



**Tim in KY** TdF Stage 20 is 184 kilometers from Nantua north along the Swiss border through the Jura to a finish at Pontarlier. 07-25-2025 02:17:07 pm



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**Tim in KY** The route is lumpy along its entire length with four categorized climbs, two Cat 4s, a Cat 3, a Cat 2, and many uncategorized. The finish is flat with a sweeping curve just 300 meters from the line. 07-25-2025 02:17:57 pm



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**Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 12:15 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 16:25. Forecast is for clouds with some sun and the good possibility of rain anywhere along the route. 07-25-2025 02:19:03 pm



**Tim in KY** There were no DNF or OTL on stage 19 but ten riders came within four minutes of missing the time cut. Only one penalty on the stage. Jhonatan Narváez (UAE) was fined 500CHF for littering. 07-25-2025 03:19:36 pm



**Charlie in Tenn** The chat from stage 19 is not available at 11:22 pm eastern time July 25, 2025. It is probably out there somewhere but some button was not clicked on. 07-25-2025 11:23:14 pm



**bikerabe** Women's TdF starts in 4.5 hours

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**bikerabe** Milan otb

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**bikerabe** Asgren caught

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Côte de Longeville

Côte de Thésy

## PONTARLIER

### Chaux du Dombief

Côte de Valfin

PARC NATUREL RÉGIONAL  
DU HAUT-JURA

**3 Col de la Croix de la Serra**

## NANTUA



# NANTUA

531 m



3

1 049 m  
Col de la Croix  
de la Serra  
(12,1 km à 4,1%)

4

825 m  
BELLETDUX  
667 m  
Côte de Valfin  
(5,7 km à 4,2%)

511 m  
SAINT-  
GERMAIN-  
DE-JOUX  
444 m  
SAINT-  
CLAUDE

733 m LA RIXOUSE

945 m Château-des-Prés

878 m L'Abbaye-en-Grandvaux

880 m SAINT-PIERRE

866 m  
CHAUX  
DU DOMBIEF

788 m Ilay

780 m LE FRASNOIS

653 m LE VAUDIOUX

545 m CHAMPAGNOLE

589 m LE PASQUIER

590 m VERS-EN-MONTAGNE

603 m PONT-D'HÉRY

374 m SALINS-LES-BAINS

686 m ABERGEMENT-  
LÈS-THÉSY

659 m VILLENEUVE-  
D'AMONT

680 m GEVRESIN

750 m Labergement-du-Navois (LEVIER)

635 m BOLANDOZ

684 m REUGNEY

649 m LONGEVILLE

755 m ÉVILLERS

745 m Sombacour

807 m HOUTAUD

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835 m



4

825 m  
Côte de Longeville  
(2,5 km à 5,5%)

9,7 19,5 24,7 37,6 45,1 49,1 56,5 61,7 66,4 72,3 75,3 77,9 88,4 93,9 101 104 110,9 116,9 121,6 124,6 132,1 135,8 138,5 146,3 150,2 156,9 160,1 162,2 169,8 176,8

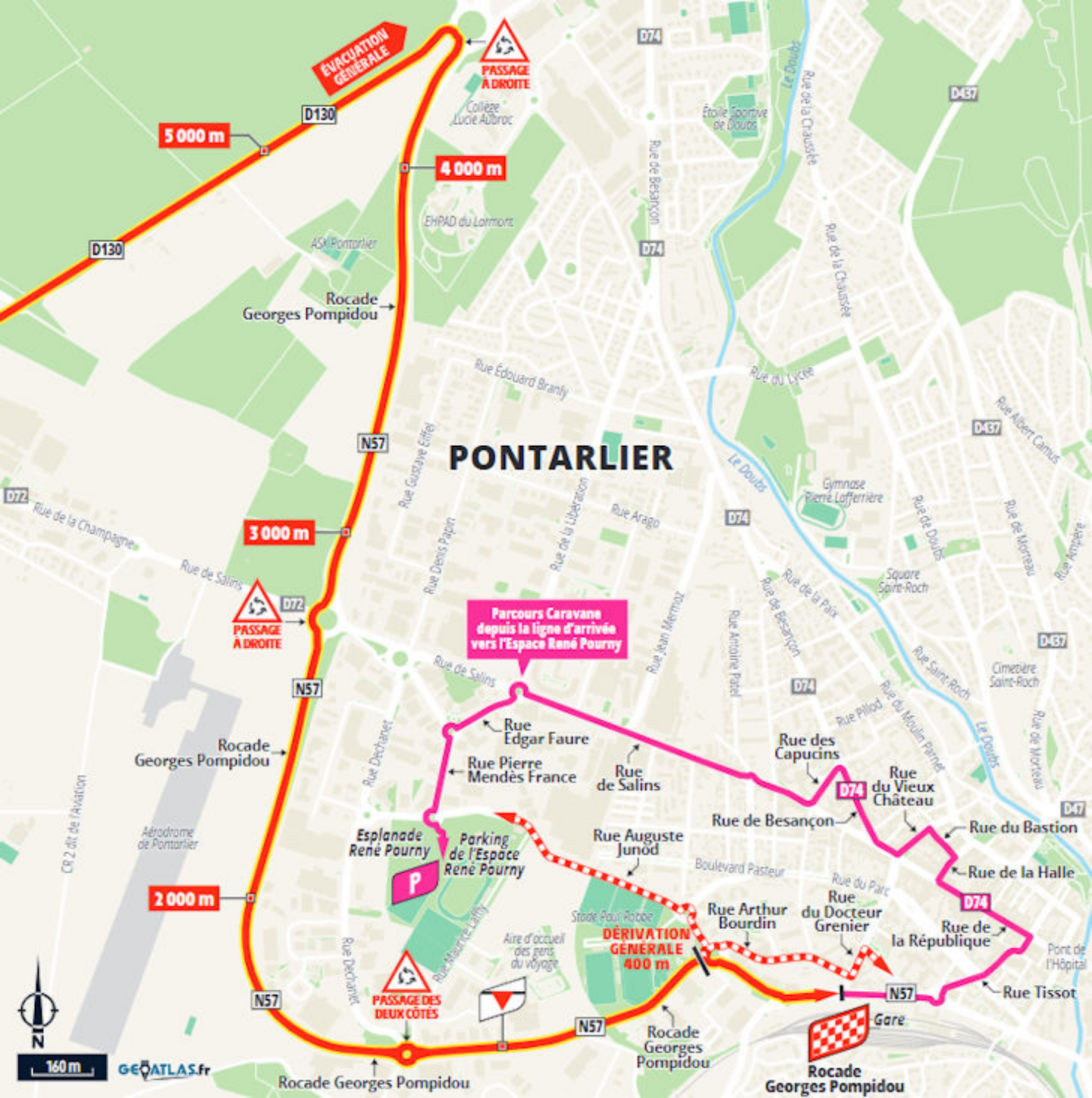
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JURA

DOUBS

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184,2 km





**Tim in KY** Wet roads and lots of showers floating around the area. Lots of riders dropped on the early Cat 3.

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**Tim in KY** Just rode into the rain.

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**BusterSci** Not usually a fan of special bike paint jobs but Milan's green bike looks pretty sharp. Really like that color.

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**Tim in KY** Looks really miserable.

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**mmcally** Bonjour à tous. Yevgeniy Fedorov was a DNS today. Team cited an intestinal infection.

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**BusterSci** yeah. How many bottom end team domestiques are hammering away thinking "Paris can go F itself, I just want to go home."

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**Tim in KY** A perfectly reasonable thought, Buster.

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**bikerabe** great promo on Peacock for PaulSherwenProject.com benefiting Uganda education

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**BusterSci** That church they just went past looks like an American church trying to look old but being too American to actually carry it off.

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**BusterSci** Note: Not hating on 'Murica, but our architecture often leaves more than a bit to be desired

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**Tim in KY** I need to do some chores.

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**BusterSci** I will miss the Montmartre excitement and/or disaster tomorrow. Will be driving to deliver my boat to my brother for his vacation, then fishing, then being part of a celebration of his youngest daughter's wedding, then driving again. Then taking a long rest and doing a lot of exercises to get rid of the tendonitis (tennis elbow) prior to the Vuelta.

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**BusterSci** I can't see anything in any standings that suggests a need to fight for anything but a stage win today. Onley might be able to

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pressure Lipo, but unless there's some sort of event I don't see him gaining a minute. Everything else seems too inconsequential to bust butt for.



**Rocket City Gal** I agree, Buster. The jersey-wearers are just trying to get to Paris safely now. Healy and Simmons may be doing their thing. If Healy pulls off something else, he could be most combative for the entire tour. Or they'll just give it so some random Frenchman.

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**BusterSci** HWSNBN seems to think there is a split and tension between Matteo and Vingo.

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**BusterSci** I'm not sure I see that. Feels like projection.

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**Rocket City Gal** Others have mentioned that Jorgenson, Kuss and van Aert have done stuff that indicates they're a bit weary of lugging around "second best." I'm not sure I've picked up on it either.

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**BusterSci** There does seem to be some discontent in that team, though. I don't know if it's lugging around "second best" or maybe more that riders and management are disconnected--they want to do something different than what they've tried so far.

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**BusterSci** Here's a line from l'Equipe courtesy of Daniel Friebe: "His sulking, his grumbling, his generally bad mood for several days now are clouding and sucking the life from the end of this Tour de France..." (speaking of Pog)

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**BusterSci** Sun is out.

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**Joanna in Virginia** Charlie, my apologies, the Archive is updated. I'm spread pretty thin these days and just missed uploading that one.

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**BusterSci** crash. one red guy down

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**BusterSci** Mauro Schmid

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**Rocket City Gal** Pog has not seemed as punchy the last 2 stages. He radioed Thursday that he was out of gas (or something along those lines) on Thursday. Yesterday it looked like he was just trying to finish but wasn't going to extend himself.

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**bikerabe** Tybo Nys

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**BusterSci** I believe you, bikerabe.

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**bikerabe** stayed up

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**BusterSci** Ah yes. Schmid in the Swiss NC kit

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**BusterSci** Back on and riding

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**Rocket City Gal** The guy who rode across the line the other day and was tackled got an 8 month suspended sentence, and was ordered pay the guy who tackled him €500. He is a repeat offender, apparently. " Alongside his suspended sentence, the man was also banned from entering any sports venue for five years, having already "been convicted three times", the prosecutor added in AFP's report. "

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**Joanna in Virginia** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1753531703-1753531403031.jpeg>

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**Rocket City Gal** That's a lotta bread stuff

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**Joanna in Virginia** Three litres of active starter becoming six sourdough loaves.

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**BusterSci** Looks like moto guys down?

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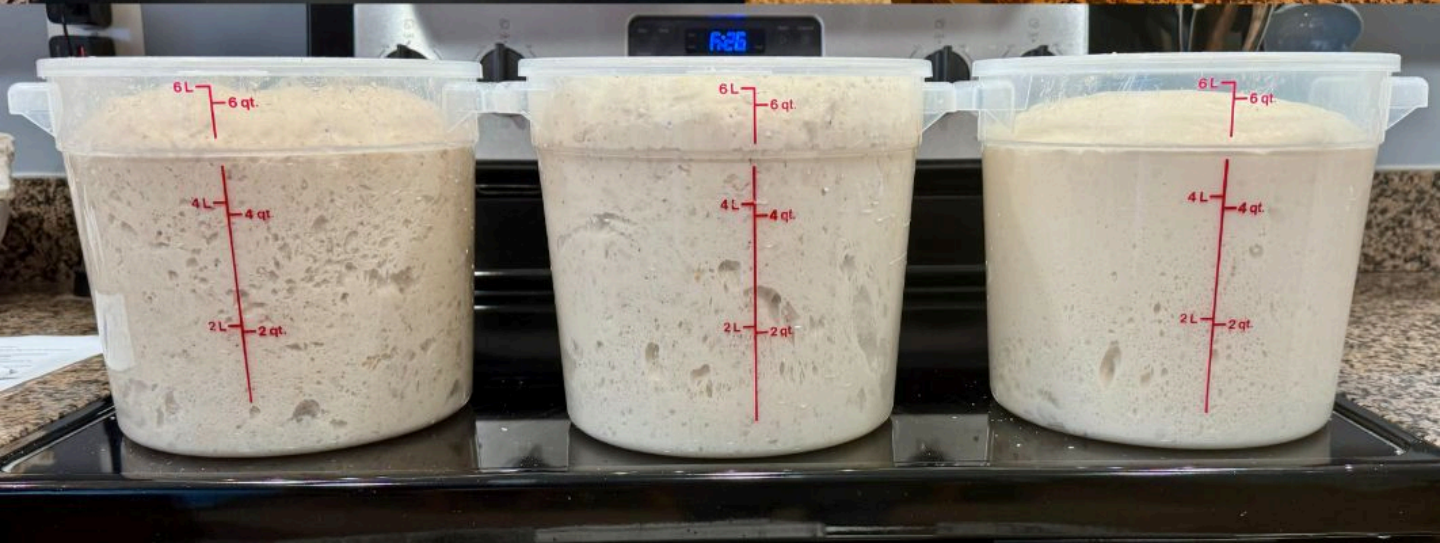
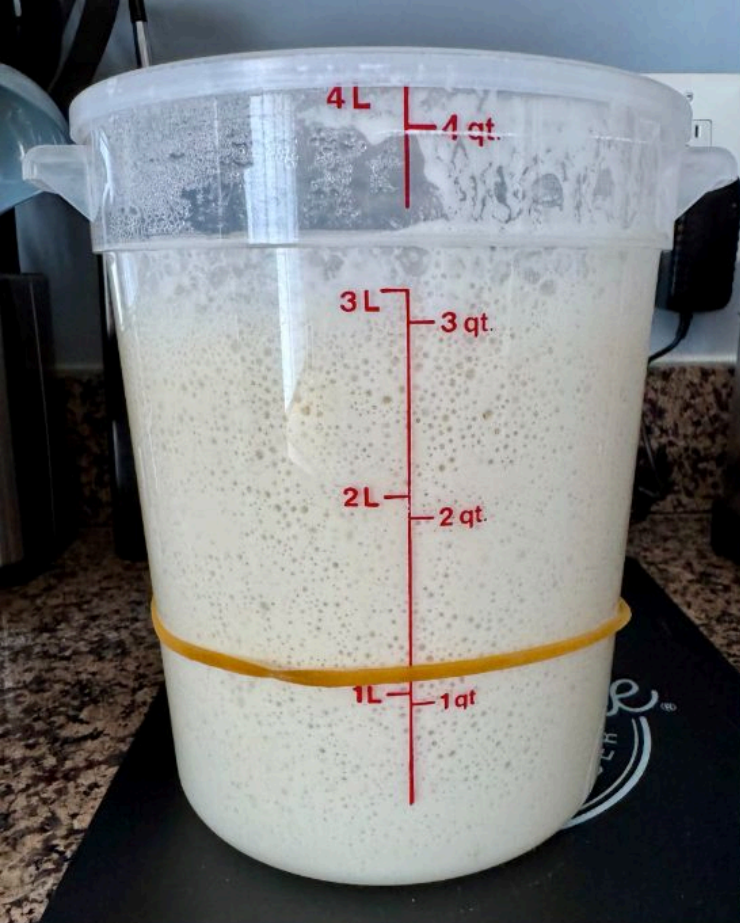
**Rocket City Gal** I'm finally nearly done dealing with the neighbors' overly-big squash and somewhat too big cukes.

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**Joanna in Virginia** Two plain Sourdough, two Sourdough with Harvest Grains, and two Rye/Wheat Sourdough with Harvest Grains. Loaves in fridge now, will bake tomorrow afternoon.

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**Rocket City Gal** Yum

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**bikerabe** under 105 km Yellow more than 1 min back

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**BusterSci** Something about sourdough doesn't sit right with me (stomach) so I've reverted to an old yeast dough for bread. From the fully risen dough, just before baking, you take a walnut sized nugget and pop it in the fridge. Then use that to start the next loaves. It's a more complex flavor than using fresh yeast but doesn't have the bite of sourdough.

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**Joanna in Virginia** I love baking Sourdough, but cannot eat it. I will give this all away. My favorite, that I can tolerate, is my bread made with 80% Biga.

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**Charlie in Tenn** No problem about the chat, Joanna, Just wanted to let you know. I try to check it when I miss a race.

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**Joanna in Virginia** I appreciate it Charlie!

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**BusterSci** What's your issue with sourdough, Jo? It prompts reflux for me.

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**Joanna in Virginia** Similar to you. After my pancreatitis a few years ago, anything that sets my digestive track off, I need to avoid. Sadly, sourdough does that for me.

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**Charlie in Tenn** I have missed to many days of GTs this year. Volunteering 3 days and going to church regularly have messed with my bike racing schedule. 1st world problems for sure.

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**Rocket City Gal** T de F Femmes is about to start. Flat, sprinty-looking stage today.

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**Charlie in Tenn** I put a team together but forgot to join the league. I should do that soon.

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**BusterSci** Jo, If you're interested I can pop you Julia's old yeast recipe. I've modified it from baguette to focaccia and had decent results without triggering issues.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Why did Roglic lose so much time yesterday? Just tired from the day before?

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**BusterSci** Attacked early and animated the first half

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**Rocket City Gal** I used to make it and take it to work, Each of our 30-ish employees got a loaf at the holidays. But I don't eat much bread these days. My only ongoing "culture" is keffir.

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**Joanna in Virginia** Would love that Buster!

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**Trish in MA** Good morning, all. Like Charlie, I have missed the last 2 weeks of the TdF Hommes. Checking results, it doesn't look like I missed much. Bring back the Giro. And fingers crossed for the TdF Femmes.

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**Joanna in Virginia** Thanks RCG - I missed that one and just flung a handful of darts. LR here I come...again!

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**Charlie in Tenn** I love the shared experiences of this group. Who would have thought way back in the LUG days.

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**Trish in MA** If there's still time, maybe I'll go do a Velogames for the TDF

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**Charlie in Tenn** You might have time but do it now.

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gluten and smell sweet and yeasty (even though you haven't added yeast yet—the aroma's the result of the starter's natural fermentation). Chill the risen sponge for at least 1 hour, but no more than 8 hours, before proceeding.

#### THE FINAL DOUGH

1¼ cups cool water (about 78°F)

½ teaspoon SAF instant yeast (*not* rapid-rise) or ¾ teaspoon active dry yeast

The second-stage starter (above)

3½ cups unbleached all-purpose flour

1 tablespoon kosher salt

The final dough is worked in a mixer with the dough hook. Put the water into the bowl of the mixer, sprinkle in the yeast, and stir by hand to mix. Deflate the second-stage starter, break it into pieces, add it to the bowl, and allow it to soften for 5 minutes.

Add the flour and pulse the machine on and off a few times to start mixing in the flour without having it fly out of the bowl. Mix on low speed only until the flour is incorporated, then let the dough rest in the bowl for 10 minutes—this gives the flour time to absorb the water.

**Kneading the Dough** With the machine running at low speed, sprinkle the salt onto the dough; increase the mixer speed to medium-high and mix and knead the dough for 5 to 8 minutes. The dough will be very soft and moist and may ride up the dough hook. If you are working in the kind of mixer that allows you to lower the bowl, here's a neat trick: Lower the bowl and at the same time speed up the mixer—the dough will be thrown off the hook. If you're working with another kind of mixer, push the dough down with a rubber spatula as necessary.

**Third Rise** Transfer the dough to a clean bowl, cover with plastic wrap, and allow to rest in a warm place (between 80°F and 85°F) for about 1½ hours. The dough will probably double in bulk and it should have a network of bubbles visible under the surface.

**Final Rise** Fold the risen dough down on itself a few times in order to deflate it and to redistribute the yeast, then cover again and let rise for 45 minutes. (Don't punch the dough down; you don't want to lose the open, bubbly structure that's been developed.)

*After this last rise, you must shape and bake the dough.* If you refrigerate the dough now, or do anything else to retard it, you will have a sourdough bread, which is not what this dough is meant to be. Choose the shapes you want and follow the instructions for forming and baking each type of loaf.

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You can use this dough to form baguettes, wheat stalks, pain fendu, and/or couronnes, or make it the base of the wonderful Walnut Bread on page 121.

### THE FIRST-STAGE, OR OLD-DOUGH, STARTER

A walnut-sized ( $\frac{1}{2}$ -ounce) piece of fully risen dough (pizza, page 157, or other white-flour bread dough)

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup warm water (105°F to 115°F)

$\frac{2}{3}$  cup unbleached all-purpose flour

You can make the starter easily by hand, but you can use a mixer with a dough hook or paddle if you prefer. No matter which method you use, cut the dough into small bits, drop them into a bowl with the warm water, and let them soften for about 5 minutes.

Using a sturdy wooden spoon, gradually mix in the flour. You'll be producing a very stiff dough, one that will soon become too stiff to mix with the spoon, so reach into the bowl and mix the dough with your hands; if that becomes too difficult, and it may, turn the dough out onto a counter and knead. You're not looking to develop the gluten in the dough, just to get the ingredients well incorporated. (Working by machine, just mix in the flour and beat on low speed for 2 to 3 minutes.)

**First Rise** Put the dough in a bowl, cover with plastic wrap, and allow the dough to rise in a warm place (between 80°F and 85°F) for about 8 hours, after which it will be soft and sticky, bubbly, and springy.

### THE SECOND-STAGE STARTER

The first-stage starter (above)

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup warm water (105°F to 115°F)

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup unbleached all-purpose flour

This second-stage starter, or sponge, is made like the first. Again, it is made easily by hand or can be made in a mixer fitted with the dough hook. To work by hand, scrape the fully developed first-stage starter onto a cutting board and cut it into 4 pieces. Put the pieces into a bowl, add the water, and allow the dough to soften for about 5 minutes. Working with a wooden spoon, and then your hands if you need to, mix in the flour and stir until the dough comes together. This second-stage starter will be softer than the first. (Working by machine, just mix in the flour and beat on low speed for 2 to 3 minutes.)

**Second Rise and Chilling** Transfer the sponge to a large bowl, cover with plastic wrap, and let it rest in a warm place (between 80°F and 85°F) for 4 hours, during which time it will more than double.

After this rise, the sponge, when stretched, will show long, lacy strands of



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**Rocket City Gal** Hey Jo, maybe you can answer something I've wondered about... is a courgette the exact same thing as zucchini, or is is a slightly different type of squash?

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**Joanna in Virginia** Courgette = Zucchini

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**Joanna in Virginia** Thanks Buster!

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**BusterSci** Hmm. They're in reverse order. I have made all sorts of loaves this way, and have increased hydration for more open crumbs, etc. I suggest doing baguettes or batards on first effort and then experiment from there.

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**Rocket City Gal** You have about 3 more hours to get in a TdF Femmes Velogames team should you so desire. "The entry deadline is 17:30 CEST (Central European Summer Time) on Saturday 26th July 2025. That is 16:30 in the UK, and 11:30 on US East Coast."

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**Rocket City Gal** Had to do a double-take on that last sentence, Buster.....

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**BusterSci** I often text Frau at work and tell her I made a couple batards today. Sometimes I slip in the extra s

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**Rocket City Gal** So, regarding the collapsed RR bridge over the rail trail.....

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**Joanna in Virginia** My starter is incredibly robust and a joy to work with. But I love to make my 80% Biga loaves, and then eat way too much bread and butter.

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**BusterSci** I assume that's a very open crumb Italian country loaf?

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**Charlie in Tenn** Arensman came through and finally showed the talent that we saw a couple years ago. He really helped my fantasy team. Moved into the top ten. I need Romain to do his part today.

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**Charlie in Tenn** 14 teams have not won a stage this tour.

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**Joanna in Virginia** Yes, Buster.

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**Rocket City Gal** This is on a 13 mile spur that's maintained by the city/County railroad authority and services about 10 businesses. It supposedly was recently inspected, and has had some of the ties replaced within the last year. Last year the governor approved a grant for replacement of the bridge; the funds were just dispersed recently and replacement was scheduled to start "in two months."

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**Trish in MA** Team is selected. Throwing darts. What's our mini-league number? Not popping up in my auto-fill. And haven't found it yet on FB.

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**Rocket City Gal** Everything is on hold right now until they can inspect the bridge to try to determine the cause of the collapse. Then they will have to clear the debris and rebuild the bridge. It will be much more expensive and take much longer now. Businesses along the several miles beyond the collapse on the end of the spur and are trying to find workarounds to get the heavy stuff the railroad cars brought them.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Trish 931842122

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**Rocket City Gal** Trish – if you go under files (FB page) And look for the post about the lug nut pub, the first comment under that has the League code. If you still can't find it, let me know.

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**Rocket City Gal** The reference, that's where the current year's League code is always stashed. The code is the same for all contests during the calendar year.

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**Trish in MA** Done!

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**Rocket City Gal** Oops, sorry — it's under featured, not files.

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**Mikey** Good morning and welcome to bread bridge and bread talk

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**bikerabe** I love the movie 'July and Julia' for the last scene as July goes to a Julia Child exhibit with a recreated kitchen. When July leaves Meryl Streep as Julia with Stan Tucci reappears to end the film

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**Mikey** We have a semi famous road race here today the Bix 7 and its been delayed for one of the rare times for weather. Thunder lightning and pretty much rain with very little if no bread.

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**Trish in MA** I confess to having "failed" sourdough several times over the last 50 years, most recently during the COVID lockdown. So I only do yeast bread and even that rarely. Far more interested in exploring flatbreads, dumplings, and pastries of the world.

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**bikerabe** 8 teams with no stage win 2025 in the break Motivation!

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**Mikey** Also Ragbrai ends today with more abandons than ever because of the heat and weather, plenty of bread

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**Katie S** Good morning. Impressive baking. I've stuck to focaccia, but endeavor to branch out in January ... my sourdough starter (started from scratch, which as really fun to see develop) will be 6 years old. I'm impressed I've kept it going this long.

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**BusterSci** In MN, the issue has been the shortening or cancellation of winter events like the John Beargrease dogsled race along the North Shore, and the Mora Vasaloppet, and the Birkebeiner in Wisconsin.

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**Joanna in Virginia** I've given bits of my starter to friends (and one stranger in one instance) and it blows their minds.

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**Katie S** I keep offering to share but no takers. I make sourdough/rosemary crackers with the discard.

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**Trish in MA** I'm going to head out soon to acquire fresh bluefish from the farmer's market. The vendor was out of bluefish last week within 1.5 hours. I got there with 30 minutes to spare.

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**Katie S** Re Visma, I have wondered about team solidarity and towing around Second Best. They are gentlemen about it, though. Politely saying "we just try again."

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**BusterSci** At the beginning of covid we bought a wood fired pizza oven and have made pizza close to every week since. I decided to try putting the risen dough in a pan and baking with seasoning and oil, making what we call fauxcaccia. It's not quite there, but I make my pizza dough by the kg of flour, good for 6 pizzas which is too much for two of us, so instead I make one pizza and one fauxcoccia with the weight of two pizzas, and then freeze the other two blobs after the first rise and we make that the next week.

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**BusterSci** We buy Italian 00 pizza flour in 25kg bags. I way it up into kgs, which fit nicely in brown paper lunch bags, and then we vacuum seal it. Lasts us about a year.

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**BusterSci** weigh. not way. or whey.

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**BusterSci** anybody ever see any stats whether any language has as many homonyms as English? I suspect some of the tonal languages like Chinese might be close.

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**Katie S** Interesting question

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**BusterSci** I think I've brought this up before, but something about the leanness of cyclists boils their faces down to a handful or two of basic conformation. You could have Politt and Mas swap kits and you couldn't tell one from the other. Without helmet and sunglasses they have distinguishing features, but kitted up there aren't may variations.

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**BusterSci** Ripley has informed us it's walkies time

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**Mikey** Norman refused to go out in the thunder/rain

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**Katie S** Smart dog

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**Katie S** Ahem: I have now seen a picture of Norman this tour, but I have not seen a picture of Ripley yet.

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**BusterSci** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1753535100-1753534800244.jpeg>

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**bikerabe** less than 2 KU

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**Katie S** Awww, there we go. My tour is now complete.

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**BusterSci** but first...I gotta go walkies.

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**Trish in MA** Not sure if this posted earlier. Le Tour featured in this week's "Bluff the Listener" segment of Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me. Correct story was pretty obvious. Listening to the panelists use their "French" accents was hilarious

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**Joanna in Virginia** :-.\*

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**Tim in KY** Forecast says 50/50 for rain at the finish.

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**bikerabe** EF hasw Sweeney in front with Legat

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**Mikey** Is there a race on somewhere

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**Carlene in NH** Hi, all! I got into the velogames league for TFF at the last minute! Dart board for sure!

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09:13:55 am



**Mikey** The feed Legal insurance KB Injury Peoria sales team Sam Lemman Toyota McCarron LawNFL Preseason Love Island must be local commercials at the quarter hour

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**Katie S** Hi Carlene- me too. I went with familiar names and fill-ins.

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**Katie S** Was that the real Didi?

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09:15:59 am



**SFinAus** Didi - yup

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09:16:18 am



**SFinAus** Good morning

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09:16:25 am



**bikerabe** Sweeney solo in front

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**Carlene in NH** I've been watching the replays in the evenings after work, so thankfully, I've missed a lot of the commercials. I've got discounted Peacock premium courtesy of my credi card.

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**SFinAus** Congratulations to Katie for such a successful VG GT. Top 5% overall. Percentage-wise that's a top 10 finish.

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**Rocket City Gal** My bready endeavor (biscuits) is done. Nice to see Sweeny out front, even though I did remove him from my stage hunter team last night....

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**Rocket City Gal** I think Katie's been ahead for most of the game.

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09:20:22 am



**Mikey** Wow more The feed MGM betting something I missed and NAPA Indeed Samsung Americas Got talent more Feed Must get them in now

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**Katie S** Thanks, Shawn. I've been completely kaboozled by t my team's success. But Susan Reader made a huge advance yesterday!

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**Rocket City Gal** My autocorrect t wants to make "Sweeny" be "Sweaty". Which is likely apt.

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**Katie S** Very likely

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**Rocket City Gal** Raining again

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**Katie S** Cows!07-26-2025  
09:23:08 am**Rocket City Gal** Hopefully without the pox07-26-2025  
09:23:35 am**Carlene in NH** Let's hope they don't decide to cross the road. It doesn't look like they're fenced in07-26-2025  
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**Rocket City Gal** Reading about the Col de Saises cattle malady, It's a poxvirus-caused skin disease. The most the best way to prevent it is through vaccination. The articles I read said that culling herds slows down spread, but isn't usually effective for control. Quarantining affected cows and vaccinating cows is apparently the best approach, along with insecticides to decrease transmission by flies and other insects, which is usually how it is spread. It can spread via direct contact between cattle, and apparently it cannot be transmitted to humans.

07-26-2025  
09:27:48 am**Katie S** Transmission by flies. Yuck. Fleas and plague, anyone?07-26-2025  
09:29:00 am**Tim in KY** RCG, what's the Latin name of the virus?07-26-2025  
09:30:42 am**bikerabe** under 40 km Yellow 5.5 min. back break will win07-26-2025  
09:32:20 am**Rocket City Gal** The disease is nodular dermatitis, or Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD)07-26-2025  
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**Katie S** Lumpy skin disease (LSD) is an infectious disease in cattle caused by Lumpy skin disease virus of the family Poxviridae, also known as Neethling virus.

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09:38:30 am**Katie S** The cows thought they were dropping acid. They were misinformed07-26-2025  
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**Rocket City Gal** Lumpy skin disease in cattle is caused by the Lumpy Skin Disease Virus (LSDV), which is a type of capripoxvirus. This virus is highly infectious and can lead to significant economic losses for farmers due to reduced milk production, poor growth, and even death in severe cases. The disease is primarily transmitted through blood-feeding insects."

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**PasadenaK8** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzFongNGuQM>

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**Katie S** !!!

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**Trish in MA** My husband was there - and did not take the brown acid.

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09:45:18 am



**Rocket City Gal** Apparently they get lumps /nodules of the skin which then ulcerate and become secondarily bacterially infected and all sorts of icky things.

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**Rocket City Gal** Sweeny getting caught

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09:47:02 am



**Katie S** Oh, Harry

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**Rocket City Gal** At least his parents didn't name him Todd

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09:48:11 am



**Rocket City Gal** Last climb. But not really

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**bikerabe** Sweeney caught

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09:49:37 am



**Rocket City Gal** Slippery roads

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**Trish in MA** See the KOM standings on the screen - I hate that the GC leaders are now routinely winning the KOM. Just not right. Humpf. Get off my lawn.

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**Rocket City Gal** Groves, Trenton and Romeo are probably the best sprinters in this group, eh?

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09:50:35 am



**Katie S** I would agree

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09:51:00 am



**Rocket City Gal** Oops, I just jinxed Trentin, who is dropped

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09:51:08 am



**Katie S** Tim, what's our time imaginable?

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**Tim in KY** The lead group is smack on the imagined time.

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**PasadenaK8** Ouch

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09:56:11 am



**Katie S** Face first into the curb

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09:56:37 am



**bikerabe** Romeo Crash

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09:57:29 am



**Mikey** Slip slidn away

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09:57:49 am



**SFinAus** Nasty. End of race? I'm amazed more of this doesn't happen on wet roads.

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09:58:01 am



**Rocket City Gal** Romeo and Gregorio

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**Trish in MA** Ouch. Head on the curbstone. If there's ever an argument for helmets - that.

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09:58:17 am



**Rocket City Gal** Gregoire

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09:58:38 am



**Trish in MA** Entering the no-begging zone.

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**Rocket City Gal** Romeo got the worst of it. They both hit their heads - Romeo slid into the curb concrete, Gregoire had a slightly less traumatic slide but hit head still bounced off the tarmac.

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**Trish in MA** While looking for the Velogames code on FB, I spotted the LUGNuts dictionary. Hasn't been updated for a while - it needs a special section for rider nicknames....

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**Katie S** We live on an incline that has a couple other inclines that sweep into it. One day teenage boys were skateboarding down it. One

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missed the sweep and ended up slamming into my neighbor's curb, face first. Miraculously uninjured.



**BusterSci** Back from walkies, all Harry Sweaty.

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10:02:13 am



**PasadenaK8** Simone Velasco (Astana) also went down.

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**BusterSci** Yeah, he looked like he was under control and road of the road.

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**BusterSci** Ouch, romeo

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10:03:17 am



**BusterSci** wherefore art thou all scraped up, Romeo.

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10:03:36 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Sadly, I will not be here for tomorrow's finale and I want to take a moment to thank all of you for Popping By the Pub. I

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really enjoy our time together - despite my self-imposed crazy schedule keeps me absent for much of the racing. To give you a brief insight into how busy I am, I have roughly 110 hours of lessons scheduled for August, plus judging three competitions. This does not include then inevitable requests for additional lessons, clinics, judging; and does not include riding my own two horses. Then there is the saddle company work and stallion management. It is a full life, but a fun one as well. Hope we keep gathering until such time I have more "free" time. Love all of you!



**Rocket City Gal** It looks like they're right in the middle of the predicted time spread. Except for the peloton which is in another time zone currently.

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**Katie S** It's the grease and asphalt is its game

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10:04:20 am



**Trish in MA** Almost everyone in the group missed the turn either going down, riding off the road, and/or pulling out of the pedals.

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10:04:25 am



**BusterSci** Groves trying to channel MvdP

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10:05:09 am



**Katie S** Jo, your schedule is impressive, if nutty! Very glad for the time you do get to spend here. Hope to see you at the Vuelta.

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10:06:26 am





**Rocket City Gal** If Groves wins today, he achieves the GT win trinity

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10:06:40 am



**BusterSci** That's worth cheering for

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10:08:24 am



**PasadenaK8** Many thanks to you, Joanna! Appreciate the use of the Pub. Your schedule might be busy, but does sound like a wonderful and fun one \*;-)

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10:08:27 am



**Rocket City Gal** It would be a shame to not finish Le Tour with only 150ish mostly flattish km to go

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**BusterSci** Me? I'd prefer a Sweeny win for my team. But Groves would be acceptable.

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**Katie S** Ditto, Buster

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10:09:21 am



**BusterSci** About stage 5 I took a look at my team because I knew I was doing fairly well. In both leagues I

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10:10:03 am



**Mikey** Thank you Jo for all you do do

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10:10:09 am



**BusterSci** I'm in I realized I had no chance.

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10:10:11 am



**Rocket City Gal** Jo, those Täkt saddles are beautiful!

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10:10:46 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Thank you, RCG - very proud of our passion project.

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10:11:15 am



**Joanna in Virginia** After teaching on Monday I am driving to Maryland with a truck full of saddles to show to clients. Busy, busy, busy...

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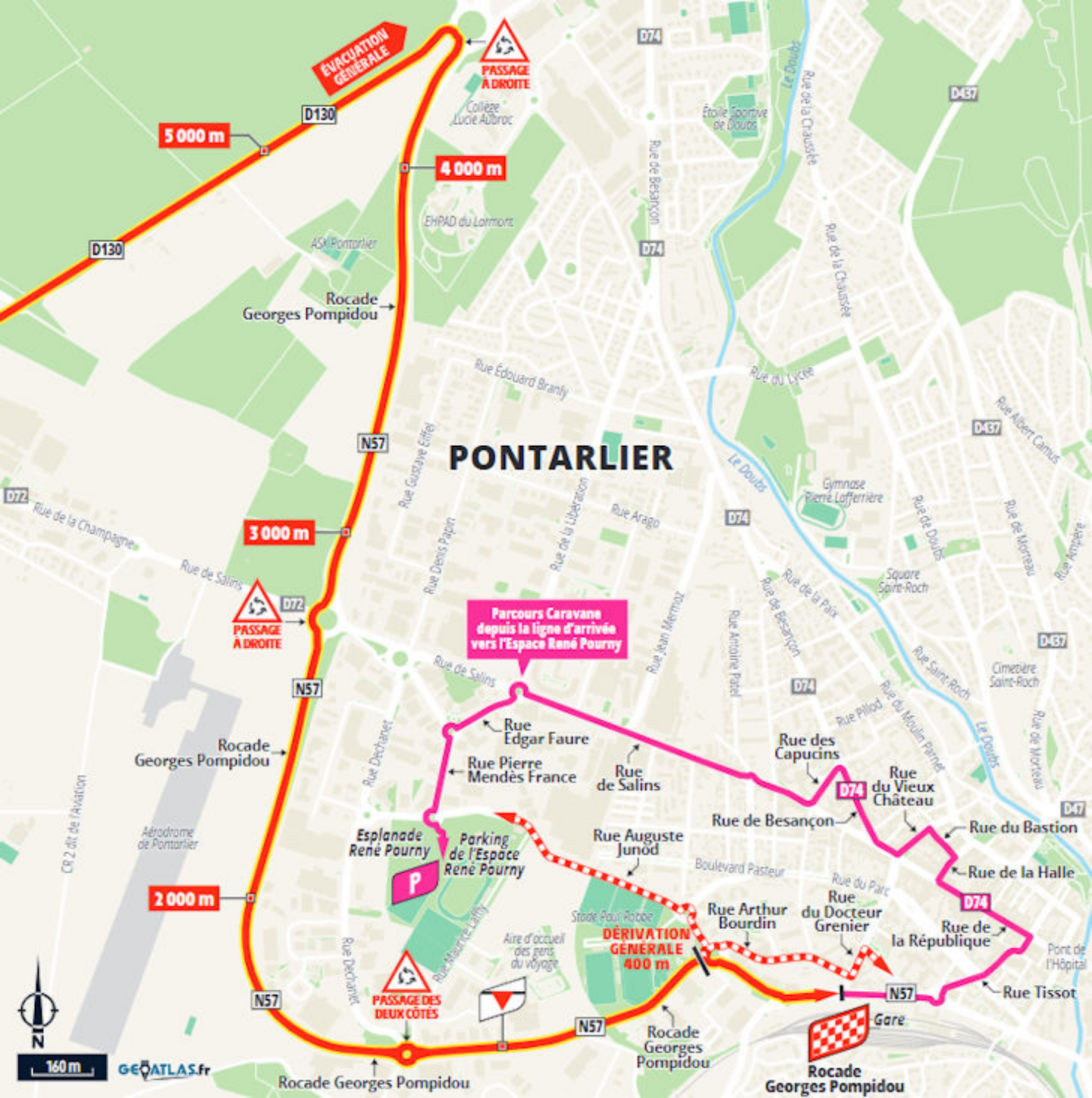
**Rocket City Gal** I don't know how you do it all. Many thanks for all you do!

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**Trish in MA** In honor of the TdF Femmes being in Brittany for at least 3 stages, I may make Koign Amann for breakfast tomorrow.

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10:12:33 am



**Mikey** 10k ish07-26-2025  
10:12:40 am**BusterSci** Chasers coming together. They don't want to, but they are.07-26-2025  
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**Joanna in Virginia** I do have the occasional day where I question my sanity, but I am not happy unless I am doing something. Such as, coming home and mixing up dough to bake six loaves. I'm sure there is something in my genetics, or something from my parents, that causes me to work (play) so much.

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**BusterSci** My dad and two older brother are/were workaholics. Must have used up all that genetic coding before I showed up.

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10:14:29 am**Joanna in Virginia** :P07-26-2025  
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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1753539603-stage-20-route-finale.jpg>

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10:15:04 am**Mikey** I used to have a work ethic07-26-2025  
10:15:29 am**BusterSci** The Giro would have made them ride the pink part.07-26-2025  
10:15:31 am**BusterSci** I have a work ethic. I just resent it.07-26-2025  
10:15:52 am**Tim in KY** He-he.07-26-2025  
10:16:10 am**Katie S** I look forward to redirecting mine.07-26-2025  
10:16:21 am**Mikey** Finding plenty to complain about in retirement07-26-2025  
10:17:49 am**Tim in KY** The green jersey group is 25 minutes behind.07-26-2025  
10:18:07 am**bikerabe** Cinque km07-26-2025  
10:18:11 am





**Tim in KY** Dry road for Groves.

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**Mikey** Wow Tim

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**Trish in MA** I love that I only did 3 big "work" things during my first year of retirement. The fall was election-related work, the winter /spring was helping with the Town Census, and the summer has been killing invasive plants. All interwoven with knitting.

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**Katie S** Did Groves just knock on wood?

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10:20:37 am



**Mikey** Grooooves is grovin

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10:21:04 am



**BusterSci** Appeared that way

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**BusterSci** I think his radio was out

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**Katie S** How many in the green jersey group?

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10:22:21 am



**SFinAus** Dudes striking their last matches.

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10:22:23 am



**BusterSci** Seems odd that Groves can stay away with motors like Matteo and Wellens chasing.

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10:22:23 am



**bikerabe** flame rouge

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**Katie S** Very surprised it's his first Tour de France.

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**PasadenaK8** 34 riders in the Green Jersey group.

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**BusterSci** With Jasper and MvdP, he's always been sent to the other races

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**bikerabe** could Groves win Paris?

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**Katie S** Sweet response

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10:23:56 am



**BusterSci** Who knows this year?

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10:24:01 am



**Mikey** Took his hands on the bars FINE himm

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10:24:11 am



**SFinAus** (Wow. I really need to check my streaming status before making comments. I was kms behind. Sorry.)

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**Rocket City Gal** The second rider to attain the trilogy this T de F

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**Joanna in Virginia** I resemble that remark, Shawn. :)

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10:25:16 am



**BusterSci** Now we need to see if the GC group picks it up enough to get BenO back into 10th.

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**Rocket City Gal** When you were just going to be the mule and get to be the star. Fabulous.

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**KimC** Jo- thank you again for all you do for us!! All- I don't say hi every day but am with you silently and am so grateful for this group!!!

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10:26:08 am



**Katie S** Well put, RCG

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**Rocket City Gal** Peloton just soft pedaling

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**BusterSci** People tell me I'm the mule but they use a different word.

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**Joanna in Virginia** The Pub wouldn't be possible without the generous donations and amazing Admins. Always big THANKS to Tim for the daily previews!

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**Mikey** TIM TIM TIM07-26-2025  
10:28:16 am**Rocket City Gal** Too -10:07-26-2025  
10:28:19 am**Rocket City Gal** [https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1753540404-IMG\\_7517.jpeg](https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1753540404-IMG_7517.jpeg)07-26-2025  
10:28:26 am**Katie S** Gimme a T! Gimme an I! Gimme an M!07-26-2025  
10:28:51 am**BusterSci** There are some who call him...Tim.07-26-2025  
10:28:58 am**Joanna in Virginia** Thanks Bruce, er, Tim!07-26-2025  
10:29:28 am**BusterSci** Poor BenO.07-26-2025  
10:29:52 am**SFinAus** Chapeau and thanks to all our red letter Nuts.07-26-2025  
10:29:54 am**Tim in KY** Yellow jersey group really drilling it at the kite.07-26-2025  
10:29:57 am**BusterSci** How do you wipe out on a soft pedal in?07-26-2025  
10:30:44 am**Rocket City Gal** 3rd stage win of the Tour for Alpecin ( with 3 different guys)07-26-2025  
10:30:56 am**Trish in MA** Crash!07-26-2025  
10:30:59 am**SFinAus** Perhaps there are no dumb questions, but there are dumb crashes.07-26-2025  
10:31:04 am**Rocket City Gal** Peloton crashes at the finish07-26-2025  
10:31:07 am**Joanna in Virginia** HORSE!07-26-2025  
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**Katie S** Well that was a dumb crash... not that there are smart ones...

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10:31:15 am



**BusterSci** As I always heard it, there are no dumb questions. Just dumb people asking questions.

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10:31:27 am



**SFinAus** heh heh

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10:31:41 am



**BusterSci** Or as a college professor of mine said "There are no dumb questions." (dubious question follows) Prof: "You're really testing me here."

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**Tim in KY** Time to reheat last night's leftover pizza.

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**KimC** Haha Buster!

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10:34:09 am



**BusterSci** Mmmm. We never have leftovers. But always leftover fauxcoccia

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10:34:20 am



**Katie S** Thanks everyone. Headed out for breakfast. I expect we'll bring home leftover tater tots.

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**BusterSci** Never leftover tater tots.

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**Trish in MA** Well, I'm off to start the Kouign Amann - and then tune into the TdF Femmes.

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**BusterSci** In case anyone wondered why I'm chubby.

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**Trish in MA** Let me just say - Tater Tot Nachos!

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**Mikey** Ba

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**Joanna in Virginia** Until next time Nuts! XO

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**SFinAus** Bye Jo. Thank you.

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**SFinAus** Time to mow n such. Gonna be a nice cool day today at 91.  
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**bikerabe** Paris final should be interesting

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