



Joanna in Virginia TdF Stage 17 is 160 kilometers north from Bollène to Valence just east of the Rhone River.

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Joanna in Virginia <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1753216594-stage-17-route.jpg>

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Joanna in Virginia The route is undulating and there are two Cat 4 climbs but the second crests 43 kilometers from the finish. A bunch sprint seems likely. The 5-kilometer sprint zone is straight until a sweeping left turn with 800 meters to go.

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Joanna in Virginia Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:50 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:20. Forecast is for the strong possibility of rain in the mid-20s.

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Joanna in Virginia Thanks, as always, to Tim for preparing the Preview, greatly appreciated.

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Tim in KY For stage 16, Emiel Verstrynge and Jonas Rickaert (both of Alpecin) were fined 200CHF each for sticky bottles. The Alpecin team car was fined 700CHF. There were no DNF or OTL.

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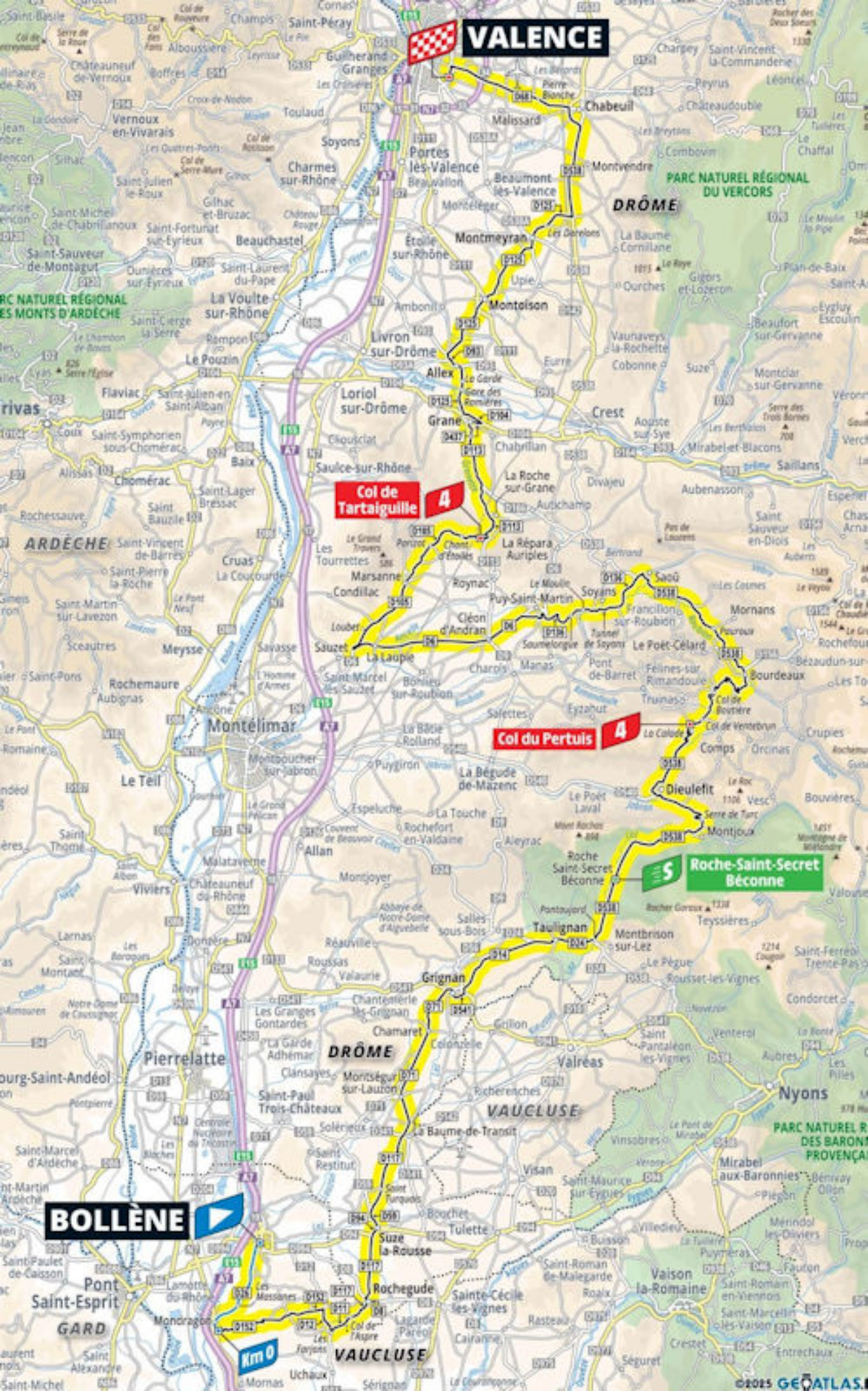
BusterSci Verystrange. He needs to legally change his name. Because 'Murica.

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Charlie in Tenn From Tuesday - Baker's Edge Pan - Most definitely yes. For Crash Helmets - Comedian Bill Dana playing Jose Jiminez the first man to be sent to Mars on the Ed Sullivan Show Ed, ""Now, is that a crash helmet?" Jose, "Oh, I hope not!"

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VALENCE

DRÔME
PARC NATUREL RÉGIONAL
DU VERCORS

Col de Tartaiguille 4

Col du Pertuis 4

**5 Roche-Saint-Secret
Béconne**

BOLLÈNE

DRÔME

VAUCLUSE

VAUCLUSE

BOLLÈNE

68 m

**VALENCE**

150 m







Rocket City Gal Danny van Poppel will be a DNS today. “Danny van Poppel has exited the Tour de France, but not due to injury or illness, this time, it’s for a joyful reason. The Dutch rider left the race to be with his partner, Stéphane Kox, who gave birth to their daughter Bobbie on Wednesday. It marks van Poppel’s first time becoming a father, and the timing means he will not complete his seventh Tour appearance. The last time he abandoned the race was more than a decade ago, in 2013 and 2014.”

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Tim in KY Still an hour until Km0 but so far Van Poppel is the only DNS. Rain chance for today has increased especially at the finish.

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Rocket City Gal In addition to a pretty good chance of rain, the wind is blowing briskly out of the north meaning the riders will have a headwind most of the day. It will be harder for a breakaway to be successful today.

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Rocket City Gal Yesterday both Pogacar and Vingegaard broke Iban Mayo’s 2004 record for the fastest ascent of Mont Ventoux, beating it by about a minute.

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Rocket City Gal Pogacar’s Strava time for the climb was 53:47

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Tim in KY I wonder if Lenny will go looking for the two KOM points available today so he can have the dots by rights again.

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Tim in KY WHF was at the DocMobile during neutral.

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Tim in KY Pouring rain at the finish.

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Mikey Good Morning

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07:47:54 am

Tim in KY Hi Mikey.

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Mikey Nursing a sick Norman this morning. Ate something last night....

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BusterSci I've seen so many different things about climb speed. RCG quoted 53:47, beating by a minute. Also saw 54:32 vs Mayo' 55:52.

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Mayo's was a TT. Prior mass start final climb record was Pantani at 57:33. Then saw a listing where all the times were about 10min shorter. Really strange.



Mikey Hi Tim

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Mikey Are you hot and humid today Buster

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BusterSci Compared to a sport like MLB, cycling stats are at best rumors.

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BusterSci Yes, Mikey.

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Tim in KY Why is there a break fight?

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BusterSci Because sprinters vs breakaway guys? Because every team who hasn't gotten a stage win thinks this is a chance?

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07:54:03 am



Rocket City Gal Yes, I read different times. First 54:30, then 53:47. A mystery. Might be a difference between timing between specific points via T de F timing and what was on Pogi's computer. The Strava segment may be slightly different than what has been traditionally used to time the climb, maybe?. That's why I worded as I did— not sure which is the "official" ascent time.

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BusterSci I don't think there even is an official time.

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BusterSci There's an attempt to block at the front now.

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Tim in KY Break of four is allowed up the road by a minute.

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Rocket City Gal Lenny and Pog tied at 60 points on KOM, but Pog leads b/c of his higher finishes /better GC placing. It makes sense for Lenny to get in the break so he can regain the dots today (although Pog will probably regain the dots tomorrow). Milan is only a dozen or so points ahead of Pog in the points competition. If he doesn't get in the breakaway and win the intermediate sprint and finale, he will be losing the green jersey to Pog tomorrow or Friday. Saturday looks like a breakaway day, and they've added a nasty cobbled climb to the final 3

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laps in Paris on the last stage so it will be much harder for pure sprinters to win on the Champs this year.



Rocket City Gal Neither one is in this break.

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Mikey Time for sponsor exposure

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Rocket City Gal One of our local greenways goes under a RR spur, and this happened yesterday:

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Mikey That gets a Yikes

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Rocket City Gal No one was under it at the time, but lots of people use that segment which is now closed. The bypass is a series of two fairly busy roads to get down to the greenway that's along the Tennessee River.

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BusterSci I think it's fair to say Pog and Vingo both shattered the fastest time. I tried to find the fastest time I'd make a bet on as a clean time. 2013 had the most recent fastest times and I saw nobody on the list I'd even bet a gumball on being clean. And for some reason my autocorrect wants to change gumball to gumboil and what sense does that make? Is that some sort of bayou term?

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Rocket City Gal As far as I know, the major (?only) company dependent on this spur nowadays is a ceramics-manufacturing plant. So they will have to have to use big trucks to haul in their big, heavy raw materials for quite awhile, which is going to be a major pain for them and which is going to throw a

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lot more big heavy trucks on the already unpleasant-for-cycling roads that are now the “bypass” for the closed segment.



Mikey I think the wif and I had the gumboil in the UP

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BusterSci Funny. Are you talking the traditional fish boil or the traditional booyah?

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BusterSci I tried looking it up and got 30 hits for boils on the gums, with pictures I didn't want to see.

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Rocket City Gal Gumboil is boiled gumbo? Or the process of boiling it? My autocorrect changed “gumboil” to “gum oil,” FWIW.

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BusterSci Putting the A in AI.

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Mikey Traditional... whatever they had to put in the pot that day

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BusterSci That sounds more booyah

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08:11:06 am



Tim in KY An SOQ smacked a spectator who was encroaching on the road. Be looking for that on the fines report tomorrow.

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Mikey I only play a gumboil expert in my spare time but we saw a sign on the road that said come on in the pot is boiling.... so we did

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Rocket City Gal The area where the RR bridge collapsed floods anytime the TN river is high (pretty much every spring, for weeks). It also narrows from traditional greenway width to half of that right under the bridge where the collapse is, so you'd always have to slow down and shout or ring a bike bell to avoid collisions with folks coming the other direction.

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BusterSci Booyahs are big on the St Paul side of the cities. Church fundraisers. Smelt fries used to be more common but they've really tailed off since the smelt don't run like they used to--they can't be counted on.

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BusterSci Tim, maybe SOQ is their team abbreviation for a reason?

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**Rocket City Gal** "Take that, ya eedjit!"07-23-2025
08:19:10 am**Rocket City Gal** Booyah is not a food term that I've encountered other than reading it here. Wikipedia says the stew was probably brought to WI by Wallonian Belgian immigrants.07-23-2025
08:22:15 am**BusterSci** Why is it that this group, who in other conversations seem rather mild mannered, also seem pretty happy to see spectators beaten by a gendarme, car, or cyclist?07-23-2025
08:22:22 am**BusterSci** Yeah, Booyah is very regional. We didn't have booyahs in western MN where I grew up. Didn't encounter them until I lived in the MSP area07-23-2025
08:23:07 am**Rocket City Gal** Not happy to see it.... But it's often fitting justice for idiotic behavior.07-23-2025
08:23:34 am**BusterSci** Yeah, fitting is apt.07-23-2025
08:23:51 am**Tim in KY** Here we have burgoo which another big pot over the fire food.07-23-2025
08:24:18 am**BusterSci** Ok, that's a new one for me.07-23-2025
08:24:40 am**bikerabe** Axel Laurance backl in peloton gap to front 2:4307-23-2025
08:25:06 am**BusterSci** Is squirrel or possum your favorite?07-23-2025
08:25:44 am**Rocket City Gal** There are just so many times we see cyclists get hurt (or their races negatively impacted) by people who stand in the roadway, aren't paying attention, are going for stupid selfie shots, are holding items that project into the roadway or whatever.07-23-2025
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BusterSci I've eaten squirrel. I think that's the extent of my varmint consumption.

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BusterSci Cav.

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Tim in KY Sadly, beef, mutton and domestic poultry have replaced roadkill.

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Rocket City Gal Have you ever gotten close enough to an opossum to smell it? We accidentally trapped one while trying to trap/relocate a destructive squirrel. The opossum smelled like garbage. I sure wouldn't want to eat one. Plus, they're actually been beneficial – they eat a lot of ticks.

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BusterSci Yeah, possums are one of the best varmints. They're also very resistant to rabies. They historically got blamed a lot but their body temperature is too low for rabies.

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BusterSci Trash pandas, on the other hand, are a big vector.

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Rocket City Gal Raccoons, foxes, skunks, and bats are main rabies reservoir species.

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bikerabe 10 km to sprint

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Katie S Good morning

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08:41:26 am



BusterSci Mikey, in answer to your hot and humid question...

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PasadenaK8 🙌 Mornin'

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Charlie in Tenn Trek's DS said he spent the whole rest day calculating how to get enough points for Milan to win green. The points missed

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yesterday are going to be hard to recover. Now that Remco is gone he thinks Merlier will have his team behind him completely so they will help with all sprint opportunities.



Charlie in Tenn Hot and humid in east TN for sure.

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BusterSci Wouldn't a sprinter rather have his team ahead of him?

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Tim in KY While the paint dries and the windows don't I have errands to run.

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Katie S Good lord. We had 100% humidity yesterday but it was in the form of very wet, low fog and 60 degrees. RCG - the RR bridge collapse does merit a yikes. Who's responsible for its maintenance? Any conjecture yet on the cause?

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Mikey Wow Buster time for some air movement

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Mikey Trash pandas? Wow just figured that out... humidity affecting brain

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BusterSci That looks like a fish boil.

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Katie S Or something out of the Scottish play.

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BusterSci Same difference

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BusterSci Evil things eventually ensue, it's just a matter of how quickly.

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Mikey Crash sort of

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BusterSci That looks like a skinny guy with something broken down low.

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Katie S yeah, my thought, too.

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Mikey Eye of newt

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BusterSci Hes up.

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bikerabe Abrahanson wins sprint

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Alaska Dave I've had seal, bear (no thanks), and whale. I know people who do not eat store bought meat.

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BusterSci Was talking to a friend yesterday and we decided that a good application of tech to cycling would be to convert McCrossan's announcing into Phil's voice.

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Katie S I'm still 500 meters from the sprint

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Alaska Dave Waiting for the second sprint. So to speak.

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Katie S that's the one

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BusterSci Dave, we can argue terminology but I'd call all those game rather than varmints. I suppose for those that live around bears that they might overlap into the varmint category.

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bikerabe Milan gets 5th

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Mikey Abrahanson just won the Iowa sprint. Must be the humidity

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Mikey Bison is good eaten

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BusterSci Just realized it's garbage day so swam the bins down to the curb 5 minutes before the first truck showed up.

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Alaska Dave Bears are big varmint. To the average fisher, seals are varmint as well.

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BusterSci Good point on fisherman and seals.

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Alaska Dave We are not allowed to leave trash out overnight. Either the bears or the ravens will make a mess of the neighborhood.

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BusterSci Not a major issue in MSP. Just trash pandas. But all the bins up in Ely are "bear proof."

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09:01:29 am



BusterSci Probably work for 250 pound blackies but I'm guessing you deal with a different breed, Dave.

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Katie S Sea lions are the bane of salmon fisherfolk around here. They wait for someone to hook a salmon, then surge up and bite the thing off at the collar.

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Alaska Dave Both meat tastes like what they eat. Seal is a traditional delicacy among the Native population. Well cooked it tastes like strong liver. I could never understand the appeal.

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Alaska Dave Bear proof means extra entertainment before breaking into the trash bin.

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09:04:26 am



BusterSci I think in northern MN the black bears are smallish and very shy. Most are about the size of a big lab and any noise they make gets at least a half dozen dogs barking and they get scared off.

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Rocket City Gal Katie re: the RR bridge — the RR company is responsible for maintenance/upkeep /repairs. But now there has to be inspection and investigation by the authorities to determine why it collapsed. RR cars were going over it at the time, and 2 ended up in the water (a creek which is pretty wide here as it nears the Tennessee River). Fortunately they weren't carrying anything toxic.

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Charlie in Tenn My father was a hunter so we ate most of the varmints found in KY. We also had a few of them (squirrel, racoon, a bird of some kind, rabbits) as pets at one time or another.

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BusterSci My dad hunted when I was young. I barely recall it. But he decided he didn't like killing things. Much the same for me which is why I gravitated to fishing. I'd love to catch and release hunt.

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PasadenaK8 Oh wow, I know this area. Blast to the past - village of Dieulefit - ancien petit ami territory.

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Alaska Dave <https://www.ktoo.org/2025/07/22/two-black-bear-cubs-die-after-climbing-utility-pole-in-downtown-juneau/> We have too many urban bears, and it doesn't always end well.

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Rocket City Gal One of our bears made an appearance yesterday. Neither of us saw it, but it was captured on one of the cameras at exactly the same time as my husband was walking to his workshop a short distance away.

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Rocket City Gal It looked to be smallish / a young 'un. Not a cub, but not full grown. They're small here, but will get into stuff if you're not careful with your trash. They've dug up part of the gravel driveway before, looking for ants or grubs.

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Rocket City Gal Peloton with G on the front is pulling back the break pretty fast 0:50 now

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Rocket City Gal Captain America and Ben Healy near the front

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Rocket City Gal Healy not pulling b/c one of his teammates is in the break, but he wants to stay up there

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Rocket City Gal Ineos pulling because??? Why

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Alaska Dave Mindless attack on the hill just because it's there?

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09:24:06 am



Rocket City Gal It's not like Sam Watson's been doing anything much in the sprints.....

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09:25:00 am



Alaska Dave Green jersey is dropped.

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Rocket City Gal Gap is 31-32 sec after cresting the KOM climb

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09:26:05 am



Rocket City Gal Yep. Milan's going to lose his jersey tomorrow to Pog.

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09:26:54 am



Katie S he hasn't seemed quite himself this week, has he?

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Charlie in Tenn I think the teams like Movistar and Ineos might just want to wear down Milan and Merlier or try to get into the break between here and the next cat 4.

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BusterSci Hard for a sprinter to be himself when the peloton is going uphill at astonishing speeds.

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Charlie in Tenn If your sprinter made it over keep going. If you don't have a sprinter, keep going.

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Charlie in Tenn Everyone is tired from the speed of this tour so maybe your guy might be in better shape. Like Demare? or not.

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Rocket City Gal Apart from a couple of rolling rest days, the average speeds this Tour have been crazy.

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Rocket City Gal De Lie has had 3 top 5s....

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Charlie in Tenn Even today the speed into a headwind is above 40.

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BusterSci A reminder of one of the great cycling interviews of all time, and why guys go up mountains at astonishing speeds.

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BusterSci <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RkrdqJHQBxs>

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bikerabe is Girmay in peloton?

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BusterSci Was last I saw

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Rocket City Gal He hasn't been sprinting like his usual self this year.

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SFinAus Good morning, and thank you Buster. :). I have still never seen a Belgian having breakfast.

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BusterSci I had...I had no...I had no idea.

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bikerabe love Belgium waffles I make at home

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Rocket City Gal So apparently Lipowitz is another guy from a skiing background (biathlon). And of course Simmons was a skier.

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Tim in KY I've heard Rog used to ski.

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Tim in KY Why break catch so soon?

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09:42:50 am



Katie S boredom

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09:43:17 am



BusterSci I think it's about the splits, no?

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Tim in KY Flirting with the slowest imaginable.

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bikerabe Rog was ski jumper

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09:45:57 am



Katie S the break does not wish to be caught yet .. gap up a bit.

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09:47:35 am



Katie S What is this skiing thing? Never heard of it.

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09:47:56 am



Rocket City Gal Vingo didn't ski. He skinned fish in a factory (along with a Valgren)

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09:48:32 am



Alaska Dave Meanwhile it is 57 degrees and raining here. Like I've returned to the rainforest.

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BusterSci My dad grew up in the home of waterskiing, on the shores of Lake Pepin, where Ralph Samuelson invented it in 1922.

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Katie S That's a fun fact.

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BusterSci We were always taught Tommy Bartlett was a poser.

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Rocket City Gal Here's an interesting tidbit... Before signing with Visma in 2019, Vingegaard rode for Team ColoQuick-Cult

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BusterSci Does Cult mean something else in whatever language?

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Alaska Dave To collect a specimen for pathological research? Throat cultures?

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09:55:23 am



BusterSci Oh. The meaning of "Colo" now comes into focus.

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Rocket City Gal "ColoQuick is a unique, all-in-one system for managing, storing, and feeding high-quality colostrum — giving calves the optimal start in life and unlocking their full milk potential."

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Rocket City Gal CULT Energy

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Rocket City Gal (Danish energy drinks)

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Rocket City Gal So there you have it— cow colostrum and energy drinks.....

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Mikey Wow RCG

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BusterSci I'm going to continue to assume it's about poop cultures. Fun fact: I helped develop the method of DNA extraction from stool that turned into the Cologuard test. In house we called it the poop protocol.

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Mikey Is it TMI that I have a poop protocol each morning ?

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Alaska Dave Descending to new lows in NRRBB

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10:02:14 am



BusterSci Probably for most, but I'm laughing.

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10:02:22 am



Mikey Help Tim help

07-23-2025
10:02:27 am



Alaska Dave Mean while an ATV with a French flag is dragging something of unknown identity behind it.

07-23-2025
10:03:04 am



BusterSci Probably a UK fan.

07-23-2025
10:03:20 am



Rocket City Gal He sort of took an unusual path to cycling but was recognized as a physiologic freak early on. There was a trainer set up at a bike race when he was a kid and you could "compete" to see how you performed compared to the pros.... and after that he took up cycling.

07-23-2025
10:03:21 am



Katie S Lord, i step away and look where the discussion goes!

07-23-2025
10:04:03 am



Mikey That will teach you

07-23-2025
10:04:41 am



Rocket City Gal You can blame Buster. And Mikey. I was just looking up Vingo's path to pro cycling.....

07-23-2025
10:05:20 am



SFinAus Dragging children and things through a field seems to a thing there about.

07-23-2025
10:05:25 am



Mikey My bad

07-23-2025
10:05:44 am



bikerabe Milan back with peloton

07-23-2025
10:05:52 am



Rocket City Gal It got turned from cow's milk to the scatological.

07-23-2025
10:05:59 am



Mikey Shot to the Moooooon

07-23-2025
10:06:19 am

**Katie S** ha!07-23-2025
10:06:27 am**Rocket City Gal** Peloton 1:12 behind the break. WVA 20 sec behind peloton07-23-2025
10:07:50 am**Tim in KY** Smack on the imagined time right now.07-23-2025
10:07:59 am**Mikey** Thanks Tim07-23-2025
10:08:42 am**Tim in KY** Do people really choose their cancer treatment while watching a bike race?07-23-2025
10:08:54 am**Mikey** The smart ones do07-23-2025
10:09:22 am**Rocket City Gal** < 10 km to the de-logoed PCS van and 14 or so km to the 2nd KOM07-23-2025
10:10:37 am**Rocket City Gal** I have very different ads from you guys07-23-2025
10:11:10 am**BusterSci** Non-scatological NRRBBB: Over the last couple of years07-23-2025
10:11:40 am

I've had a major issue with earworms. Not the kind certain political figures have, but when you get a tune in your head and it sticks for days. Sometimes there's an explanation, like a commercial using a song or whatever. But this morning I woke up with "Driving over Kanan, singing to my soul, there's people out there turning music into gold." and I've been nowhere with music playing and I've only watched the Tour on television. So what dark recesses did it come from?

**Rocket City Gal** I mostly get Peacock and Feed Zone ads.07-23-2025
10:11:54 am**SFinAus** NSNRRBBB07-23-2025
10:12:06 am**BusterSci** Ok. Next break all peacock watchers list your ads.07-23-2025
10:12:33 am**BusterSci** CVV, the clouds look ominous because you're wearing sunglasses.07-23-2025
10:13:56 am



Tim in KY Finally. Actually useful radio from a team car.

07-23-2025
10:14:05 am



BusterSci There was some a couple days ago when the Visma car told Vingo to calm down because Tadej was trying to slow the break down. I thought that was an interesting exchange.

07-23-2025
10:15:02 am



Tim in KY Lots of rain at the finish on radar.

07-23-2025
10:15:15 am



Alaska Dave Baby Shark Shark Shark

07-23-2025
10:15:31 am



Mikey <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reFIgu1vq3Q>

07-23-2025
10:15:54 am



Rocket City Gal Buster: yellow / gold jersey — > gold? Evenepoel (gold at Olympics) jumping into his team car?

07-23-2025
10:15:57 am



Katie S Crash. Was the WHF? Now WMPO'dF?

07-23-2025
10:16:34 am



Rocket City Gal LeLe again?

07-23-2025
10:16:58 am



Mikey Wow Alaska Dave

07-23-2025
10:17:15 am



Alaska Dave Too much time with grandchildren

07-23-2025
10:17:47 am



BusterSci Dave, that will always be "Jamie Tartt doo-doo, doo-doo, doo-doo" to me.

07-23-2025
10:17:56 am



Mikey You said do doo

07-23-2025
10:20:19 am



Alaska Dave Do do may describe the strategy of the day

07-23-2025
10:20:48 am



BusterSci Snoop dog

07-23-2025
10:21:05 am



BusterSci Canes

07-23-2025
10:21:08 am



BusterSci Spectrum cable

07-23-2025
10:21:17 am



BusterSci internet too

07-23-2025
10:21:30 am



Mikey No commercial

07-23-2025
10:21:40 am



Rocket City Gal No commercial

07-23-2025
10:22:11 am



BusterSci Oh wait. I rewind to see the crash again and I think it's making me watch ads

07-23-2025
10:22:18 am



Mikey Poker face live with Phil

07-23-2025
10:23:00 am



SFinAus The price one pays...

07-23-2025
10:23:05 am



Rocket City Gal I goofed— Alaphilippe's nickname's not LeLe, it's LouLou. Which rhymes with.... Never mind. But he's having that sort of a race right now.

07-23-2025
10:23:19 am



Katie S well, looky who we have here...

07-23-2025
10:24:28 am



Rocket City Gal Visma attacks

07-23-2025
10:24:29 am



Rocket City Gal Van Aert

07-23-2025
10:24:36 am



Mikey At least its something

07-23-2025
10:24:55 am



BusterSci Also JuJu

07-23-2025
10:24:59 am



Mikey <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1753281124-1753280824754.jpeg>

07-23-2025
10:27:05 am





Mikey Norman is pretty excited

07-23-2025
10:27:17 am



Mikey Its a dog day

07-23-2025
10:27:28 am



Rocket City Gal Trying to Bridge across to an almost certainly-doomed break.... Again, why?

07-23-2025
10:27:40 am



Tim in KY Can't imagine RCG.

07-23-2025
10:28:54 am



Rocket City Gal Same opinion of today's stage here

07-23-2025
10:29:03 am



Rocket City Gal <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1753281249-1753280949446.jpeg>

07-23-2025
10:29:11 am



Rocket City Gal Lots of wasted energy by a sprinter towards the end of a sprint stage. Weird.

07-23-2025
10:30:40 am



Tim in KY WvA not making much progress.

07-23-2025
10:31:30 am



Mikey Team tactics... screw your neighbor??? Rain coming

07-23-2025
10:31:37 am



Alaska Dave Another song to stick in my head

07-23-2025
10:32:43 am



Katie S Porino is concerned about the road furniture, the narrow roads, and the rain.

07-23-2025
10:32:44 am



Rocket City Gal It dawns on me fewer ads b/c we're streaming it from a phone app?

07-23-2025
10:35:25 am



Rocket City Gal Vingo was taken down by a photographer after the Ventoux finish yesterday. He said the photog just darted across the finish chute in front of him without looking. He cautioned all the race folks to look around and be aware of what's going on.

07-23-2025
10:37:56 am

Katie S yipes

07-23-2025
10:39:44 am





Rocket City Gal The breakaway has reached significant rain /wet roads.

07-23-2025
10:39:53 am



Mikey Sorry to leave this love (snooze) fest . I'm sure it will pick up in the next 20k but I have to fly. Ba

07-23-2025
10:47:30 am



BusterSci Have a nice protocol.

07-23-2025
10:47:46 am



Rocket City Gal Shame on you, Buster

07-23-2025
10:48:34 am



Mikey NBC streaming sports Whoop sherwin williams paint

07-23-2025
10:48:59 am



Rocket City Gal Ad for Some TV show with scary characters 5 hour energy Recap of TdeF stages And back to the race

07-23-2025
10:50:08 am



BusterSci Was doing things.

07-23-2025
10:50:33 am



Mikey NOW I can leave after the commercial

07-23-2025
10:50:37 am



Mikey Really ba

07-23-2025
10:50:47 am



Rocket City Gal Wout must've rejoined the peloton

07-23-2025
10:51:50 am



BusterSci Yeah, Simmons reeled him in about 5+ minutes ago

07-23-2025
10:53:24 am



Rocket City Gal I missed that....

07-23-2025
10:53:45 am



BusterSci Easy to. It was a 10s segment.

07-23-2025
10:53:58 am



BusterSci The feed ad

07-23-2025
10:54:24 am



Tim in KY At the 20 km banner the break is at the imagined time.

07-23-2025
10:54:38 am



SFinAus Meeting time to be immediately followed by dental appt - new crown. :(Enjoy the finale. Thanks all.

07-23-2025
10:54:43 am



Charlie in Tenn Tudor team car just reminded it's riders that the final turn is very narrow. They also said to check with Trentin because he reconned the finish this morning.

07-23-2025
10:54:45 am



Rocket City Gal Coffee break, probably. Last 5 km looks unfun in the dry and will be worse in the rain.

07-23-2025
10:55:01 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1753282826-stage-17-route-finale.jpg>

07-23-2025
10:55:27 am



Rocket City Gal Multiple Roundabouts, a narrowing right at a hard left turn shortly before the finish. Road paint/wet, high speeds.....

07-23-2025
10:56:11 am



Tim in KY That last left is not as tight as the map suggests. It's more of a sweep.

07-23-2025
10:57:48 am



Rocket City Gal But with what, 800 m to go?

07-23-2025
11:01:14 am



Rocket City Gal There will be a crash there, petty much guaranteed.

07-23-2025
11:02:26 am



Rocket City Gal Just end it on a straightaway....

07-23-2025
11:02:53 am



PasadenaK8 <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1753283382-1753283082182.jpeg>

07-23-2025
11:04:43 am



Rocket City Gal Abrahamsen rides away from the other 3 in the break

07-23-2025
11:04:43 am






























PasadenaK8 Left-hand sweep that Tim described.

07-23-2025
11:04:46 am





	Katie S but narrow	07-23-2025 11:05:00 am
	Charlie in Tenn Yes, narrow.	07-23-2025 11:05:55 am
	Rocket City Gal With plenty of paint across it	07-23-2025 11:06:27 am
	bikerabe caught	07-23-2025 11:06:42 am
	Rocket City Gal They chose Benoot as most combative — ???	07-23-2025 11:07:45 am
	Rocket City Gal The real most combative guy, Abrahamsen, is hanging on to a 10 second lead with 6.3 k to go	07-23-2025 11:08:55 am
	bikerabe not caught Norway still in front	07-23-2025 11:09:31 am
	Tim in KY In the sprint zone now.	07-23-2025 11:10:20 am
	Rocket City Gal Caught	07-23-2025 11:10:32 am
	bikerabe go Biniam Go	07-23-2025 11:11:23 am
	PasadenaK8 That's awful...	07-23-2025 11:14:15 am
	Rocket City Gal Crash	07-23-2025 11:14:17 am
	Katie S oh geezh	07-23-2025 11:14:17 am
	Tim in KY Milan.	07-23-2025 11:15:13 am
	Katie S sprint of attrition	07-23-2025 11:16:13 am

RANK	RIDER	UCI	PNT	TIME
1	 MILAN Jonathan  Lidl - Trek	210	100	3:25:30
2	 MEEUS Jordi Red Bull - BORA - hansgrohe	150	70	"
3	 ANDRESEN Tobias Lund Team Picnic PostNL	110	50	"
4	 DE LIE Arnaud Lotto	90	40	"
5	 BALLERINI Davide XDS Astana Team	70	32	"
6	 DAINESE Alberto Tudor Pro Cycling Team	55	26	"
7	 PENHOËT Paul Groupama - FDJ	45	22	"
8	 FEDOROV Yevgeniy XDS Astana Team	40	18	"
9	 RUSSO Clément Groupama - FDJ	35	14	0:06
10	 STUYVEN Jasper Lidl - Trek	30	10	0:09
11	 VAN MOER Brent Lotto	25	8	"

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171,5 km



Alaska Dave Before the dangerous curve, so only 12 riders contested the sprint. 07-23-2025 11:16:22 am



Katie S girmay still on the ground 07-23-2025 11:16:25 am



Rocket City Gal Bini down still. Not good. 07-23-2025 11:16:47 am



Alaska Dave Unidentified rider getting lots of attention. 07-23-2025 11:17:13 am



Tim in KY De Lie almost slipped out on the spring. 07-23-2025 11:17:29 am



Rocket City Gal https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1753284168-IMG_7464.jpeg 07-23-2025 11:17:51 am



Rocket City Gal Right hand /wrist issue for Girmay but he rode in 07-23-2025 11:18:59 am



Katie S doesn't look good. 07-23-2025 11:19:22 am



Alaska Dave Doc mobile right behind Girmay 07-23-2025 11:20:31 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1753284357-stage-18-profile.jpg> 07-23-2025 11:20:58 am



Rocket City Gal Riding one-handed. The adrenaline's starting to wear off. Tomorrow's stage is not one to do with a subpar upper extremity 07-23-2025 11:21:02 am



bikerabe Girmay probably be DNS 07-23-2025 11:21:48 am



Tim in KY Picnic guy caused that crash. 07-23-2025 11:21:57 am



Rocket City Gal Crash caused by a guy trying to occupy a space already occupied by another rider. 07-23-2025 11:22:25 am



Katie S I think Rog will move up on the GC tomorrow. If he wants to podium, he'll have to dig deep.

07-23-2025
11:22:43 am



Katie S all right, everyone. Enjoy the day. See you tomorrow.

07-23-2025
11:23:05 am



Alaska Dave Two tough stages left. Third place on the podium at stake? Don't see the big two changing, but. . . Enjoy the day.

07-23-2025
11:23:41 am



Rocket City Gal Ciao tutti

07-23-2025
11:23:54 am



Charlie in Tenn bye all

07-23-2025
11:24:39 am