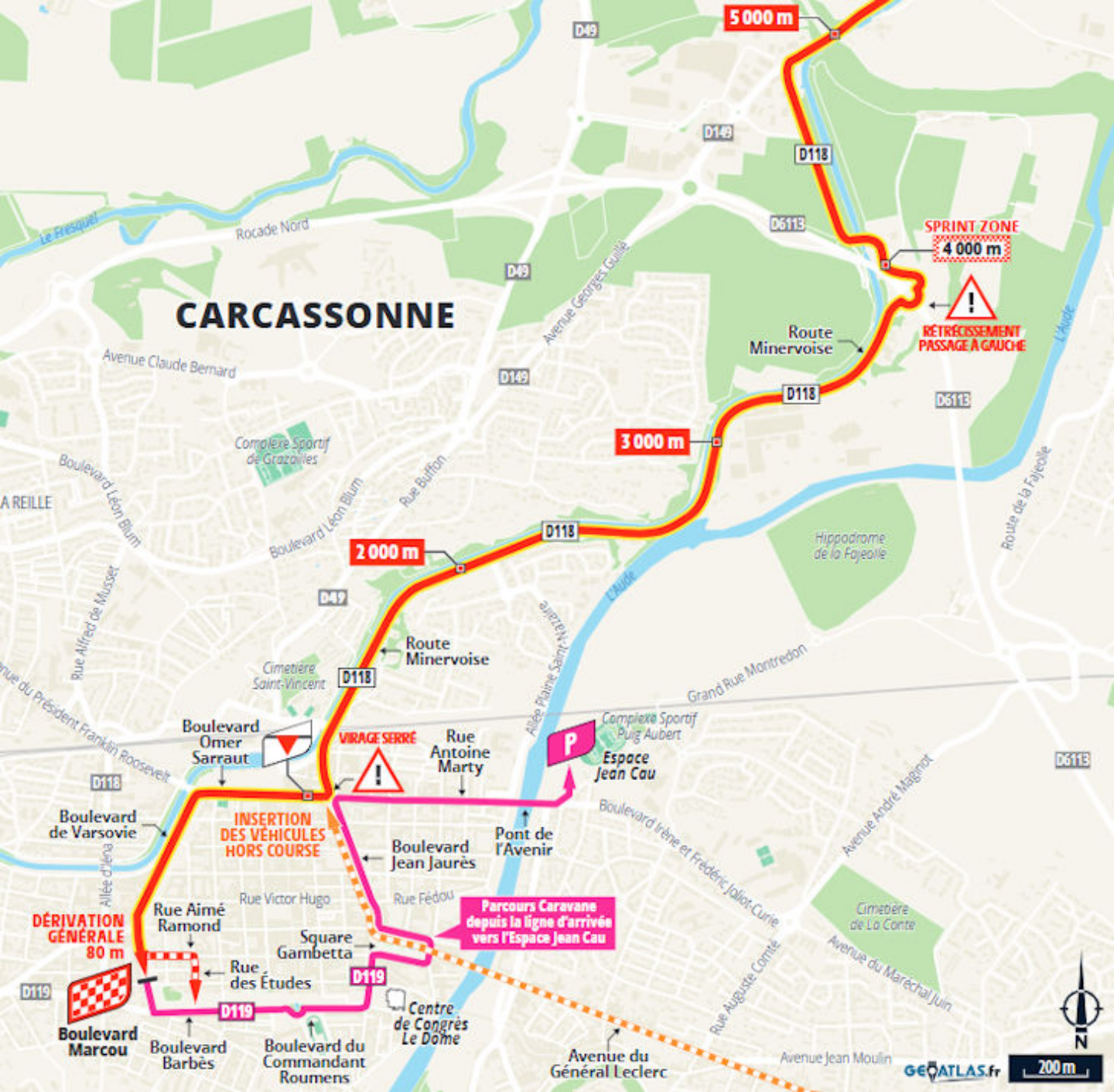
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169,3 km

CARCASSONNE







BusterSci Frau and the Penguin in Carcassone last fall.

07-20-2025
05:07:03 am



Tim in KY Lennert Van Eetvelt (Lotto) will not start today.

07-20-2025
06:37:00 am



Tim in KY We didn't care much for Carcassonne. Too kitschy.

07-20-2025
06:38:42 am



Tim in KY Another long transfer to the rest day. Two hours by road along the coast.

07-20-2025
06:42:30 am



BusterSci It was great in mid November. Most of the touristy shops were closed and both the evening we arrived and early the next morning it had a feel of an actual ancient monument. By about 10 the shops had opened, the shirt and postcard racks were crowding the streets, and it had turned into a tourist trap and we were off to Lyon. I certainly see how, in any but the lowest times, it would be a disappointment.

07-20-2025
06:45:50 am



Rocket City Gal https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1753009225-IMG_7395.jpeg

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06:55:26 am



Rocket City Gal Good morning.... From different mountains.

07-20-2025
06:55:57 am



BusterSci How long is your drive, RCG?

07-20-2025
07:03:49 am



SFinAus Good morning. I thought I'd try rolling out with the peloton today. I forgot how bombastic the "hold" music is on Flo when you're waiting for a feed to start.

07-20-2025
07:05:57 am



Rocket City Gal About 7 hours of driving, Buster. We had rain most of the way, heavy at times, and Chattanooga was a mess like usual, so it was closer to 7 1/2 hours this time. No bear or deer sightings.... yet.

07-20-2025
07:08:41 am



Tim in KY Peacock is already up, Shawn. But it's just gab, gab, gab,

07-20-2025
07:09:04 am



SFinAus Flo started just now. For a minute there was a placeholder display saying "Tour de France. International feed. Dirty + GB". At least now I now know I'm getting the dirty stuff, but the GB is a mystery. :)

07-20-2025
07:17:57 am



**Tim in KY** Neutral.07-20-2025
07:21:41 am**Tim in KY** Km007-20-2025
07:29:10 am**bikerabe** Powless out front07-20-2025
07:36:29 am**Tim in KY** All by himself not a good idea.07-20-2025
07:37:15 am**Tim in KY** WHF holding his shoulder.07-20-2025
07:48:32 am**SFinAus** He seems way too committed to it for this early.07-20-2025
07:48:33 am**SFinAus** EF DS tells Powless to calm down (my words).07-20-2025
07:48:35 am**SFinAus** Crash. Lipo down. Lulu holding his shoulerrf07-20-2025
07:48:35 am

BusterSci I wish someone would tell the producers that relative speeds of chase groups are meaningless. You don't know what grade any group is on--it's just worthless information.

07-20-2025
07:51:28 am**Tim in KY** It's all going to come back together now.07-20-2025
07:51:29 am**Tim in KY** They gotta show something.07-20-2025
07:52:31 am**Charlie in Tenn** good morning07-20-2025
07:56:41 am

Rocket City Gal Shawn — in broadcasting, a “clean” feed is unaltered images without anything added. A “dirty” feed has added, logos, graphics, advertising, and such. I suspect GB stands for Great Britain but that’s just a guess.

07-20-2025
07:57:13 am**Rocket City Gal** Or gigabytes? Who knows.07-20-2025
07:59:25 am



Tim in KY That crash sure messed up the rhythm of the peloton.

07-20-2025
08:00:52 am



SFinAus Thanks, RCG. I'll go with Great Britain, since I'm 'watching in Canada', I'm a little surprised to find this Tour learn what a blissfully ignorant consumer I still am after all these years of viewing.

07-20-2025
08:00:55 am



Rocket City Gal Cats are fed, biscuits are made and I'm having my coffee Bo feed yet b/c tech support us still in bed. He has a new gizmo so we can watch the feed here on a laptop without using out hotspot. We get a few channels of network TV, but anything else has to be procured via our phones.

07-20-2025
08:01:35 am



SFinAus (The crash disturbed the rhythm of my typing too. :).)

07-20-2025
08:01:40 am



Rocket City Gal We usually use our phones as hotspots, but it burns through our data plan. He found something that displays the phone screen (like when you're logged into Peacock via the app) on a laptop without having to go through a hotspot so that our hotspot data is preserved. Our phone data plan is essentially unlimited. Being in remote locations can make watching bike races challenging! It requires cell signal amplifiers and all sorts of stuff.

07-20-2025
08:06:32 am



Tim in KY Not sure how this is going to sort out. Very chaotic.

07-20-2025
08:06:46 am



BusterSci I'm not sure what anyone is thinking in front. It looks like Tadej tried to slow things down but Visma was pushing. I get MvdP and others trying to make a break, but why aren't Campernuts, Matteo and WOut helping out? They gave up the race and figure if Lipo is with Vingo then 2nd is safe?

07-20-2025
08:07:52 am



Tim in KY Visma has three guys off the front and Jonas hanging off the back.

07-20-2025
08:10:48 am



BusterSci And Phil thinks Vingo is 1:10 back.

07-20-2025
08:11:45 am



Charlie in Tenn I am with Phil, I don't know what is going on.

07-20-2025
08:12:31 am



Tim in KY The jerseys are all together now.

07-20-2025
08:13:23 am



BusterSci Literal LOL, Charlie.

07-20-2025
08:13:36 am



BusterSci I think that was the weirdest half hour of racing I've ever seen--at least that didn't involve Movistar team tactics.

07-20-2025
08:15:39 am



Charlie in Tenn Getting a penguin to laugh was on my bingo card today.

07-20-2025
08:15:45 am



Tim in KY PCS says 15 off the front, everyone else 42 seconds back.

07-20-2025
08:16:27 am



mmcally Bonjour à tous. Very nice picture Buster. Appreciate the trip info. You once gave me a recommendation to visit the Musée de l'Armée-Invalides and it is one of my all-time favorite stops in Paris. I spent a full day there and could spend days to take it all in.

07-20-2025
08:17:57 am



Tim in KY Trek seems unhappy with the front group.

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08:18:41 am



SFinAus <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1753014252-Screenshot%202025-07-20%20at%207.07.25%E2%80%AFAM.png>

07-20-2025
08:19:14 am



SFinAus The road surface at the site of the crash.

07-20-2025
08:19:32 am



Tim in KY 5 minutes faster than the fastest right now.

07-20-2025
08:20:12 am



Charlie in Tenn When Pog was trying to get everyone to slow down. "Just ignore my arm waving, keep riding, all is good. Nothing to see here."

07-20-2025
08:20:35 am



Charlie in Tenn That does not seem like a nice road.

07-20-2025
08:21:30 am



Tim in KY It's a traffic island, Charlie.

07-20-2025
08:22:03 am



SFinAus Cheap and effective for cars, but bad for bike racing. Nico Roche says it's not unusual in the area.

07-20-2025
08:23:33 am



Charlie in Tenn So I did have a better day than Remco yesterday. My fantasy team finally got a non-pog win.

07-20-2025
08:25:10 am





BusterSci Off for an hour to take Frau to the airport. Off to Cleveland for a few days.

07-20-2025
08:29:15 am



Charlie in Tenn The sprint is coming up soon. MVDP, Wout, and who else will try for points.

07-20-2025
08:29:43 am



Tim in KY 1km to the sprint line.

07-20-2025
08:37:43 am



Tim in KY I forgot that the sprint is uphill.

07-20-2025
08:39:33 am



Tim in KY Sunflower field.

07-20-2025
08:41:36 am



Charlie in Tenn MVDP took the sprint to close up on Milan and Pog in that competition. Milan is having a bad day. He is at the back of the peloton a lot.

07-20-2025
08:42:44 am



bikerabe Monmarte climbs in Paris could be a problem for Milan

07-20-2025
08:49:32 am



Katie S Good morning. Just tuning in. Where was the crash? Who involved? And why is LennyManyDots OTB?

07-20-2025
09:01:23 am



Tim in KY It was a long time ago, Katie. And almost everybody was involved because it was near the front of the peloton. Lenny is behind because he's having a rest day.

07-20-2025
09:08:18 am



SFinAus Crash was early on. WHF held his shoulder and looked to be out only to get up ride well (with a little sumthin sumthin from the Doc car). Lipo lost time for a bit with the crash too. Milan is having a Remco-esque jour sans. Don't know about LMD.

07-20-2025
09:08:20 am



Tim in KY Cat3s usually aren't 6.3km long.

07-20-2025
09:10:04 am



Katie S I just checked the feed. LMD was also involved in the "chute dans Le peloton"

07-20-2025
09:10:11 am



Katie S Had a lovely day yesterday with friends in Sebastopol/Healdsburg in wine country. Played golf on a 9-hole course set in the redwoods. And yes, throughout you'd hear "thwack" as some errant ball whacked into a tree. It's a sweet, privately owned, public course. Then a fancy dinner last night, a tasting menu in a private dining room. The room was appointed with the chef's collection of old cookbooks and a turntable with a selection of vinyl records. We listened to Dave Brubeck and The Ventures. Gotta love that old surfing music, including the theme from Hawaii 5-0

07-20-2025
09:18:23 am



Charlie in Tenn Katie, it was a mess. The break was trying to form, Vingo was off the back. His teammates were pushing at the front. Pretty much chaos.

07-20-2025
09:19:07 am



Katie S Thanks, Charlie

07-20-2025
09:20:09 am



Tim in KY Still ahead of the fastest imaginable...

07-20-2025
09:24:11 am



Rocket City Gal Breakfast done. The biscuits were "mile high" today. I don't know if that's from altitude or what

07-20-2025
09:24:19 am



Charlie in Tenn Looks like 38 to 42 riders including Milan and Lenny off the back. PCS says 4:17 down, TdF says 8 min down.

07-20-2025
09:26:07 am



Charlie in Tenn OK, I guess we are going to church. We missed 6 or 7 weeks so it seems like we could miss one more but I guess not.

07-20-2025
09:28:32 am



Rocket City Gal I don't like this decent from low-to-ground moto perspective

07-20-2025
09:28:36 am



Rocket City Gal UAE "blocking" or at least "controlling the pace" at the front of the peloton... they would love for this to be a relatively restful day for Pog with Wellens going for the win. Wellens has won stages in the Giro and Vuelta and would like to have the complete GT set.

07-20-2025
09:32:07 am



SFinAus Sounds like a great day, Katie. The last time I played golf, my driver was a wood. I had a wicked slice off the tee that I never got under control. The H5O theme was a classic.

07-20-2025
09:32:22 am



Rocket City Gal I have never played golf. I'd probably injure someone.

07-20-2025
09:33:14 am



Katie S Ha! Yep! It can be a dangerous game.

07-20-2025
09:34:06 am



Katie S Oh! On the drive up to our friend's house, we passed an Ineos Grenadier dealership.

07-20-2025
09:36:55 am



Tim in KY Did you see the crash replay, Katie?

07-20-2025
09:37:27 am



Katie S It just felt do odd and out of context yo me. I think only of bike racing, not a company and actual product.

07-20-2025
09:38:13 am



Katie S I didn't see the replay- just the bulletin in the letour.fr website feed

07-20-2025
09:38:53 am



Tim in KY They were just showing it on Peacock.

07-20-2025
09:39:59 am



Rob Afternoon, was the Ineos team car fine for hitting that spectator? It seems a bit harsh, the guy should have gotten out of the way.

07-20-2025
09:40:08 am



Katie S Oh! I had looked away. D'oh

07-20-2025
09:40:25 am



Tim in KY 5000CHF, Rob.

07-20-2025
09:41:04 am



BusterSci Spectator was an idiot, but cars should never hit people. Fine was fair. Spectator was female (just correcting "guy")

07-20-2025
09:48:03 am



BusterSci No Omi-Opi signs were harmed.

07-20-2025
09:51:08 am



Tim in KY On the strange Cat 2.

07-20-2025
09:54:21 am



Katie S Why strange?

07-20-2025
09:59:41 am



Tim in KY Because after the KOM line it goes up 300 more meters in altitude gain.

07-20-2025
10:01:15 am

Katie S Odd indeed

07-20-2025
10:01:33 am



bikerabe Storer going to win KOM then downhill to race for win

07-20-2025
10:03:12 am



bikerabe Yellow 5 min, back a semi rest day

07-20-2025
10:04:07 am



Rocket City Gal Speaking of signs that were not harmed—— did you see Alaphilippe grab the cardboard sign from a lady on one of the climbs yesterday? He ripped it to fit better and tucked it under his jersey to stay warm. The sign in question said “Wout doesn’t know it yet but we are going to get married.” Alaphilippe apologized to the lady and thanked her for letting him using the sign and she got a cool photo with Wout and Julian.
<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/12LC3QtqECu/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

07-20-2025
10:05:56 am



Tim in KY Really crappy bit of road for the front four.

07-20-2025
10:10:52 am



Rocket City Gal Crepe roads

07-20-2025
10:10:59 am



Rocket City Gal (Inside family joke. My grandfather was a salesman. When he first started, he was going over things with a potential customer and referred to the “crappy” lining. Afterwards, the guy training him took him aside to educate him about the pronunciation of the word “crepe.”)

07-20-2025
10:13:23 am



Katie S They look like the ones in my county

07-20-2025
10:13:29 am



Katie S Ha!!! That’s hilarious, RCG

07-20-2025
10:13:55 am



Rocket City Gal (He sold pre-paid funeral plans— he was referring to a crepe casket lining. Which makes it darker and/or more funny... not sure which).

07-20-2025
10:15:12 am



Carlene in NH That’s pretty funny!!

07-20-2025
10:16:06 am



Rocket City Gal I hope the pavement on the downhill is better!

07-20-2025
10:16:51 am



Tim in KY They still aren't really going down yet.

07-20-2025
10:17:10 am



Rocket City Gal How are things going, Carlene? Can you lift your arm yet?

07-20-2025
10:17:13 am



Rocket City Gal The post-KOM continuous climb. "HA! Faked YOU guys out!!"

07-20-2025
10:18:06 am



Carlene in NH Hi, all! I'm getting kind of caught up after missing the last 10 stages. Just watched the replay of yesterday's climb up the Tourmalet. That descent gave me the Fear in a big way. This descent is much less scary. in spite of the crappy pavement.

07-20-2025
10:19:19 am



Rocket City Gal Cat and mousing between Campernuts, Captain America, Storer and Wellens will lets chasers catch up. Stop it, you four!!!

07-20-2025
10:19:31 am



Rocket City Gal Wellens really wants this

07-20-2025
10:20:33 am



Tim in KY Antler guy!

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Tim in KY Descen t is a much better road.

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Rocket City Gal He needs a T de F win to add to these

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PasadenaK8 🙌 Mornin' ~ Reading about the Inneos car incident

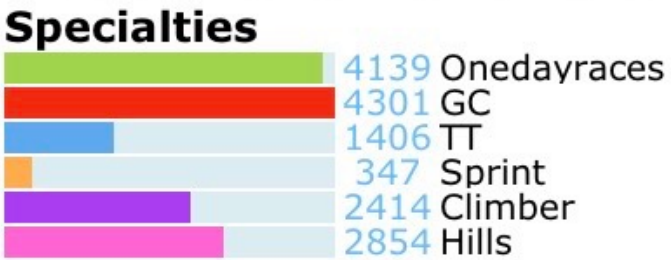
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reminded me of a guy that I used to work with, many moons ago. In his previous work life, he used to be a bike mechanic. He worked the Tour several times. Very quiet guy. When I learned about his past work life I, of course, had a tsunami of questions for him, but I could tell he really didn't want to talk about it - at all. I asked him why he no longer was in that biz, (thinking it was due to all the, um, "issues" of that era). All he said was that he saw the team cars often doing some horrifying things. No consideration for the people along the route, kids included. He couldn't take it anymore and quit. Dude saw some things...

Tour de France: [LiveStats](#) [Race stats](#) [Startlist](#)



Date of birth: 10th May 1991 (34)
Nationality: Belgium
Weight: 71 kg **Height:** 1.82 m
Place of birth: Sint-Truiden



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All time **149** UCI World **59**
PCS Ranking **47**

Visits: ▼ **7979** this week

Top results

- 4x 🏆 GC Eneco Tour ('24, '23, '15, '14)
Grand Prix Cycliste de Montréal ('15)
- 🏆 GC Tour de Pologne ('16)
- 🏆 GC Gree-Tour of Guangxi ('17)
- 4x Trofeo Serra de Tramuntana ('22, '19, '18, '17)
- 2x stage Giro d'Italia ('18, '16)
- 2x stage Vuelta a España ('20)
- 🏆 GC Ruta del Sol ('18)

Teams

- 2025 UAE Team Emirates - XRG (WT)
- 2024 UAE Team Emirates (WT)
- 2023 UAE Team Emirates (WT)
- 2022 Lotto Soudal (WT)



Tim in KY Must have been in the days before constant TV coverage and cell phone videos.

07-20-2025
10:26:43 am



PasadenaK8 Definitely was.

07-20-2025
10:27:14 am



Rocket City Gal Go Tim go!

07-20-2025
10:32:10 am



Rocket City Gal Profile is mostly downhill and there are still over 30 km to go, but he's extending his lead a little.

07-20-2025
10:33:16 am



Rocket City Gal I often wonder how more drunken eedjits don't get hurt in the stages where they squeeze across and nearly occlude the road.

07-20-2025
10:34:35 am



Rocket City Gal Peloton 6:43 behind. Milan and co not even mentioned on the screen anymore

07-20-2025
10:35:38 am



Carlene in NH Probably no moto cameras near that group, so out of sight out of mind.

07-20-2025
10:37:06 am



PasadenaK8 Milan is listed in the last group, along with LennyMannyDots.

07-20-2025
10:38:25 am



Tim in KY The road goes downhill until 8km to go.

07-20-2025
10:43:44 am



BusterSci Campernuts is an animal. I don't know that there is anyone who just hammers on like he does, day after day, whether in a break or at the from tof the peloton.

07-20-2025
10:45:26 am



Carlene in NH I admit to being partial to Quinn Simmons. Maybe it's the hair.

07-20-2025
10:47:49 am



PasadenaK8 bubbles o o O ooo Ooo

07-20-2025
10:53:26 am



Tim in KY Road flattens out now.

07-20-2025
10:54:13 am



Carlene in NH Bubbles always make me smile. 😊

07-20-2025
10:55:09 am

F Preliminary results.

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RNK.	RIDER	TEAM	TIME
1	 WELLENS Tim	UAE Team Emirates - XRG	3:34:09
2	 CAMPENAERTS Victor	Team Visma Lease a Bike	1:28
3	 ALAPHILIPPE Julian	Tudor Pro Cycling Team	1:36
4	 VAN AERT Wout	Team Visma Lease a Bike	1:36
5	 LAURANCE Axel	INEOS Grenadiers	1:36
6	 VLASOV Aleksandr	Red Bull - BORA - hansgrohe	1:36
7	 PENHOËT Paul	Groupama - FDJ	1:36
8	 JEGAT Jordan	Team TotalEnergies	1:36
9	 VALGREN Michael	EF Education - EasyPost	1:36
10	 MADOUAS Valentin	Groupama - FDJ	1:36



BusterSci Bubbles are fun. BUT. Bubbles or smoke flares, I'm not sure why people feel the need to have stuff that can make a rider's day difficult. Soap bubble popped in the eye? Why should a guy have to deal with that or smoke during the heat of the race?

07-20-2025
10:57:55 am



bikerabe Wellens got this

07-20-2025
11:01:09 am



BusterSci Yup.

07-20-2025
11:01:35 am



Rocket City Gal Crap. Family zoom Call. Don't get me wrong, these are a great way to get far/flung folks together to chat but.... Bad timing

07-20-2025
11:02:25 am



PasadenaK8 Baby shampoo for da bubble mixture.

07-20-2025
11:02:38 am



Rocket City Gal Wellens has achieved the GC trinity!

07-20-2025
11:03:58 am



SFinAus WHF pips the chase group. Even at third, his day turned around.

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11:06:16 am



Carlene in NH Well deserved!

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11:06:30 am



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SFinAus IIRC Wellens won the Belgian championship a few weeks ago in the same way.

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bikerabe in Balouise Belgium women's final stage Zoe Backstede preserved GC win overall

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