



Rocket City Gal Stage 8 of the Giro is a 156 km route on the east side of the “boot.” The route starts in Chieti which is on a hilly ridge, then runs north on flat roads along the Adriatic coast until the last 60 km. After Cupra Marittima, the riders head more westerly and inland for a series of short climbs, with a punchy finale on the cobbled streets of old-town Fermo.

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Rocket City Gal The first categorized climb is up Montefiore dell’Aso, a category 3 climb averaging 3.6% over 9.9 km. Following the descent, the road kicks up again immediately towards Monterubbiano, a category 4 climb of 4.7 km at 5.7%. Following that the road climbs 3.3 km at 4.9% in an uncategorized climb to Fermo and then after a very brief respite further kicks up 700 m at 11.6% with the Red Bull sprint for bonus seconds at the top. After a descent to Lido di Fermo on the coast comes the category 4 climb up to Capodarco 3.7 km at 6.1% including an 18% section. After descending the riders reach the category 4 climb into Fermo, 3.7 km at 5.7% including a 700 m segment at 14.3% with max gradient of 22%. The finish will be on the narrow cobbled streets of historic old-town Fermo.

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Rocket City Gal Start / finish

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Rocket City Gal The penultimate climb in Capodarco

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LEGENDA / KEY



Red Bull km



Sprint Punti
Points Sprint



GPM (con categoria)
KOM (categorized)



Galleria
Tunnel



Passaggio a livello
Level Crossing



Percorso Fuori Corsa
Off Race



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CAPODARCO

RED BULL KM

FERMO

MONTERUBBIANO

MONTEFIORE DELL'ASO

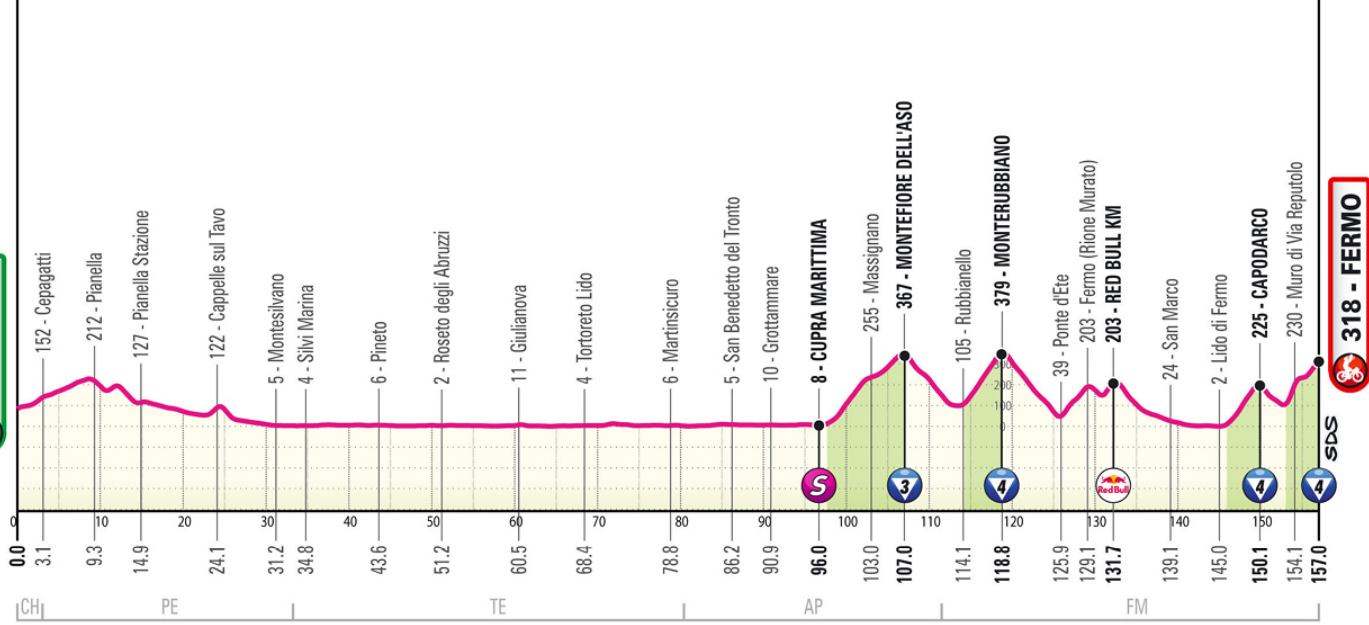
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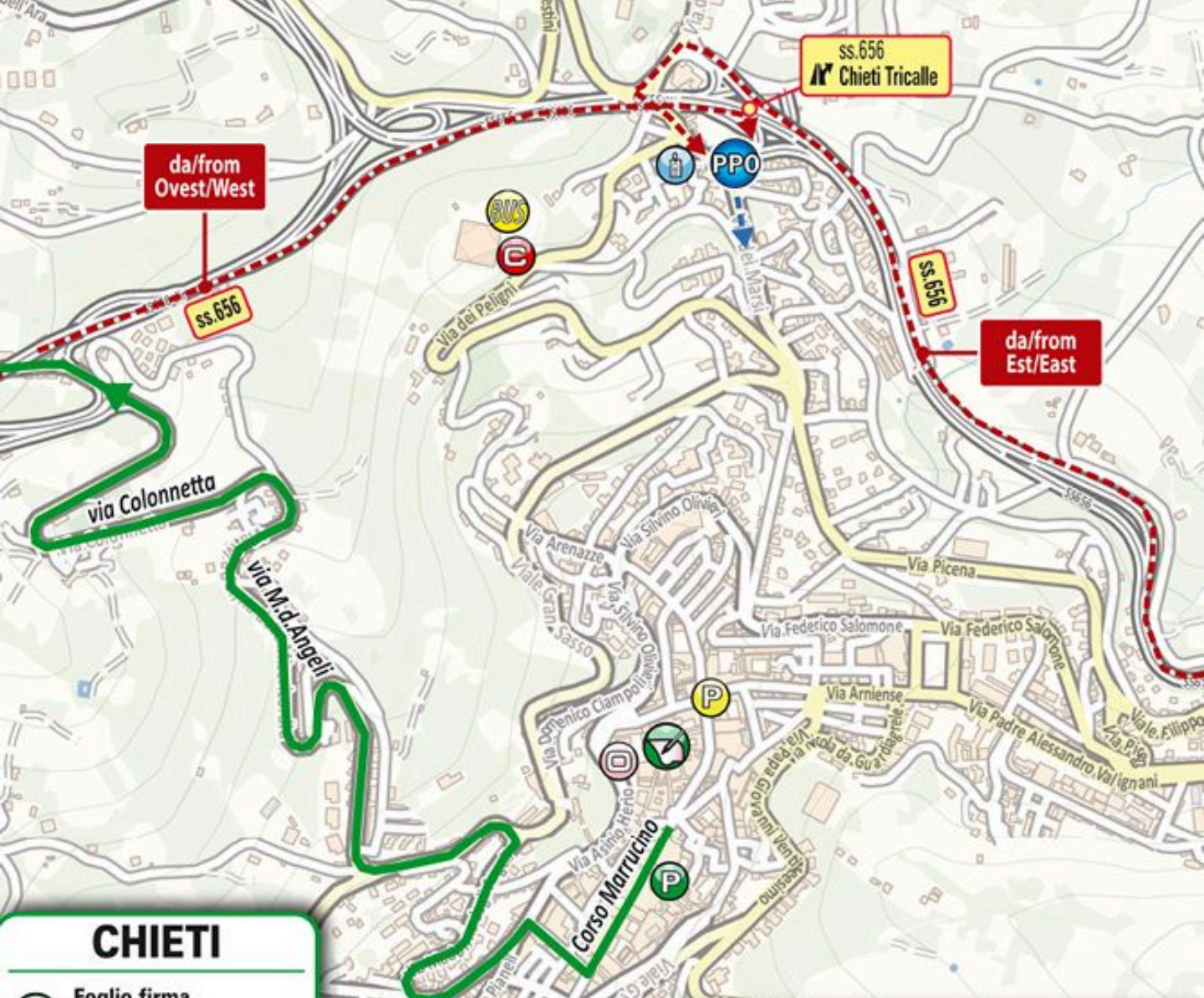
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MARCONSI

CHIETI

km 0

20 - CHIETI**318 - FERMO**



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 Chieti Tricalle

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BUS

via Colonna

via M.d. Angeli

Corso Marrucchio

CHIETI

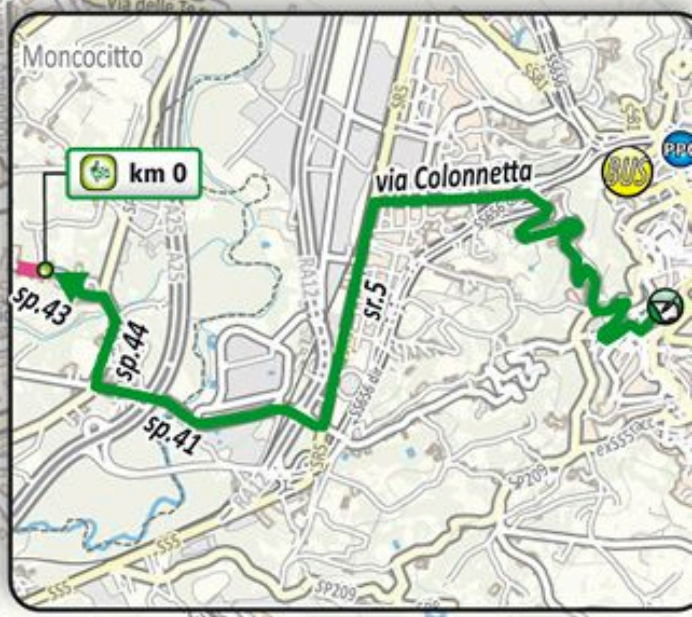
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ss.656
 Chieti Tricalle
 N 42°21'38.5"
 E 14°10'06.4"
 3000 m →

Parcheggio BUS
 BUS park
 Pala Tricalle
 2200 m →

Fuori Corsa
 Off Race

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Moncocitto

km 0

via Colonna

sp.43

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BUS

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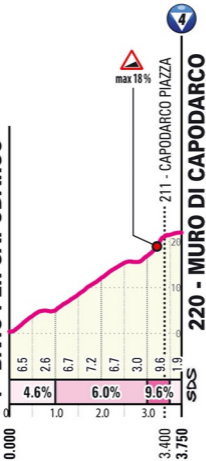
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4 - BIVIO PER CAPODARCO



3.7 km
216 m
5.8%

145 - BV. STRADA REPUTOLO





Rocket City Gal And the profile of the final 5 or so kilometers as the riders loop back into Fermo and climb to the old part of town.

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Rocket City Gal Stage 8 of the Giro d'Italia starts at 13:15 CEST (07:15 US Eastern time, 06:15 Central time) and is expected to finish at around 17:15 CEST (11:15 US Eastern time, 10:15 Central time).

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06:30:48 pm



Tim in KY Thanks Katie. I appreciate your help. Goes well with my pre-dinner Champagne here at 31,000 feet.

05-15-2026
06:39:57 pm



Rocket City Gal Once again, the weather may play a role in today's stage. Showers early in the day. Partly cloudy and 59 degrees at the start (15% rain chance) with NW winds 15 mph and gusts to 30 mph. Rain and thunderstorms likely later in the day, but at least at this point it looks like the worst stuff should stay south of the finish town. A few showers and 57 deg F in Fermo at the finish (31% chance of rain) with NW winds 13 mph gusting to 21 mph.

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06:49:26 pm



Rocket City Gal So, rain, coolish, headwind all day. What's not to like?

05-15-2026
06:49:56 pm



Rocket City Gal Thanks, Tim. Buon viaggi. Or bon voyage. Cin cin!

05-15-2026
06:50:55 pm



Tim in KY Definitely a day for the classics and GC guys.

05-15-2026
06:56:39 pm



Rocket City Gal The good news is, I finished mapping out the rest of our hiking path now. The whole thing is only 0.8 miles long total, with 0.55 mi of that in the woods and the rest along an old (abandoned) road bed. We can add other bits later (probably in the form of hiking/walking paths), but this is a pretty good start. Cleared about 0.1 of mile of it this morning. The guy with the Kubota is doing hardscaping, but things are so overgrown and there is so much deadfall that it's advantageous to clear first to make sure it will "work." Making it ATV accessible will be really helpful in clearing out decades of overgrowth and deadfall.

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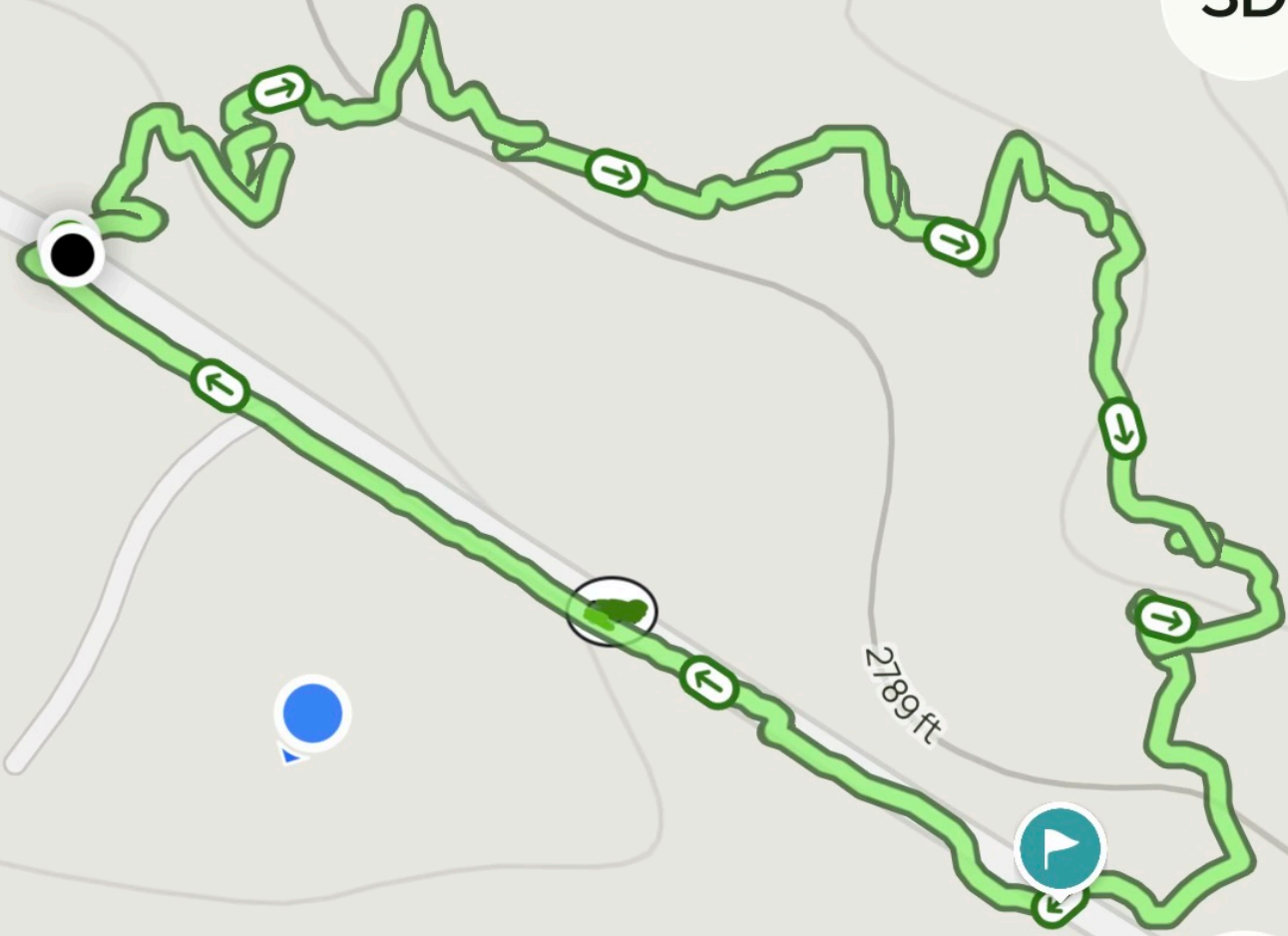


Tim in KY At the Paris flat. Now groceries. Despite the awful climb on stage 7 there were now DNF. So far no DNS today.

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04:59:00 am

0 200 ft 400 ft

3D



2789 ft

2789 ft





Rocket City Gal Thanks, Tim -- I just checked to try to add that, but you beat me to it I think I got most of the stuff in, except that I meant to include the finishing km map in but instead put the start town map (I thought it was a single map including both -- silly me) and I forgot to put the FB blurb up. I'll do better for tomorrow's preview. :-)

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07:39:43 am

Bikerabe our fav Irishman O'Ganna is in breakaway

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08:33:49 am

Rocket City Gal Ganna and Bettiol now with only 20 seconds on the rest.... they are about 1/2 way through the mostly flat opening 100 km or so.

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08:36:49 am

Rocket City Gal Maybe Ganna is practicing for Tuesday's ITT

05-16-2026
08:37:23 am

Rocket City Gal Ulissi, Plowright and Bayer are also off the front by a little bit, but behind Bettiol/Ganna.

05-16-2026
08:38:07 am

Rocket City Gal Nope. That didn't stick, nor the next 5 man attempt.

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08:38:46 am

Rocket City Gal Doesn't look like Bettiol/Ganna break will stick either. I'll bet the sprint teams are keeping it close for the sprint points in Cupra Marittima (which is still about 42 km away)

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Rocket City Gal Fabio Cristen crashed and abandoned a little while ago. He's the Pinarello guy (not to be confused with UAE's Jan Christen),

05-16-2026
08:42:32 am

Bikerabe gruppo compacto 3 KU

05-16-2026
08:44:10 am

Rocket City Gal In the women's Itzulia race (stage 2 today), Włodarczyk won with Bredewold 2nd and van Androoj 3rd. Bredewold still leads GC. It's a 3 stage race and concludes tomorrow.

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Rocket City Gal Tour of Hongrie stage 4 is also going on today. Merlier is leading GC in that one; the final stage is tomorrow.

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08:48:46 am

Katie S Good morning, all. Bonjour, Tim! Bienvenue a Paris!

05-16-2026
08:49:51 am



Rocket City Gal Buongiorno, other Katie!

05-16-2026
08:50:24 am



Katie S Thank you for the stage preview, RCG. And for your footpath preview. That's so cool!

05-16-2026
08:51:02 am



Rocket City Gal I am a bit sore today. Nothing is flat here. And there are brambles/blackberries and lots of deadfall including some pretty big dead trees. Hacking out a path will take awhile, but it will be so cool to use. A walking path isn't too hard to hack out, but something wide and stable enough to accommodate our "mini-tractor" (ATV) to help clean up stuff is a lot more involved. I both love and hate the Kubota -- the guy who is hardscaping with it is very skilled, but it's just so darn destructive. But it's short term pain for long term gain. He's done lots of other stuff like this on adjacent properties, and after a year or so things look a whole lot better.

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Rocket City Gal It took me about half an hour to hack through a segment of briar patch (blackberries) yesterday. One wouldn't think there's enough sunlight for them in deep woods, but there they were. They were right along the relatively flat part of the slope that the path needs to run on.

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08:56:24 am



Rocket City Gal Multiple attacks have been going on, and the peloton's not letting anyone get away so far. Which is crazy, because we're already over 60 km in.

05-16-2026
08:58:01 am



Katie S Looks like a good break now, though

05-16-2026
09:05:04 am



Katie S Or not...

05-16-2026
09:08:15 am



Katie S 9 second lead...

05-16-2026
09:08:42 am



Rocket City Gal This has been going on constantly. A break. Nope. Oooh, another break...nope.

05-16-2026
09:09:20 am



Bikerabe Valgren for EF in break

05-16-2026
09:09:39 am



Rocket City Gal And Marcellusi. This stage might be a good one for him. He's a climby guy.

05-16-2026
09:11:18 am



Rocket City Gal Nope. Caught.

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09:11:43 am



Rocket City Gal Jake Stewart (NSN Cycling Team) abandoned the race.

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09:12:14 am



Rocket City Gal Now Bjerg and Narvaez have a go

05-16-2026
09:12:44 am



SFinAus Good day. I too thought this was the break. Thanks for taking up preview duties, RCG. As I was scrolling and reading I saw you walking route map in my peripheral view and assumed it was some screwy Giro finish map. :). It a fine trail route though.

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09:13:38 am



Rocket City Gal The riders have passed the halfway point. Still 15 km or so until the intermediate sprint, then the climbs start. That's where the action will start.

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09:13:44 am



Mikey Good Morning all

05-16-2026
09:13:46 am



Mikey Safe and fun travels Tim

05-16-2026
09:14:22 am



Katie S Morning, Mikey

05-16-2026
09:14:25 am



Rocket City Gal Sean, that's a finishing circuit for the Giro. ;))

05-16-2026
09:14:44 am



Mikey Who needs Tim after RCG

05-16-2026
09:14:52 am



Mikey Thanks for helping

05-16-2026
09:15:01 am



Rocket City Gal Tim is awesome. Pulling together the info takes a little time and effort. The Italian wind forecasts are weird (what is a force 2 wind?)

05-16-2026
09:16:07 am



Mikey Depends on the bathroom

05-16-2026
09:16:29 am



Rocket City Gal What I'm saying is, we ALL need Tim! He's some of the strong glue that holds the LUGNuts together.

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09:16:47 am



Rocket City Gal Split in peloton. Vingo is not in the first part.

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09:17:27 am



Mikey I do so look forward to Tim's wonderful daily presentation

05-16-2026
09:17:46 am



Rocket City Gal Bjerg, Narvaez, and Leknessund with 20 second gap ahead of the peloton

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09:19:27 am



Mikey You made me look.... A Force 2 wind (defined as a "light breeze" on the international Beaufort Wind Force Scale) is a gentle, pleasant breeze. It corresponds to wind speeds of (4) to (7mph) ((4) to (6knots)) or (6) to (11km/h))

05-16-2026
09:21:08 am



Mikey Its the ol' IBWFS

05-16-2026
09:21:53 am



SFinAus Hear, hear, a perpetual chapeau for Tim!

05-16-2026
09:22:42 am



Rocket City Gal I think today was "force 4." May the fourth force be with you.

05-16-2026
09:24:28 am



Rocket City Gal (Jedi with a stutter)

05-16-2026
09:24:49 am



Mikey Was there any TX size hail in Austin?

05-16-2026
09:25:46 am



Rocket City Gal The breakaway trio are now 49 seconds ahead of the peloton. Another 2nd breakaway attempt was quickly quashed.

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09:26:15 am
















Rocket City Gal Under 5 km to the intermediate sprint, and the gap to the lead trio keeps going up. Only 5 UAEs left in the race and 2 got into the break.... not bad.

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09:27:20 am



Mikey <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=emotional%20support%20tractor>

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09:28:55 am

-  **Rocket City Gal** HA! That's actually an emotional support excavator. 05-16-2026 09:31:05 am
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-  **Bikerabe** sprint coming up peloton over 1 min, back 05-16-2026 09:31:08 am
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-  **Rocket City Gal** Pretty views along the coast. Enjoy the sea -- we won't be seeing it after the sprint. 05-16-2026 09:31:44 am
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-  **Rocket City Gal** Leknessund, Narvaez and Bjerg get the top sprint points. 05-16-2026 09:33:42 am
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-  **SFinAus** No hail here any time recently. A nice thunderstorm several days ago, nothing dramatic in town. I did get pounded with golf ball hail 2 or 3 years ago. 05-16-2026 09:33:59 am
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-  **Katie S** That's a crummy road surface 05-16-2026 09:34:47 am
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-  **Rocket City Gal** Not raining, but water on the road and overcast to partly cloudy. 05-16-2026 09:35:54 am
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-  **SFinAus** Whadaya mean, Katie. That's a perfectly good central Texas county road surface. ;) 05-16-2026 09:37:10 am
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-  **Katie S** Haha! 05-16-2026 09:38:28 am
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-  **Rocket City Gal** Raining now. Looks like after this rolls through there might be a couple of scattered showers for the rest of the stage but mostly the rain should hold off. 05-16-2026 09:38:44 am
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-  **SFinAus** "Hey, but our taxes are so low!" 05-16-2026 09:39:08 am
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-  **Katie S** Speaking (earlier) of breakaways not sticking: I'm still waiting to pick a candidate for governor out here. That peloton is all over the place. 05-16-2026 09:40:15 am
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-  **Rocket City Gal** 20 guys a minute behind the lead trio and around 20 seconds ahead of the peloton 05-16-2026 09:41:26 am
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Katie S At least in Italy, I have a guy in the break!

05-16-2026
09:42:12 am



Rocket City Gal Things are shaking out in Italy. Visma is apparently not interested in getting into the break.

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09:43:04 am



Rocket City Gal MAGLI Filippo+52:38 MARCELLUSI Martin+1:08:11 BARTHE Cyril+59:45 JACOBS Johan+1:01:33 GUALDI Simone+38:45 MILESI Lorenzo+25:56 PINARELLO Alessandro+33:34 STRONG Corbin+53:57 GONZÁLEZ David+1:00:45 VAN DEN BOSSCHE Fabio+54:44 JUUL-JENSEN Christopher+54:19 HAMILTON Chris+1:02:12 VAN DEN BROEK Frank+1:39:51 BAIS Mattia+1:11:01 MAESTRI Mirco+56:36 MIFSUD Andrea+49:03 PESENTI Thomas+38:57 ARRIETA Igor+6:11 LARSEN Niklas+1:06:47 POELS Wout+16:17 KULSET Johannes+6:46

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09:45:03 am



Rocket City Gal That's group 2 (21 riders)

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09:46:00 am



SFinAus I thought that was the CA gubernatorial candidate list but realized it's too short. Good luck, Katie.

05-16-2026
09:46:11 am



Rocket City Gal Hannah says the upcoming road surface is crappy with lots of debris.

05-16-2026
09:46:26 am



Katie S Bwahahaha! It may well have been, Sean!

05-16-2026
09:46:44 am



Rocket City Gal Yep, too short for the CA ballot.

05-16-2026
09:46:48 am



Trish in MA Geez, there was nothing but break fights before I left for my run, and 30 minutes later, a break that's sticking and now a fight for the chasing group. Good morning, all!

05-16-2026
09:47:18 am



Katie S Good morning, Trish

05-16-2026
09:47:42 am



Rocket City Gal Trish, the pan flat part is over and now it's bumpy. With wet roads.

05-16-2026
09:48:05 am



Trish in MA Fun times in Italy.

05-16-2026
09:48:21 am



Rocket City Gal Roads here look mostly dry to dampish -- but boy is the pavement crummy.

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09:49:58 am



Bikerabe Arrieta in large chasing group

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09:53:49 am



SFinAus Peloton has eased up. This is a beautiful region. (I know that's redundant in Italy)

05-16-2026
09:56:01 am



Trish in MA My sister and BIL were describing the Aussie election system in Victoria. You can rank vote parties, OR rank choice all 81 candidates. Whichever you choose, you have to rank every party or candidate or your vote is thrown out. Voting is mandatory. There are all kinds of fringe parties, including something like the "Rifles, Tractors and Boots". And short election cycles. They are totally stressing about casting their first votes.

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Rocket City Gal Bjerg/Narvaez/Leknessund group is 52ish seconds ahead of a massive 31 rider group which is about 1:15 ahead of the peloton

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09:56:25 am



Rocket City Gal Well, now that the stage is getting interesting, I have to actually go do some work.

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09:57:39 am



SFinAus Some say democracy is supposed to be messy, but I don't think they had Australia in mind. :)

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09:57:42 am



Katie S Good lord, Trish!

05-16-2026
09:58:03 am



Trish in MA It is a bit crazy. And - they came from California, so they're used to crazy elections.

05-16-2026
09:59:45 am



Katie S This a cat 3 climb?

05-16-2026
10:01:17 am



Bikerabe peloton 2.5 min. behind

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10:02:51 am



Katie S Nope, cat 4 per the profile RCG posted

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10:03:05 am



Katie S What are those gray booties on Leknessund's feet?!

05-16-2026
10:05:20 am



Bikerabe KOM point peloton 3.5 min. gap

05-16-2026
10:11:35 am



Katie S To answer my own question... I get those are just shoe covers.

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10:18:28 am



PasadenaK8 🙌 Morning, everyone ~ Thanks for the most excellent stage profile preview, RCG!

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10:23:11 am



Katie S Morning, K8!

05-16-2026
10:24:14 am



SFinAus Hi K8

05-16-2026
10:24:46 am



Tim in KY Been sprinkling on and off all day. We got back with the groceries dry and took a dry walk along the river to the Petite Palau's.

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10:25:24 am

That a free art museum on the right bank. But we got drizzled on coming back. For dinner we're going to try the Moroccan pizza place that just opened across the street. Checking the stage occasionally on PCS but I refuse to turn on the TV.



Mikey You haven't missed anything Tim

05-16-2026
10:27:07 am



SFinAus An excellent set of choices, Tim. Have a wonderful trip.

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10:27:09 am



Tim in KY Palais. AI can be really stupid.

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10:28:14 am



PasadenaK8 Feeling your pain, Katie, re: the CA ballot. Ooof. Still haven't figured it all out. In addition to the Gov, and all the other

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positions, we've got 15 different Superior Court Judicial positions to figure out. Thank gawd we've only got 1 Proposition to vote on. Envyng your current situation, Tim



Katie S We are planning to visit that museum as well when we're in Paris May 30

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Tim in KY Free is always good. But not necessarily better.

05-16-2026
10:30:11 am



Katie S Of course that timing means I have to make up my voting mind before we leave. We'll be in England on Election Day

05-16-2026
10:30:36 am



Katie S Tim have you been to the Orangerie (spelling???)

05-16-2026
10:31:30 am



PasadenaK8 Nothin' like a deadline, Katie. Just peeked at the Petit Palais website. Looks like an interesting exhibit going on: "Artists Faces"

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10:31:56 am



Mikey Aren't we world travelers! We are off to Portugal soon for a pilgrimage and will walk a piece of the Camino

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10:32:22 am



Katie S Sounds wonderful

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10:32:58 am



Trish in MA Thinking that my next international travel might be to Montreal for the World Championships.

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10:34:10 am



Tim in KY The agency from which we rent this flat leaves a bottle of wine on the dining table as a thank you. This year it's a red Bordeaux from the Castle in the Forrest of the Charcoal Maker. It sounds more elegant in French.

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10:35:56 am



Katie S I bet!

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10:36:31 am



Tim in KY Orangerie many times Katie. Just avoid the huge Monet water lilies. The best stuff is the permanent Impressionist collection and the frequent special exhibitions on the lower level.

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10:40:13 am



Katie S Thank you!

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10:40:52 am



Bikerabe 1`1 km nearest chase 1.5 min. will break Succed or collapse?

05-16-2026
10:44:16 am



Katie S My money's on succeed

05-16-2026
10:44:46 am



Mikey Has the race started?

05-16-2026
10:44:46 am



Mikey Pretty steep at the end end

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10:45:19 am



Tim in KY GC guys seem to be giving this one a pass.

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10:46:45 am



Bikerabe yes Narvaez in front alone

05-16-2026
10:49:54 am



Tim in KY Also looks like the green aliens could move a couple of guys up on GC.

05-16-2026
10:50:10 am



Katie S Steep sucker. Nearly stopped Narvaez in his cleats

05-16-2026
10:51:08 am



Trish in MA I've got Narvaez on my time, so fingers crossed for him. Who'da thunk that UAE could be so dominant with only 5 riders?

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10:51:32 am



PasadenaK8 Beautiful area. Love these small roads and rolling green hills

05-16-2026
10:55:16 am



Katie S I love the "mostly clear" weather description, rather than the "partly cloudy" we use. Kind of a glass-half-full perspective

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10:56:32 am



Trish in MA Awful roads

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10:58:00 am



Trish in MA Ugh. 22%

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Katie S Don't fall over!

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10:58:52 am



SFinAus Cruelly steep. I hope Vingo goes for some seconds.

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10:59:43 am



Trish in MA 2K for Narvaez

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11:01:40 am



Trish in MA Kite

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11:02:33 am



Trish in MA Narrow road!

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11:03:52 am



SFinAus a bit reminiscent of Sienna during Strade Bianche

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11:04:14 am



Bikerabe Maglia Rosa attacks!

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11:05:01 am



PasadenaK8 Bravo!

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11:05:13 am



Trish in MA Bravo, Narvaez!

05-16-2026
11:05:35 am



Katie S And bravo for Trish and me in VG!

05-16-2026
11:06:06 am



Trish in MA Certainly helps, since I've lost 2 riders.

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11:06:32 am



Trish in MA Hindley brings in the peloton.

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11:07:38 am



Mikey Ba

05-16-2026
11:09:34 am



Katie S Ciao!

05-16-2026
11:10:28 am



Tim in KY At least I get a few VG points from Beloki.

05-16-2026
11:11:05 am



Trish in MA Well, off to do chores and other stuff.

05-16-2026
11:12:10 am



PasadenaK8 Domani...

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11:12:36 am



SFinAus buh bye.

05-16-2026
11:13:21 am



Tim in KY Pizza on the way.

05-16-2026
11:14:26 am



Bikerabe GC gaps all the same

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11:18:25 am