



Tim in KY TdF Stage 1 is 182 kilometers in a counterclockwise loop around Bilbao where the stage begins and ends. 06-30-2023
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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1688131732-stage-1-route.jpg> 06-30-2023
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Tim in KY The profile looks like a saw blade with five categorized climbs and many other large and small lumps. It's very much like a classics profile, especially with a short steep climb 9 kilometers from the finish and a final kilometer that goes up at 5%. 06-30-2023
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Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 12:55 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Forecast is for cloudy skies and a very slight chance of showers. Temps in the low 20s. 06-30-2023
09:27:10 am



BusterSci Just tuned in. Â Do we know who our studio guys are? 07-01-2023
06:25:26 am



BusterSci Burmeister, Bewley and Bookwalter 07-01-2023
06:27:13 am



BusterSci Not a Burmeister fan but we'll see how the two former riders do. 07-01-2023
06:28:21 am



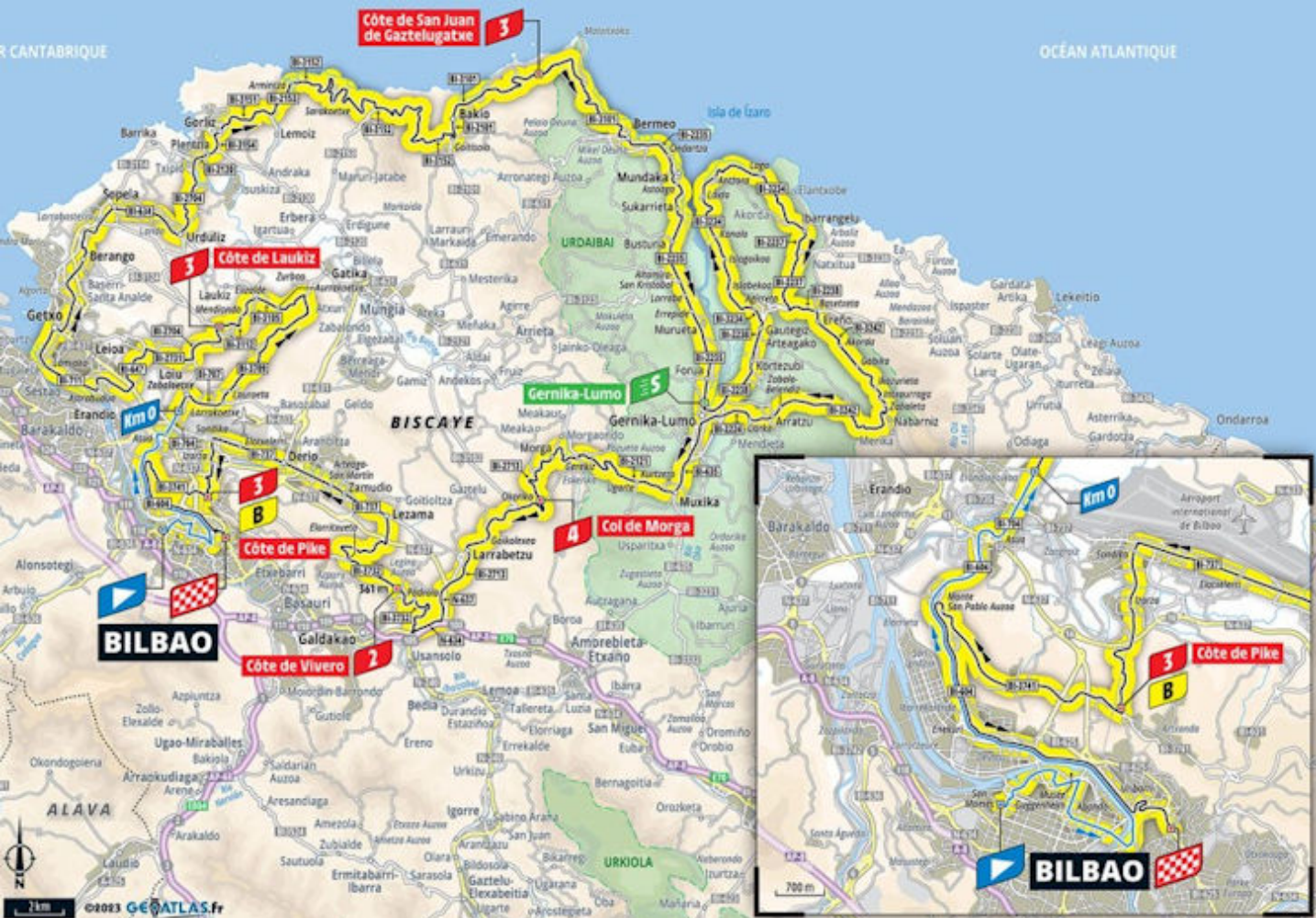
Tim in KY What studio? NBC? 07-01-2023
06:29:10 am



BusterSci Yes 07-01-2023
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BusterSci Watching the pre-race. Â Didn't see enough to judge. Â Tuned in with Bewley talking about Jai Hindley and racing for 3rd. 07-01-2023
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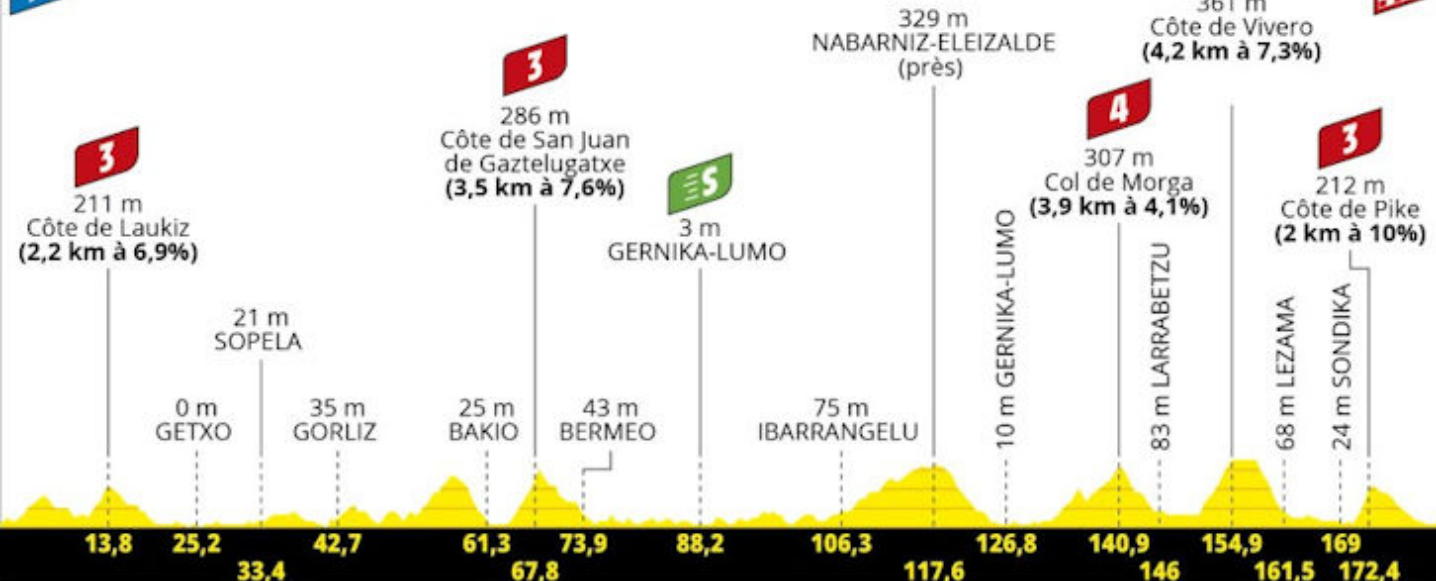


BILBAO

5 m

**BILBAO**

68 m



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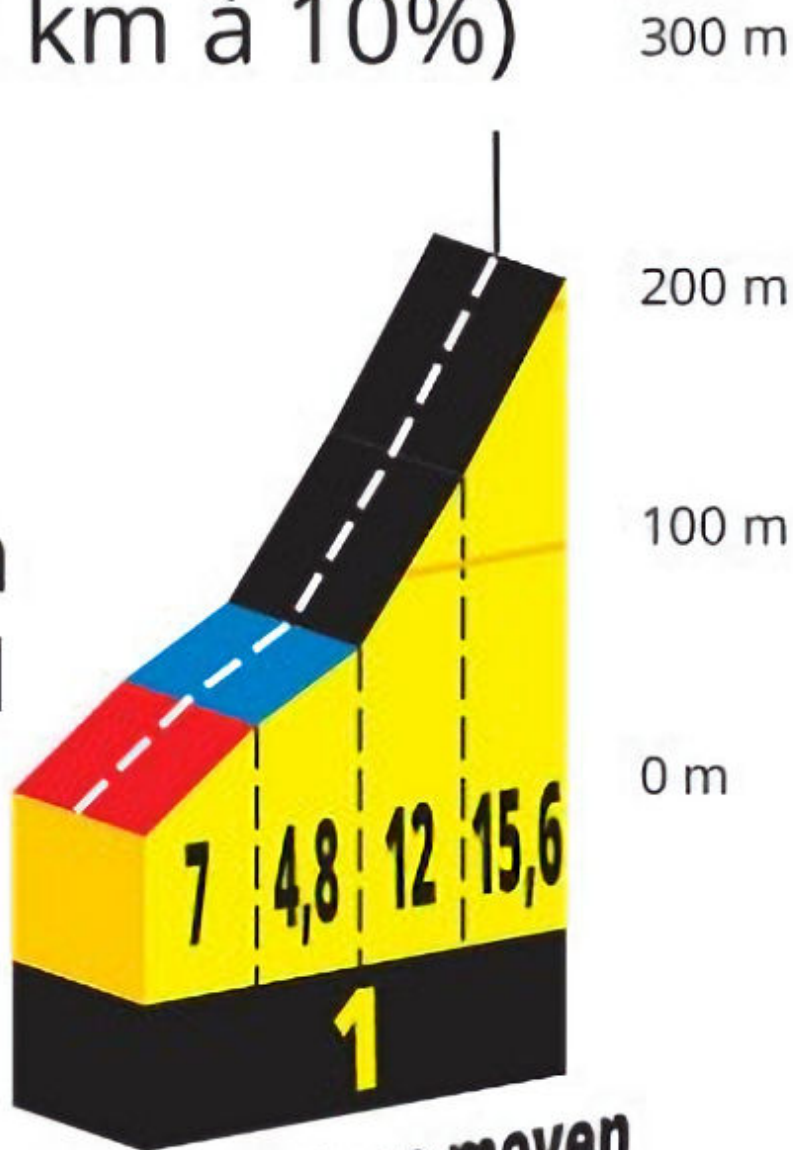
ESPAGNE

182 km

Côte de Pike

212 m - km 173
(2 km à 10%)

13 m Izartza
km 171



**Pourcentage moyen
par 500 m**



Tim in KY I'm going with the ASO feed.

07-01-2023
06:30:17 am



BusterSci Thinks Carpal goal of winning is unrealistic against Vingo and Pog, while riding for 3rd opens up opportunities to ride differently

07-01-2023
06:30:38 am



Tim in KY Long neutral today. Time for some chores

07-01-2023
06:31:13 am



BusterSci I'm going with NBC for a bit just to see how their production is. I also like to see what the ads are like, as the advertising quality and variety is a good signal of viewership and eventually growth of the sport in the US.

07-01-2023
06:32:28 am



Tim in KY I don't know who is commentating with McCrossen. He's usually solo.

07-01-2023
06:46:57 am



BusterSci Woke up yesterday with a bit of vertigo. By 6am the world was spinning like I had just wound up the merry-go-round. After stabilizing a bit Frau helped with with an Employ maneuver and it cleared up.

07-01-2023
06:46:59 am



BusterSci Bewley is quite good so far. Very smooth and confident. Bookwalter a bit stiff. Burmeister asking questions and letting the ex-riders talk. Really not bad.

07-01-2023
06:47:00 am



BusterSci Epley, damned autocorrect

07-01-2023
06:47:02 am



BusterSci One issue with the guys, they don't know where to look. They're either looking at a monitor or Burmeister rather than at the camera. it takes a bit of practice to do the studio move of starting by talking to the host and then smoothly moving to looking out at the camera.

07-01-2023
06:47:03 am



Joanna in Virginia Good Morning! I know the Epley well, sorry to say. Used to work for me until I destroyed one of my inner ear canals. Just fired up Peacock and will watch for awhile before I have to head to the barn.

07-01-2023
06:48:20 am



BusterSci Nico Roche

07-01-2023
06:49:08 am



BusterSci With McCrossan

07-01-2023
06:49:18 am



Tim in KY I just figured that out.

07-01-2023
06:49:22 am



BusterSci Well, I'm giving the NBC studio crew a strong B so far. No gimmick, no shtick, a nice, professional production that just needs a little practice and should be smoothed out after a few days.

07-01-2023
06:51:09 am



BusterSci Yeah, Jo. I kept thinking of you as the world spun, wondering if I'd be able to handle descents and helicopter shots today.

07-01-2023
06:53:07 am



BusterSci So two concerns on the pre-race show. In the 15 minutes I watched there were two periods of dead air with a "Coverage to resume shortly" splash screen. Either they're having issues switching feeds or they don't have enough advertising to cover downtime.

07-01-2023
06:54:31 am



Tim in KY It will be interesting to hear how the broadcasting of team radios will go.

07-01-2023
06:54:33 am



BusterSci Nice to hear Seb again.

07-01-2023
06:54:46 am



Tim in KY Finally. Km 0.

07-01-2023
06:54:55 am



Tim in KY Which teams will mind the gap today. It's an unusual stage 1.

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06:56:48 am



BusterSci The teams that have guys who would expect to win on the Mur de Huy.

07-01-2023
06:58:17 am



BusterSci That break formed quickly

07-01-2023
06:59:28 am



Tim in KY Too much red in the break.

07-01-2023
06:59:32 am



BusterSci Calamity Jane up there

07-01-2023
07:00:41 am



Tim in KY I had Calamity Jane on my VG team at one point but not now.

07-01-2023
07:00:54 am



BusterSci I get break points today

07-01-2023
07:01:02 am



BusterSci Looks like George is having a server overload as everybody is checking the other teams in their mini leagues

07-01-2023
07:02:29 am



Joanna in Virginia Ha ha ha! I barely know my OWN team.

07-01-2023
07:02:57 am



BusterSci (won't admit I was there to check MY team)

07-01-2023
07:03:35 am



Joanna in Virginia I am getting the "coverage will resume shortly" on Peacock, too. I thought they wouldn't have commercials, but they do. The feed starts earlier than the NBC Network feed, so there is that.

07-01-2023
07:05:50 am



Tim in KY That's one of the reasons I'm on the ASO feed.

07-01-2023
07:07:17 am



bikerabe Good morning watching eacock world feed will be checking with Giro Donne updates

07-01-2023
07:08:35 am



bikerabe Peacock

07-01-2023
07:08:52 am



Joanna in Virginia Good morning!

07-01-2023
07:08:55 am



mmcally Good morning, all. Tim, last time we had eyes on this race we there in person. How time sure does fly.

07-01-2023
07:09:05 am



Tim in KY That was a very hot day last July.

07-01-2023
07:10:29 am



mmcally Yes, indeed it was.

07-01-2023
07:11:06 am



Tim in KY On the first Cat 3.

07-01-2023
07:12:06 am



BusterSci Apropos of nothing, my brother made this to show how much Canadian forest has burned so far this year, that's ruining our air.

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BusterSci Did the image upload?

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BusterSci https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1688210386-IMG_7885.jpeg

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07:14:48 am



BusterSci There we go.

07-01-2023
07:14:51 am



Rocket City Gal Good morning, all! Woo hoo! I've been really looking forward to Le Tour.

07-01-2023
07:16:29 am



Tim in KY That seems too small, Buster.

07-01-2023
07:17:41 am



bikerabe Giro Donne 50 km to go

07-01-2023
07:17:49 am



Rocket City Gal So, a couple of article links from cycling news. First, the new "SafeR" program rolled out by the UCI where they will actually hopefully be doing MEANINGFUL things to promote rider safety, including looking at the routes BEFORE the races. Hopefully that will do away with really stupid things like downhill sprint finishes, curves/bends right before / after the finish lines and things like that. <https://www.cyclingnews.com/news/new-safer-project-aims-to-unite-pro-cycling-to-improve-race-safety/>

07-01-2023
07:18:36 am



Tim in KY Alpacin and SOQ minding the gap for VdP anf JuJu.

07-01-2023
07:18:49 am



Rocket City Gal The other article concerns safety risks posed to the race by the climate protestors (who have already said they'll be disrupting the race with a protest) and by the violence which has rocked parts of France over the past 4 days. <https://www.cyclingnews.com/news/tour-de-france-increases-security-amid-fears-of-climate-change-protests-and-civil-unrest/> I hope that this is a safe race for the racers, the team staff, the organizers/volunteers, the spectators...

07-01-2023
07:20:34 am



Rocket City Gal The break with 2:27 advantage now. CALMEJANE Lilian GUGLIELMI Simon EENKHOORN Pascal GREGAARD Jonas FERRON Valentin

07-01-2023
07:21:44 am



Rocket City Gal I considered Eenkhoorn. I think I went with Champoussin instead.

07-01-2023
07:22:10 am

5:21

Search

Sioux Lookout
Dryden

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Grand Forks

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National Forest

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Duluth

MINNESOTA

St Cloud

Minneapolis

Eau Claire

Rochester

Sioux Falls

Wisconsin
Dell

Sioux City

Perimeter

661 mi



Area

27,208 mi²





BusterSci Tim, the map is a few days old. As of this morning it's increased by about 10% vs the above. 07-01-2023 07:22:31 am



Rocket City Gal The southeast has been covered with haze for days. And now we're in a hellish heatwave. Drove from Virginia, where temps were in the 70s, back to Huntsville where it's around 100. And humid. Ugh. The haze was so bad in Chattanooga that the sun was a distant hazy orange-yellow ball and you could only see the first and second tier of mountains, instead of seeing ridge after ridge in the distance. 07-01-2023 07:24:25 am



Tim in KY We've had two nights of thunderstorms that have driven off the smoke but before that we had two very unpleasant days of haze and smell. 07-01-2023 07:26:17 am



BusterSci For you easterners, Minnesota is over twice the size of Tennessee, Virginia or Kentucky, and almost twice the size of Ohio. The burned area right now is about 25% more than West Virginia and about 10% less than South Carolina. 07-01-2023 07:26:22 am



Joanna in Virginia Been really hazy in VA, not as bad and smokey as a few weeks ago, but I have curtailed somewhat how much I am working both myself and my horses. 07-01-2023 07:30:48 am



Joanna in Virginia Since the Col du Tourmalet is on this year's Tour, I will be sure to post my "Colt du Tourmalet" image, but in the meantime, here are a couple photographer proofs from last weekend. I have already paid for the images and am just awaiting the edited downloads, so please forgive the watermark. We competed in Maryland last weekend and won a large, competitive FEI class with a monster score of 75.000%. While that might not sound like a lot, it is really hard to do. As a result of this score, Artie won the FEI High Score Award for the entire competition. He's such a fun dude. 07-01-2023 07:33:22 am



Joanna in Virginia <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1688211511-1688211211391.png> 07-01-2023 07:33:32 am



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BusterSci Very much like I've been looking through an 81B filter all summer 07-01-2023 07:34:04 am



BusterSci Tell me what FEI class means so I can be properly impressed. 07-01-2023 07:35:03 am



Tara Jelenic Photography

Tara Jelenic
Photography
2016-2017



THE SHOW PLACE AR
AT PRINCE GEORGE'S EQUESTRIAN C

Tara Jelenko Photography



Joanna in Virginia These are International level tests, considered a high degree of difficulty. Stands for Federation Equestrian International.

07-01-2023
07:35:48 am



BusterSci Excellent.

07-01-2023
07:36:00 am



BusterSci The only thing I do at an international level is drink wine.

07-01-2023
07:37:32 am



Joanna in Virginia :D

07-01-2023
07:37:58 am



Joanna in Virginia I used to be competitive in that as well. Damn pancreatitis...

07-01-2023
07:38:16 am



BusterSci I suppose I have to also buy at an international level.

07-01-2023
07:39:38 am



Tim in KY Jumbo helping at the front now for WvA.

07-01-2023
07:39:59 am



BusterSci Looks like the Juju helpers are there, too?

07-01-2023
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Tim in KY True.

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BusterSci https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1688212138-IMG_2767.jpeg

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BusterSci Rip says hi

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07:44:07 am



Rocket City Gal Handsome pooch.

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07:46:16 am



Joanna in Virginia Hello Sweet Pup!

07-01-2023
07:46:24 am



BusterSci She hasn't sat on my lap since winter but sees me in front of the TV with my laptop and up she comes.

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07:47:20 am





Tim in KY Off to chores for an hour or so.

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Katie Lane <https://rumbledtalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1688213270-1688212970280.jpeg>

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Katie Lane Got no gigs. Â Just these 3 troublemakers.

07-01-2023
08:03:18 am



Katie Lane Dogs! Not gigs! Â Got no gigs either.Â Stupid autocorrect

07-01-2023
08:03:53 am



Joanna in Virginia Adorable!

07-01-2023
08:04:17 am



Trish in MA Good morning, all. Â It's July! Â Bob Roll just popped on the screen looking unhappy. Â Then he realized the cameras were on and assumed his usual TV demean

07-01-2023
08:05:12 am



BusterSci Calling you "Gig lady" from now on.

07-01-2023
08:05:21 am



Trish in MA demeanor

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08:05:21 am



Joanna in Virginia That's "Crazy Gig Lady". LOL

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08:05:42 am



BusterSci I don't think anyone has crossed that line yet.

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08:06:59 am



Rocket City Gal The kitten (now a catlet) has brought balance to the cat dynamics in our household.Â Â 12 lb Harry (on the right) used to beat up on his sister Amaryllis on the left.Â She just wanted to be a DIVA and be left alone.Â Harry was neurotically licking the fur off his legs and belly... got the kitten in November.Â Harry and Madeline play together, leaving the diva in peace.Â And Harry's fur has all grown back in.Â 3 cats is one more than we've ever had (with the exception of fosters... with 11 felines in the house at one point which was WAY too much), but it restored cat feng shui around here.

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08:07:34 am



BusterSci Hey, there's nothing like an old nuke plant to show off the scenery of the route.

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08:07:46 am





Joanna in Virginia Far cry from the castle from earlier.

07-01-2023
08:08:42 am



Rocket City Gal I've got the split personality going on now too (because I put the picture on from my phone, which logs me on from FB, which is a different screen name than my RCG login). So maybe I'm the Crazy Split-Personality Gig Lady.

07-01-2023
08:09:18 am



bikerabe I just got a book on domestic cat evolution The Cat's Meow. NBC is live now with familiar voices Phil and Bobke with CVV moto reporter

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08:12:23 am



BusterSci Sagan getting a drink from the team car. Interpret that how you like.

07-01-2023
08:13:26 am



Joanna in Virginia The response to my post (perhaps two posts) from the Giro was wonderful, but here we go.

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Joanna in Virginia <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1688213946-1688213646159.jpeg>

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Trish in MA <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1688213975-1688213675798.jpeg>

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Trish in MA Chicken mushroom I foraged yesterday

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Rocket City Gal That's a big un

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Katie Lane <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1688214293-1688213993168.jpeg>

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Trish in MA We're going to Bilboa in August, after being in Barcelona for the start of the Vuelta. My husband, after hearing that the Tour is in Bilboa said, "Maybe we should have just gone over and stayed in Europe for 2 months."

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08:20:06 am



Katie Lane We're finally getting stuff from the garden

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08:20:15 am



Tip

Jar

As we continue the Grand Tour Journey, the renewal of the Chat Room (with increased costs) has transpired. If you find yourself interested in contributing to the cause, donations are certainly welcome.

These donations defray costs and I do not profit. Any donations that exceed my costs will be applied to next year's costs.

If you are so inclined, you can donate to my PayPal account:

jemgrayonline@gmail.com

**Or via Zelle (tax free for me) at:
805.479.3398**

Thank you, Jo







Trish in MA What a great haul from the garden!

07-01-2023
08:20:27 am



Joanna in Virginia Just brought to my attention that I thanked the "wrong" Mike for a donation during the Giro. My sincerest apologies to Mike W! Thank you so very much for the donation, I truly apologize for my error.

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08:20:54 am



Rocket City Gal Oh no! A Mike drop!

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08:21:49 am



Joanna in Virginia :P

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08:22:49 am



BusterSci Explains my vertigo.

07-01-2023
08:22:50 am



Rocket City Gal One of our tomato plants was supposed to be a "blue beech" variety. I got it from our botanical garden's plant sale. I'm not sure what we got, but it doesn't appear to be a Blue Beech.

07-01-2023
08:23:01 am



BusterSci Last week we were outbid on another cabin. We're into our third year of looking.

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08:24:46 am



Rocket City Gal Buster, we used to have to do the Epley maneuver on my husband occasionally. It would pretty quickly "reset" everything. Hopefully it's the same for you. He did find that certain things would set off his vertigo -- like being hunched up under a desk to rewire an outlet with his head in a weird position. I think part of his not having it lately is that he's learned to avoid postures /positions that set it off.

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BusterSci I have had infrequent and very minor vertigo in the past and only had to Epley once before. Frau got to learn what nystagmus was, which was fun for her.

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08:26:56 am



Rocket City Gal Fairly short leash for the break. 1:15 is the gap.

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08:34:10 am



Joanna in Virginia Perhaps talking about Sagan sipping Champagne is not such a good idea...

07-01-2023
08:34:46 am



Rocket City Gal Buster, when it starts my husband gets me and says, "My ear sand is out of whack so we have to do that thing again."

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08:34:54 am



Rocket City Gal Very scientific.

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08:35:00 am



Joanna in Virginia I have bruising everywhere from falling against and into things as I live with constant vertigo. I feel much more secure when I ride Artie than I do on my two feet.

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08:36:47 am



BusterSci KOM attacks

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BusterSci Eenkie horn

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08:40:10 am



BusterSci Eenkie Deenkie Do

07-01-2023
08:40:23 am



Joanna in Virginia EO, EO, EO, EO Eenkhoorn!

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08:40:33 am



bikerabe Giro Donne Van Vlueten wins solo by almost a minute after torrential downpour

07-01-2023
08:44:52 am



BusterSci Question: about 5 years ago I started reacting weirdly to mosquito bites. Â every one now oozes a clear yellowish fluid for three days or so. Â Any knowledge from this erudite group?

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08:45:12 am



Trish in MA Are you sure they are mosquito bites? Â No-see-ums usually have the oozy effect on me.

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08:48:01 am



BusterSci Fair question. Â Yes. Â I've seen them doing the dirty deed.

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08:49:14 am



BusterSci Chiggers can be the same.

07-01-2023
08:49:29 am



Joanna in Virginia I am really allergic to mosquito bites, likewise spider bites. I get the serum ooze/crust response as well.

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08:52:37 am



BusterSci no-see-um bites also tend to come in clusters.

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08:53:26 am



Trish in MA Hmmm. Â Well, when I get oozy bites, I usually end up treating them by rubbing them with ice cubes - after slathering them with anti-itch

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08:53:48 am

cream.



Katie Lane Buster, FB message or email me your snail mail address and I'll send you a bar of my anti-bug soap to try. If you soap up exposed parts before going out it may decrease bites, at least for awhile. The essentials oils in it include citronella, lemongrass, peppermint and more. It keeps the mosquitoes from biting me when I go out and work in the garden.

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08:54:05 am



BusterSci must have hit my threshold on skeets.

07-01-2023
08:54:06 am



Katie S Good morning, tout le monde, just read my way through the pub chat and feel up to date. Great to be here with you all. Congrats, Jo, on the FEI win (and thanks, Buster, for asking what that means) Awesome mushroom, Trish. Great garden haul, Katie L. I finally harvested one small zucchini. And I've had to do that same weird reset for vertigo, too. It's hard to watch the YouTube video and do it at the same time, though. And oozy bites are gross. Sorry you are afflicted, Buster. And hello to all who've not chatted. How Phoenix, Mike Mc?

07-01-2023
08:57:01 am



Joanna in Virginia I work as human bug-repellant for everyone around me - I never go out at dusk anymore, unless bathed in DEET.

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08:57:01 am



Joanna in Virginia Big thanks to Kathleen C for the generous donation to the Tip Jar! Yes, got the right one this time. :-)

07-01-2023
08:58:41 am



BusterSci Most bug stuff and sunscreen trigger my psoriasis. So I usually go for long pants and long sleeves. But on hot days when Rip needs a walk I have to go early morning and it's usually too warm for long sleeves and the woods are still a bit buggy.

07-01-2023
08:59:28 am



Trish in MA I have a somewhat related topic. I'm working with a scientist who is working on a compound that prevents ticks from adhering to your skin - it alters the tick's cement. How concerned about tick bites are you? Do you follow all the recommendations re: clothing? Or do you weigh the risk of tick bite vs. inconvenience of DEET/clothing and go unprotected?

07-01-2023
08:59:55 am



mmcally Hi Katie, all is well in Phoenix. My wife and I are about to be empty nesters as one kiddo moves out locally and the other kiddo heads to Lisbon.

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09:00:53 am



Joanna in Virginia Very interested, Trish - and also interested in similar protection for horses.

07-01-2023
09:01:07 am



Katie Lane I think that as we get older our immune system changes. I have horrible reactions to skeeter spit nowadays. I think the clear stuff is serum/lymph that oozes out after the enzymes in skeeter spit have damaged dermal /epidermal tissue.

07-01-2023
09:01:36 am



Katie S Wow, that's a big transition for your family! and Lisbon! Did said kid get the Letters Of Transport from Casablanca?

07-01-2023
09:02:41 am



BusterSci Tick treat the dog and they go to her preferentially. And die before they chomp me. When camping I always were a bug repellent clothing, or make my own by putting permethrin on the clothes. My recommendation is find weather appropriate long pants and tuck the cuffs into your socks. That'll eliminate 99% of tick issues if you do a good check when you get home.

07-01-2023
09:02:47 am



Joanna in Virginia MIKEY! Thank you for your second generous donation to the Tip Jar! I failed to credit your donation properly during the Giro, so I again THANK YOU for your generosity!

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Mikey Good morning! Until yesterday we were in severe drought so we are bugless compared to other normal years. I have a single tomato

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09:03:04 am



BusterSci Is it a one ton tomato?

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09:03:31 am



Joanna in Virginia :D

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BusterSci I ate a one ton tomato

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09:03:42 am



BusterSci I ate a one ton tomaaaaatoooo. I ate a one ton tomato.

07-01-2023
09:03:57 am



Joanna in Virginia One Ton To-maaaaaa-to.

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09:04:00 am



Mikey I should take a picture of this poor soul. My thumb is the one ton measure

07-01-2023
09:04:39 am



Katie Lane We have 2 mystery squashes, volunteers that are healthy and HUGE. The first squash has formed and I think they are! Pumpkins!

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09:04:44 am





Katie Lane <https://rumbledtalk-images->

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Katie Lane I did throw a pumpkin up â†’ï, ð n this area last fall for the deer and squirrels to eat, Å and they didnâ€™™t touch it.

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09:05:55 am



Joanna in Virginia <https://rumbledtalk-images->

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Katie Lane Lovely!

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09:07:12 am



Joanna in Virginia Nothing edible, but flowers are happy. Need current image of bloomed Day Lillies.

07-01-2023
09:07:20 am



PasadenaK8 Beautiful gardens!!!Å Holla, bonjour, good morning, everyone!

07-01-2023
09:07:52 am

Å Itâ€™™s been a minute, as they say. So nice to â€œseeâ€ ð you all again, and to be back in the PUB as a race is happening in real time! Itâ€™™s one of the few, (and probably the only), but definitely the best silver linings about this Writersâ€™™ Strike that you donâ€™™t get to read about in the papers *;-)



Trish in MA <https://rumbledtalk-images->

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Trish in MA First of my special day lilies. â€œClassy Castâ€ ð

07-01-2023
09:08:34 am



Katie Lane My herb garden doesnâ€™™t get much sun. This year I put some herbs and veggies in the sunnier front flower bed and they are super happy there.

07-01-2023
09:08:39 am



Joanna in Virginia Beautiful!

07-01-2023
09:08:46 am



Mikey <https://rumbledtalk-images->

07-01-2023
09:08:47 am

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Mikey Norman is just hanging out

07-01-2023
09:08:57 am



Joanna in Virginia Awwwww.

07-01-2023
09:08:58 am



BusterSci Glad to see Norm still around

07-01-2023
09:09:12 am



Mikey Nose prints baby

07-01-2023
09:09:17 am



Katie S Norman!

07-01-2023
09:09:17 am



Katie S and, hi, K8! Great to have you here.

07-01-2023
09:09:42 am



Mikey Spa day yesterday.... Lots more spent on his hair than mine

07-01-2023
09:09:50 am



Katie Lane We moved our asiatic lilies Â 2 years ago and theyâ€™re happier too

07-01-2023
09:09:51 am



Joanna in Virginia Timothy! You are the best! Thank you for your second generous donation to the Tip Jar! So greatly appreciated. Also, continued thanks for the daily previews!

07-01-2023
09:10:49 am



Katie Lane <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1688217347-1688217047200.jpeg>

07-01-2023
09:10:49 am



BusterSci I'm on year 3 of daylilys that won't bloom. Â They were fine for 15 years. Â We dug them up, separated them, and spread them out. Â They haven't bloomed since. Â Some in the same locations. Â Very confused.

07-01-2023
09:10:53 am



BusterSci Yeah, you nailed that, Katie

07-01-2023
09:11:05 am



BusterSci Sorry...Gig Lady

07-01-2023
09:11:16 am









Joanna in Virginia Wow, Katie!

07-01-2023
09:11:45 am



Katie Lane "Forever Susan" is the variety. Plummy purple with orange. They are gorgeous.

07-01-2023
09:11:57 am



Joanna in Virginia The daylilies bloom wild all over the place here. Mine took a little longer to open, but I think it is because they are shaded much of the time. Lots of blossoms this year. I'll get a photo and post in an upcoming chat.

07-01-2023
09:12:45 am



Trish in MA <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1688217518-1688217218789.jpeg>

07-01-2023
09:13:40 am



Katie Lane I wore the lily-inspired shirt yesterday. The photo also shows the high-tech gravity dye setup I used to get the streamy parts.

07-01-2023
09:13:49 am



Katie Lane Yep, those are the ones, Trish!

07-01-2023
09:14:21 am



Trish in MA These just popped for me. Different name tho. Desert Sunset, I think

07-01-2023
09:14:37 am



BusterSci You can tell the difference between flower marketing people and paint marketing people because flowers typically have two word names and paint colors are always at least three words.

07-01-2023
09:15:46 am



Trish in MA "Easy Samba" is the variety.

07-01-2023
09:19:00 am



Joanna in Virginia Thank you, Mike McNally for your generous donation to the Tip Jar! It is greatly appreciated!

07-01-2023
09:19:04 am



Mikey Is there a bike race today?

07-01-2023
09:22:29 am



Joanna in Virginia Yes, amongst the NRRBBB. :-)

07-01-2023
09:23:36 am



BusterSci This place is over half some version of Mike and Katie

07-01-2023
09:25:07 am





Mikey I just want to say SAGAN then KATIE!

07-01-2023
09:25:51 am



Katie S There was also that bike race over in Italy that was won by the usual suspect, who I chose not to put on my team.

07-01-2023
09:25:51 am



Tim in KY Why is VdP out the back. Other than because he's on my team.

07-01-2023
09:30:06 am



BusterSci I just want to say SAGAN and then SUSPENDED SENTENCE.

07-01-2023
09:30:19 am



Mikey He did get a break huh?

07-01-2023
09:30:45 am



Trish in MA I forgot to make my team. Â Must remember for the TdFFaZ

07-01-2023
09:31:12 am



Trish in MA Off for errands. Â Hopefully back for the end.

07-01-2023
09:31:44 am



Tim in KY Jo, the orange daylilies that grow wild in our neck of the wood have two delightful names. Ditch lilies and outhouse lilies.

07-01-2023
09:32:43 am



Joanna in Virginia Definitely Ditch Lilies in my case.

07-01-2023
09:33:12 am



BusterSci Have you ever noticed (Channeling Andy Rooney) that there is a handful or so of facial forms that show up over and over in men's cycling, at least? Â I think the lack of body fat on the guys boil facial features down to bare essentials. Â I though I just saw Ritchie port.

07-01-2023
09:33:27 am



Katie S Yeah, cuz skeletons all look pretty much the same.

07-01-2023
09:34:26 am



Joanna in Virginia Minimal skeletal variations to be sure.

07-01-2023
09:34:40 am



Tim in KY Why catching so soon?

07-01-2023
09:35:43 am



Joanna in Virginia Boredom?

07-01-2023
09:35:51 am



Tim in KY Looks like the peloton has come to its senses.

07-01-2023
09:40:17 am



Katie Lane Bay off, dudes, itâ€™s way too soon for the catch!

07-01-2023
09:41:25 am



Katie Lane Back

07-01-2023
09:41:33 am



Katie S didi!

07-01-2023
09:41:55 am



BusterSci Hmm. Â Quiet here.

07-01-2023
09:54:59 am



Joanna in Virginia Too quiet...

07-01-2023
09:55:11 am



BusterSci ALmost

07-01-2023
09:55:16 am



BusterSci How about another round of One Ton Tomato?

07-01-2023
09:55:34 am



Mikey Paint drying

07-01-2023
09:55:40 am



BusterSci Or the Aardvark song.

07-01-2023
09:55:49 am



Mikey Love it

07-01-2023
09:55:55 am



Joanna in Virginia Hubby, who works for The City of Boise, was just telling me of the large Basque community there. If on cue, NBC tells the same story.

07-01-2023
09:55:58 am



BusterSci My oldest brother lived in Boise for a few years. Â Great town.

07-01-2023
09:56:24 am



Joanna in Virginia He has enjoyed working there, spends half his time in Boise, half here at home.

07-01-2023
09:56:50 am



Mikey Theres a commute

07-01-2023
09:57:21 am



BusterSci If we had no other obligations it would be a place to consider.

07-01-2023
09:57:24 am



Mikey Travel stories?

07-01-2023
09:57:35 am



Joanna in Virginia Indeed, Mikey!

07-01-2023
09:57:39 am



Joanna in Virginia He has been fairly fortunate, but every trip requires a connecting flight and that has sometimes forced him to rebook.

07-01-2023
09:58:12 am



BusterSci SLC or Denver, typically. Â No?

07-01-2023
09:58:46 am



BusterSci Connection

07-01-2023
09:58:59 am



Joanna in Virginia Sometimes MSP, SEA, or ATL, too.

07-01-2023
09:59:07 am



Joanna in Virginia Delta hubs.

07-01-2023
09:59:15 am



PasadenaK8 Out here in CA, Bakersfield is known for having the most Basque restaurants in the US. Who woulda thunk it?

07-01-2023
09:59:44 am



Joanna in Virginia I think Hubs is going to go try some of the Basque restaurants next time he is in Boise, after watching that group partying on the roof. LOL!

07-01-2023
10:00:27 am



Katie S And in South San Francisco , thereâ€™s a Basque Cultural Center, with a banquet-style restaurant that feels like you walked into the 60s

07-01-2023
10:00:57 am



BusterSci What's up with Lutsenko?

07-01-2023
10:01:12 am



Katie S he had a bike change

07-01-2023
10:01:35 am



BusterSci Was checking a potential cabin

07-01-2023
10:04:28 am



BusterSci I've never flown through SEA and my SLC experience is ancient, but of the remaining ones listed I'd fly through MSP every chance I got.
Â While we get winter weather we usually know how to handle it and it isn't as heavy as Denver can be. Â Plus, it's an easy airport with lots of decent opportunities to eat.

07-01-2023
10:07:13 am



Katie S and???

07-01-2023
10:07:15 am



BusterSci Not acceptable

07-01-2023
10:07:25 am



BusterSci Three years in we're pretty confident we know what we want.
Â Screening is easy.

07-01-2023
10:07:54 am



Joanna in Virginia What is the inventory like, Buster?

07-01-2023
10:08:19 am



Tim in KY Jumbo seems to be trying to cull the herd.

07-01-2023
10:08:43 am



BusterSci Cabins? Â 21 was great. Â Last year pretty slow. Â This year has been slow, too.

07-01-2023
10:09:07 am



Joanna in Virginia Hope you are successful very soon!

07-01-2023
10:10:21 am



BusterSci Lake Vermillion has been hot all three years, but that's not really our bag. It's a big, active lake, with many resorts, some to the point of being small towns, and a huge history of family cabins. We want a quieter lake closer to Ely.

07-01-2023
10:11:16 am



Joanna in Virginia Is waterfront a must?

07-01-2023
10:12:00 am



BusterSci Yes. Â Absolutely

07-01-2023
10:12:10 am



BusterSci My primary activity there is fishing, and while I could haul the boat from lake to lake I'm getting too old for that crap and want to be able to walk down to the dock and head out.

07-01-2023
10:12:57 am



Katie S Great Lake name. Out here our fishermen catch vermillions (rock cod). Good eating.

07-01-2023
10:12:59 am



BusterSci We have a great relationship with the owners of the place we rent, and we love the place. We should have bought it in fall 21 but we thought there were some issues. Â But having that to fall back on (and having the freedom from maintenance, etc) keeps us able to be quite picky and still satisfy our Northwoods jones.

07-01-2023
10:15:57 am



BusterSci We get first choice every quarter when they open up another block of availability. Â And we've got our certain dates set through end of 2024.

07-01-2023
10:17:18 am



Katie S who is Sam Bewley? I have never heard of him.

07-01-2023
10:17:52 am



BusterSci Rode the Tour 9 times for the various incarnations of Erica.

07-01-2023
10:18:27 am



BusterSci Orica, dammit

07-01-2023
10:18:35 am



Katie S huh

07-01-2023
10:18:40 am



BusterSci One of those guys that leads his guys all day on the flats and disappears when the road goes up, I guess.

07-01-2023
10:20:34 am



BusterSci I lied. Â 9 GTs. Â One Tour

07-01-2023
10:21:30 am



Tim in KY I vaguely remember the name.

07-01-2023
10:21:45 am



Katie S ok, then Iâ€™m not really as d-u-m dumb as I look

07-01-2023
10:22:21 am



Mikey The pace is picking up

07-01-2023
10:23:24 am



BusterSci Katie, I didn't know him either.

07-01-2023
10:23:37 am



BusterSci He was bigger on the track. Â 2 Oly bronzes in team pursuit, Two golds at worlds in same. Â Other medals as well.

07-01-2023
10:24:34 am



Tim in KY Our grandson and his parents are on a plane over the western Pacific on their way to Singapore. From Singapore they fly to the Maldives to surf. LAX to SIN is a 17 hour flight.

07-01-2023
10:26:24 am



Joanna in Virginia Oh my goodness, hope they have great seats!

07-01-2023
10:26:54 am



Tim in KY I don't know what seats are like on Singapore Airlines. They're in something called premium economy.

07-01-2023
10:29:03 am



BusterSci Singapore is one of the best.

07-01-2023
10:29:39 am



Tim in KY On the Cat 2.

07-01-2023
10:34:01 am



BusterSci Why do you attack like that and then sit up and take your cloves off?

07-01-2023
10:35:04 am



BusterSci I suppose he's softening things up for Bardet?

07-01-2023
10:35:18 am



Joanna in Virginia Random musing here (so what else is new?) - have any of us, in any of the Velogames Leagues, ever picked the exact same team?

07-01-2023
10:36:31 am



BusterSci I was one rider different with someone. Â Might have been you, Jo.

07-01-2023
10:37:02 am



Joanna in Virginia I have a vague memory of that. I don't think we've ever had a tie in our leagues.

07-01-2023
10:37:29 am



BusterSci We did have a late GT tie between two entirely different teams, though. Â It changed in the end but it was a 3rd week tie.

07-01-2023
10:38:26 am



Joanna in Virginia Your memory is way better than mine. :-)

07-01-2023
10:39:07 am



Tim in KY There are 24 teams in our VG league for this race. I think that's a record.

07-01-2023
10:39:17 am



BusterSci I'm guessing this is going to end up a Pog-Vingo battle on the climb.

07-01-2023
10:39:22 am



BusterSci I recruited a newb.

07-01-2023
10:39:30 am



BusterSci Friend of DS Dagies has developed a passing interest in the sport. Â I told him to join the league.

07-01-2023
10:40:18 am



Tim in KY Tyrone?

07-01-2023
10:40:36 am



BusterSci No. Â Tyrone was there before. Â Tail Wind SVP

07-01-2023
10:41:06 am



Joanna in Virginia Great League participation!

07-01-2023
10:41:21 am



Mikey Come for the conversation, stay for the race

07-01-2023
10:41:52 am



Joanna in Virginia :)

07-01-2023
10:42:25 am



Mikey err take up space before the last 10k

07-01-2023
10:42:44 am



BusterSci Is the sound cutting out for others on the World Feed?

07-01-2023
10:42:47 am



BusterSci Powless in dos

07-01-2023
10:44:11 am



BusterSci dots

07-01-2023
10:44:14 am



Tim in KY At least I'll get those points.

07-01-2023
10:44:33 am



Tim in KY Yes, Buster.

07-01-2023
10:45:08 am



bikerabe Go Neilson !

07-01-2023
10:45:15 am



BusterSci Ok. Thanks

07-01-2023
10:45:18 am



Mikey van der poel is hanging around Tim

07-01-2023
10:45:47 am



PasadenaK8 NBC feed was having some problems. They lost connection with Phil & Bob. Using some other announcers right now.

07-01-2023
10:45:53 am



BusterSci "Other announcers" is the best you can say when Phil and Bob are involved.

07-01-2023
10:46:38 am



BusterSci That's Bookwalter and Bewley from the studio

07-01-2023
10:46:49 am



Alison Quarles Bob and Phil back!

07-01-2023
10:47:25 am



PasadenaK8 <0: The little yellow bus is back...

07-01-2023
10:47:32 am



BusterSci And I'm back on the World feed

07-01-2023
10:47:33 am



mmcally Bookwalter has been his most confident today doing analysis of that climb.

07-01-2023
10:47:42 am



BusterSci He's better when he's not on screen

07-01-2023
10:48:01 am



mmcally Agreed.

07-01-2023
10:48:08 am



BusterSci He just looks really stiff.

07-01-2023
10:48:40 am



Katie S Theyâ€™ll loosen up over the next three weeks but are indisposed to becoming as chipper as Chris Horner

07-01-2023
10:49:50 am



BusterSci Crap

07-01-2023
10:49:50 am



BusterSci Crapass and Mas down

07-01-2023
10:49:57 am



BusterSci I had Mas

07-01-2023
10:50:11 am



BusterSci No mas.

07-01-2023
10:50:29 am



Katie S ouch

07-01-2023
10:50:33 am



Tim in KY I ditched Crapass late yesterday

07-01-2023
10:50:45 am



BusterSci Concussion for crapass? Â He was up then sat down.

07-01-2023
10:51:55 am



Katie S knee

07-01-2023
10:52:32 am



BusterSci Ah

07-01-2023
10:52:38 am



Trish in MA Whenever I remember to play the games, I pick my team and then leave it be. Usually because I donâ€™t have time to second guess myself

07-01-2023
10:52:41 am



BusterSci He's on the bike

07-01-2023
10:53:07 am



Katie S He canâ€™t walk but he wants to ride

07-01-2023
10:53:20 am



Alison Quarles Same here Trich

07-01-2023
10:53:51 am



Katie S He looks very uneasy

07-01-2023
10:54:17 am



Katie S Mas

07-01-2023
10:54:20 am



BusterSci Agreed

07-01-2023
10:54:53 am



BusterSci Like he's saying "No mas"

07-01-2023
10:55:04 am



Trish in MA One time I think I picked a team of no-hopers in an effort to get the Lanterne Rouge. And didn't come in last

07-01-2023
10:55:33 am



Katie S that's hilarious

07-01-2023
10:56:44 am



BusterSci Not overly impressed with Nico's take on Mas.

07-01-2023
10:56:49 am



Joanna in Virginia Mas looks unstable.

07-01-2023
10:57:12 am



BusterSci Crapass looks trashed.

07-01-2023
10:57:22 am



Tim in KY Crapass is hurtin g bad.

07-01-2023
10:57:26 am



PasadenaK8 Can't imagine trying to pedal with a knee cracked like that...

07-01-2023
10:58:20 am



BusterSci You know the sound is bad when Phil is better than the glitching

07-01-2023
10:58:22 am



BusterSci Mas is out

07-01-2023
10:58:27 am



Katie S Patella, maybe?

07-01-2023
10:58:28 am



BusterSci Man, Phil has lost it.

07-01-2023
11:03:40 am



Tim in KY Steep little sucker.

07-01-2023
11:04:05 am



Mikey Why yates , why?

07-01-2023
11:04:36 am



Joanna in Virginia Who picked Yates and what were you thinking? LOL!

07-01-2023
11:05:00 am



Mikey Canada fire smoke?

07-01-2023
11:05:56 am



BusterSci Phil is SOO bad!

07-01-2023
11:05:59 am



Tim in KY And it's downhill almost to the line.

07-01-2023
11:06:31 am



Mikey They will allÂ get back on

07-01-2023
11:06:52 am



Joanna in Virginia Let me be the first to say Eejits!

07-01-2023
11:07:22 am



Joanna in Virginia Did one of these riders ski jump in a previous life?Â :P

07-01-2023
11:08:18 am



Katie S would it be a Grand Tour without them? (Ex-COVID)

07-01-2023
11:08:25 am



Katie S ha! Not this year

07-01-2023
11:08:42 am



Tim in KY I don't think Jumbo or UAE want the yellow jersey this early.

07-01-2023
11:08:57 am



Mikey Really Jo?

07-01-2023
11:09:08 am



Joanna in Virginia LOLOL!

07-01-2023
11:09:23 am



BusterSci three bumlbers with Vingo

07-01-2023
11:09:36 am



Joanna in Virginia Just being my usual smart-ass self.

07-01-2023
11:09:44 am



Katie S we expect no less

07-01-2023
11:10:03 am



Joanna in Virginia Or more...

07-01-2023
11:10:13 am



Katie S i have just been served a pain au chocolat. Mmm mmm mmm

07-01-2023
11:11:56 am



Joanna in Virginia Yum!

07-01-2023
11:12:10 am



BusterSci I'm sitting here watching the two guys I'd never pick battle it out for a win.

07-01-2023
11:13:27 am



Katie S No kidding

07-01-2023
11:13:50 am



Joanna in Virginia Ditto.

07-01-2023
11:14:16 am



Tim in KY Last km is 5% up.

07-01-2023
11:14:36 am



PasadenaK8 Talk about two "skeletons" who all look pretty much the same...

07-01-2023
11:14:39 am



Joanna in Virginia Comment of the day.

07-01-2023
11:14:57 am



Mikey Yates for the win?

07-01-2023
11:15:58 am



Katie S which one came out of the womb first.?

07-01-2023
11:16:14 am



Katie S haha

07-01-2023
11:16:24 am



Joanna in Virginia Yates T-WIN?

07-01-2023
11:17:30 am



Katie S we have a winner! Itâ€™s Jo

07-01-2023
11:18:08 am



PasadenaK8 Cycling News says... "Simon was the faster starter and the earlier developer â€“ born five minutes before Adam, you could argue that the half-wheeling started right there and then on August 7, 1992."

07-01-2023
11:18:36 am



Katie S wait, so which one won?

07-01-2023
11:19:46 am



BusterSci Adam

07-01-2023
11:19:54 am



Mikey Four hours of conversation and 10 minutes of racing

07-01-2023
11:20:07 am



PasadenaK8 Making up for that lost time, back in 1992

07-01-2023
11:20:12 am



Mikey Walking Norman before rain.... ba

07-01-2023
11:21:51 am



BusterSci Tomorrow.

07-01-2023
11:23:35 am



Katie Lane Not who Iâ€™d have picked for stage win/ GC lead /points lead /most combative for stage one but heyâ€¦..

07-01-2023
11:28:53 am



Katie Lane I think heâ€™s on my VG team but Iâ€™m not sure . Â VG site has crashed.

07-01-2023
11:29:21 am