













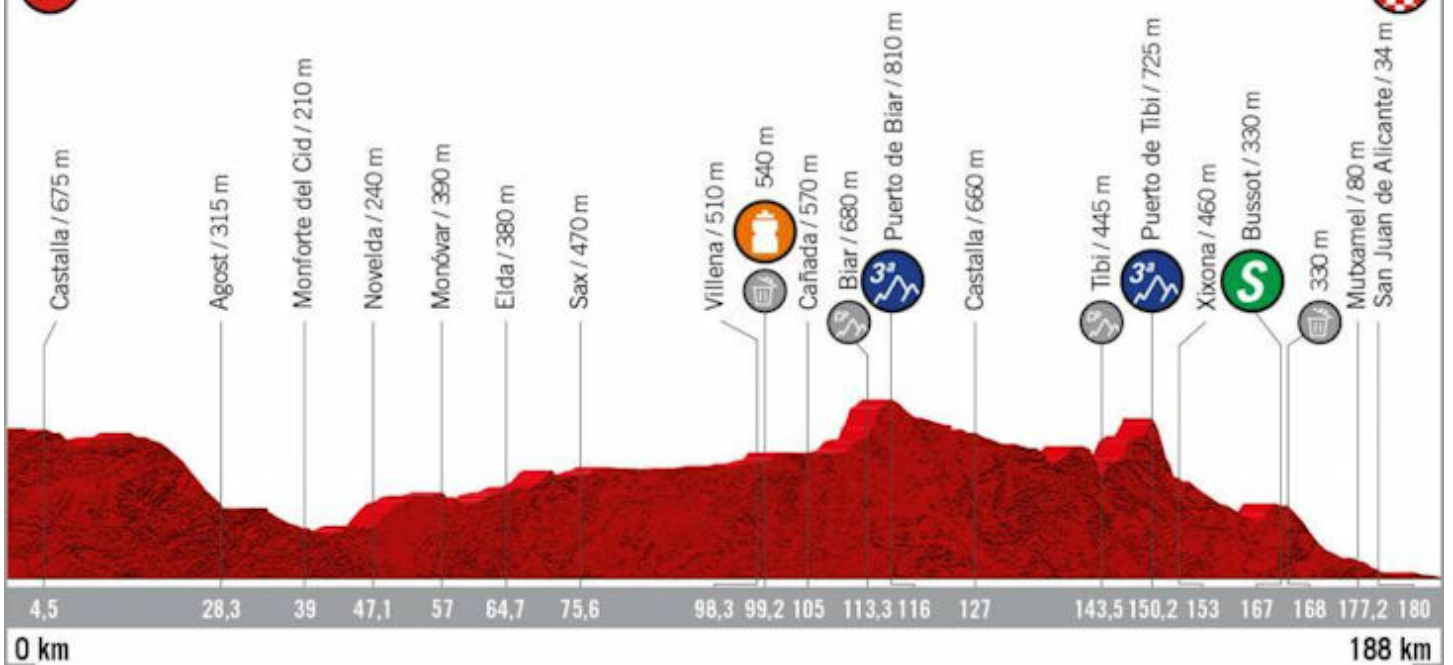
-  **Tim in KY** VaE Stage 3 is 188 kilometers again in central eastern Spain. The route starts in Ibi and does a big loop through the hills west of the Mediterranean before heading east and then south to finish on the coast at Alicante. 25-Aug-2019 18:17:21
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-  **Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1566771761-stage-3-route.jpg> 25-Aug-2019 18:17:42
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-  **Tim in KY** The course is lumpy throughout with two Cat 3s coming at 72 and 38 kilometers from the finish. From the crest of the second climb the road is basically downhill to a flat finish on the waterfront. It should end in a bunch sprint. 25-Aug-2019 18:19:12
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-  **Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1566771864-stage-3-profile.jpg> 25-Aug-2019 18:19:25
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-  **Tim in KY** Start time is 12:53 CEST (06:53 EDT). Finish is imagined between 17:20 and 17:50. Gold says live stream starts at 14:50 (08:50 EDT). Weather is to be partly cloudy in the upper 20s with a chance of afternoon rain. 25-Aug-2019 18:21:19
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-  **BusterSci** Morning, Tim. 26-Aug-2019 06:35:54
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-  **Tim in KY** The rain in Spain is mainly on the peloton today. 26-Aug-2019 06:36:16
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-  **BusterSci** I'll be out for walkies at sun-up today and then I have a meeting on the other side of town. Circumstances will save my shoulders. Have fun, all. 26-Aug-2019 06:37:05
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-  **Tim in KY** I will be here for the start and then back about the time the live stream starts. 26-Aug-2019 06:39:24
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-  **Tim in KY** Race is on. KOM guy is trying to be in the break. 26-Aug-2019 06:59:17
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-  **BusterSci** And we have one non-starter 26-Aug-2019 06:59:54
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-  **BusterSci** Mickaël Delage (Groupama-FDJ) 26-Aug-2019 07:00:06
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680 m



ALICANTE
10 m





Tim in KY Sick, I guess.

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07:00:48



Tim in KY Angel Madrazo and Oscar Cabedo (Burgos-BH) with Hector Saez (Euskadi-Murias) have 1:25 on the peloton.

26-Aug-2019
07:03:40



BusterSci When I fill out my team with 4 pointers I try to pick at least one from a wildcard team that I think might be the break guy. It's been two years since I've hit on that.

26-Aug-2019
07:04:57



Tim in KY How often does that work out for you?

26-Aug-2019
07:07:18



Tim in KY Not so far this year with Dr. Pepper.

26-Aug-2019
07:09:08



Tim in KY 178 km to go, 3:20.

26-Aug-2019
07:09:48



Tim in KY Lotto and Sunweb are minding the gap.

26-Aug-2019
07:12:03



Tim in KY The inland rain has stopped for now.

26-Aug-2019
07:14:56



BusterSci I had one a couple years ago (maybe it was the Giro last year) that had had a good couple months and was being talked about as jumping to a WT team. He paid off with significant break points and a couple stage places. It's a shot in the dark, but the alternate strategy is finding guys who will earn domestique points, and while that is a better way to improve a score from top of second page to bottom of first page, it isn't really a difference maker.

26-Aug-2019
07:16:46



Tim in KY Confirmation that Delage is ill.

26-Aug-2019
07:18:29



Tim in KY Saez gets a wheel change in the break. Gap is 4:15.

26-Aug-2019
07:22:16



Tim in KY There is a town named Sax on the route today. That looks more Basque than Castilian.

26-Aug-2019
07:37:59



BusterSci Well, With rain moving in I think it's time to go walkies. I wonder if there is a sister town up the hill named Alto Sax.

26-Aug-2019
07:38:47



Tim in KY With 160 km to go, the gap is out to 6:00.

26-Aug-2019
07:38:57



Tim in KY Stay dry, Buster.

26-Aug-2019
07:39:34



Tim in KY Wheel change for Crosswalk.

26-Aug-2019
07:41:24



Tim in KY Time for chores while the paint dries.

26-Aug-2019
07:49:38



Mikey Good Morning

26-Aug-2019
07:51:52



Charlie in Tenn Good morning, I am really here now.

26-Aug-2019
07:52:41



Charlie in Tenn I will be unloading boxes in the library/game/lego/Xbox room if you need me.

26-Aug-2019
07:58:40



Mikey Getting ready to walk the dogger

26-Aug-2019
07:59:30



Charlie in Tenn Androni Giocattoli have signed a new youngster from South America. Jefferson Cepeda, the Ecuadorian who won the final stage of the Tour de l'Avenir, has joined Gianni Savio's team on a four-year deal.

26-Aug-2019
08:19:43



Charlie in Tenn From cycling news

26-Aug-2019
08:20:01



Katie Good morning. How'd the move go, Charlie?

26-Aug-2019
08:20:16



Charlie in Tenn Pretty well. Lost (misplaced) a few things. They could still show up as we have one side of the garage still with stacks of boxes. Moving to a slightly smaller house has caused some rearranging issues. Nothing that we can't deal with but ...

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08:22:23



Charlie in Tenn We like the house and neighborhood. Several neighbors came to help us unload one truck and the next door lady is overly informative about the town and anything else so I have the low down on lots of things I care nothing about. She is sweet though so I can handle it.

26-Aug-2019
08:24:31



Charlie in Tenn The kids are adjusting well. We miss the kids on our old street and have not met any new kids close to our house but there are some in the neighborhood. Our neighborhood is behind the country club and there is only one way in or out so no tourist traffic at all.

26-Aug-2019
08:27:29



Katie I'm glad to hear things are going well so far, despite the few lost things and the helpful neighbor. Hope the kids - and you - meet some new friends soon.

26-Aug-2019
08:33:16



Katie ...And the feeds are up!

26-Aug-2019
09:01:49



Charlie in Tenn I am meeting folks. Being the stay at home Dad with no kids makes it easy to drop everything and run outside when I see people walking by. I met some fellow Western Kentucky University grads just the other day.

26-Aug-2019
09:03:30



Katie This book showed up in my household back in the 1960s, possibly after a family move:

26-Aug-2019
09:07:01



Tim in KY 94 km to go. Gap is down to 3:48.

26-Aug-2019
09:07:10



Katie <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1566825143-friendbook.jpg>

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09:07:24



Tim in KY Sprinters teams on the front now.

26-Aug-2019
09:07:39



Tim in KY Arid landscape with palm trees.

26-Aug-2019
09:09:41



Charlie in Tenn Movistar taking interest in the front. Q must be feeling great.

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09:09:48




Tim in KY And some olive trees.

26-Aug-2019
09:09:57



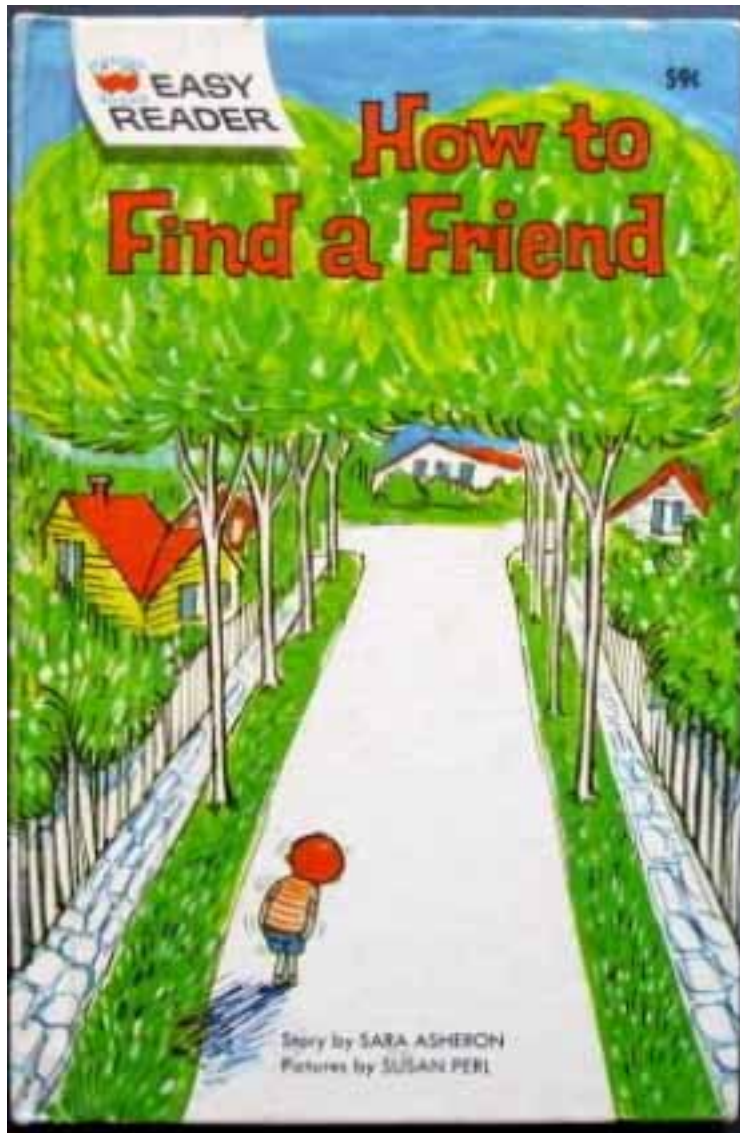
Katie Tim, was the pub open yesterday? I tried from my iPhone and found nothing. We were out of town visiting friends, who kindly let me watch the race on their telly (via my iPad). Got a chance to eddicate some new people about the beauty of bike racing.

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09:11:13

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How to Find a Friend



Story by SARA ASHERON
Pictures by SUSAN PERI



BusterSci We were here, but it was a late late start

26-Aug-2019
09:12:01



Katie Didn't display on my iPhone. Probably I did something wrong. Anyways, I told our weekend hostesses all about you all.

26-Aug-2019
09:13:00



Charlie in Tenn 4 boxes unloaded, 2 small shelves moved, now to work on assorted stuff laying in the floor in various piles.

26-Aug-2019
09:15:00



Charlie in Tenn Leaders about 4 min ahead

26-Aug-2019
09:15:36



Tim in KY I could see it on my phone, Katie.

26-Aug-2019
09:15:52



Tim in KY Too purple?

26-Aug-2019
09:16:25



Charlie in Tenn All 3 leading riders rode with Caja Rural in 2016 so they know each other very well.

26-Aug-2019
09:18:17



Charlie in Tenn Never to purple, according to my daughter.

26-Aug-2019
09:18:52



Tim in KY Peloton in the feedzone.

26-Aug-2019
09:22:06



Tim in KY There's a split in the peloton for some reason.

26-Aug-2019
09:26:06



Katie Maybe cuz it's hot...

26-Aug-2019
09:26:46



Charlie in Tenn Ineos seemed to have a bad day yesterday. Poels/Heneo at 9:51. I guess De la Cruzis the leader at 1: 43

26-Aug-2019
09:27:54

















Tim in KY UAE, Bora and DQS on the front for their sprinters. It's actually not very hot by Vuelta standards. 28C today.

26-Aug-2019
09:28:29



Tim in KY Gap is under 3 minutes now.

26-Aug-2019
09:30:16

-  **Tim in KY** 2 km to the start of the first Cat 3. 26-Aug-2019
09:33:59
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-  **Tim in KY** The break is riding at the fastest imaginable time. 26-Aug-2019
09:34:43
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-  **Tim in KY** Serious headwind by the look of that flag. 26-Aug-2019
09:37:24
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-  **Tim in KY** Break starts the climb. 26-Aug-2019
09:38:05
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-  **Katie** That one climb in yesterday's stage looked pretty gnarly. The average gradient was 9.5%, but I'd guess some sections were 15%-plus, the way some of those guys were pedaling squares. 26-Aug-2019
09:43:04
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-  **Charlie in Tenn** It blew the race apart. It was hotter and harder than a lot of riders expected. 26-Aug-2019
09:45:06
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-  **Tim in KY** Break crests. 26-Aug-2019
09:45:24
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-  **Tim in KY** Madrazo gets 3 more points. 26-Aug-2019
09:46:05
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-  **Tim in KY** KOM: 1. Ángel Madrazo (Burgos-BH), 3 pts 2. Héctor Sáez (Euskadi-Murias), 2 pts 3. Diego Rubio (Burgos BH), 1 pt. 26-Aug-2019
09:50:13
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-  **Tim in KY** 2 KU, 3:00. 26-Aug-2019
09:51:31
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-  **Tim in KY** Last climb starts with 44.5 km to go. 26-Aug-2019
09:52:45
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-  **Tim in KY** The speed has slowed a bit but still faster than imagined. 26-Aug-2019
09:54:58
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-  **Mikey** Roche says nothing is ever certain but he hopes to hold the jersey longer than the last time he wore it 26-Aug-2019
10:08:01
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-  **Charlie in Tenn** I am sure he does. 26-Aug-2019
10:13:54
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Katie Dam!

26-Aug-2019
10:17:26



Tim in KY Got called away suddenly. On my phone now with no stream.

26-Aug-2019
10:17:45



Charlie in Tenn 2 more boxes empty. I am running out of room...

26-Aug-2019
10:23:05



Katie 44,8 km to go, 3 leaders have 48-second advantage

26-Aug-2019
10:23:22



Katie next climb just starting

26-Aug-2019
10:23:43



Tim in KY Should be near the second climb.

26-Aug-2019
10:24:03



Charlie in Tenn Jumbo Visma on the front closing down the break before the climb.

26-Aug-2019
10:24:28



Tim in KY Why?

26-Aug-2019
10:25:10



Charlie in Tenn No one knows. De Ghent off the front

26-Aug-2019
10:25:39



BusterSci I feel good about my restraint in posting today. Now I have the help of having to leave for a meeting before the finale. Have fun and see you a bit tomorrow.

26-Aug-2019
10:25:54



Charlie in Tenn Going uphill now.

26-Aug-2019
10:26:02



Charlie in Tenn Bye Buster.

26-Aug-2019
10:26:18



Charlie in Tenn Others going off the front.

26-Aug-2019
10:26:56



Charlie in Tenn Several Jumbo Visma

26-Aug-2019
10:27:30



Tim in KY Trying to thwart the sprinters?

26-Aug-2019
10:28:27



Charlie in Tenn Trying to thwart De Ghent it looks like

26-Aug-2019
10:29:04



BusterSci Dang. This looks like it's going to be a fun finish.

26-Aug-2019
10:29:09



Charlie in Tenn Jacobson, Gavaria both at the back

26-Aug-2019
10:32:24



Charlie in Tenn a Katusha has caught the polka dot jersey. They are a few seconds ahead of the bunch.

26-Aug-2019
10:34:48



Charlie in Tenn Polkadot gets the max points.

26-Aug-2019
10:35:44



Trish in MA Morning, all. Sounds like things are exciting. Checking in at the office, but have a new office mate so can't really sit here and load up a pirate stream.

26-Aug-2019
10:36:43



Charlie in Tenn Sure you can, the new mate needs to learn all of the ropes.

26-Aug-2019
10:38:33



Charlie in Tenn Down hill almost all the way. One small bump.

26-Aug-2019
10:39:58



Alaska Dave Good morning from the rain forest where we had thunderstorms yesterday. A very rare occurrence

26-Aug-2019
10:46:19



Charlie in Tenn Hi Dave. We have thunderstorms every few days in the east Tn mountains it seems like.

26-Aug-2019
10:50:27



Alaska Dave It's a once every 5-10 year experience here. Knocked out power (much more common) and scared hikers and fishermen.

26-Aug-2019
10:52:47



Mikey Small time bonus sprint coming soon


26-Aug-2019
10:54:18





Trish in MA Sounds like there is a lull in the action, so I shall report on the 6.5 pound mushroom. Was not a hen of the woods. We think it was a meripilus giganteus which is inedible, not because it is poisonous, but because it just tastes


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bad. Wasted wine, olive oil, milk and cream trying to make it taste good. Bleck was the general consensus. It is now in the compost bin.


 **Trish in MA** This mushroom is often confused with hen of the woods. 26-Aug-2019 10:57:42


 **Mikey** Enjoyed mushroom talk yesterday! 26-Aug-2019 10:58:37

 **Charlie in Tenn** Sorry, I enjoyed the mushroom talk as well. 26-Aug-2019 11:01:42

 **Trish in MA** Me too, just not the mushroom that prompted it. 26-Aug-2019 11:01:44


 **Charlie in Tenn** Gaveria is 50 secs off the back with 2 teammates. He had much trouble on the 2nd climb and the slight bump. 26-Aug-2019 11:03:54

 **Alaska Dave** 14k left with 1:09 for break. 26-Aug-2019 11:06:24

 **Alaska Dave** That's the gap from the front to Gaveria. Maze like road right now. 26-Aug-2019 11:10:38

 **Charlie in Tenn** Pretty town. 26-Aug-2019 11:10:54

 **Katie** Lotsa swimming pools! 26-Aug-2019 11:12:31

 **Charlie in Tenn** Lots of roundabouts and empty pools 26-Aug-2019 11:12:35

 **Katie** Tony's airscoop is wide open 26-Aug-2019 11:13:10

 **Charlie in Tenn** About 7 km to go 26-Aug-2019 11:14:19

 **Mikey** 57kph! 26-Aug-2019 11:14:22



Mikey All GC teams at the front..

26-Aug-2019
11:16:15



Charlie in Tenn under 5 kms

26-Aug-2019
11:16:17



Katie Teams coming to the front, across the front

26-Aug-2019
11:16:38



Charlie in Tenn here comes Bora

26-Aug-2019
11:16:38



Mikey Nice wide road for now

26-Aug-2019
11:17:08



Katie 3.3 to go

26-Aug-2019
11:17:58



Mikey jumbo dropping back

26-Aug-2019
11:18:19



Charlie in Tenn inside 3 GC can back off

26-Aug-2019
11:18:57



Mikey 65kph

26-Aug-2019
11:19:10



Charlie in Tenn DQS on front

26-Aug-2019
11:19:35



Katie 2 km

26-Aug-2019
11:19:51



Tim in KY Just in time!

26-Aug-2019
11:20:08



Katie whew!

26-Aug-2019
11:20:16



Charlie in Tenn sunweb on front

26-Aug-2019
11:20:24



Mikey 73kph

26-Aug-2019
11:20:32



Trish in MA My legs hurt

26-Aug-2019
11:20:46



Charlie in Tenn It's over

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11:21:41



Katie George skids his wheels like a skier coming to the end of a run, with panache

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11:21:55



Alaska Dave Sprinter Sam shows some confidence and delivers.

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11:22:57



Charlie in Tenn Bennett, Theuns, Mezgez

26-Aug-2019
11:23:00



Mikey How does Sam Bennett not have a contract for next year?

26-Aug-2019
11:23:19



Charlie in Tenn Katie that is Sam

26-Aug-2019
11:23:22



Charlie in Tenn Bora has Sagan and Ackermann so not enough money for everyone.

26-Aug-2019
11:24:17



Charlie in Tenn Someone will pick him up.

26-Aug-2019
11:24:33



Tim in KY Did Gaviria ever catch back on?

26-Aug-2019
11:24:33



Mikey No. Stayed with his teammates to fight another day

26-Aug-2019
11:25:04



Tim in KY With Bennett and Jakobson I'll pick some of what I lost yesterday.

26-Aug-2019
11:26:05



Trish in MA Ok, must go do some work. Sigh.

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11:26:13

3ª etapa : Ibi. Ciudad del juguete • Alicante
Clasificación etapa provisional

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2	E. Theuns		TFS	m.t.
3	L. Mezgec		MTS	m.t.
4	J. Aberasturi		CJR	m.t.
5	P. Bauhaus		TBM	m.t.
6	M. Richeze		DQT	m.t.
7	F. Jakobsen		DQT	m.t.
8	C. Barthe		EUS	m.t.
9	S. Sajnok		CCC	m.t.
10	C. Venturini		ALM	m.t.



Mikey Lovely day lovely race. See you tomorrow

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Charlie in Tenn <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1566833609-stage%203.PNG>

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Charlie in Tenn No change in the GC.

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11:29:33



Charlie in Tenn Bye all.

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11:29:43



Katie see you tomorrow

26-Aug-2019
11:31:01



Charlie in Tenn There was one thing we missed. The Intermediate sprint Roglic picked up one second. Intermediate sprint - Bussot (km 167): 1. Sergio Higuita (EF Education First), 4 pts, 3" 2. Martijn Tusveld (Team Sunweb), 2 pts , 2" 3. Primoz Roglic (Jumbo-Visma), 1 pt, 1"

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11:34:04



Charlie in Tenn OK now I am really gone.

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11:34:22
