



**Tim in KY** TdF Stage 8 is 171 kilometers from Saint-Méen-le-Grand in west central France due east to Laval.

07-11-2025  
01:27:32 pm



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752255162-stage-8-route.jpg>

07-11-2025  
01:27:43 pm



**Tim in KY** The profile is very slightly lumpy but not in a way that would impair a bunch sprint. The finish is slightly uphill and littered with roundabouts. The sprint zone is 5000 meters.

07-11-2025  
01:28:49 pm



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752255239-stage-8-profile.jpg>

07-11-2025  
01:29:00 pm



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752255258-stage-8-profile-finale.jpg>

07-11-2025  
01:29:19 pm



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752255287-stage-8-route-finale.jpg>

07-11-2025  
01:29:47 pm



**Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:25 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:15. Forecast is for sunshine with temps in the toasty low-30s.

07-11-2025  
01:30:22 pm



**David Stanley** thank-you, Tim.

07-11-2025  
02:17:56 pm



**Tim in KY** Jack Haig (Bahrain Victorious) and Mattia Cattaneo (Soudal-Quickstep) were the only DNF of Friday.

07-11-2025  
04:41:36 pm



**Joanna in Virginia** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752312845-1752312545363.jpeg>

07-12-2025  
05:29:06 am



**Tim in KY** Only two DNF yesterday and no DNS this morning. So far. Still a half hour to neutral.

07-12-2025  
06:40:14 am

# SAINT-MÉEN-LE-GRAND



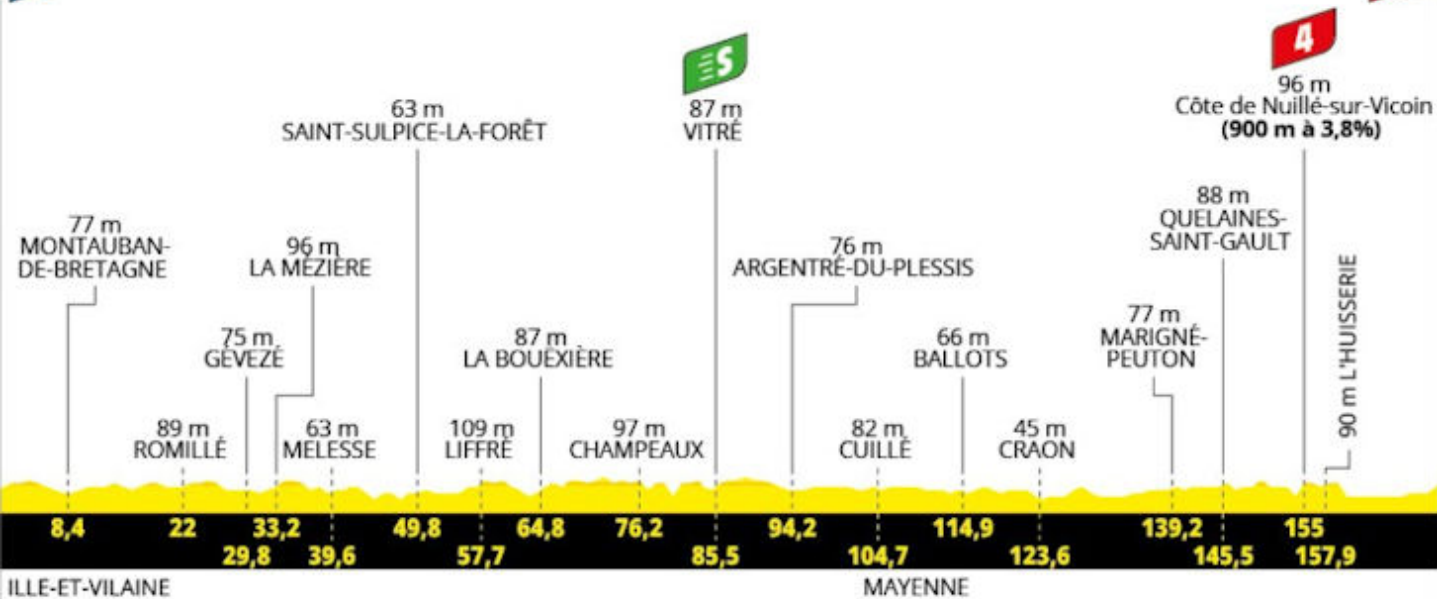
# SAINT-MÉEN-LE-GRAND

80 m



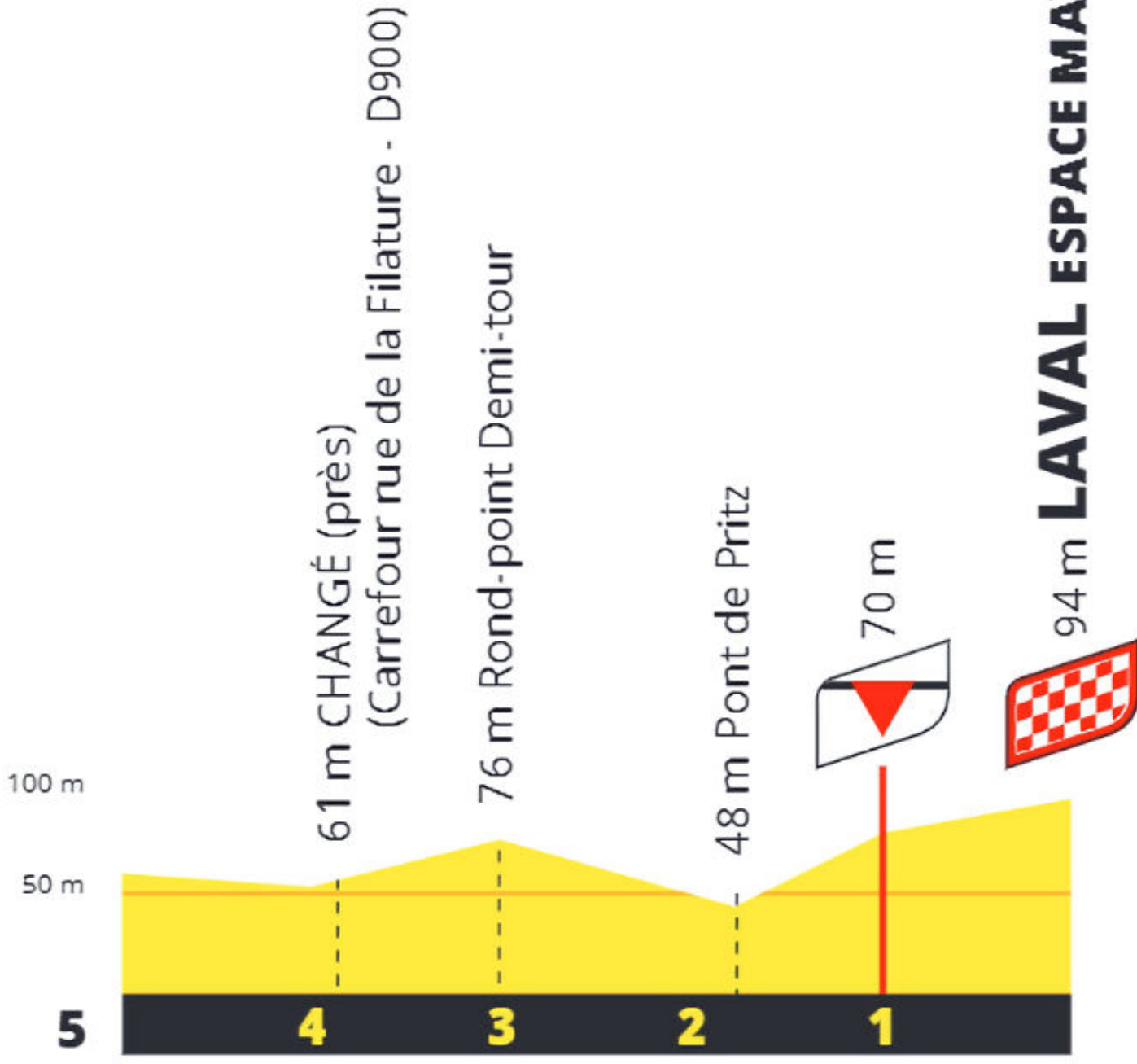
# LAVAL ESPACE MAYENNE

94 m



0

171,4 km









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Thank you, Jo

Tip Jar





**Tim in KY** Two hour transfer tonight, two hour transfer Sunday night, three and a half hour transfer Monday night. That's a lot of bus time after riding all day.

07-12-2025  
06:50:36 am



**Tim in KY** In neutral.

07-12-2025  
07:11:00 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Good morning!

07-12-2025  
07:17:21 am



**Joanna in Virginia** I'll be in and out today, catching up on a myriad of things, but happy to join for awhile.

07-12-2025  
07:18:17 am



**Tim in KY** What news from Artie's CT Jo?

07-12-2025  
07:21:11 am



**Tim in KY** Km0.

07-12-2025  
07:25:28 am



**Tim in KY** No break takers on this flat stage.

07-12-2025  
07:26:52 am



**Tim in KY** Time for PT.

07-12-2025  
07:27:27 am



**Joanna in Virginia** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752320141-1752319841389.jpeg>

07-12-2025  
07:30:42 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Thanks for asking, Tim. I will get the results next week. The veterinarian was kind enough to let me view the imaging from the CT scan. He originally spoke to me as though I had no working knowledge of the C-Spine, then I informed him of my personal experience, and the level of communication immediately became more technical.

07-12-2025  
07:36:37 am



**Joanna in Virginia** The entire team was concerned that they would have difficulty imaging C6-C7 due to the massive neck and shoulders on my boy. The vet actually asked to take photos of Artie to prove the size and mass of horse that could be imaged.

07-12-2025  
07:36:49 am



**Joanna in Virginia** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752320593-1752320293398.jpeg>

07-12-2025  
07:38:14 am













**Tim in KY** I find it quite amazing that they can get a horse in unfamiliar circumstances to stand still for as long as a CT takes.

07-12-2025  
07:43:37 am



**Tim in KY** Already at the slowest imaginable...

07-12-2025  
07:46:58 am



**Joanna in Virginia** The use of quick acting/short duration sedatives help a lot!

07-12-2025  
07:47:55 am



**Tim in KY** There were no penalties or fines yesterday.

07-12-2025  
07:54:10 am



**mmcally** Bonjour à tous. Hope everyone is having a great Tour. Tim - thanks for the coffee recommendation in Manhattan Beach. My wife loved it. We had a great trip and made better by my beloved Paris Saint-Germain winning 4-0 in their opening Club World Cup match against Atletico Madrid in front of 80k. Temps at the beach were perfect, if not even chilly at times. Pasadena was on the hot side for most, but coming from Phoenix we were not out of our element. Thanks again, Tim. Much appreciate the assist.

07-12-2025  
08:05:31 am



**Katie S** Good morning!

07-12-2025  
08:12:47 am



**Tim in KY** Mike, it's amazing how great the temp difference is between the beach and Pasadena.

07-12-2025  
08:25:51 am



**Katie S** Have there been any break attempts today? Seems odd that there isn't one yet.

07-12-2025  
08:31:17 am



**Tim in KY** Not a glimmer of a break attempt, Katie.

07-12-2025  
08:34:59 am



**mmcally** It really is, Tim. Your daughter must truly enjoy living there. I didn't realize until after we had left, a former employee of mine lives there as well. Deb and I will for sure spend more time there in the future.

07-12-2025  
08:36:42 am



**BusterSci** Sprinters want to sprint for a change.

07-12-2025  
08:37:32 am



**Katie S** And, hi, Mike. Great to see you here again.

07-12-2025  
08:37:42 am



**Tim in KY** Two minutes slower than the slowest right now. I'm surprised they're going that fast.

07-12-2025  
08:37:56 am



**mmcally** Hi Katie. My daughter is home from France for 6 weeks, so we are enjoying that. She completed her year in school and will be living in Paris next year. She loves Paris and is very excited to get back.

07-12-2025  
08:47:55 am



**bikerabe** stage 7 Giro Donne 14 km finish climb Sarah Gigante wins over Longo Borgini who takes over MegliaRosa

07-12-2025  
08:51:01 am



**bikerabe** Maglis Rosa

07-12-2025  
08:51:35 am



**Mikey** Good Morning from rain soaked Iowa

07-12-2025  
08:59:55 am



**Mikey** Amazing horse tech Jo

07-12-2025  
09:00:43 am



**Mikey** We didn't lose power but we did lose internet ! Trees down in the neighborhood. Chainsaws sawing

07-12-2025  
09:03:39 am



**BusterSci** How much rain?

07-12-2025  
09:04:01 am



**Mikey** We got about 5 inches last night and about 9 1/2 for the week

07-12-2025  
09:04:33 am



**Mikey** There was quite a bit north of us too. What did you get?

07-12-2025  
09:05:24 am



**BusterSci** NOthing

07-12-2025  
09:06:01 am



**BusterSci** We've started to dry out a bit here over the last couple weeks. It's still raining every day or three, but haven't had heavy stuff in a bit.

07-12-2025  
09:06:40 am



**Joanna in Virginia** The clinic just got the standing CT machine a couple weeks ago, they told me they are doing several scans a week already. Artie was the most massive horse so far. Definitely tested the limits of the machine.

07-12-2025  
09:07:08 am



**Mikey** At least you have that as an option and its close Jo

07-12-2025  
09:07:50 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Yes Mikey, very fortunate!

07-12-2025  
09:09:48 am



**Mikey** Tornado was just a bit south and west of here on the ground but went over us. Only 75 mph winds Descended like Pidcock

07-12-2025  
09:09:54 am



**Rocket City Gal** I am surprised that Artie would stick his head and neck in there, sedatives or no.

07-12-2025  
09:11:10 am



**bikerabe** coming to the sprint Dreen jersey is otb

07-12-2025  
09:12:01 am



**Rocket City Gal** Catching up from last night. Last night's market went well with pretty good sales and NO rain (yay!). But it's a long one, 6-10 pm, and thern stuff has to be loaded up and driven home. I'm tired.

07-12-2025  
09:12:05 am



**Joanna in Virginia** He's a very trusting horse, fortunately, it didn't make noise like an MRI does.

07-12-2025  
09:12:23 am



**Rocket City Gal** I was tired when I was working on Etsy today to make sure what I have in my inventory matches my Etsy listings; I hit the wrong button and deleted 40 listings. POOF. There's no "are you SURE you want to delete these?" buttons (although there's a lot of useless redundancy on their site in other ways.) So I'll have to recreate those, eventually.

07-12-2025  
09:13:33 am



**bikerabe** srl 11 km to sprint Milan should get back

07-12-2025  
09:14:01 am



**Mikey** Oh my RCG

07-12-2025  
09:14:13 am



**Katie S** Ugh, RCG

07-12-2025  
09:14:20 am



**Rocket City Gal** I've reactivated most of the listings so now it's time for coffee and some vegetating in front of the TV. I don't trust myself to do anything on the computer. We got back close to 11 pm, hadn't eaten so I popped a pizza in the oven. Went to bed at 0100 and woke up at the usual 5 am.

07-12-2025  
09:15:00 am



**Mikey** I was affected by the Microsoft issues this week and lost my email for three days

07-12-2025  
09:15:09 am



**Mikey** People are funny... What do you mean you didn't get my email? And you didn't answer your phone! errrrrrrr

07-12-2025  
09:16:30 am



**Rocket City Gal** My mistake was hitting "delete" instead of "deactivate" after checking an entire page of listings (which is 40). I deactivate them, then go through and check things off to make sure that I still have those listings. I haven't had too much inventory loss from sticky fingers, but about 3 or 4 listings just disappear from Etsy every month so it's good to go through everything every couple of months or so.

07-12-2025  
09:16:51 am



**Katie S** RCG, have you considered Redbubble? I just ordered something there yesterday. Seems it's a variety of artists/makers ... maybe like Etsy originally?

07-12-2025  
09:17:51 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Oh Mikey, I experienced that a few months ago - it was a nightmare!

07-12-2025  
09:18:52 am



**Rocket City Gal** I have a love-hate relationship with Etsy but it's pretty easy to use. I tried Shopify and it was a nightmare. Most platforms are good for people who have 100 of a single thing, but are bad for people who have 1 of 100 different things. Some tie dyers have a blanket listing for a style and say, "The one you get will look pretty much like this one." But each piece is unique and you never know what subtle things will speak to a person, so I like to list each one individually.

07-12-2025  
09:19:54 am



**Rocket City Gal** I like Etsy because it's easy to copy listings, change them around a bit and add the correct pictures. With Shopify, it was taking over half an hour per listing and that's just not tenable.

07-12-2025  
09:21:06 am



**Rocket City Gal** On Etsy I can usually do a listing in 5 minutes or so. I have to change the photos and sizing info and a bit in the description (different colors or whatever), but most of the text remains unaltered.

07-12-2025  
09:22:11 am



**Mikey** Clearing cache baby

07-12-2025  
09:22:16 am



**Mikey** It was very frustration

07-12-2025  
09:22:42 am



**Rocket City Gal** Once deleted from Etsy, things are gone forever. Believe me, I looked....

07-12-2025  
09:23:51 am



**Rocket City Gal** So.... they said Buitrago had a concussion, but he's still riding?? How?

07-12-2025  
09:25:03 am



**Rocket City Gal** I looked and Dunbar was the only DNS today.

07-12-2025  
09:25:40 am



**Katie S** 1 k to some action

07-12-2025  
09:27:40 am



**Rocket City Gal** Time to get my coffee and go watch. I

07-12-2025  
09:27:59 am



**Katie S** Action over

07-12-2025  
09:29:00 am



**Tim in KY** Sprint line crossed 4 minutes slower than the slowest.

07-12-2025  
09:29:03 am



**Katie S** I'll miss the finish today. Nephew's wedding is this afternoon in the redwoods about 45 miles south of me in the coastal range. Will take about an hour and 20 minutes to get there. So, I'd like to get my outdoor (hike/birding) done without feeling time crunched before having get all cleaned up and presentable.

07-12-2025  
09:32:33 am



**Tim in KY** Dunbar was in the lare crash yesterday. It's interesting that he wasn't listed as a DNS even after Km0 today.

07-12-2025  
09:33:09 am



**Tim in KY** Is your brother officiating, Katie?

07-12-2025  
09:34:05 am



**Katie S** He is!

07-12-2025  
09:36:03 am



**Katie S** TotalEnergies getting a gap

07-12-2025  
09:43:13 am



**bikerabe** 30 sec coming to 2KU

07-12-2025  
09:51:20 am



**Alaska Dave** Good morning. It's raining in the rainforest, surprise?!

07-12-2025  
10:05:06 am





**Alaska Dave** Scrolled through today. We'll be prepping fish for a Wisconsin family reunion. My sister texted Tuesday and then informed us the family would like fish for 44.

07-12-2025  
10:06:55 am



**Rocket City Gal** Get the worms ready, Dave. Actually that's more of a seine net job

07-12-2025  
10:10:09 am



**Alaska Dave** I'm a lazy fisherman. It's easier to go down to the dock and buy at a discount straight from the commercial fishers. We are getting some fresh trolled kings and gillnetted reds. My youngest son's girlfriend works for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Industry promotional group (ASMI sounds better than ASMA). We were panicking as we leave Thursday. Fortunately at 10 pounds per king and 6 pounds per red we will have enough. Salmon don't go for worms. Every local market here has herring.

07-12-2025  
10:14:19 am



**Tim in KY** EFE has 5 guys in the top 20 on GC at the Tour of Austria including #2.

07-12-2025  
10:19:29 am



**Alaska Dave** The best of the rest. This first week has been much more exciting and decisive than it looked on paper.

07-12-2025  
10:22:07 am



**Alaska Dave** The GF is contributing smoked black cod. We now have to figure how to pack in 50 pound boxes for airplane luggage. Alaska Air is generous for Alaskan luggage. 2 pieces of luggage allowed without fees. Fish boxes are common. Bike boxes fly for free-counted as a piece of luggage. I will probably leave the bike home for family harmony.

07-12-2025  
10:26:45 am



**Toulouse** Howdy, all you rain people. We got 15 minutes the other morning, but it came with a lot of lightning that touched off at least three fires west of here. One was small and is out; the other two started on both rims of a canyon 50 miles away and have no containment.

07-12-2025  
10:43:46 am



**Alaska Dave** I'd gladly share our surplus

07-12-2025  
10:47:37 am



**Toulouse** We'd take it. We're in Year 25 of a drought, I'm told.

07-12-2025  
10:51:23 am



**Tim in KY** Strange looking road surface on this Cat 4.

07-12-2025  
10:56:26 am



**Joanna in Virginia** In other NRRBBB - the farm owner is having a party this evening and I've decided to bake some Chocolate Chip Cookies - just for fun, I'm going to add a little espresso powder. Will report back. :-)

07-12-2025  
10:59:13 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Dudes are just falling off their bikes for no apparent reason...

07-12-2025  
11:01:45 am



**Rocket City Gal** Toulouse - wildfires have caused evacuation of the hotel/cabins of the north rim of Grand Canyon.

07-12-2025  
11:04:10 am



**Mikey** 10K Is there a race going on?

07-12-2025  
11:04:30 am



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752332990-stage-8-route-finale.jpg>

07-12-2025  
11:04:51 am



**David Stanley** Zoom zoom, here just in time! I miss anything? :)

07-12-2025  
11:08:24 am



**Tim in KY** Road width keeps changing. Wide, narrow, wide, narrow...

07-12-2025  
11:08:55 am



**Tim in KY** Just crashes, DStan.

07-12-2025  
11:09:11 am



**David Stanley** Just back from the Farmer's MKT.

07-12-2025  
11:09:27 am



**Mikey** 4K

07-12-2025  
11:11:26 am



**David Stanley** Kaden Groves is a darned fine Plan B, eh?

07-12-2025  
11:12:12 am



**David Stanley** Not wout! MvdP?

07-12-2025  
11:15:34 am



**Tim in KY** Milan is very fast for such a big guy.

07-12-2025  
11:16:34 am



**David Stanley** Well, geez, nice win for Milan, oui?

07-12-2025  
11:16:38 am





**Joanna in Virginia** Argy Bargy Time!

07-12-2025  
11:16:43 am



**Mikey Ba**

07-12-2025  
11:17:14 am



**David Stanley** Right, Tim? He's built more like a track sprinter. Not even close in that sprint.

07-12-2025  
11:17:24 am



**Tim in KY** WvA seems to be feeling better finally.

07-12-2025  
11:17:41 am



**Tim in KY** Okay. On the flats again tomorrow.

07-12-2025  
11:18:36 am



**David Stanley** It's nice to see, Tim, WvA back with good legs. And what a great time to be Lidl/Trek.

07-12-2025  
11:18:38 am



**David Stanley** Have a fine day, all. I'm going to do a ride before this afternoon's T'storms roll in.

07-12-2025  
11:19:07 am



**Joanna in Virginia** [https://rumbletalk-images-](https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752334127-Screenshot%202025-07-12%20at%2011.22.38%E2%80%AFAM.png)

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**Joanna in Virginia** [https://rumbletalk-images-](https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752334137-Screenshot%202025-07-12%20at%2011.22.50%E2%80%AFAM.png)

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# Top 5

17:16

1. Jonathan Milan (Lidl-Trek)
2. Wout Van Aert (Visma-Lease a Bike)
3. Kaden Groves (Alpecin-Deceuninck)
4. Pascal Ackermann (Israel Premier Tech)
5. Arnaud De Lie (Lotto)



# General ranking



1. T. Pogacar



UAD 29h 48' 30"

2. R. Evenepoel



SOQ + 00' 54"

3. K. Vauquelin



ARK + 01' 11"

4. J. Vingegaard



TVL + 01' 17"

5. M. Van Der Poel



ADC + 01' 29"