



Joanna in Virginia Thank you to Katie S. for the generous donation to the Tip Jar! Greatly appreciated!

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Tim in KY Gdl Stage 11 is the longest stage this year. It is 219 kilometers from Camaioire north along the Mediterranean coast for 105 km then turning inland for the second half of the ride to Tortona.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1684260229-stage-11-route.jpg>

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Tim in KY The route is mostly false flat with three categorized climbs. The final climb, a Cat 4 crests with 43 kilometers to go. The finish is flat but the last 2 km feature two roundabouts and a 90 degree right turn with 400 meters to go.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1684260277-stage-11-profile.jpg>

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1684260287-stage-11-route-finish.jpg>

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Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 11:45 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:15. Forecast is for another day of rain with temps in the mid-teens.

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Tim in KY Wednesday. Long, long day on the bikes in the rain. And another long day of chores and errands for me. I'll be here on and off and for the finish.

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Charlie in Tenn Good morning. Let me just say, I have no one in the break.

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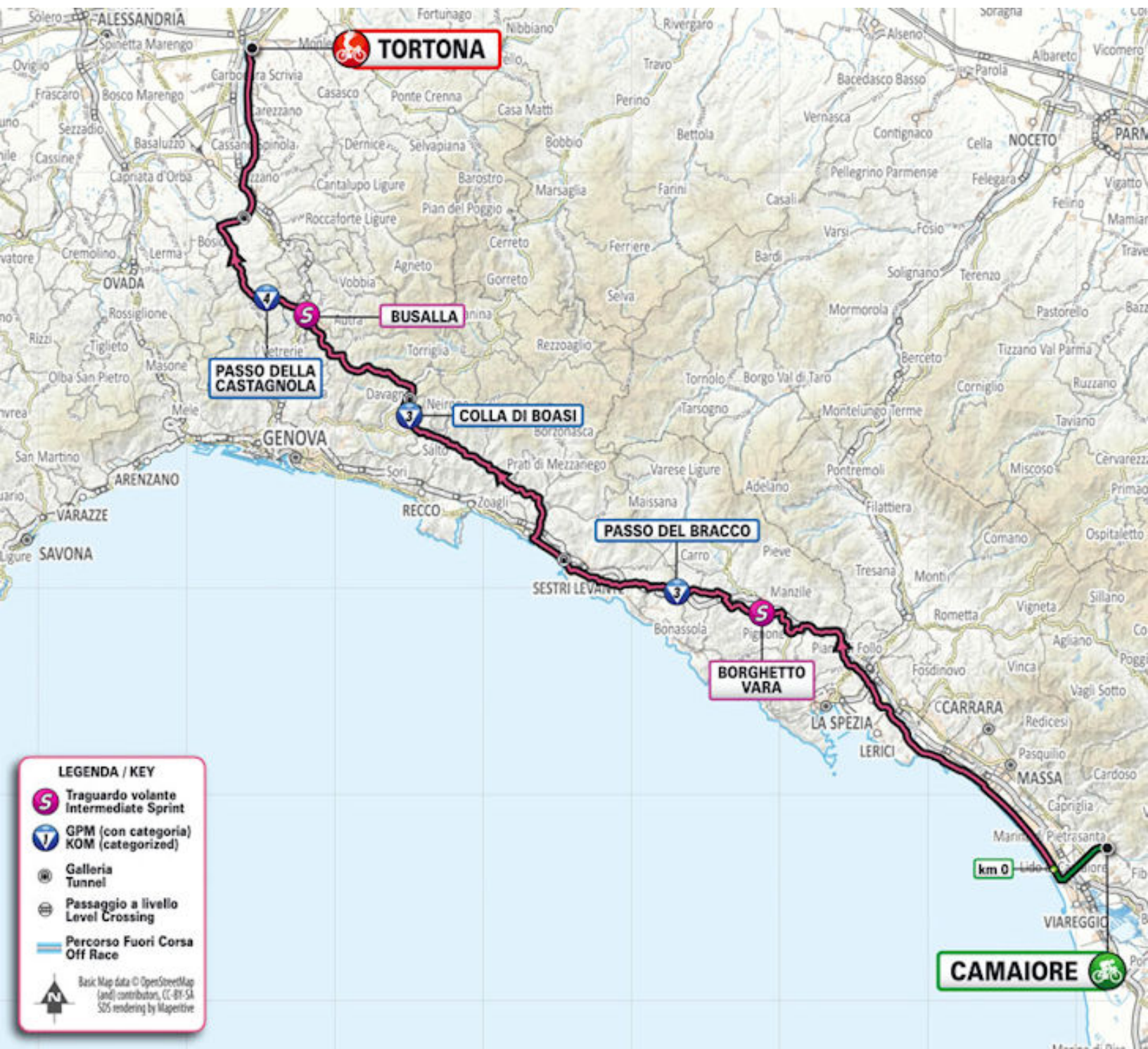
Charlie in Tenn <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1684321062-DNS%2011.PNG>

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Charlie in Tenn DNS riders today

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3 - CAMAIORE



115 - TORTONA

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Charlie in Tenn Soudal - QuickStep seems to be having a bad week. The first 6 names have COVID.

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Tim in KY I'm getting less and less interested in this race.

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Charlie in Tenn 34 drop outs so far this Giro. Today's stage is not gonna help. Break around 3 mins for the next 170 kms.

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Charlie in Tenn Enjoy your chores today. Come back for the finish. Looks like a sprint finish for sure.

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Trish in MA Good morning fellow East Coasters. Have to leave soon for a breakfast meeting. Guess that COVID spread pretty fast through Soudal-QS

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Charlie in Tenn Breakfast meetings. Never a fan.

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Trish in MA Me neither. They disrupt the morning routine

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Tim in KY Riders are on the first Cat 3. This stage is so boring that PCS has been reduced to listing the height of the riders in the break.

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Charlie in Tenn and nick names

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Charlie in Tenn GC victories for riders in the break - zero another PCS list

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Charlie in Tenn sorry miswrote - GC stage wins

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Charlie in Tenn I am so bored I am repeating worthless stats from PCS

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Rob Do you think shorter stages are the answer?

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Tim in KY Shorter and lumpier. At least it's not raining. Yet.

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-  GANDIN Stefano (Team Corratec - Selle Italia)
-  HIRT Jan (Soudal - Quick Step)
-  ČERNÝ Josef (Soudal - Quick Step)
-  CATTANEO Mattia (Soudal - Quick Step)
-  VERVAEKE Louis (Soudal - Quick Step)
-  VENDRAME Andrea (AG2R Citroën Team)
-  TESFATSION Natnael (Trek - Segafredo)
-  CAICEDO Jonathan Klever (EF Education-EasyPost)



Charlie in Tenn It is a quandary. The towns/regions in Italy do pay for the Giro to pass through so there is always going to be stages like this. This one is very long and relatively easy. Sometimes it is also get the bunch around Italy. Shorty and lumpier is good.

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Maite Good morning, All.

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Maite Did I see correctly that my Man Cav was in the top ten on yesterday's stage?

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08:01:54 am



Rocket City Gal Good morning, all.

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Rocket City Gal We're back home in the hot, humid south.

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Rocket City Gal It wasn't enough to find all the fun extra projects at the cabin in Virginia. I awoke to find water coming through the ceiling of the laundry room.

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08:24:56 am



Charlie in Tenn Maite, yes he fought hard to stay with the peloton/chasers yesterday.

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Rocket City Gal The AC part of the split unit is in the attic. The pipe in the attic that carries condensate from the AC drain pan (drip pan?) to the outside of the house is crushed. It looks like somebody stepped on it, but the mystery is that nobody has been in that part of the attic for years. Hubby can fix it, but has to go get the right size of PVC pipe.

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Rocket City Gal I wonder in Soudal-QS got cooties on their copter ride. The Cootie Copter.

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Charlie in Tenn Well, at least you are home to fix it. Good luck.

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Rocket City Gal The AC was off while we were out of town, thank goodness.


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Rocket City Gal There are 3 closets/pantries/storage areas in the laundry room. One of them is full of about 100-120 tie dyed shirts (it's where I keep most of the shirts that are ready for sale). Thank goodness that is not the one with water dripping down from above.


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 **Rocket City Gal** We caught up on yesterday's stage when we got home yesterday. Â Horrible weather. Â Too many crashes. 05-17-2023 08:38:05 am


 **Katie S** Cootie Copter! Cootie Copter! Cootie Copter! 05-17-2023 08:38:30 am


 **Katie S** good morning! 05-17-2023 08:38:32 am


 **Charlie in Tenn** The GCN guys are discussing food the riders get and/or things they liked or craved when riding. Nothing profound. 05-17-2023 08:44:22 am


 **Charlie in Tenn** I hope Gaviria has a good day. 05-17-2023 08:46:48 am


 **Katie S** Cyclingnews refers to it as the possibly the most "attritional edition" of the Giro. As Charlie pointed out, 34 riders have dropped out. How does this compare to the great doping scandal expulsions in the olden days? 05-17-2023 08:47:01 am


 **Katie S** Yeah, Charlie, like Robbie and his Vegemite. 05-17-2023 08:47:19 am

 **Katie Lane** De Lie had some pretty bad injuries in the crash of the finale of the 4 Days of Dunkirk race yesterday.Â Fractured collarbone, rib, and sternum with pneumothorax.Â Ouch. 05-17-2023 08:47:43 am

 **Katie Lane** And since nothing much is going on at the Giro today (other than transfer of germs, perhaps),Â I'd like to remind everyone that the women start their next Spanish stage race tomorrow (Vuelta a Burgos Femenas).Â There's a Velogames contest for that, of course... 05-17-2023 08:49:19 am

 **Charlie in Tenn** I am studying it now. 05-17-2023 08:49:53 am

 **Katie S** Is it too late to sign a team for that race? (i'd have to brush up my how-to-use-Velogames skills) 05-17-2023 08:50:01 am

 **Charlie in Tenn** You still have about 15 hour 05-17-2023 08:50:39 am

 **Maite** I'm having problems with internet.Â Thanks for the info.Â I'll try to get a team for the women's Vuelta. 05-17-2023 08:51:28 am



Katie Lane PCS has a very sparse start list for that one right now. Several teams have not yet listed their starters. I'd wait until tonight to pick a team, Katie.

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08:51:35 am



Katie Lane I wonder if they make jerseys for the womens' teams in a men's cut. If so, I'd get the Farto-BTC one for hubby in an instant.

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Katie Lane 6 teams have no riders listed yet, and 3 teams have only one rider listed.

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Katie Lane It is a 4-stage race with a few cat 3 climbs the first two days, no categorized climbs the third day, with the last day featuring 2 category three climbs and ending atop an HC climb.

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Katie S (heh heh heh, you said Farto)

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BusterSci I was very disappointed George doesn't have a Farto jersey option

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Charlie in Tenn I picked a team 100 points - only 8 riders. hmmp.

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BusterSci I had to look it up. Farto is the surname of the founder, Abel Farto. Who is likely glad he wasn't a child in an English speaking country.

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09:01:06 am



Mikey Morning

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09:01:32 am



Katie S yeah. i picked a team and had something like 5 riders. I swapped out a couple and now have a team of six. I think I'm going with it. I'll lose anyway.

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Katie S Oh, I see. You can't. You must have 9 riders. Harrumph

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09:02:19 am



Charlie in Tenn and that is the challenge

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Charlie in Tenn How many 4 pointers do I take to allow me max points for the other riders.

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Charlie in Tenn and those kids say they will never use math as an adult

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Katie S As Hamlet says, "That is the question."

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BusterSci I use the same 5 minute strategy. Â Pick 3 high pointers. Â Pick the rest as 4-6 pointers. Â after determining remaining points, swap out low pointers for higher pointers.

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Katie S So, now that I've populated a team ... where do we follow the progress of the race?

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Katie Lane procyclingstats.com

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Katie Lane You can look up rider stats, view race stage profiles, get live updates (for most of the races), and find results.

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BusterSci Picks complete

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Katie Lane I'd guess that GCN is probably covering it, but not sure.

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BusterSci 2 minutes. Â Plays perfectly into my Ricky Bobby strategy

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Tim in KY Back from haircut, darks dry, DW running. Next is steaming the asparagus for tonight's frittata.

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BusterSci 38 degrees in the boat this morning. Â Still trying to get the body temp back up.

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Katie S That's kind of warm for a penguin.

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Katie Lane 90 degree turn with 400 m to go in the finish.Â What could possibly go wrong?

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Charlie in Tenn I am on laundry duty again this morning. The grass needs mowing again but it is very wet this morning.

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Charlie in Tenn Gaviria dives under everyone and goes for the win. That is my hope anyway.

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09:15:12 am



Mikey I am with you Charlie, but he'll mess it up somehow even though this is familiar territory for him

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Charlie in Tenn Groves OTB

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Mikey The Aussies say he was really in a tough way yesterday. Sick not sore

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Charlie in Tenn Good sprint for the KOM points.

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Charlie in Tenn I do not see the Vuelta a Burgos Femenas on the GCN schedule.

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Katie Lane In addition to the COVID, there is some non-COVID crud going around. With a tough couple of days coming up, I'm hoping Groves can hang in there, but he's looked bad 2 days in a row.

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Katie Lane Flobikes says they will be covering the Vuelta a Burgos Femenas. Sorry, things are still a little discombobulated around here.

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Katie Lane Water is still dripping from the ceiling.

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Katie Lane I haven't even turned the race on yet. Running around moving stuff, mopping, laundering wet stuff...

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Katie Lane While hubby squeezes to a dark recess of the attic to do a plumbing repair.

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Katie S some drops on the camera lens. Cameraman snot, or is there rain?

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Charlie in Tenn Ineos down jumbo down

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Katie S Tao doesn't look good.

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Charlie in Tenn Tao not getting up. Rog took a teammates bike.

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Katie S G went down, too, got back up

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Mikey Crash again

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Charlie in Tenn Movi into a building

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Charlie in Tenn Tao in an ambulance

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Mikey Crap

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09:39:40 am



Katie S oh geez. Tao into the ambulance

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Trish in MA Wow, that's bad news to log back in to.

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Katie S yeah, kinda sobers you up. we complain about a race being boring, kind of losing sight of how risky it always is.

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Katie S and Rodriguez is still down

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Tim in KY Well that was crappy news to come back to.

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Tim in KY Movi guy doesn't look good.

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Mikey Bike switch for Rog

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Mikey Not a surprise since he was riding a teammates bike

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Trish in MA I was going to complain about my breakfast meeting, but it's a minor thing compared to this.

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SFinAus Hiya everyone.

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SFinAus Settled in just in time to see Innies and Rog go down - hard!

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SFinAus TGH looks in a bad way. Rog riding teammates bike.

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Katie S Hi Shawn

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RCG Hip/ pelvis injury for Tao?

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SFinAus Terrible to see him on the stretcher. Hopefully the Movi guy won't be joining him. oy

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Katie S Shawn, Rodriguez (Movi) had to abandon as well.

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10:04:37 am



SFinAus Crap. I just realized how far behind my feed was! Sorry about that. I got my mind right now. Geez. Thanks for your kindness.

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RCG He wasn't moving around very much. In terrible pain.

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Tim in KY What is Jayco up to?

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Charlie in Tenn How about another actual funny story from my horrible Monday? At some point that day, my little dog went crazy barking in the garage. I could only guess that a creature of some kind, snake, mouse, chipmunk, vole, rat, squirrel, etc. had gotten in the garage. I leave the outside door in the garage or the garage doors open a lot during the day. Anyway, I start moving boxes and stuff away from the walls. then the dog moves farther down that wall and I move stuff there. Then the dog moves down the next wall so I move more things. I have a lot of crap in the garage stacked up against the walls. It is all good stuff so no comments. I might need it someday. So Millie and I work our way around the walls and she stops barking but spends a lot of time searching. I know the creature is out of the garage but she needs more time to verify. I am happy so I go back in the house. Later she comes in and we chill for a while. Then it all starts over except

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she is barking in the kitchen! I have a leaf for a table in the floor with some board games stacked on it. I used the leaf to keep the games off the floor due to spills and such. However that leaves a nice 2 inch space under the leaf. Surprise the creature is under the leaf. I open the garage door, get my daughter to hold the dog, and begin shifting the leaf. The creature runs out into the garage and we release the dog and here we go again but in the garage. I ignore all and sweep and mop the kitchen. Evidently the dog chases the creature out of the garage. I believe the creature was a ?. It had a fuzzy tail, brown color, about 10 inches from nose to tail. The fuzzy tail and brown color is the tricky part. Maybe a red squirrel.



Trish in MA Charlie, great story! ^ Pesky little things - squirrels. ^ I saw a chipmunk in our garage on Saturday (husband has a habit of leaving the doors open). ^ I left the doors open on Sunday, hoping it would run out at some point. We will find out soon - if the garage smells, the chipmunk didn't take the opportunity. 05-17-2023 10:13:35 am



Charlie in Tenn Jayco is trying to drop other sprinters. 05-17-2023 10:13:46 am



Charlie in Tenn I can ship Millie to you. She is a pain but a good hunter. 05-17-2023 10:14:25 am



Charlie in Tenn Cav got dropped but has teammates helping him get back on the downhill. 05-17-2023 10:16:15 am



Charlie in Tenn Sivakov is 6-7 minutes behind. He is trying to finish and stay in the race to help later. 05-17-2023 10:17:40 am



Trish in MA One of my late cats was a good hunter. ^ Gunther escaped (door left open by niece & nephews) and brought us back a live chipmunk. ^ He had the head in his mouth, but the body and legs were hanging out, twitching around. ^ We grabbed the cat, praying he didn't open his mouth, ran outside, and then pried open "the jaws of death". Chipmunk drops out, stumbles around a bit then runs away. ^ Cat confined in house for rest of the day and niece and nephews delivered a warning. ^ (I think they would have loved to see us trying to capture a chipmunk in the house.) 05-17-2023 10:19:07 am



Mikey We have chipmunks that love teasing Norman. I planted marigolds hoping that would deter the munks but they seem to love them 05-17-2023 10:19:12 am



Charlie in Tenn Rex is trying to get Stojnic to keep helping now that they have a gap. 05-17-2023 10:21:27 am



Trish in MA Just thinking about this Giro...Did someone put a hex on it? (not us, but someone?). Did they use eye of newt? ^ Hairs from chipmunks and squirrels? 05-17-2023 10:26:44 am



Mikey I'm off to the food bank... Enjoy your day!

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RCG When I was a kid, my mom opened the kitchen door to let the cat inâ€¦ the huntress came in with a (still alive) mouse in her mouth, dropped it and the thing ran under the refrigerator. Â We had been in the process of leaving for dinner with another family. Â As Mom and Dad tried to get the mouse, Dad called our friends to let them know â€œHey, Hank, weâ€™re Â going to be lateâ€¦.â€ He got through the entire take of woe, and the person on the other end of the line said, â€œExcuse me, sir, that's quite a story, Â but this isnâ€™t Hankâ€¦ Â youâ€™ve called the wrong number.â€

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Charlie in Tenn That is a good one.

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RCG We still laugh about itâ€¦

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Trish in MA :D

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RCG Found the cause of the waterâ€¦ the PVC pipe from the AC drip pan has a flat span across the rafters before it exits the attic and comes down the side of the house. Â About 1 1/2 foot of the horizontal in-attic segment had multiple longitudinal fractures. Â So apparently water doesnâ€™t drain that well out of it and sat in it all fall and into winter, and when it got super-cold in late December the water in the pipe frozeâ€¦.

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RCG We didnâ€™t discover in until we turned on the AC. Â Time to check all the rest of the condensate drain pipeâ€¦

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RCG Rex with 23 seconds. Â Peloton shouldnâ€™t have much problem with thatâ€¦.

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Rob Careful with the water if it has been sitting for a long time.

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SFinAus That sounds like a good failure analysis and fault isolation. I know for a fact southern tier homes lack substantial cold weather preparedness.Â :)

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RCG Itâ€™s pretty much all leaked insulation, through the ceiling and into the contents of the closet. Â Hopefully no legionellaâ€¦.

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RCG <https://rumbletalk-images->

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Katie S Yikes

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SFinAus That's not nothing.

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Trish in MA Wow,

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John That's quite the break

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SFinAus Trending on cycling social media: "Positioning will be crucial coming into the last corner" ;)

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Charlie in Tenn Huh, never thought about it.

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Trish in MA My guess is that the GC teams are going to be a bit cautious and not engage in argy-bargy after 3K. All together now. Win won't come from the break.

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Trish in MA Is social media talking about the final on the Champs?

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Tim in KY 3 km.

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SFinAus I saw a summary statement for an article in the Journal of Economic Sport that reports the number and size of crashes has increased dramatically with extension from 1 km to 3 km. Unfortunately it was going to cost \$38 to read, so I passed on the details.

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John Crash

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Trish in MA Is is causation or coincidence? And there's a crash

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Tim in KY Photo.

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Trish in MA Milan just nips Cav

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Trish in MA Someone just nips Cav

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Charlie in Tenn Milan or Ackermann

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SFinAus Wow.Â Tight.Â I was really hoping Cav had it, but it seemed a bit to early.

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Tim in KY What happened to Gaviria after all the work Movi did?

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Charlie in Tenn Cav 3rd, Pedersen 4th

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Charlie in Tenn He may have been in the crash

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Toulouse My feed cut out right at the line! What happened?

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SFinAus I'll just guess Gaviria was out of position - again.

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John Ackerman by 1mm

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Trish in MA Ackermann by a whisker

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SFinAus Super super tight.

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Toulouse Shawn, did the Economic Journal have anything to say about why my feed goes down every day near the finish? Or will that cost me \$38?

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RCG Ackerman a whisker ahead of Milan in a photo finish. Â Cavâ€™ 3rd

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Charlie in Tenn Ackermann 1st by inches, Milan carries so much speed but finishes 2nd. Pedersen shakes his head as Milan blasts by.

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SFinAus Toulouse, I'll search their database.

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Trish in MA I love Jens - "So much happiness!"

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Toulouse Thanks. I got thrown so far out I had to sign in again -- and they tested me with a picture of a bison.

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SFinAus That was Mikey then I guess.Â Maddening though.

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Trish in MA Well, must go. Â People lining up to chat...

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Charlie in Tenn Check your news feeds for Sivakov finishing. Should be a couple more minutes

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SFinAus Thanks, Charlie and everyone.

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Charlie in Tenn Sivakov did finish and will get checked out tonight. Expect him to start tomorrow.

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Charlie in Tenn Bye all.

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