




 **Tim in KY** Gdl Stage 8 is 153 kilometers beginning and ending in Naples but spending most of its time west of the city. After 50 km the race enters a 19 km circuit that is taken four times. 05-13-2022 04:14:14 pm


 **Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1652473166-stage-8-route.jpg> 05-13-2022 04:14:27 pm

 **Tim in KY** The route is mostly flat but there is a small climb on the circuit that is 2.1 kilometers at 6%. The fourth time it is taken it become a Cat 4. 05-13-2022 04:15:16 pm

 **Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1652473229-stage-8-profile.jpg> 05-13-2022 04:15:31 pm


 **Tim in KY** After the circuit it is 25 kilometers back into Naples for a very technical finish. 05-13-2022 04:16:24 pm


 **Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1652473296-stage-8-finish-route.jpg> 05-13-2022 04:16:37 pm


 **Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:40. Finish is imagined either side of 17:10. Forecast is sunshine in the low 20s. 05-13-2022 04:17:33 pm

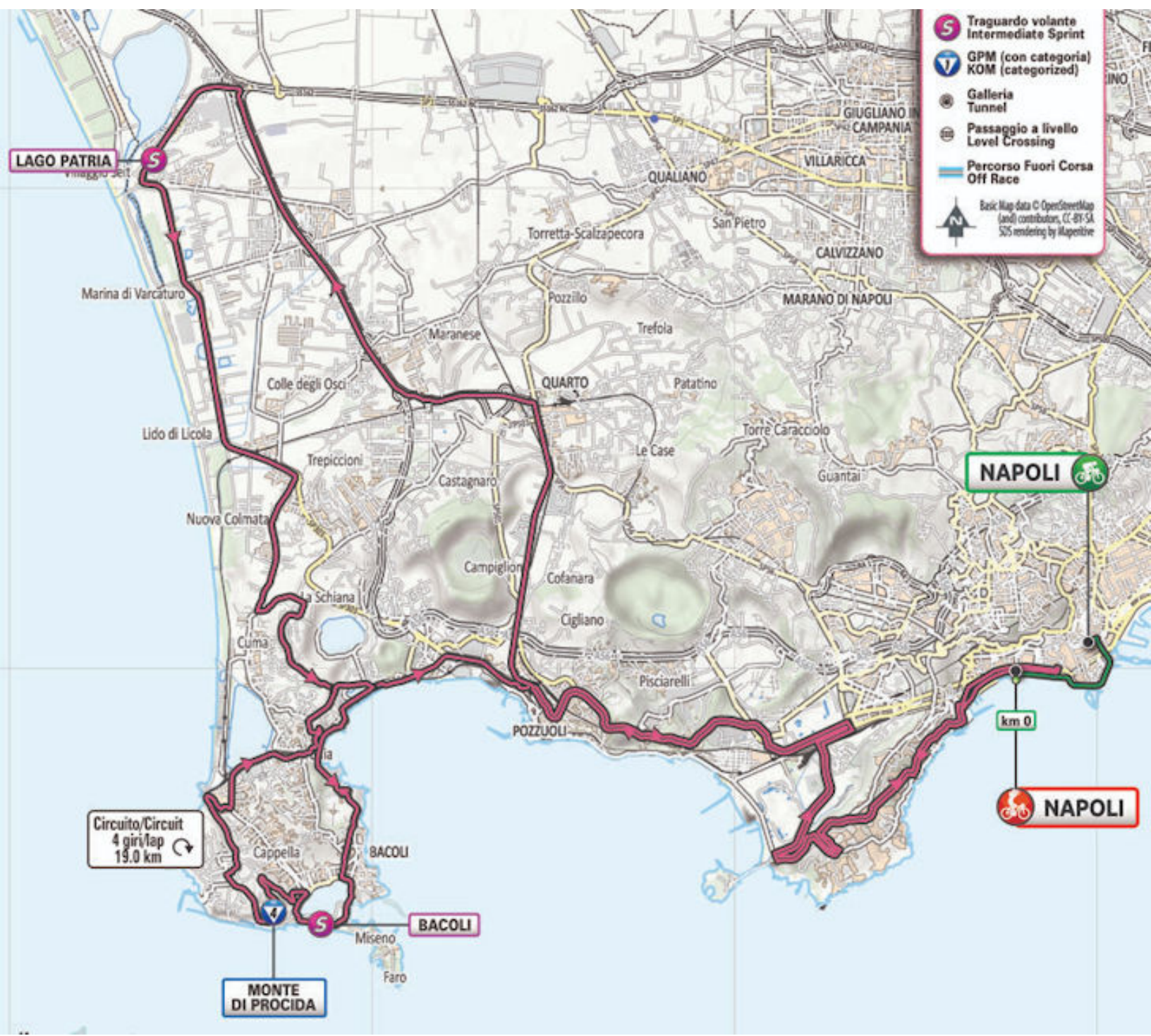
 **Tim in KY** There were three DNF yesterday and one DNS. No reports of any DNS as of now. 05-14-2022 07:09:16 am

 **Charlie in Tenn** Good morning. 05-14-2022 07:22:52 am

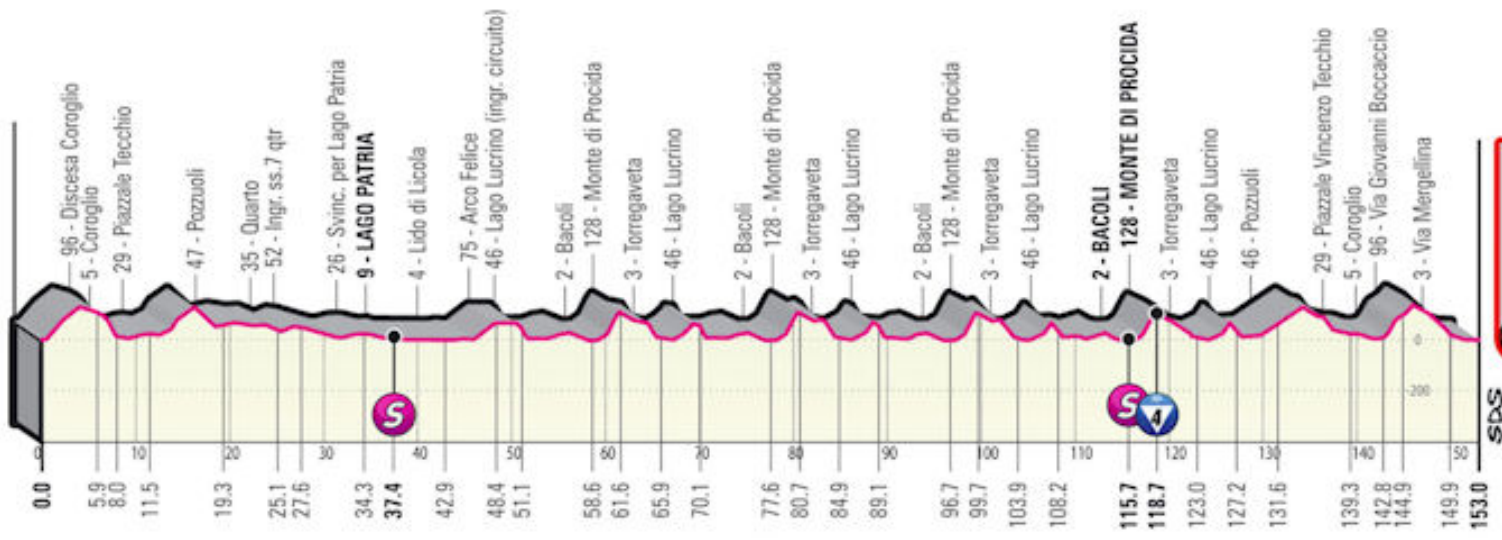
 **Charlie in Tenn** The women's race was good. Vollering is a little better than everyone else in the race though. 05-14-2022 07:27:13 am

 **Tim in KY** Hi, Charlie. Women'Basque? 05-14-2022 07:28:28 am

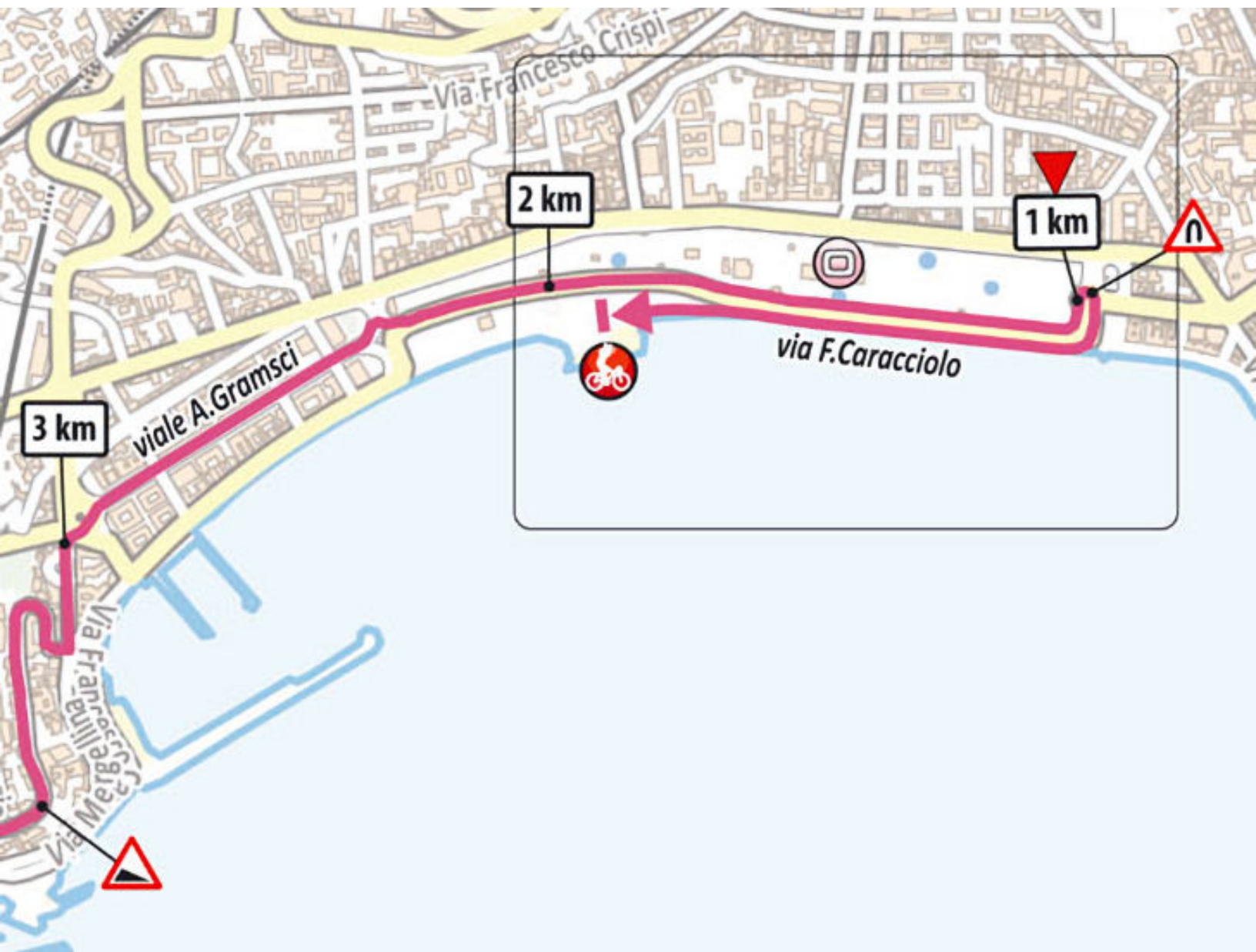
 **Charlie in Tenn** The finish has a 90 degree turn and a 180 hairpin and then another 90 degree near the 1 km to go looks like it will be strung out or a big mess. 05-14-2022 07:28:54 am



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Charlie in Tenn Tim, yes.

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07:29:20 am



Tim in KY So far at the Giro the finishes on paper look worse than they turnout to be in real life.

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07:31:33 am



Charlie in Tenn Yep, if the roads are wide it should be no problem and they might be.

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07:32:17 am



Charlie in Tenn Most of the pundits are saying this is a mini-classic in the middle of the Giro. Ups, downs, bad roads, dogs, expect anything. Look for MVDP and Girmay along with all of the other sprinters.at the end.

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07:40:04 am



Charlie in Tenn In the neutral zone.

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Tim in KY Lloyd and McEwan think the route is too hard for regular sprinters.

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07:42:49 am



Charlie in Tenn Start from a dead stop at the line.

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Charlie in Tenn Simon Carr DNS

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07:44:26 am



Tim in KY Looks like a quick break.

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Tim in KY GI bug inflicting EFE,

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07:45:10 am



Tim in KY VdP tries to break.Â That will screw things up.

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07:46:25 am



Charlie in Tenn For sure. This will mess some things up.

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07:46:50 am



bikerabe sorry to see Simon Carr dns What reason?

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07:51:24 am



Tim in KY GI bug,. Abe.

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07:51:51 am



bikerabe thx

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07:52:04 am



Charlie in Tenn MVDP has attacked again

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07:54:43 am



Tim in KY 145 km solo?

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07:55:44 am



Charlie in Tenn Looks like it. Probably hoping a couple of guys will follow but

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07:57:05 am



bikerabe this should be interesting later viewers will miss out

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07:57:35 am



Charlie in Tenn Looks like 20 chasers.

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bikerabe shades of The Cannibal

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07:58:47 am



Tim in KY VdP is waiting.

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08:03:36 am



bikerabe normality is restored

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08:04:36 am



Charlie in Tenn No break points with this group. 21 now

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08:05:17 am



Tim in KY I need to take my walk early because of weather.Â Back later.

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08:05:44 am



Charlie in Tenn G Martin is at 4:06 the next guys are at 17, 18, 19 minutes. So he is the anchor on this break.

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08:06:56 am



Charlie in Tenn Now De Gendt is off the front.

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08:15:36 am



bikerabe Tom DeGendt

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08:17:28 am



Charlie in Tenn There is the De Gendt GC battle. Amie vs. Thomas

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08:21:12 am



bikerabe break is together Girmay is in the break

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08:22:02 am



Charlie in Tenn sprint coming up

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08:29:33 am



Charlie in Tenn Girmay took 12 points at the sprint. MVDP did not get any.

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08:43:20 am



Tim in KY No VG break points today.

05-14-2022
08:44:08 am



bikerabe Go Girmay !

05-14-2022
08:48:34 am



bikerabe 3 KU just over 2' gap

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08:51:57 am



BusterSci Morning. Â Probably just a brief check-in again today.

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08:58:29 am



Charlie in Tenn You missed a brief spurt of excitement and then nothing.

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08:59:52 am



Charlie in Tenn The womens race was good. Vollering is on top of her game right now.

05-14-2022
09:04:06 am



BusterSci Charlie, have I missed your itinerary?

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09:05:22 am



Katie S Good morning. I just skimmed the posts â€ the rhythm reminds me of Hemingway dialog. Of course, Iâ€™m reading Green Hills of Africa, so bike racing and hunting kudu have their similarâ€.

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09:12:04 am



bikerabe EF has an African named Kudus

05-14-2022
09:13:17 am



SFinAus Good morning, Luggers

05-14-2022
09:15:44 am



BusterSci Man! I had both Fisher-Black and Baril and swapped them out to fit somebody else in.

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09:16:39 am



BusterSci Hi SF

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09:16:42 am



bikerabe Hemingway mentioned Basque bike racing in 'The Sun Also Rises' CF Live quotes him on Tour of Basque Country page

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09:22:04 am



BusterSci Also has a bit about bike racing in Moveable Feast, if I'm not mistaken.

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09:23:29 am



BusterSci Here's a bit of the Basque: "There was a bicycle-race on, the Tour de Pays Basque (see notes 4), and the riders were stopping that night in San Sebastian. In the [hotel] dining room, at one side, there was a long table of bicycle riders, eating with their trainers and managers. They were all French and Belgian and paid close attention to their meal, but they were having a good time! The next morning at five o'clock the race resumed with the last lap, San Sebastian-Bilbao. The bicycle riders drank much wine and were burned and browned by the sun. They did not take the racing seriously except among themselves. They had raced among themselves so often that it did not make much difference who won. Especially in a foreign country. The money could be arranged. The Spaniards, they said, did not know how to pedal. I had coffee out on the terrasse with the team manager of one of the big bicycle manufacturers. He said it had been a very pleasant race and would have been worth watching if Bottechia had not abandoned it at Pamplona. The dust had been bad but the roads were better than in France. Bicycle road-racing was the only sport in the world, he said. Had I ever followed the Tour de France? Only in the papers. The Tour de France was the greatest sporting event in the world. Following and organizing the road races had made him know France. Few people know France. All spring and all summer and all fall he spent on the road with the bicycle road-racers. Look at the number of motor cars now that followed the riders from town to town in a road race. It was a rich country and more sporty every year. It would be the most sporty country in the world. It was bicycle road-racing did it. That and football. He knew France. La France Sportive. He knew road-racing. We had a cognac."

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09:26:17 am



Katie S Thank you! That was a delightful passage to happen upon when I read the book a couple years ago, not remembering it from the original read of my youth.

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09:29:21 am



Charlie in Tenn Buster, no itinerary yet. It is somewhere.

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09:30:53 am



BusterSci Ok. Lots of time. Just wanted to make sure my absence didn't cause me to miss it.

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09:32:50 am



BusterSci I have started many stories about bicycle racing but have never written one that is as good as the races are both on the indoor and outdoor tracks and on the roads. But I will get the Velodrome d'Étampes with the smoky light of the afternoon and the high-banked wooden track and the whirring sound the tires made on the wood as the riders passed, the effort and the tactics as the riders climbed and plunged, each one a part of his machine; I will get the magic of the demi-fond, the noise of the motors with their rollers set out behind them that the entraineurs rode, wearing their heavy crash helmets and leaning backward in their ponderous leather suits, to shelter the riders who followed them from the air resistance, the riders in their lighter crash helmets bent low over their handlebars their legs turning the huge gear sprockets and the small front wheels touching the roller behind the machine that gave them shelter to ride in, and the duels that were more exciting than anything, the put-putting of the motorcycles and the riders elbow to elbow and wheel to wheel up and down and around at deadly speed until one man could not hold the pace and broke away and the solid wall of air that he had been sheltered against hit him.

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BusterSci There was so many kinds of racing. The straight sprints raced in heats or in match races where the two riders would balance for long seconds on their machines for the advantage of making the other rider take the lead and then the slow circling and the final plunge into the driving purity of speed. There were the programs of the team races of two hours, with a series of pure sprints in their heats to fill the afternoon, the lonely absolute speed events of one man racing an hour against the clock, the terribly dangerous and beautiful races of one hundred kilometres on the big banked wooden five-hundred-meter bowl of the Stade Buffalo, the outdoor stadium of Montrouge where they raced behind big motorcycles, Linart, the great Belgian champion that they called "le Siouxe" for his profile, dropping his head to suck up cherry brandy from a rubber tube that connected with a hot water bottle under his racing shirt when he needed it toward the end as he increased his savage speed, and the championships of France behind the big motors of the six-hundred-and-sixty-meter cement track of the Parc du Prince near Auteuil, the wickedest track of all where we saw that great rider Ganay fall and heard his skull crumple under the crash helmet as you crack an hard-boiled egg against a stone to peel it on a picnic. I must write the strange world of the six-day races and the marvels of the road-racing in the mountains. French is the only language it has ever been written in properly and the terms are all French and that is what makes it hard to write. Mike was right about it, there is no need to bet. But that comes at another time in Paris.

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09:33:58 am



bikerabe that's from you, Buster?

05-14-2022
09:41:21 am



SFinAus That was new.... my laptop has been a bit unstable and super laggy at times this morning. This time it locked up hard with a looping audio snip. Whatever was about to be said it started with a G and it was stuck say "G, G, G, ..." at about 2 Hz. Sounded like Geraint Thomas was attacking for the win.

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BusterSci No. That's also Hemingway

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09:44:01 am



SFinAus Thanks, Buster.

05-14-2022
09:44:03 am



bikerabe under 2 KU 2'50" gap

05-14-2022
09:44:31 am



SFinAus Some tactics haven't changed a bit, although cherry brandy is no longer used in competition - AFAIK.

05-14-2022
09:46:00 am



BusterSci I think they have bags of "cherry brandy" with riders' names on them in the fridge on the bus.

05-14-2022
09:46:52 am



BusterSci They don't drink it though.

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09:47:08 am



SFinAus ;)

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09:48:31 am



BusterSci Another Hemingway: "It is by riding a bicycle that you learn the contours of a country best, since you have to sweat up the hills and coast down them. Thus you remember them as they actually are, while in a motor car only a high hill impresses you, and you have no such accurate remembrance of country you have driven through as you gain by riding a bicycle."

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09:48:46 am



Charlie in Tenn Sorry, I am still here but bored. On FB starting trouble.

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09:49:16 am



BusterSci And I'm headed out to start loading the boat to head north. Â It's fishing opener today

05-14-2022
09:51:12 am



SFinAus Have a great trip and hope the fishing is great.

05-14-2022
09:52:04 am



bikerabe 58 km to go 3' gap

05-14-2022
09:54:29 am



BusterSci Should be. Â This is the right time of year.

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09:54:31 am



BusterSci We're also going to be looking at a couple cabins. Â That should be interesting, as the one with the best prospects is a fixer-upper.

05-14-2022
09:55:11 am



Tim in KY White bean and mushroom stew is simmering.

05-14-2022
09:57:31 am



SFinAus Hopefully the N MN cabin market is not going as crazy as housing is doing in so many places.

05-14-2022
09:58:30 am



Katie S Yum

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09:58:33 am



Katie S I won't be here for the finale. I've got another finale to attend, today is the final commencement for Mills College in its current iteration. The students are excited to be graduating, but a vocal group of alums are still angry about the merger and are expected to protest. The students release an open letter asking them to be respectful. I'll report in whether their wish is granted.

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10:06:15 am



Tim in KY Saw another law suit yesterday, Katie.

05-14-2022
10:07:21 am



Charlie in Tenn 10th birthday today for my son, Lincoln Matthew Davis. We are going to Magic Quest and a Murder Mystery dinner theater thing near Gatlinburg today. We leave just after the race ends.

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10:07:28 am



Katie S Yeah, an attempt at a class action by two students. We haven't actually been served yet.

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10:08:33 am



bikerabe MvDp goes!

05-14-2022
10:12:20 am



Katie S He's so fun to watch

05-14-2022
10:12:53 am



bikerabe 46 km solo !

05-14-2022
10:12:54 am



Charlie in Tenn Girmay chasing

05-14-2022
10:13:25 am



bikerabe Girmay on 3rd wheel

05-14-2022
10:13:35 am



bikerabe Exciting enough?

05-14-2022
10:14:09 am



Charlie in Tenn This is much better.

05-14-2022
10:18:11 am



Tim in KY Why is there a place in southern Italy called Blackhaus?

05-14-2022
10:18:37 am



Tim in KY Gap shot up to 3:22.

05-14-2022
10:19:23 am



Katie S Wondered that myself. I would understand if it was in Alto Adige, butâ€¦!

05-14-2022
10:20:23 am



bikerabe that's Blockhaus I think

05-14-2022
10:27:58 am



Tim in KY Yes, Block.

05-14-2022
10:30:02 am



Tim in KY 1 KU.

05-14-2022
10:30:34 am



SFinAus From Giroditalia.it (via Google): "The name 'Blockhaus' â€œ meaning 'stone house' in German â€œ is thought to come from an Austrian commander who was stationed atop the mountain, where a stone fortress was standing, with a squad of riflemen to fight banditry in the early years after the Unification of Italy."

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Tim in KY Thanks.

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10:32:29 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1652539100-stage-8-profile.jpg>

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SFinAus So, Katie, there's kinda sorta a tie to Alto Adige.Â Maybe.

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bikerabe 27 km to go race is between front 4 and chasers 39" back

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bikerabe Schmid 1st chaser

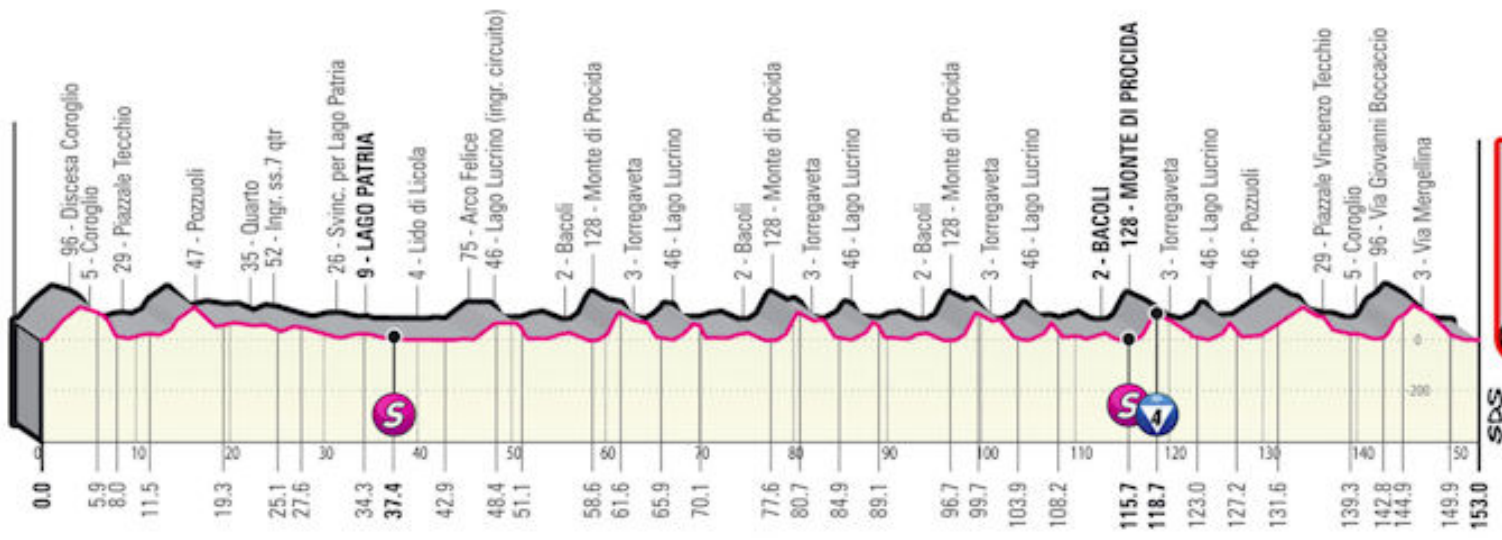
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bikerabe MvDP in 1st chase 32"

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Tim in KY DeGendt doing all the work in the front group.

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10:44:49 am



bikerabe MvDP 2nd chase?

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10:45:59 am



Tim in KY 20 km banner.

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bikerabe MvDP with Girmay 1st chase 36" 20 km

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10:49:14 am



bikerabe Kamna now in virtual 2nd GC

05-14-2022
10:58:15 am



Tim in KY Another steep climb coming up.

05-14-2022
11:01:18 am



bikerabe chasing group not closing on lead

05-14-2022
11:03:52 am



bikerabe ok 8 km 27"

05-14-2022
11:05:35 am



bikerabe Kamna goes from peloton

05-14-2022
11:07:02 am



bikerabe goes

05-14-2022
11:07:14 am



Tim in KY Pink goes with him.

05-14-2022
11:08:42 am



bikerabe yes

05-14-2022
11:08:59 am



bikerabe 5 km 17"

05-14-2022
11:09:51 am



bikerabe 3 km 14:

05-14-2022
11:12:08 am



Tim in KY 2 km.

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11:13:09 am



bikerabe 2 km 10"

05-14-2022
11:13:17 am



bikerabe Ultimo KM

05-14-2022
11:14:20 am



SFinAus Crazy 180 turn at 1 K.

05-14-2022
11:14:35 am



SFinAus Nice!! I thought he might have celebrated too soon.

05-14-2022
11:15:45 am



bikerabe Tom wins

05-14-2022
11:15:50 am



bikerabe perrenial breakaway rider wins

05-14-2022
11:16:56 am



SFinAus Tlme to do a short ride of my own. Have a good day. As Mikey sez, "bah".

05-14-2022
11:18:44 am



bikerabe a Mini-Classic indeed

05-14-2022
11:19:18 am



Charlie in Tenn None of my VG team did anything. Tomorrow has to be my day. haha

05-14-2022
11:21:40 am



Charlie in Tenn Bye. Off to party.

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11:22:01 am