



Tim in KY VaE Stage 3 is 174 kilometers from Gruisan, on the Mediterranean coast of France, to a summit finish on Font Romeu in the eastern Pyrenees. The first 60 Km are south along the coast. Then the route turns inland to the west toward the mountains.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1787517522-stage-3-route.jpg>

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Tim in KY The first two thirds of the course are basically flat. The last third is all uphill with a Cat 1 and a Cat 2.

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04:34:16 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1787517570-stage-3-profile.jpg>

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1787517590-stage-3-mont-louis.jpg>

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1787517602-stage-3-font-romeu.jpg>

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04:35:04 pm



Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:21 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Forecast is for sunshine in the upper-20 on the flats, rain in the upper teens in the mountains. Live stream on Peacock begins at 14:30 CEST.

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04:36:14 pm



Tim in KY Sergio Geovani Chumil (Burgos) was the only DNF on stage 2. There were no fines or penalties.

08-23-2026
04:40:12 pm



Tim in KY Current forecast is for strong onshore wind along the coast and 100% chance of rain on the climbs. It's 59 here this morning. It hasn't been that cool for many many weeks.

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07:32:47 am

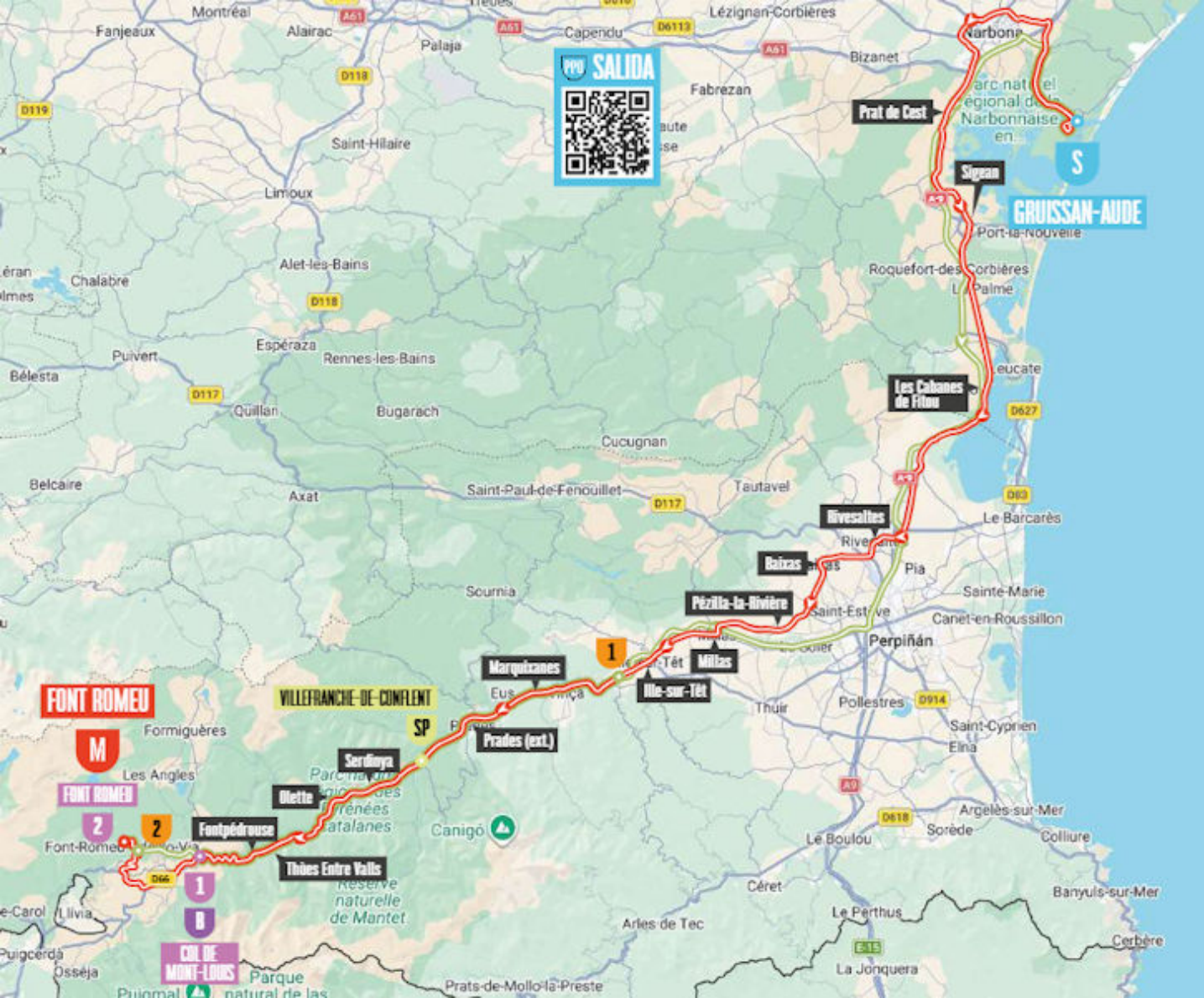


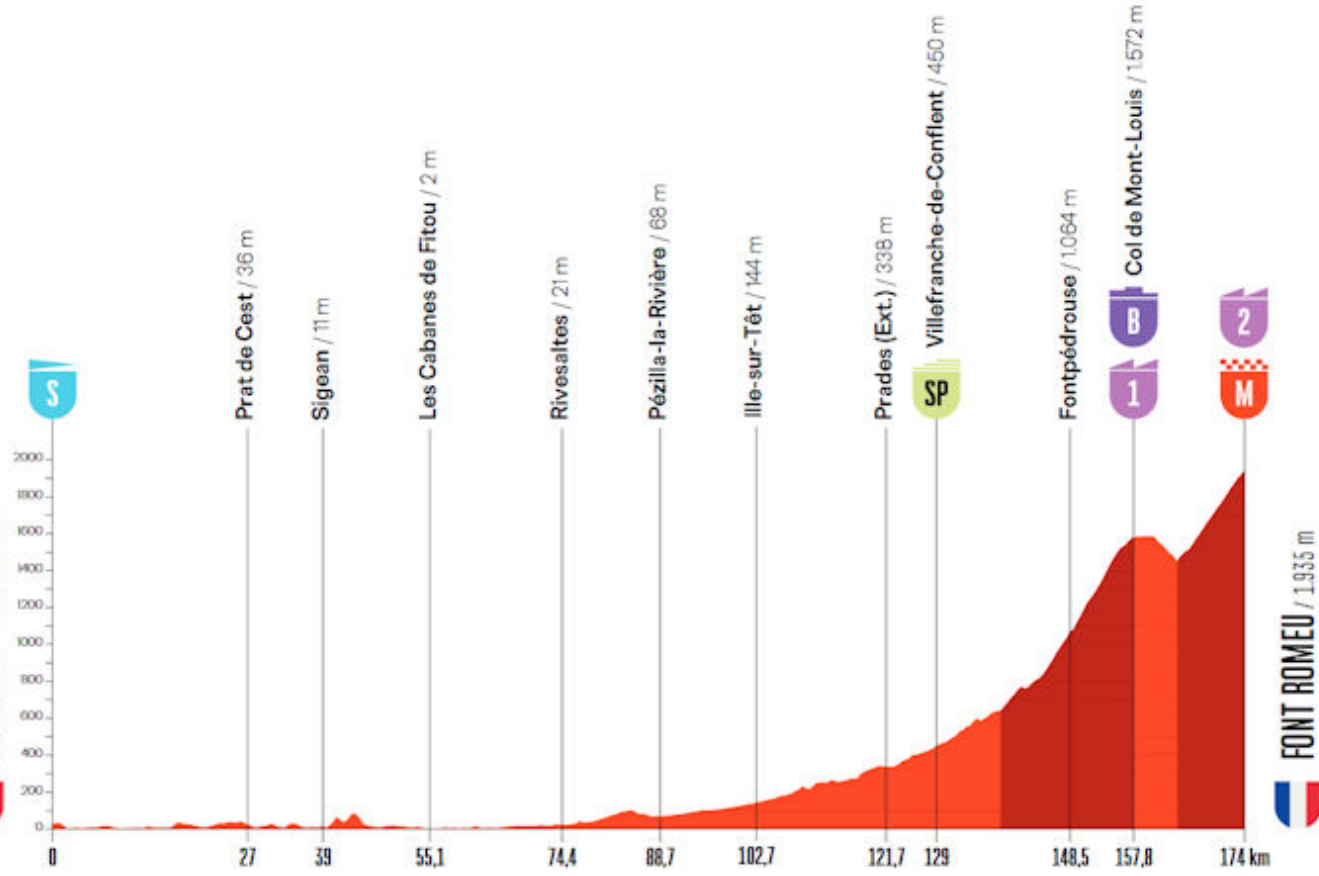
Tim in KY Break of six with 1:40 on the peloton. Poor Ethan is trying again.

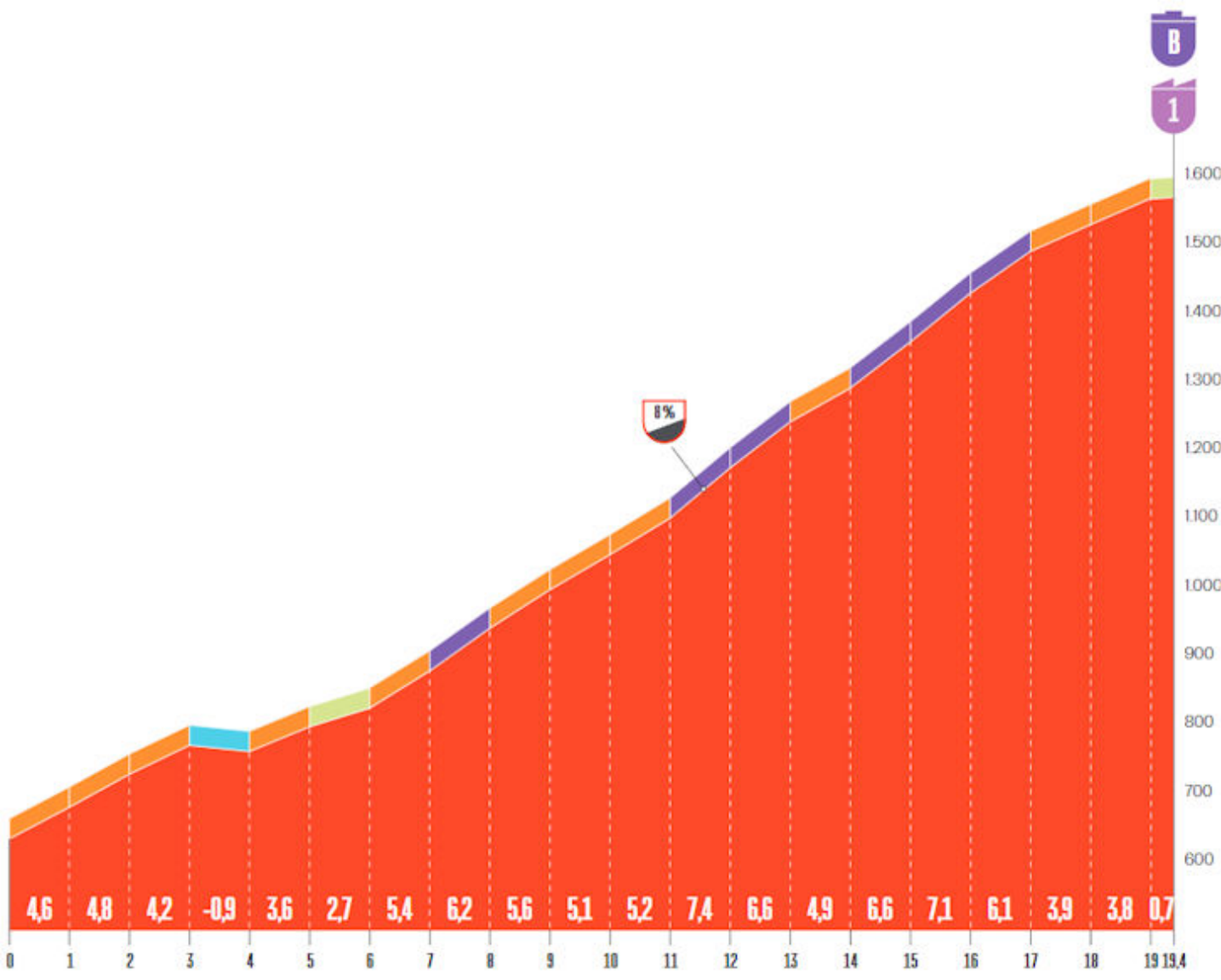
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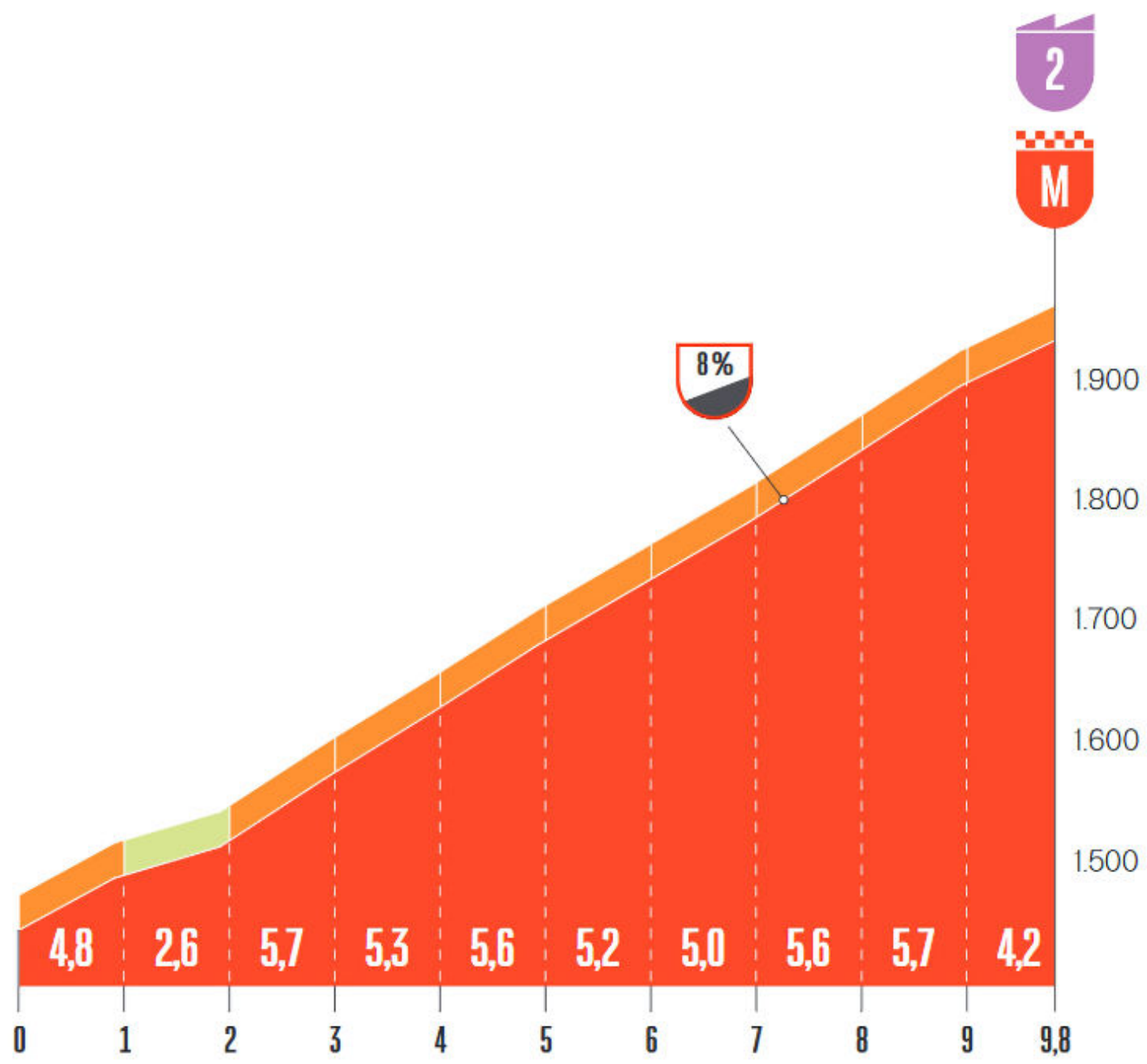
SFinAus Good morning, Tim.

08-24-2026
08:29:05 am











Katie S Good morning, gents

08-24-2026
08:39:25 am



SFinAus Good morning, Katie.

08-24-2026
08:40:13 am



Tim in KY Good morning. Just back from an errand. Nothing changed in my absence.

08-24-2026
08:41:07 am



Tim in KY The last two riders finished 16:15 down on Brennan. The allowable gap was 51:48.

08-24-2026
08:50:23 am



SFinAus I only recently watched the Alpe d Huez stage where Pog rode down the 4 minute lead the break had going into the climb. Doesn't bode well for this break. I hope they're more optimistic than me. :)

08-24-2026
08:50:24 am



SFinAus He left quite a gap to second place too.

08-24-2026
08:53:52 am



Tim in KY Looks windy. As predicted.

08-24-2026
09:01:54 am



SFinAus Flo's commentators say there is rain near the finish. Doesn't look heavy though.

08-24-2026
09:02:32 am



Tim in KY Lots of little cells floating around on the radar.

08-24-2026
09:04:51 am



Katie S The motorists stopped along the route didn't look particularly excited to get to watch the race up close.

08-24-2026
09:06:40 am



SFinAus Looked like several got their cart pelted with a bison (thanks autocorrect) Prolly wouldn't help their mood.

08-24-2026
09:08:46 am



Tim in KY Wind is really rippen those olive trees.

08-24-2026
09:13:47 am



Tim in KY The EF guy with a bag of bidons is really struggling.

08-24-2026
09:15:00 am



Tim in KY Splits now.

08-24-2026
09:15:45 am



Katie S And not the banana kind

08-24-2026
09:16:15 am



Trish in MA Good morning, all. Looks like a day to go mow and pull invasive plants. Not much happening in France, except for mud-spattered cars.

08-24-2026
09:25:37 am



Tim in KY Oh, Bob Bob Bob. The mistral comes from the northwest. This wind is coming from the southeast.

08-24-2026
09:26:30 am



Katie S Good morning, Trish ... come back for the final bit, that climb. Looks like should be fun.

08-24-2026
09:26:40 am



Trish in MA I'm going to miss the last week of the Vuelta. We're going up to the Canadian Rockies to ride the Rocky Mountaineer train from Jasper to Vancouver. This particular route is going out of service, so my railfan husband wants the mileage. Friends have taken it and say the scenery is spectacular.

08-24-2026
09:30:19 am



Katie S Sounds like great fun. When does it go out of service?

08-24-2026
09:32:21 am



SFinAus Sounds fantastic, Trish. I'd trade the last week of the race for that too.

08-24-2026
09:32:23 am



Mikey Good Morning!

08-24-2026
09:33:55 am



SFinAus Hiya, Mikey

08-24-2026
09:40:04 am



Mikey I have a confession I hope must of you will understand... I forgot about the bike race completely! I don't have any idea what happened. So much more than a brain fart. I didn't know what month it was! Lets see Italy is in May France is in July Spain is in September.... I didn't even get a fantasy team in.... I went on a little trip to Toledo to see my sister and the next thing I know it occurs to me that I something is up because wonderful Tim has started the pre-race maps.... ooooooppppps!

08-24-2026
09:40:17 am



Trish in MA WvA carrying 7 bottles back to teammates. CVV says 8.5 ponds of water

08-24-2026
09:44:43 am



Trish in MA Pounds

08-24-2026
09:45:45 am



Tim in KY I was hoping it was puddles.

08-24-2026
09:46:13 am



Katie S This is what happens to our brains in Toledo...

08-24-2026
09:48:10 am



Mikey We got a special tour of one of the only 4 churches in the US of the Spanish style directly from Toledo too. I should have gotten the link... but alas

08-24-2026
09:50:01 am



Tim in KY Despite growing up in Rochester and Ann Arbor I have managed to avoid Toledo.

08-24-2026
09:51:18 am



Trish in MA Katie, the particular route will be abandoned in mid-October. That trip is completely sold out. The passenger list is likely a who's-who of mileage collectors and there will be a bunch of photographers chasing the train

08-24-2026
09:52:33 am



Mikey We got quite the tour and it looks like its on the rebound. We went to a beautiful AAA ballpark and watched the Munhens play

08-24-2026
09:52:49 am



Mikey It's the glass city you know

08-24-2026
09:53:07 am



Tim in KY The break is just inside the slowest imaginable...

08-24-2026
09:54:14 am



SFinAus I get it Mikey. The Vuelta has caught me off guard more than once. Even today, I will miss the finale because I made an appt at 10:30 forgetting the Vuelta would be going on.

08-24-2026
09:54:53 am



Mikey Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral

08-24-2026
09:55:11 am



Mikey Is this thing on regular TV somewhere?

08-24-2026
09:56:08 am



Mikey The race not the cathedral

08-24-2026
09:56:22 am



Katie S The Vuelta? It's on Peacock hereabouts

08-24-2026
09:57:08 am



Trish in MA We saw the MudHens play once. We were visiting family on Put-in-Bay and got dropped off at the stadium (with our luggage). Saw the game, took a taxi to the train station, and caught the Lake Shore Limited back to Boston at about 2 AM. That sleeper berth was so welcome at that hour

08-24-2026
09:58:03 am



Mikey Thanks Katie... turned the world to Peacock

08-24-2026
09:59:31 am



Mikey The mudhens were playing the Iowa Cubs so we felt at home

08-24-2026
10:00:30 am



Mikey So did I miss anything? All you missed was Norman shredding his dog pad to nothing but foam to punish us for leaving him at home while we went to the ballgame.

08-24-2026
10:02:42 am



Katie S Oh, Norman.

08-24-2026
10:04:29 am



Tim in KY !0km to the spring.

08-24-2026
10:06:51 am



SFinAus Pog's in the lead, sooooo... maybe you didn't miss much. He won the opening ITT by 9/100. Brennan won the sprint yesterday.

08-24-2026
10:06:52 am



Mikey Also ate Kafta for the first time

08-24-2026
10:07:07 am



Katie S Stage 1 was a very short ITT. Tadej won by 9 seconds. Stage 2 was classified as "hilly," and won by grand tour debutant Brennan.

08-24-2026
10:07:24 am



Katie S Clouds a'gatherin'

08-24-2026
10:08:10 am



Mikey Found a wonderful Cabernet Franc

08-24-2026
10:09:33 am



SFinAus Flo comms say umbrellas repeatedly come out and get put away, which tracks with Tim's comment of lots of little cells.

08-24-2026
10:09:52 am



Mikey so it wasn't a total forget

08-24-2026
10:09:54 am



Tim in KY Odd. The average speed they showed just now on the screen should put them at the fastest imaginable but they are slower than the slowest. Must have hit Km0 very en retard.

08-24-2026
10:11:28 am



Katie S Anyone have a recipe using a globe eggplant that is not eggplant parm? I have one I need to use before it dies.

08-24-2026
10:12:57 am



Tim in KY Can't help you Katie. I loathe eggplant.

08-24-2026
10:13:59 am



SFinAus What Tim said.

08-24-2026
10:14:22 am



Katie S all righty then ... Sorry, fellas!

08-24-2026
10:14:37 am



Tim in KY Just checked the radar. Lots of rain in the mountains.

08-24-2026
10:14:39 am



Mikey I did think of our bread people when I ate sourdough cherry scones! They were working on finding things for their starter to be used for

08-24-2026
10:14:43 am



Katie S THAT sounds delish. Thanks for the save, Mikey.

08-24-2026
10:15:01 am



Mikey Eggplant frequent to our food pantry

08-24-2026
10:15:35 am



SFinAus Whoa, a massive clap of thunder came over the commentary mics. wow. Scared them bad.

08-24-2026
10:16:18 am



Mikey I cheated... went out to look...
<https://www.wholesomeyum.com/sauteed-eggplant/>

08-24-2026
10:19:23 am



Katie S that sounds tasty, Mikey. Thanks!

08-24-2026
10:22:48 am





Mikey https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1787581998-IMG_5335.jpeg

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10:28:19 am



Mikey The shredder at home now

08-24-2026
10:28:33 am



Katie S That's harsh punishment. Making him lie in the sun on a cow pillow. ..

08-24-2026
10:29:09 am



SFinAus He looks like he could do no wrong.

08-24-2026
10:29:12 am



Mikey preparing to survey all th at is his

08-24-2026
10:29:57 am



Katie S Rain on the heli lens

08-24-2026
10:35:07 am



Katie S Oh my, some influencer freak lady ... did you see that?

08-24-2026
10:40:28 am



Charlie in Tenn Hello gang

08-24-2026
10:40:34 am



Katie S Hi Charlie!

08-24-2026
10:40:38 am



SFinAus Ah, I missed Hayter getting top points. Good for him.

08-24-2026
10:40:43 am



SFinAus Hi, Charlie. (Did not see the freak lady)

08-24-2026
10:41:07 am



Katie S She apparently was hired by the race organizers and was trying to get him to answer the question, "Why do you hyperventilate every time you see me?" Fortunately, he didn't take the bait.

08-24-2026
10:42:51 am



Katie S Tim loathes eggplant. I loathe social media.

08-24-2026
10:43:35 am



Charlie in Tenn Just in time for a little hill. Glad I missed the freak lady

08-24-2026
10:43:38 am



Charlie in Tenn I find egg plant just a filler. I can definitely live without it and influencers.

08-24-2026
10:45:06 am



SFinAus I also loathe social media. Hell for me is being eternally forced to eat eggplant and scroll through social media. :)

08-24-2026
10:45:08 am



Katie S hee hee

08-24-2026
10:46:14 am



Katie S we are within the final KU

08-24-2026
10:48:02 am



Tim in KY All 8 EFs are at the front.

08-24-2026
10:48:47 am



Mikey Hi Charlie Charlie knows what time this is

08-24-2026
10:48:54 am



Tim in KY On radar it looks like we should be seeing rain.

08-24-2026
10:54:11 am



Charlie in Tenn Mikey, I must be honest. I didn't understand why Tim was posting things to Lugnuts. I wondered what small race was going on that motivated him to post.

08-24-2026
10:59:46 am



Mikey I totally get it Charlie

08-24-2026
11:00:22 am



Charlie in Tenn Trish, that train trip sounds wonderful. Jasper has recovered from the fire a few years back and the area is stunning. We did a train trip across the outback in Australia and really enjoyed it. I want to be a train vacationer but can't fit it in at the moment.

08-24-2026
11:02:40 am



SFinAus Gotta go for today. I'll have to watch the replay to see when and how hard Pogi smashes this. Thanks all. Have a good day.

08-24-2026
11:04:37 am



Mikey Enjoy your day Shawn

08-24-2026
11:04:58 am



Katie S and here's the rain.

08-24-2026
11:06:54 am



Charlie in Tenn Oh, I do like Moussaka which has a bunch of eggplant.

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11:07:52 am



Charlie in Tenn We have a single leader.

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11:09:40 am



Tim in KY A green leader.

08-24-2026
11:10:37 am



Tim in KY Umbrellas at the finish.

08-24-2026
11:14:38 am



Charlie in Tenn What is the temperature at the race?

08-24-2026
11:15:19 am



Katie S Wet

08-24-2026
11:15:26 am



Tim in KY Bob just said Taylor Phinney is making a comeback

08-24-2026
11:16:25 am



Katie S (and, yes, Charlie: Moussaka, yum)

08-24-2026
11:16:26 am



Katie S Yeah, I heard that. I think that's dumb.

08-24-2026
11:16:35 am



Tim in KY 63F, Charlie.

08-24-2026
11:17:07 am



Katie S He's 36.

08-24-2026
11:17:11 am



Tim in KY Apparently it's track racing.

08-24-2026
11:17:42 am



Charlie in Tenn Not as cold as the eurosport announcers were suggesting.

08-24-2026
11:18:43 am



Tim in KY Kids dancing in rain slickers at the finish.

08-24-2026
11:18:56 am



Tim in KY Here's a recipe just posted at NYTimes Cooking: Sweet and Sour Eggplant With Garlic Chips.

08-24-2026
11:21:54 am



Charlie in Tenn I always enjoyed playing in the rain. A gentle rain. I was in a thunderstorm last week and had an umbrella. A lightening strike happened somewhere, relatively close behind me and I threw down the umbrella, as if the lightening was somehow going to return and hit me. Scared me silly. I got back inside.

08-24-2026
11:24:55 am



Katie S That'll teach you, eh?

08-24-2026
11:27:42 am



Katie S Holy hail

08-24-2026
11:27:52 am



Charlie in Tenn Hail at the race. Riders taking shelter.

08-24-2026
11:28:19 am



Charlie in Tenn This is what it looked like at my storm after I came n last week.

08-24-2026
11:28:59 am



Katie S I've descended in sleet. Can't imagine hail.

08-24-2026
11:29:08 am



Katie S And now they're freezing

08-24-2026
11:30:53 am



Charlie in Tenn They are going into a hotel. The roads are covered in hail where the riders are and at the finish.

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11:33:11 am



Tim in KY Well, this will be dry tomorrow:

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1787585990-stage-4-profile.jpg>

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11:34:51 am



Katie S That'll be fun.

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11:35:16 am



Charlie in Tenn I think Wenzel got the KOM with Fortunato second.

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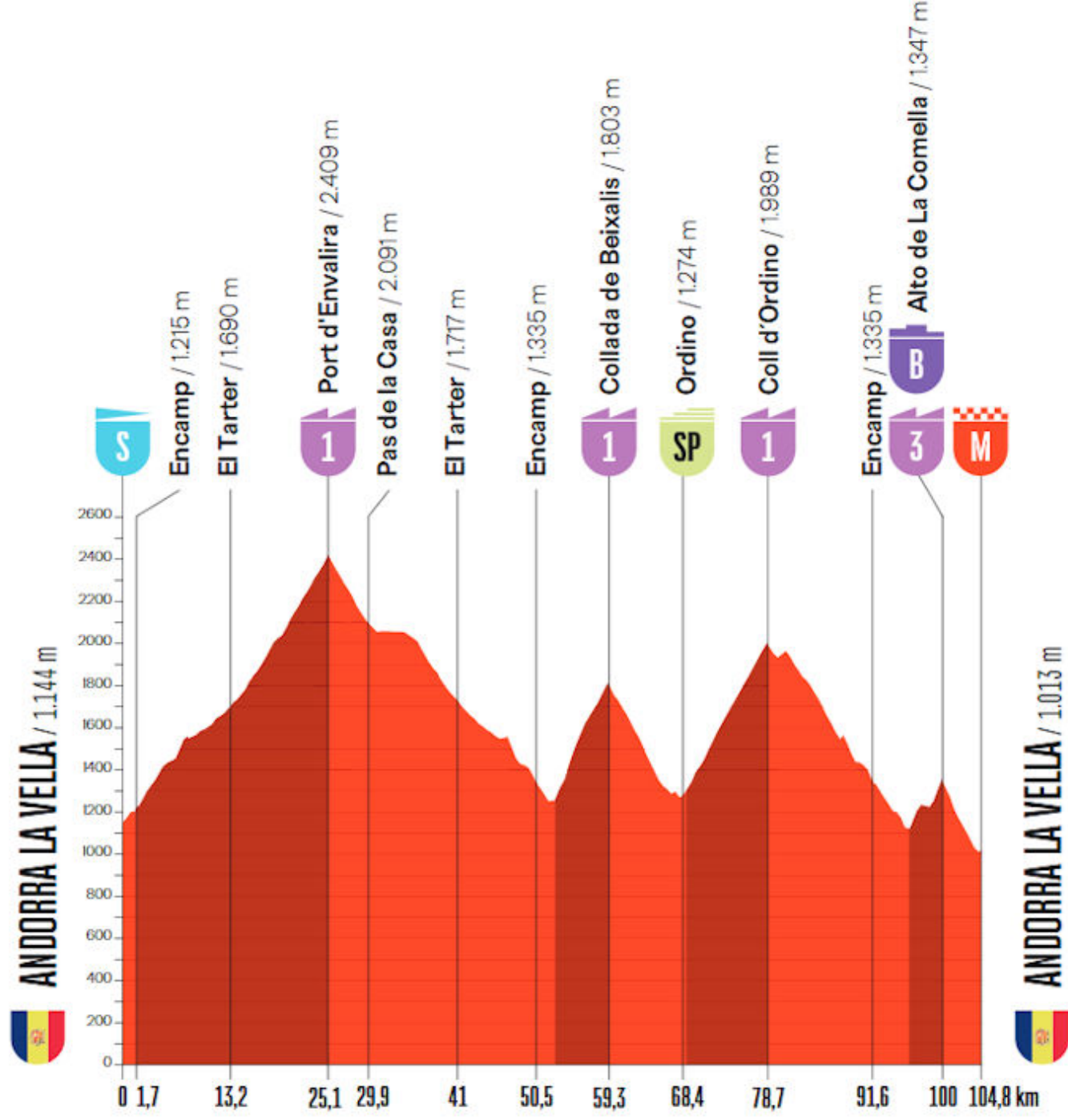


Katie S Get these guys some hot cocoa

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11:36:49 am

Mikey Ba We'll see if I remember to come back

08-24-2026
11:36:51 am





Charlie in Tenn The race has been canceled.

08-24-2026
11:37:31 am



Katie S All righty. Well, I have to get the cat ready for her vet appointment anyway.

08-24-2026
11:38:28 am



Katie S See you all tomorrow

08-24-2026
11:38:35 am



Tim in KY PCS says the stage is cancelled.

08-24-2026
11:38:47 am



Charlie in Tenn I believe that we are done. Now we have to get the riders from here to their buses.

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11:40:37 am