



Tim in KY VaE Stage 18 is an ITT from El Puerto de Santa María, on the Gulf of Cádiz, of 32 zig-zag kilometers inland to the birthplace of sherry, Jerez de la Frontera.

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12:59:25 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1788973483-stage-18-route.jpg>

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Tim in KY Third straight day of flat but lots of road furniture and turns right up to the finish.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1788973568-stage-18-profile.jpg>

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1788973583-stage-18-route-finale.jpg>

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Tim in KY First rider starts at 14:06 CEST, last at 16:55. It is imagined that it will take 35 minutes to ride the course. Forecast is for sunshine in the upper-20s. Peacock stream at 14:30 CEST.

09-09-2026
01:04:08 pm



Tim in KY There were no abandons on stage 17. Ethan Hayter and the Soudal team car were fined a combined total of 700CHF for "feeding rider by team car in a feed zone signposted by the organiser" The UCI makers of ridiculous rules never rest. .

09-09-2026
04:57:30 pm



Tim in KY Alexis Renard (Cofidis) will not start today. First rider start time now 14:07. Forecast is unchanged.

09-10-2026
06:07:02 am



Tim in KY First rider is off. The paint she dries.

09-10-2026
08:08:08 am



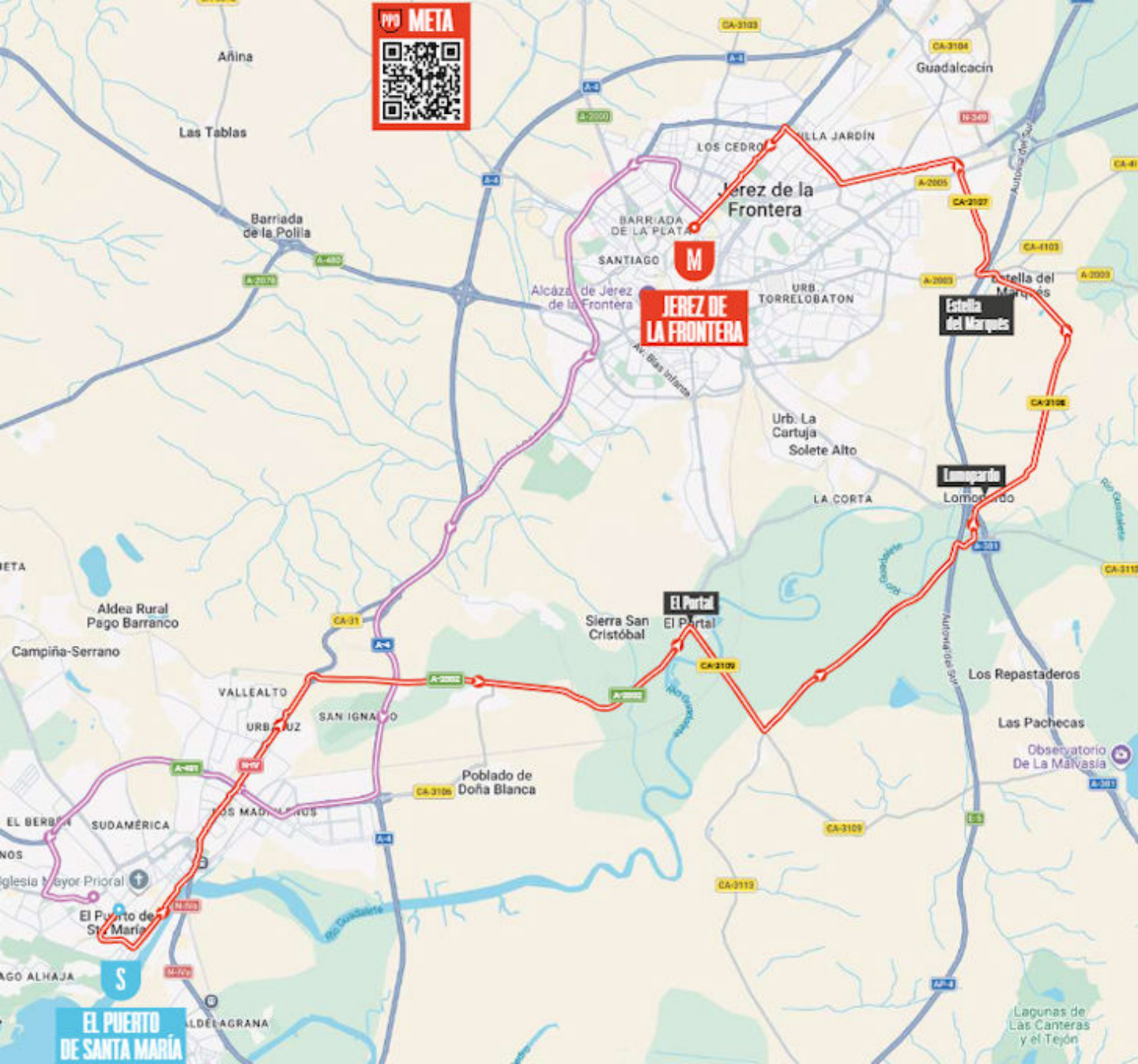
Tim in KY I didn't realize that Hayter was going so early. He may wear the hot seat out before he's dethroned.

09-10-2026
08:28:12 am



Katie S Good morning. There should be some exciting paint drying at the end.

09-10-2026
08:39:18 am



EL PUERTO

DE SANTA MARÍA / 11 m



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11,7
Primer punto
intermedio / 10 m



12,7
El Portal / 6 m

19,8
Lomopardo / 10 m

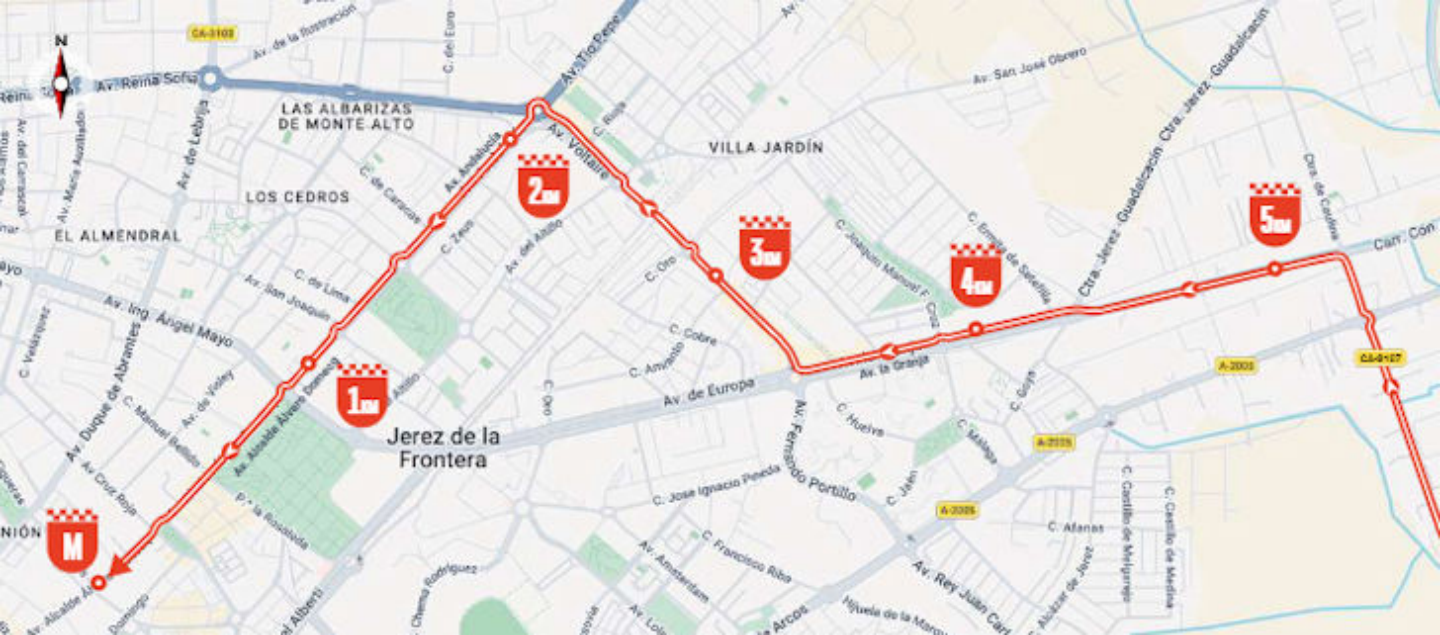
22,1
Segundo punto
intermedio / 51 m



23,7
Estella del Marqués / 26 m

32,1 km
JEREZ DE
LA FRONTERA / 53 m







Tim in KY That's a long way off, Katie.

09-10-2026
08:39:42 am



Katie S Sure is. I'm going to read my book for awhile

09-10-2026
08:44:55 am



Tim in KY Hayter must have tried too many breakaways. Already beaten out of the hot seat.

09-10-2026
08:57:17 am



Katie S Obviously these ice vests and misters help the riders, but it seems you'd get a shock from the blast of heat as you go down the ramp.

09-10-2026
09:16:56 am



Rocket City Gal Curently Thornley, Oliviera, and Hayter for top 3 at the finish. That will likely change. I'm surprised by Hayter's performance. I think Kung might go well today.

09-10-2026
09:19:52 am



Rocket City Gal I get a "rest day" today -- finished up stuff yesterday so I don't have to work out in the heat again. Great progress was made (9 1/2 fifty gallon yard bags plus branches plus guttering and other stuff moved to the curb for pickup).

09-10-2026
09:20:55 am



Rocket City Gal Now I need to vacuum out the van, do a wee bit of grocery shopping and other stuff.

09-10-2026
09:21:33 am



Mikey Hi Katie Nothing to see here

09-10-2026
09:23:14 am



Rocket City Gal The leaves on the back patio and around the house had been there they were so long they were composting. Meaning that after I picked up leaves there was a lot of dirt beneath them. I was sweaty from the heat, so when I used the blower (stepdaughter's back patio / top of drive are encircled by retaining walls), all the dirt blew back and stuck to me. A shower felt really good.

09-10-2026
09:24:27 am



Katie S Hi Mikey, hi RCG!

09-10-2026
09:24:40 am



Mikey The most excitement will be when Trish checks in!

09-10-2026
09:24:42 am



Rocket City Gal I'm watcing Coppa Sabatni right now. It's on Max.

09-10-2026
09:25:10 am



Mikey Or soap gets remade. Or gardening Or yard work clearing Or dog walking

09-10-2026
09:25:51 am



Rocket City Gal Wet roads in Italy.

09-10-2026
09:26:04 am



Rocket City Gal Soaping all done for now. The rebatched soap is good. So I don't have to throw away all those expensive ingredients. I now get about 50% less olive oil for half the price compared to when I started making soap 3 years ago.

09-10-2026
09:27:24 am



Rocket City Gal These bars were goat milk soap with olive oil, coconut oil, palm oil, sweet almond oil, castor oil. And goat milk. Probably at least \$25 of ingredients.

09-10-2026
09:29:11 am



Katie S Do you ship to California?

09-10-2026
09:30:14 am



Rocket City Gal I sell locally only b/c most folks don't want to pay what shipping costs these days. Soap is relatively heavy. I don't like to ship it when it's hot, because it can melt.....It's real soap, not the detergent with the natural glycerin stripped out that is sold commercially, so if the temp gets hot enough it can get soft and even melt.

09-10-2026
09:33:47 am



Rocket City Gal If you are interested in some, shoot me a message with your email and you can pick something to be mailed when it's cooler.

09-10-2026
09:34:30 am



Katie S Makes sense. And, cool! I'd be willing to try a winter order

09-10-2026
09:35:13 am



Rocket City Gal I still haven't made my all natural (no scent added) and plain 50% shea butter stuff for fall markets. I think I now have about 20 kinds.

09-10-2026
09:35:18 am



SFinAus Good day. Too bad Hatter is running out of matches.

09-10-2026
09:35:20 am



Rocket City Gal Hayter doesn't have a team for next year. I don't know why....

09-10-2026
09:35:36 am



Katie S Good day!

09-10-2026
09:35:41 am



SFinAus GTs are hard enough without having to shop yourself around for a job. :(

09-10-2026
09:37:07 am



Rocket City Gal Still 24 miles to go at the Coppa Sabatini. Pellizzari just joined the breakaway. He won yesterday's Italian race.

09-10-2026
09:41:24 am



Rocket City Gal Almeida 2nd in the Vuelta TT for now, bumping Hayer to 4th.

09-10-2026
09:42:15 am



Katie S Kung appears to be flying, so they say

09-10-2026
09:48:18 am



Rocket City Gal He's had a tough last couple of years overall. I'd love to see him win this.

09-10-2026
09:48:44 am



Rocket City Gal Kung 2nd at T1 by 0.01 second

09-10-2026
09:53:39 am



Mikey We ship to any and all in need

09-10-2026
09:54:24 am



Rocket City Gal Pellizarri still going good in the Italian race. He was first atop the final climb and has 0:18 advantage with 12 km to go.

09-10-2026
09:57:12 am



Tim in KY There are an awful lot of riders who "don't have a team for next year". Must be some sort of negotiating game by the agents.

09-10-2026
09:57:30 am



Rocket City Gal I'll be making Rotkohl (Blaukraut) today for a "pitch in" meal. Braised red cabbage with apples. Very German, and healthier than slaw.

09-10-2026
09:58:36 am



Mikey I got fresh homemade blueberry muffins for breakfast this morning. Eaten not able to be delivered

09-10-2026
09:59:58 am



Rocket City Gal My other chore today will be getting hardware and paint for the two soap display boxes hubby built for me. Yay! After 2 1/2 years of cardboard display boxes, I have cool, sturdy boxes that can nest inside each other when not in use. This will be so much better!

09-10-2026
10:00:39 am



Katie S Whilst the paint dries - though it's more interesting now that Wout is on the road - I am doing some lesson planning for my literacy

09-10-2026
10:01:06 am

student today. There's a book that has one-page stories, followed by a couple pages of various types of exercises that address reading comprehension, word choice, suchlike. Today's lesson is the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. My learner came to the U.S. from Mexico when she was 11 and never got to go to school here because she was working in the strawberry fields. Anyway, when we discussed doing this lesson, she admitted she knows nothing about this fire. I'm not sure she knows exactly where Chicago is. So I'm looking for some photos and some historical and geographic context to help with the reading exercise. We all take our educations for granted. We shouldn't. This is a woman worked in the fields, who married, raised two daughters, sent them to college, maintained a business as a house cleaner, and had no time to learn history, much less work very much on English and reading. She is intelligent, determined and fun to work with.



Rocket City Gal So cool to be motivated to learn new stuff, especially in a 2nd language. A Jordanian friend of mine learned Spanish (his 4th language I think, maybe more) when he was 89 years old, culminating in a month long language immersion experience in Spain.

09-10-2026
10:04:21 am



SFinAus That's great work, Katie, and those are good reminders for anyone.

09-10-2026
10:04:23 am



Tim in KY Kung does it.

09-10-2026
10:13:42 am



Katie S Kung heads to the hot seat.

09-10-2026
10:13:44 am



Katie S Shower time for Thornley

09-10-2026
10:13:56 am



Mikey Kung

09-10-2026
10:15:10 am



Tim in KY Kung needs a shower, too.

09-10-2026
10:15:36 am



SFinAus Wout 8s off of Kung's pace. Not bad given it's Kung's specialty

09-10-2026
10:16:10 am



SFinAus (at the checkpoint)

09-10-2026
10:18:23 am



Mikey Castle

09-10-2026
10:23:41 am



Tim in KY Looks like Aspirin may get me a few VG points today.

09-10-2026
10:25:55 am



Katie S i suspect i will get no points today

09-10-2026
10:32:19 am



Katie S Choosing a corridor with bull's heads on the walls ... Is this a not-so-subtle message to the riders that if they don't perform well, they'll end up there with the defeated bulls?

09-10-2026
10:35:01 am



SFinAus In contemporary parlance, the sizes of these chainrings are sick.

09-10-2026
10:35:02 am



Katie S Way

09-10-2026
10:35:23 am



Mikey Wow d

09-10-2026
10:35:36 am



Mikey Katie nice visual

09-10-2026
10:35:47 am



SFinAus Heh

09-10-2026
10:36:01 am



Tim in KY So, there's this new ad on Peacock today. "Macy's one day sale starts tomorrow". Maybe I'm just old and crotchety but if it's a one day sale it doesn't start tomorrow, it is tomorrow.

09-10-2026
10:44:38 am



Mikey These helmets are really something

09-10-2026
10:49:29 am



John I have friends racing the 70.3 world championships this weekend in a few of those helmets. Ugly as hell, but they swear they work.

09-10-2026
10:52:05 am



SFinAus Crapass had a slide out slip walking to the start. It's so fun to walk with slippery cleats.

09-10-2026
10:52:07 am



Mikey Mas out

09-10-2026
10:56:21 am



SFinAus I cracked a transverse process after falling on my butt the _last_ time I wore cycling shoes on the smooth garage floor. :P

09-10-2026
10:56:23 am



John Barring catastrophe, how much time do we think Mas ships to Rog today? 2 minutes?

09-10-2026
10:56:24 am



SFinAus Just WAGging here.... 1:30

09-10-2026
10:57:07 am



Katie S Thank you for that fogey comment about Macy's, Tim. I can't stand it, either. The ditty annoys me. For your recognition of the grammatical gaffe, there will be free beer tomorrow.

09-10-2026
10:58:19 am



Katie S Rog's chainring is super duper slick sick

09-10-2026
11:00:35 am



Mikey I just noticed that most of the TT bikes have disc brakes on the front. Why? They don't really need brakes so much in a TT. I thought that Pog rides rim brakes on TT. There would be weight savings too???

09-10-2026
11:00:47 am



Tim in KY I don't think Rog will get more than a minute and change on Mas.

09-10-2026
11:03:28 am



John Most new aero TT frames don't offer rim brakes anymore, is my guess

09-10-2026
11:03:29 am



Mikey Like falling over at a stop sign when you can't clip out I think people are too embarrassed to admit they have fallen on a slick floor

09-10-2026
11:05:44 am



John ~22 seconds to Rog at first time check

09-10-2026
11:09:02 am



Rocket City Gal Back for the final fireworks.

09-10-2026
11:12:33 am



Rocket City Gal (Tongue in cheek)

09-10-2026
11:12:41 am



Katie S i think Crapass will win the day.

09-10-2026
11:14:45 am



SFinAus As expected Carapaz is not helping his own cause.

09-10-2026
11:14:52 am



Katie S heh heh heh

09-10-2026
11:14:52 am



SFinAus Kung looks tensely hopeful. I bet it was not a rider whoever came up with the idea of parking a provisional leader in a chair in front of a camera. 09-10-2026 11:17:46 am



Rocket City Gal Phone apparently didn't charge last night. I took it out of the case, and there was a bunch of dirt inside the case over the speakers near the charging port. Probably from the cleanup ventures of the last couple of days. Blew out the charging port with canned air, and it seems to be charging now. 09-10-2026 11:18:50 am



Rocket City Gal Roglic is flying, but he's well off of Kung's pace. 09-10-2026 11:19:21 am



Rocket City Gal Mas +50 sec at T2. He's having the TT of his life. 09-10-2026 11:20:34 am



Rocket City Gal Gall +1:10 09-10-2026 11:20:43 am



SFinAus Rog was +13, so yeah, Mas is holding well 09-10-2026 11:21:24 am



Trish in MA Good morning! Just in time for the exciting paint drying. Greetings from Whistler. This is the first morning we didn't have to get on the train at dawn. Beautiful scenery yesterday going through Fraser Canyon. Unfortunately we had a medical incident on board and so ended up in Whistler several hours late. The passenger is fine, thankfully 09-10-2026 11:21:36 am



Rocket City Gal Carapaz +1:06. So, not that much suckier than any of the other GC guys 09-10-2026 11:21:47 am



Katie S Hi Trish! 09-10-2026 11:22:26 am



Rocket City Gal Skjelmose not going as well as I expected. 09-10-2026 11:22:27 am



Katie S more pix, please 09-10-2026 11:22:30 am



SFinAus Omeprazole is in. 09-10-2026 11:23:25 am

Rocket City Gal Good one. 09-10-2026 11:23:56 am



Rocket City Gal Low-acid finish line environment now.

09-10-2026
11:24:07 am



Rocket City Gal Onley picks up 17 seconds over Omeperaxole in the white jersey competition

09-10-2026
11:25:00 am



Trish in MA https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1789054230-IMG_0721.mov

09-10-2026
11:25:43 am



Katie S what a vista!

09-10-2026
11:26:08 am



Trish in MA My Fraser Canyon video doesn't do it justice

09-10-2026
11:26:08 am



John Beautiful!

09-10-2026
11:26:22 am



Trish in MA <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1789054230-1789053990056.jpeg>

09-10-2026
11:26:31 am



Rocket City Gal Wow! pretty!

09-10-2026
11:26:40 am



Rocket City Gal Carapaz blew up at the end.

09-10-2026
11:27:16 am



Rocket City Gal Roglic finishes +19 from Kung, 4th on the stage

09-10-2026
11:27:47 am



Rocket City Gal 36 sec between Rog and Mas at T2.... now we wait to see the final time....

09-10-2026
11:28:24 am



Trish in MA <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1789054230-1789054117249.jpeg>

09-10-2026
11:28:39 am



John Gall corners worse on a TT bike than I do

09-10-2026
11:29:02 am



Tim in KY Mountains tomorrow. And some flat.

09-10-2026
11:29:11 am



SFinAus Heh. heh.

09-10-2026
11:29:13 am



Trish in MA This is a Lake can't remember the name. We crawled along the sled. It was 13 miles long

09-10-2026
11:29:36 am



SFinAus Friday and Saturday are going to be brutal.

09-10-2026
11:29:38 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1789054479-stage-19-profile.jpg>

09-10-2026
11:29:41 am



Katie S oh boy!

09-10-2026
11:29:56 am



SFinAus Beautiful Trish. Thanks.

09-10-2026
11:29:57 am



Rocket City Gal Gall +1:47

09-10-2026
11:31:10 am



Rocket City Gal Mas has apparently been working on his TT skillset....

09-10-2026
11:31:56 am



Rocket City Gal +52 for Mas, so +39 behind Roglic

09-10-2026
11:32:40 am



John Chapeau to Mas. My guess was way way off

09-10-2026
11:32:40 am



SFinAus Job done. The power of the jersey. ;). That plus he says he's in the form of his life.

09-10-2026
11:32:42 am



Trish in MA Seton Lake

09-10-2026
11:33:17 am



SFinAus John, your guess agreed with a lot prognosticators over the past days

09-10-2026
11:34:32 am





VÉLEZ-MÁLAGA / 10 m





John The ride of his life

09-10-2026
11:34:57 am



SFinAus Chapeau to Kung too. He's had a long road back.

09-10-2026
11:35:03 am



Mikey Much ado about nothing

09-10-2026
11:36:50 am



Rocket City Gal Happy to see Kung take one. Roglic moves into 2nd place on GC, 1:37 behind Mas. I don't see him getting any time on Mas. Tomorrow is brutal, and Saturday is the even more brutal "queen" stage.

09-10-2026
11:36:59 am



Mikey Double brutal to look forward to

09-10-2026
11:37:26 am



SFinAus It's the Vuelta, after all....

09-10-2026
11:37:40 am



Mikey Ba

09-10-2026
11:37:52 am



John I'm not sure Roglic will attack Mas. He might be happy to follow and keep his second place. Gall won't be able to catch him, I wouldn't think.

09-10-2026
11:37:52 am



Katie S See you all tomorrow for some pointy stuff.

09-10-2026
11:38:37 am



SFinAus I think you're right

09-10-2026
11:38:39 am



SFinAus So long, all. Thanks.

09-10-2026
11:39:02 am



John See you guys tomorrow

09-10-2026
11:39:05 am



Rocket City Gal Adios, all!

09-10-2026
11:39:19 am