



Tim in KY TdF Stage 16 is 172 kilometers from Montpellier northeast through Provence to an HC summit finish on Mont Ventoux.

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Tim in KY The first 141 kilometers are essentially flat. The last 31 aren't. Officially, the finish climb is 15.6 km at an average of 8.7%.

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Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 12:40 CEST after a 30 minute neutral ride. Finish is imagined either side of 17:00. Forecast is for sunshine in the mid-20s.

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Tim in KY On stage 15 Mike Teunissen (Astana) and his team car were both fined 200CHF for a sticky bottle. Victor Campenaerts (Visma) was fined 500CHF for disposing of waste outside of litter zones. There was no DNF or OTL.

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BusterSci MvdP is a DNS today. Pneumonia.

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Tim in KY The only DNS reported so far today.

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Rocket City Gal

<https://www.nytimes.com/athletic/6508013/2025/07/22/mathieu-van-der-poel-tour-de-france-pneumonia/>

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Rocket City Gal (More info). Lots of riders in the peloton have upper respiratory infections, per Today Focaccia.

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MONT VENTOUX



MONTPELLIER

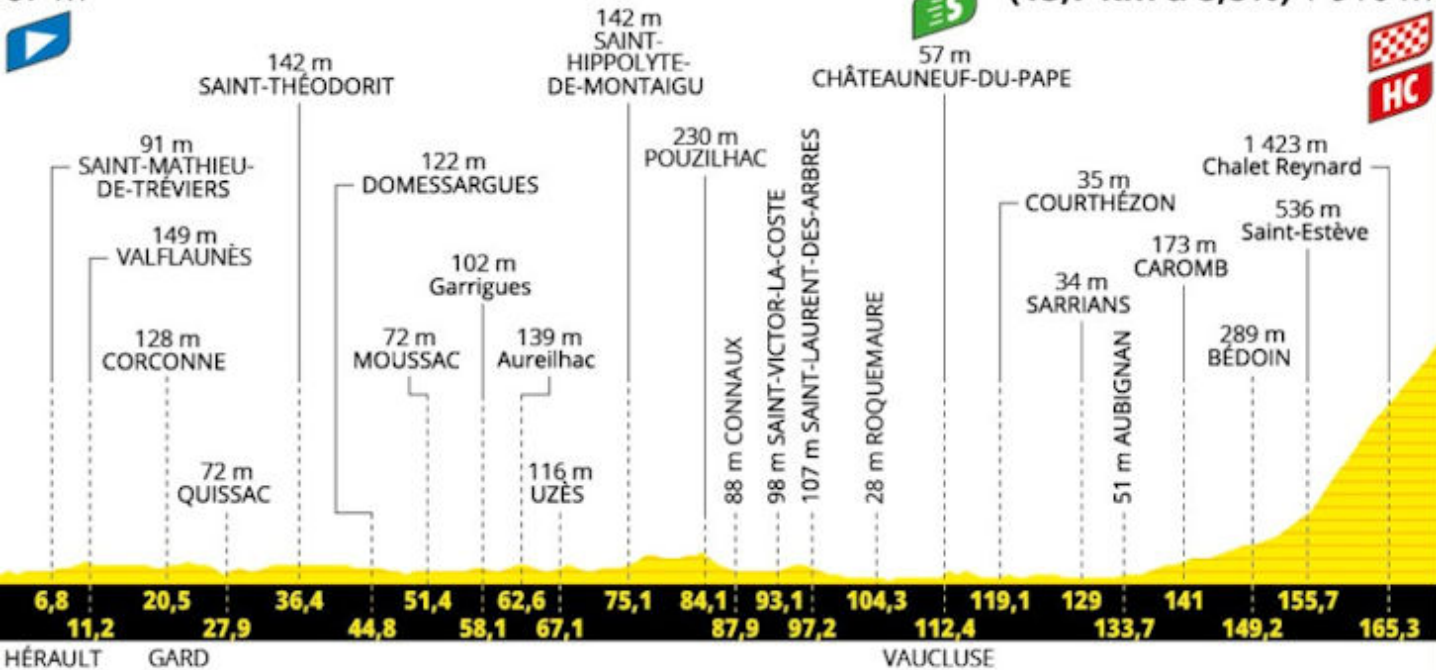
MONTPELLIER

67 m



MONT VENTOUX

(15,7 km à 8,8%) 1 910 m



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171,5 km

536 m Saint-Estève - **km 155,7**

MONT VENTOUX

1 910 m - **km 171,5**
(15,7 km à 8,8%)



1 830 m Col des Tempêtes
km 170,8

1 423 m Chalet Reynard
km 165,3

1 900 m
1 800 m
1 700 m
1 600 m
1 500 m
1 400 m
1 300 m
1 200 m
1 100 m
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600 m
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Pourcentage moyen par kilomètre

9,5 9 10 8,5 9,3 9,5 8,5 9 7,5 7,5 5,5 8 7,5 8,3 9,2 9,5
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15



Rocket City Gal VdP had cold / URI symptoms for several days, but he got a lot worse last night with fever, at which time evaluation at a hospital yielded the pneumonia diagnosis.

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Tim in KY Telling stat from PCS today: there are twice as many kilometers between finish town and next start town this year than last year.

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BusterSci BTW, apparently "Today Focaccia" and a few other versions came from automated closed captioning.

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Rocket City Gal Transfers are tough. I think there have been a lot in the latter part of last week

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Rocket City Gal This will be a paint-drying stage except for the last part and maybe the sprint points. Milan is going to have to do well the last 2 stages plus get a lot of intermediate sprint points to have a chance of keeping the green jersey away from Pog

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Tim in KY Everybody wants to be in the break, so nobody is.

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Tim in KY I think I will do chores now.

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06:57:04 am



BusterSci On his podcast, DStan suggested that instead of wheel changes they should just swap bikes. Then the mechanic can take care of it and they can swap out again if required.

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BusterSci It just occurred to me with that Porino segment that his and CVV's cameras aren't part of the official Tour feed--they're Peacock only. Not sure why that's even interesting but it was when I realized it.

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Rocket City Gal Meurisse, Haller and Hirschi the break, with at short (0:32) leash

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Rocket City Gal It seems to me like you'd have to be very comfortable on a motorcycle and have a great sense of balance to be a moto photog or commentator.

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Rocket City Gal The photographers twist around to get their shots, which must really screw up the entire balance of the motorbike.

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Tim in KY I think it would be more challenging for the drivers to have a twisting and squirming passenger. 07-22-2025 07:35:17 am



Rocket City Gal Waiting for tech support to wake up to get the video feed going here. Started a book about Richard Carrington / the Carrington Event (Sun Kings), after finishing a audiobook about the Ft McMurray wildfire (Fire Weather). Will continue reading through most of the stage. Because of the macular thing I read a lot slower now, especially books with smallish print like this one. 07-22-2025 07:37:53 am



Tim in KY Supper prepped, wash in dryer. Now PT exercises. nagging cough. I blame MVdP. 07-22-2025 07:41:56 am



Rocket City Gal Our local part-time-neighbors-on-the-mountain have a garden. She texted and suggested I check it, "take what you want." After a week untended, there were monster squash and verging-on-too-big cukes. If you don't pick the stuff the plants will stop producing. And I hate to throw away fresh garden produce. I was able to convert a bit of the non-corky flesh of the ginormous zucchini into cubes of squash that I froze for making squash soup at a later date, plus I made a zucchini veggie sauce to put over whole wheat pasta last night. Probably more work than it was worth, and the skins and centers were unusable. I made some refrigerator pickles too. 07-22-2025 07:46:25 am



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BusterSci The cameraman definitely needs to control their movements. Back when I had a motorcycle the biggest issue in giving rides was always the passenger trying to control things. Some people want to fight the lean instead of flow with it. Once you get over that, the big issue is to not make quick motions, but the rotating mass of motorcycle wheels and the mass of two riders and the bike itself creates a lot of stability. Not hard when the moto is following or ahead of riders but when they get along side the cameraman has to be careful so the driver doesn't have to make sharp compensating moves. 07-22-2025 07:47:05 am



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BusterSci As Garrison Keillor use to say, this is the only time of year people lock their doors in Lake Wobegone because if you don't lock the doors when you leave, when you get back someone will have left you a pile of zucchinis.

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Rocket City Gal The centers were all corky /woody. But this part will still be good for soup this winter.

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Rocket City Gal I once did a ride on the back of a tandem. Same thing, except it doesn't weigh hundreds of pounds and is even more twitchy.

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BusterSci Very much.

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BusterSci When the cameraman stands up that has to be a weird thing. It really changes the balance and it will emphasize any quick moves, of course

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Rocket City Gal I'm 5'11 with long legs; the tandem set-up was for a couple that were both around 5'2" with short legs. She was off hiking the AT, my husband was out of town, and my friend asked if I wanted to be his stoker. It was an interesting ride.

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Rocket City Gal It was interesting in the moto segment with CVV to see all of the different audio feed buttons that the driver and passenger have.

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BusterSci I missed that.

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BusterSci Might have to open a CdP tonight.

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Tim in KY We bought a bottle when we were in CdP. This was way back when I could still taste wine. I was not overwhelmed with it.

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Charlie in Tenn Hi all. Eurosport commentators are speaking about UAE (Pollitt) trying to intimidate the other riders into settling down and not try to add to the break. It would make UAE's day much easier. Brian Smith says if it keeps up the other teams might start attacking more.

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Rocket City Gal Tonight will be... let's see.... Stuffed zucchini. Probably paired with.... Unsweet iced tea.

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Rocket City Gal Yeah, I think this break's pretty much over.

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08:04:50 am



BusterSci As with all wines, there's good and not as good. And for people used to the refinement of Burgundy and Bordeaux might find a CdP a bit rustic. And Gigondas and Vacqueyras even more so.

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08:04:55 am



BusterSci Good with game and roasts.

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bikerabe Milan czn go for max sprint ouints

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Rocket City Gal Dunno what CdP stands for and I've never heard of the other 2. My wine knowledge is very rudimentary

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08:06:21 am



BusterSci Chateauneuf du Pape.

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Rocket City Gal Ah. They're still around 40 km from the intermediate sprint.

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Rocket City Gal I actually have heard of that one, Buster. ;-)

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08:07:43 am



BusterSci Primarily blends of Syrah, Mouvedre, and Grenache, but there are I believe, 17 grapes allowed in CdP.

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08:08:32 am



Tim in KY I did not know until our visit that the Pope's new castle was intact until WWII. The Germans were storing ammunition in it and blew it up as they retreated back up the Rhone.

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08:08:56 am



BusterSci Same for me.

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Tim in KY Way ahead of the fastest imaginable for now.

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Rocket City Gal Original break caught; 2+22 guys 20 or so seconds ahead of the peloton.

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08:17:02 am



BusterSci I've been to Pont du Gard 3 times. On my first trip with Frau, then with my parents and with her parents. It's pretty cool.

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08:17:45 am



Mikey Good Morning Love the wine veggie and motorcycle talk this morning....I'm in and out this morning. The food bank calls... no wine but plenty of veggies

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Rocket City Gal Now 34 riders and 1:36

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Mikey Same thing on a tandem Buster. Having a stoker on the same page makes all the difference. Can't believe they have tandem races ... what coordination

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08:19:12 am



Mikey All the stoker has to do is adjust their helmet ...

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08:19:59 am



BusterSci That last Ventoux stage was such a cluster. On a normal stage I think Froome would have been penalized.

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Rocket City Gal Segment on neutral support bikes 10 years after the Froome run-up of Mt Venteaux sans bike

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Rocket City Gal Healy at +18 minutes is the best-placed of the now 37- strong break. Milan did not catch up and is now back in the peloton.

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08:24:56 am



Katie S Good morning, all. Very bummed for MvdP. I've pneumonia. It's not fun. I can't even imagine having tried to ride a bike in that condition.

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Rocket City Gal Winds picking up and and predicted to be pretty brisk with some gusts on Ventoux

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08:26:08 am



Katie S Zucchini - so far I've stayed on top if it and harvested before they reach the steroidal stage. Plan to make a zucch lasagna tonight (using the zucchini, sliced on my new mandoline, as the noodles). And Chateau Neuf

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du Pape - had a fun tasting there 23 years ago on a culinary trip with my baby brother. The wines were good, spending a week with my brother was the prize.



BusterSci If anybody ends up in that area, I highly recommend Provence and Wine (Romain Gouvernet) for a wine tour. He's superb, and a big cycling fan. We talked Pinot (Thibault, not Noir) and Bardet as we drove from place to place.

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Rocket City Gal Oooh, Katie.... I like the idea of zucchini lasagna.... But the squash I got are too big for that. I can use the smaller one for a zucchini boat.

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BusterSci I'm not a zucchini fan but zuke lasagna is good.

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Katie S plus, it's kinda all about the cheese

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BusterSci And the sauce.

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08:32:07 am



BusterSci And the meat, if that's your thing.

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08:32:23 am



Katie S You're channeling your inner Garfield now

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08:32:41 am



BusterSci And it's best when made in a Baker's Edge pan. Same with meatloaf.

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08:33:13 am



BusterSci If you aren't familiar with the Baker's Edge pan--
<https://www.amazon.com/Bakers-Edge-Nonstick-Brownie-Pan/dp/B000MMK448>

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08:35:10 am



BusterSci If you like crusty edges, it's the way to go. (This reviewer has not been compensated for the endorsement of this product)

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Katie S I just looked ... reminds me of those maze-like dog bowls that are designed to slow the dog's pace of eating.

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08:38:02 am



Tim in KY Only four teams have no one in the front group.

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08:41:26 am



Tim in KY i'm not sure who's going to lead a successful chase.

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Tim in KY 2KU.

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08:43:56 am



Tim in KY Still 10 minutes faster...

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Katie S Is Pog the favorite for the stage? Is that a useless question?

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Rocket City Gal That is a crazy pan!

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BusterSci Katie, it's never slowed me down. RCG, it is nutty, but whether it's brownies, lasagna, or meatloaf, I like crusty edges and the pan ensure every piece has crusty edges.

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Rocket City Gal Katie (and Buster)— we have one of those....
(Pictured, with tbe too-fast-eating offender)

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Rocket City Gal No crusty edges, though.

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Katie S Crusty edges on a pet bowl are not appetizing

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08:55:51 am



Rocket City Gal Exactly. She actually figured out how to eat faster of this one, so now we've also got

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Rocket City Gal It's kind of like specifying wider handlebars in an attempt to slow down pro cyclists.....

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SFinAus Good morning. I think the Tip of the Tour for me is going to be using those baker's edge pans for meatloaf and lasagna. Thanks, Buster! Like so many great ideas this never occurred to me but seems so obvious. :)

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Rocket City Gal The front group just rolls through the sprint point. Ensuring, pretty much, that Pogi will be taking over the green jersey soon.

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BusterSci My brother gave us the Edge Pan at least 15 years ago, but when looking for a link here I saw that it was one of the top 5 Shark Tank things ever, in 2014. I'm wondering what the story was between times.

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SFinAus I almost never make soups, so this year my excess zucchinis went into many loaves of zucchini bread. It's easier to give them away that way rather than breaking and entering.

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Rocket City Gal Points competition after yesterday's stage:

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Katie S that's a fun bit of history for that pan. I'm not a huge fan of the show because I care too much if people get disappointed after they've tried so hard, but it's fun to see someone's product succeed.

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Tim in KY Tomorrow could be a 50 point day for Milan.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1753190009-stage-17-profile.jpg>

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09:08:30 am



Tim in KY But it's supposed to rain.

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Katie S Back to zucchini ... we're not the only ones considering what to do with all that bounty. This just in to my email box:

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09:09:37 am

GENERAL

TODAY

RNK	PREV	▼▲	RIDER	PNT
1	1	-	 MILAN Jonathan Lidl - Trek	251
2	2	-	 POGAČAR Tadej UAE Team Emirates - XRG	223
3	3	-	 VAN DER POEL Mathieu Alpecin - Deceuninck	210
4	4	-	 GIRMAY Biniam Intermarché - Wanty	169
5	5	-	 MERLIER Tim Soudal Quick-Step	150

BOLLÈNE

68 m

**VALENCE**

150 m



LA CUCINA ITALIANA



Antipasti con le
zucchine per tutti i gusti
in 15 ricette top

**Katie S** <https://rumbletalk-images->

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**Rocket City Gal** These are the points on tap today.

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**SFinAus** Heh, did that come in before or after the discussion here. I'm not saying someone is watching us, but... Looks delicious

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**Rocket City Gal** So a Pog win today means he's in the green jersey. I think with the current gap that won't happen on this stage, but I've been wrong about Pog before

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**Tim in KY** Lipowitz is in a world of hurt back in the peloton

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**Katie S** Shawn - you may be onto something ... there's also a summer lasagna recipe in that email...

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**Rocket City Gal** Not Lipowitz!! Fantasy team is collapsing

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**BusterSci** I think we forget how much time can be gained/lost on a climb like Ventoux. Especially since Pog and Vingo have been well protected while anyone in the break is busting butt.

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**Rocket City Gal** True....

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**BusterSci** there are solid climbers in the lead, though.

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**Rocket City Gal** KOM standings:

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Points to be gained in the Points Classification today.

#	LOCATION	POINTS
1	Sprint Châteauneuf-du-Pape (112.4 km)	20, 17, 15, 13, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
2	Points at finish	30, 25, 22, 19, 17, 15, 13, 11, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2

1	1	-	 MARTINEZ Lenny Bahrain - Victorious	60
2	2	-	 POGAČAR Tadej UAE Team Emirates - XRG	52
3	3	-	 ARENSMAN Thymen INEOS Grenadiers	48
4	4	-	 VINGEGAARD Jonas Team Visma Lease a Bike	39
5	5	-	 WOODS Michael Israel - Premier Tech	38
6	6	-	 LIPOWITZ Florian Red Bull - BORA - hansgrohe	24
7	7	-	 HEALY Ben EF Education - EasyPost	20

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Rocket City Gal Point on tap at yhe end for KOM are
20,15,12,10,8,6,4,2

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Rocket City Gal True dat. He could easily get the 3 jerseys, though

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09:21:22 am



Rocket City Gal Says that they don't pay him to lose. It does seem sort of selfish that on stages where he could just sit back and mark Vingo, he goes for the stage win.

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Rocket City Gal (Pog)

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Katie S A bit of trivia - I was not aware that this is only the 10th time a stage finishes atop Ventoux. The first was 1958, an ITT won by Charly Gaul. Poulidor won in 1965 (makes it even sadder that MvdP had to abandon). The last attempt was truncated because of wind and won by De Gendt.

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Rocket City Gal 30 km to go

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Rocket City Gal Julian not riding like he dislocated his shoulder 2 days ago....

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09:29:32 am



BusterSci What Bobke just said. the official climb is just 18km, but it goes up for much longer than that.

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Katie S Would love to see WHF win. Won't happen, but it'd be fun.

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BusterSci Dentelles

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09:31:10 am



BusterSci I believe those vineyards were Vacqueyras

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09:31:37 am



Tim in KY 16 minutes faster than the fastest right now.

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Tim in KY Cyclops.

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Katie S Animated by the breeze

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bikerabe under 27 km gap to peloron 6:40 will Pog go for win?

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09:35:32 am



BusterSci I believe Pog will react, not act. If Vingo decides to go early then Pog will go and they'll go hard enough that one will win.

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BusterSci If Vingo doesn't see this as a stage to attack then Pog will attack at the end to increase his gap but won't go for the win.

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BusterSci I'm willing to bet a quarter on that.

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Katie S so much?

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BusterSci A bet should convey both a prediction and a confidence.

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BusterSci Normally, I express my confidence as where I'd buy a meal. Today I'm only going for a jumbo gumboil.

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SFinAus Nico Roche was discussing riding this climb in June. He said it was with a corporate group. They wanted him to pace them to PBs.

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Ah, the life of an ex pro. Also heard Geraint say once he hates riding with fans or organized non race events because they ride so slow. He was apologetic but said he had to honest about it.



SFinAus At work, our standard bet was a cookie from the cafe - a 25 cent value.

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BusterSci My bets usually range from Jimmy Johns (not confident) to the best restaurant in town (very confident.). Nobody ever takes me up on it but I like the system.

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SFinAus Good strategy.

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Katie S anything involving food is a good strategy, in my book

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BusterSci For some reason people don't like those sorts of wagers. I wish people would agree to them, though. They're likely to balance out in the long run and I think it's fun.

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BusterSci I was up before 2AM this morning and I'm having a hard time staying awake since I sat down to watch the climb.

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Tim in KY Why is WHF wiggling so much?

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BusterSci Only 15.7? I thought it was 18 something. Ah well.

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bikerabe on rhe Climb

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Katie S egad, Buster. Crank the sound. The eejits should keep you alert, or at least irked

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BusterSci As far as WHF wiggling, this article by Cillian Kelly says it. <https://www.thecyclingwebsite.com/blog/julian-alaphilippe-wiggly-wobbly-winner>

07-22-2025
09:54:13 am



SFinAus The new Fausto Magazine, from the folks that did Peloton Magazine, has an article about a local guy that has climbed Ventoux an estimated 460 times. He averages 15 time a year, but one year he did 100 as a personal challenge.

07-22-2025
09:56:10 am



bikerabe Mas solo

07-22-2025
09:57:31 am



BusterSci Under 6 minutes.

07-22-2025
09:57:54 am



Katie S that's just nuts, SF

07-22-2025
09:58:03 am



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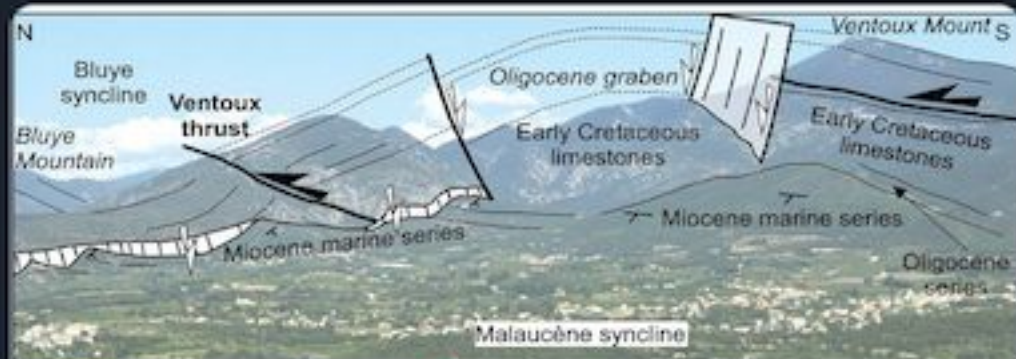


SFinAus The title of the article is "Madman of the Mountain".

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09:58:32 am

🟡 **Geology of the Tour de France** @geotdf.bsky.social · 26d

OK, so we won't do a detailed GeoTdF this year, but we couldn't help ourselves...the geology of the Ventoux is quite clearly correlated with scenes during the climbs. For example, the famous 2016 incident that left Chris Froome running up with a broken bike - clearly geologically pre-determined.





BusterSci Every time I see the clip of Froome running I hear Pat Benatar singing "We Belong" and picture Ricky Bobby and Jean Girard running along side him.

07-22-2025
10:00:02 am



Katie S ha!

07-22-2025
10:00:15 am



Katie S OK, gotta go run an ill-timed call, will still be watching but w/o sound...

07-22-2025
10:00:34 am



BusterSci That's some wiggly form.

07-22-2025
10:01:04 am



KimC Peacock keeps mentioning a crash helmet- is it really different than a regular helmet?

07-22-2025
10:03:28 am



BusterSci Yeah. It's Murican

07-22-2025
10:03:48 am



Katie S Anyone remember "The Mouse And The Motorcycle" by Beverly Cleary? Ralph the mouse got a "crash helmet" as she wrote it.

07-22-2025
10:06:05 am



BusterSci Perhaps a Britishism?

07-22-2025
10:06:22 am



BusterSci I do recall.

07-22-2025
10:06:26 am



Tim in KY Mas gritting a bit too much for this soon in the climb.

07-22-2025
10:06:29 am



KimC Yes! It was a ping pong or tennis ball?

07-22-2025
10:06:34 am



Katie S <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1753193504-1753193204916.jpeg>

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10:06:46 am



Katie S ping pong

07-22-2025
10:06:50 am



Tim in KY Guys don't read Beverly Clearly books.

07-22-2025
10:06:52 am





BusterSci Hey! Motorcycles are very guy.

07-22-2025
10:07:14 am



BusterSci And Mas has always looked like Fire Marshal Bill on a climb

07-22-2025
10:07:51 am



BusterSci <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1753193603-1753193303919.png>

07-22-2025
10:08:25 am



Katie S Uncanny!

07-22-2025
10:08:39 am



BusterSci So the yellow group needs about 30s per km to overtake.

07-22-2025
10:09:49 am



Tim in KY Does Pog have anyone left?

07-22-2025
10:10:59 am



bikerabe Beverly Cleary is from Portland Oregon

07-22-2025
10:11:09 am



BusterSci Adam is hanging on in back

07-22-2025
10:11:09 am



BusterSci Don't know if he's struggling or saving energy

07-22-2025
10:11:23 am



SFinAus I'll bet you a cookie, Buster, there's one guy that can catch them.

07-22-2025
10:11:27 am



BusterSci 35s per km needed

07-22-2025
10:13:10 am



SFinAus WHF cracking and paying the price.

07-22-2025
10:13:40 am



Tim in KY I don't think of Ben as a climber of tall hills.

07-22-2025
10:14:19 am



BusterSci Me neither.
















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10:14:29 am

































BusterSci Simon looks to have slipped back
















07-22-2025
10:15:04 am

































	Katie S Gap to the peloton is coming down slowly, but maybe not at the pace calculated by Buster to result in a catch.	07-22-2025 10:15:11 am
	BusterSci Adam has pulled up to Pog	07-22-2025 10:15:34 am
	BusterSci Fire Marshall Bill holding his own	07-22-2025 10:15:48 am
	Katie S (i will never look at Mas again without seeing FMB)	07-22-2025 10:16:24 am
	BusterSci Healy closing in on FMB.	07-22-2025 10:17:40 am
	Tim in KY Parrott Painter struggling.	07-22-2025 10:17:54 am
	BusterSci JuJu gets a slingshot from the water boy	07-22-2025 10:18:00 am
	BusterSci Jonas goes	07-22-2025 10:18:43 am
	SFinAus Here goes Vingo	07-22-2025 10:18:45 am
	BusterSci Pog follows	07-22-2025 10:18:45 am
	bikerabe Jonas goes with Pog	07-22-2025 10:19:05 am
	Katie S and he's got that yellow thing stuck to his wheel	07-22-2025 10:19:07 am
	SFinAus heh	07-22-2025 10:19:14 am
	Tim in KY Pog just patronizing Jonas.	07-22-2025 10:19:43 am
	SFinAus Healy is highly agitated and giving a "pep talk" to Betrigo	07-22-2025 10:20:30 am
















	BusterSci about 42s per km	07-22-2025 10:21:13 am
	bikerabe 2 locked together	07-22-2025 10:22:09 am
	SFinAus Lipo not sucking. (Groan, but I had to.)	07-22-2025 10:22:32 am
	BusterSci Jonas again. Pog with	07-22-2025 10:22:42 am
	Katie S	07-22-2025 10:22:44 am
	BusterSci One of the two wins	07-22-2025 10:23:16 am
	bikerabe this'd is beautiful	07-22-2025 10:23:25 am
	BusterSci I lost my gumball	07-22-2025 10:23:25 am
	BusterSci When does Pog slam the door?	07-22-2025 10:24:16 am
	SFinAus I dunno, but it seems it's bound to happen	07-22-2025 10:25:11 am
	bikerabe Cinque km	07-22-2025 10:25:19 am
	Tim in KY I do not approve of Camper Nut's helmet.	07-22-2025 10:26:01 am
	SFinAus Nor do I. Healy is astonishing today.	07-22-2025 10:26:26 am
	BusterSci Is he riding up mountains at astonishing speeds?	07-22-2025 10:26:43 am
	Katie S The helmet? That shape looks like a nose bridge pad for spectacles.	07-22-2025 10:26:53 am














	BusterSci Still 42s	07-22-2025 10:28:11 am
	Rocket City Gal Mas is Healy's rabbit now	07-22-2025 10:28:58 am
	Rocket City Gal Boom	07-22-2025 10:29:04 am
	Tim in KY Mas passed.	07-22-2025 10:29:10 am
	Rocket City Gal Bye, Enric	07-22-2025 10:29:24 am
	BusterSci Benlooks very comfortable	07-22-2025 10:29:25 am
	bikerabe Gp Ben GO EF	07-22-2025 10:29:25 am
	PasadenaK8 Mas no más	07-22-2025 10:29:48 am
	Rocket City Gal Ben Ben !!!	07-22-2025 10:30:09 am
	Rocket City Gal VPP with him	07-22-2025 10:30:19 am
	SFinAus With Campernuts leading Vingo at this point, I'd say Kuss and Jorgo, not up to snuff this Tour	07-22-2025 10:30:34 am
	Rocket City Gal Vingo again	07-22-2025 10:31:02 am
	BusterSci Under 40s	07-22-2025 10:31:05 am
	BusterSci per km	07-22-2025 10:31:09 am
	Tim in KY They're going to catch Ben.	07-22-2025 10:31:09 am

	SFinAus Jaysus! camera skeeking ejit	07-22-2025 10:31:17 am
	Rocket City Gal Pog stuck to him Like glue	07-22-2025 10:31:18 am
	BusterSci Vingo knows he's gonna get hit	07-22-2025 10:31:27 am
	BusterSci now its up to 45ish	07-22-2025 10:31:57 am
	Katie S My call ended just in time	07-22-2025 10:31:59 am
	SFinAus Vingo looks really really good. Just too bad Pog will likely be gooder	07-22-2025 10:32:23 am
	Rocket City Gal Yep. Looking back, with the feeling of impending doom	07-22-2025 10:32:26 am
	Rocket City Gal VPP goes but Healy stays close	07-22-2025 10:32:52 am
	SFinAus What a great race up front though!	07-22-2025 10:33:07 am
	Tim in KY Only 800 meters behind Phil says.	07-22-2025 10:34:09 am
	SFinAus Pog and Vingo only 700m behind.	07-22-2025 10:34:12 am
	Katie S what a landscape	07-22-2025 10:34:21 am
	Katie S not very windy, is it?	07-22-2025 10:34:30 am
	BusterSci They have to attacks soon	07-22-2025 10:34:30 am
	Rocket City Gal Lunar surface, with wind	07-22-2025 10:34:44 am

	bikerabe penultimate km	07-22-2025 10:34:49 am
	Tim in KY 600 meters now.	07-22-2025 10:34:56 am
	Tim in KY Ben looks spent.	07-22-2025 10:35:42 am
	Katie S Steep	07-22-2025 10:35:42 am
	SFinAus cats n mice. Not much time for that	07-22-2025 10:36:17 am
	bikerabe 'y'ellow at 2 km	07-22-2025 10:36:23 am
	Rocket City Gal Where did HE come from? Mas and Buitrago join Healy and V Parrot-Painter	07-22-2025 10:36:45 am
	Tim in KY That looks like a very long 1500 meters.	07-22-2025 10:36:54 am
	Katie S This is why losing Joao didn't spell the end for Pogi ... he just sticks to whatever wheel is ahead of him, until he doesn't need it any more.	07-22-2025 10:37:16 am
	Tim in KY Ben Most Compative today.	07-22-2025 10:37:26 am
	Rocket City Gal They're making Healy do all the work	07-22-2025 10:37:30 am
	SFinAus Not a good time for buffering. ;/	07-22-2025 10:37:36 am
	BusterSci There goes Pog	07-22-2025 10:37:38 am
	Katie S see?	07-22-2025 10:37:40 am
	BusterSci Vingo handing in there	07-22-2025 10:37:51 am

	Rocket City Gal Passing Alaphilippe	07-22-2025 10:38:31 am
	BusterSci Cmon Ben	07-22-2025 10:38:51 am
	Rocket City Gal Mas dropped from front group but not far behind	07-22-2025 10:39:09 am
	Tim in KY Stupid cat and mouse.	07-22-2025 10:39:38 am
	Rocket City Gal A lot of graffiti has been covered here	07-22-2025 10:39:46 am
	SFinAus Ilian Van Wilder (?) joining the front to help Parrot Painter?	07-22-2025 10:39:54 am
	BusterSci Cripes. Where did he come from>	07-22-2025 10:39:57 am
	Tim in KY He took a train.	07-22-2025 10:40:44 am
	SFinAus heh	07-22-2025 10:40:50 am
	Rocket City Gal Van Wilder materializes ... I think he got transported there	07-22-2025 10:40:58 am
	SFinAus Go Ben go	07-22-2025 10:41:18 am
	Rocket City Gal Hey, Scotty.... Beam me to the front	07-22-2025 10:41:21 am
	BusterSci Cmon BEN	07-22-2025 10:41:33 am
	BusterSci Parrot painter!	07-22-2025 10:41:42 am
	Katie S well well well	07-22-2025 10:41:42 am

	SFinAus Wow!	07-22-2025 10:41:48 am
	Rocket City Gal VPP then Ben	07-22-2025 10:42:04 am
	Katie S Vive la France, encore!	07-22-2025 10:42:08 am
	SFinAus Meanwhile Pog gotta Pog	07-22-2025 10:42:08 am
	Tim in KY Well, at least France gets a win.	07-22-2025 10:42:17 am
	bikerabe Parrot not dead Wins	07-22-2025 10:42:18 am
	Katie S 3 seconds, i think	07-22-2025 10:42:29 am
	SFinAus Great stage. Great racing.	07-22-2025 10:42:42 am
	Katie S Juju rolls in.	07-22-2025 10:42:59 am
	KimC Peacock closed captions keep talking about Harry Potter	07-22-2025 10:43:14 am
	Rocket City Gal Not just a French win — a French win on Ventoux. Special, indeed.	07-22-2025 10:43:47 am
	Katie S that's random. Are they say Van Wilder had a quidditch broom?	07-22-2025 10:43:57 am
	BusterSci It's speech to text, so not so random.	07-22-2025 10:44:26 am
	SFinAus That's hilarious, Kim	07-22-2025 10:44:29 am
	BusterSci That's why Pogacar become Focaccia.	07-22-2025 10:44:41 am

	Rocket City Gal Parrot-Potter for the win! Hilarious	07-22-2025 10:44:59 am
	PasadenaK8 ... and how Jonas became "Vinegar"	07-22-2025 10:45:21 am
	SFinAus If Pog wins I'll make some Focaccia in honor of him.	07-22-2025 10:45:31 am
	Tim in KY We just now reached the fastest imaginable finish time.	07-22-2025 10:45:46 am
	BusterSci Yup. Just finished my weekend focaccia for breakfast	07-22-2025 10:45:49 am
	PasadenaK8 Ta 🙌	07-22-2025 10:46:06 am
	Katie S see everyone tomorrow.	07-22-2025 10:46:25 am
	Rocket City Gal Since Pog 5th, Milan keeps green and Lenny keeps his many dots.	07-22-2025 10:46:55 am
	SFinAus Time to head in for one of those in-person meetings. Thanks all.	07-22-2025 10:46:55 am
	Rocket City Gal Bah!	07-22-2025 10:47:02 am
	Tim in KY Rog moves up to 5th on GC.	07-22-2025 10:48:34 am
	bikerabe 2 more awcs for Pog tomorrow a last sprint day before Paris	07-22-2025 10:48:44 am
	KimC Happy Tuesday all!	07-22-2025 10:56:26 am