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Tim in Ky Quinzinato is the Italian TT champion.

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BusterSci Kiry not totally hammering it.

05-28 09:14



Tim in Ky This is even more boring without video.

05-28 09:16



BusterSci Kiry does not set the new best time

05-28 09:19



BusterSci about 90 minutes from caring...

05-28 09:22



BusterSci Tell us the story, Mons.

05-28 09:23



Mons Soseman Hey. First. Snark Delivery for Mr. Donny. LOL

05-28 09:27



Mons Soseman second: I care about nationalities, but they always put them in when they are NOT important...

05-28 09:27



BusterSci Agree with that, Mons.

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Mons Soseman Third, Donny try RAI 2, they have been broadcasting the Giro, but don't always start as early. Also Italian Eurosport 1 is on the spot, but...


05-28 09:28




Mons Soseman probably that far south your hotel gets the satellite feeds by "special arrangement."


05-28 09:29


-  **Mons Soseman** So, it is not a long story. When we were going into this yesterday, I 05-28 09:30
went online and researched the ticket situation, and had decided that I could take the noon train from Florence. I thought anything else would be impossible, and indeed, even noon would have been dicey with the pastoral matters, good things and challenges, I had this morning
-  **Mons Soseman** But in any case, I was looking around my computer to find my 05-28 09:31
frequent traveller club number for the Italian trains, when there was a knock at my door.
-  **Mons Soseman** See, just after the Giro yesterday, I had gone for a bike ride, and when 05-28 09:32
I got back was looking at tickets. I had not paid attention to the time, and my ride was there to pick me up for the Bavarian Beer Fest I was being fested with last evening.
-  **Mons Soseman** There was a Festa Bavarese in Leghorn (Livorno). WE had a good 05-28 09:33
time. I was going to, but didn't drink any beer, but he food was abundant, Bavarian, and didn't give me foot poisoning, which is always a plus in Italy
-  **Mons Soseman** Oh, wait, I did say longs story short, didn't I? 05-28 09:34
-  **BusterSci** Adam finishes his 17th consecutive GT. 05-28 09:34
-  **Mons Soseman** When I got back to my laptop last night, I logged back onto the train 05-28 09:35
site, found my number, and went to purchase the tickets. SOLD OUT.
-  **BusterSci** Ah say! Ah say, son! Get to the.. Ah say get to the point already, son! 05-28 09:35
-  **Mons Soseman** I could have taken a 3:30 local train from Florence to a rural station 05-28 09:35
near Milan, which got in at 10 p.m...
-  **Mons Soseman** great catch on the Leghorn reference, there, Penguin. 05-28 09:35
-  **Mons Soseman** So, I drove the 3.5 hours Romeward, and I am sitting in my recliner, 05-28 09:36
with air conditioning... watching the typing too much, while my lunch gets cold.
-  **Tim in Ky** There was actually a fleeting reference to the race in there. 05-28 09:37
-  **Mons Soseman** Thanks Tim. How was Church? 05-28 09:39


 **BusterSci** I'm just...sittin' in the morning sun. / I'll be sittin' when the evening come / 05-28 09:40

Watchin' the riders roll in / Watchin' others roll out again, yeah / I'm sittin on the sofa today / watchin' the TT riders roll away / I'm just sittin' on the sofa today / wastin' time


 **Mons Soseman** Buster did say he was ready to hear the story, and my role has always 05-28 09:40
been more cultural commissar with occasional pithy cycling comments


 **Tim in Ky** Hasn't actually started yet, Mons. Ascension Sunday it is. 05-28 09:40


 **memb54** Buster, I'm singing along. 05-28 09:41


 **Tim in Ky** Looking at the times on Tour Tracker, it appears some of the guys are 05-28 09:42
walking to Milan.


 **memb54** And Lule on the road! 05-28 09:42


 **Mons Soseman** OK, I will post my essay, but didn't proofread it double becasuse I 05-28 09:42
want to finish my lunch.

 **Mons Soseman** //rumbletalk-images- 05-28 09:43
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 **BusterSci** Lately, the best Grand Tour has been whatever one I happen to be watching. 05-28 09:47
Froome dominance has taken a bit away from the Tour, but they've all been very good recently.

















 **BusterSci** Was it autocorrect or intentional that "Monza" came out "Mons." Because 05-28 09:48
I'll think of it as "Mons" from now on.
















 **Mons Soseman** Mind games can be very subtle... ;) 05-28 09:49

 **BusterSci** If he pulls it off, Dumoulin will be the first Dutchman to win the Giro and 05-28 09:51
the first since 1980 to win a GT. Who was it in 1980? No Google...

 **BusterSci** Anybody? Hint: He never won the Milk Race. 05-28 09:55

 **Mons Soseman** You may have explored an uncovered corner of wikipedia 05-28 09:56

	Mons Soseman Joop Zoetemelk may be the name you are seeking	05-28 09:57
	BusterSci Mons wins the grand prize, a race track near Milan named after him.	05-28 09:58
	Mons Soseman Ah.	05-28 09:58
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	BusterSci Check your fridge to find out.	05-28 09:59
	Mons Soseman or some Liebfraumilch?	05-28 09:59
	BusterSci Likely just the milk of human kindness	05-28 09:59
	Mons Soseman Ah. So, when do we ever get to discuss Rieslings?	05-28 10:00
	BusterSci Doesn't the Tour start in Germany this year?	05-28 10:01
	Mons Soseman OH, yes, you are right.	05-28 10:01
	Mons Soseman I have thought of trying to go up for the start.	05-28 10:01
	BusterSci Do you like them sweet or dry? I suspect sweet.	05-28 10:01
	Tim in Ky I prefer dry.	05-28 10:02
	Mons Soseman Well, I don't really drink too much in general, but when I do I like sweet.	05-28 10:02
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	BusterSci Jungels 3rd at the first check, down 13s	05-28 10:43
	BusterSci Pozzovivo looks like a kid on a man's bike.	05-28 10:44
	donny Well as we are speaking about food anyway, here is what I just experienced at lunch. There was a large gathering for several simultaneous christenings here in Locorotondo so the old town was full. All of the restaurants in town within walking distance were completely occupied. Though as I was inquiring about the possibility of coming back a little later at the first, and closest to my hotel	05-28 10:44

restaurant, one that I had already inquired at before my tour of the town, I was stopped by an elderly gentleman and a young girl. The youngster was there to translate as they had heard me speaking my poor Italian and took pity on me twice. I was offered, (read required), to take a seat. I was then treated to 5 plates of food, pasta, roast pork, meatballs, spinach and tomato then given 3 deserts. It was all part of the meal that one of the families had, they then refused to allow me to pay anything. I waddled off, smiling at how wonderful life is sometimes.



John I'm having a hard time scrolling up. What is Mons' big news?

05-28 10:44



Katie Wonderful, Donny.

05-28 10:44



Katie I caught wind of the news on yesterday's archive, but couldn't find the acutal post. Mons? Could you illuminate?

05-28 10:45



John That's great Donny. What an experience.

05-28 10:45



BusterSci Zak is off!

05-28 10:45



BusterSci Yates coming to first time check.

05-28 10:46



BusterSci 15th, 14 seconds down on Jungels.

05-28 10:46



BusterSci We can be fairly confident the Young Rider jersey is settled for Bob.

05-28 10:46



BusterSci Tom is in the house.

05-28 10:47



Katie I think Mons is having connectivity problems

05-28 10:47



BusterSci The Olympic silver medalist is on the course

05-28 10:48



Mons Soseman What a time for

05-28 10:48


















BusterSci Mons can be such a tease sometimes.

05-28 10:49



BusterSci Pinot in the house

05-28 10:49

	Mons Soseman Browser froze	05-28 10:49
	BusterSci Mollema 21s through the first check, down 31s	05-28 10:49
	Mons Soseman So, the news was they were sold out of train tickets so I couldn't go to Milano	05-28 10:49
	BusterSci Everybody think of the song "I get around" and replace the lyrics with "TOM TOM DUMOULIN, TOM DUMOULIN, YEAH! Tom Tom Dumoulin, Tom Dumoulin!"	05-28 10:50
	Katie Mons, what did this mean from Buster? "We'll all miss having a Nut in the Vatican, but home is nice!"	05-28 10:51
	SFinWis Wonderful affirming story Donny.	05-28 10:51
	mmcnally Taking this opportunity to thank Tim and Buster for all of their hard work this Giro. Much appreciated! And thanks to Mons for some great reads as always! You are a good group, happy to be a part of the community. As for me and GTs -- I like Tour, Vuelta, Giro, in that order. As for today, my head says it will be Tom by 30 seconds, my heart is pulling for Pinot.	05-28 10:51
	BusterSci Pinot in his French National Champ skin suit.	05-28 10:52
	John That's a bummer, Mons.	05-28 10:52
	BusterSci Jungels headed to the 2nd time check.	05-28 10:52
	BusterSci Tom looks like a machine with his head down and firing.	05-28 10:52
	BusterSci Pozzo through the first check at 33rd, 42s down.	05-28 10:53
	BusterSci 6th place for Jungels at the 2nd check.	05-28 10:53
	BusterSci Nibali on the road.	05-28 10:54
	Toulouse What mmcnally said. Except Giro, Vuelta, then Tour. And no prediction on	05-28 10:54

the finish.



BusterSci Tom should be through the first check just about the same time as Nairo starts 05-28 10:55



BusterSci Zak through the first check in 8th, 19s down. 05-28 10:55



BusterSci Nibbles looks solid on his bike. No sway. Pumping away. No helicopters or motos in site. 05-28 10:55



Katie OK, so I guess what I thought I read isn't what I thought I read, so move along. Nothing to see here. 05-28 10:55



BusterSci Pinot swaying a bit more from side to side. 05-28 10:56



Katie //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1495983677-BridalVeil0517.JPG 05-28 10:56



BusterSci Katie, you saw what you saw. Mons hasn't given us a ton of detail yet. Just a hint that the Vuelta is likely to be his last GT in Europe 05-28 10:56



Katie Meanwhile, this was Bridal Veil Falls yesterday. Any icy shower to anyone who got this close to take a picture, and it was everyone. 05-28 10:56



Marc @Toad Hall Wow, Katie! 05-28 10:56



BusterSci Nairo in the house 05-28 10:56



Katie aha, Thanks. Buster. 05-28 10:56



















BusterSci He's off in pink 05-28 10:57





































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BusterSci He won't be first 05-28 10:57

	BusterSci 2nd. 2s down at the first check.	05-28 10:58
	John Mons is leaving Rome?	05-28 10:58
	donny My prediction is pretty much in line with the "experts", for Tom not to win the Giro he will have to have had some sort of mishap.	05-28 10:58
	Tim in Ky I wonder if there's been a wind change.	05-28 10:58
	BusterSci Nario needs to be within about 17s at the first check.	05-28 10:58
	BusterSci I think some have been able to save themselves for today and others had a real hard last few days.	05-28 10:59
	Marc @Toad Hall Does NQ wear latex socks?	05-28 10:59
	BusterSci Mollema at the 2nd check is 23rd at 1:05 down.	05-28 11:00
	BusterSci Pinot looks good	05-28 11:00
	BusterSci Dumoulin's time at the first check was 10:01	05-28 11:00
	BusterSci Pinot is at 10:00 and hasn't gotten there	05-28 11:00
	BusterSci Tom is 3rd on the road, at least	05-28 11:01
	BusterSci Pinot across the first in 18th at 28s	05-28 11:01
	BusterSci Nibbles next. Shall I give his time and the moto's time?	05-28 11:01
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
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







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BusterSci 46s, 1:08s and 1:17

05-28 11:22



Mons Soseman WOW

05-28 11:22



BusterSci 22s between Nibbles and Quintana. Nairo is second so far.

05-28 11:22



BusterSci 23s difference

05-28 11:23



BusterSci 24s

05-28 11:23



Katie Nairo needs to PEDAL and not fuss w/ his water bottle

05-28 11:23



donny I think if Nario can hold on to second place, he will have rode the TT of his life. 05-28 11:23



BusterSci My feed is buffering

05-28 11:23



Joanna in New York 3 second virtual lead for TD

05-28 11:24



BusterSci Agree, Donny.

05-28 11:24



BusterSci I'm back

05-28 11:24



BusterSci Nairo pushing hard

05-28 11:24



Trish in MA Tommy D is as glued to the feed as the rest of us are.

05-28 11:25



BusterSci 1:16 now

05-28 11:25



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SFinWis Surge demand = the bane of rt digital world

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BusterSci Pinot coming in

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BusterSci 26th, 1:46

05-28 11:25



BusterSci Nibbles is next

05-28 11:26



Katie Bobble wheel for Nairo. geez.

05-28 11:26



BusterSci That's seconds lost

05-28 11:26



BusterSci Nibali now

05-28 11:26



BusterSci kite

05-28 11:27



BusterSci Nibali is no longer a threat to Tom.

05-28 11:27



donny 13th for nibbles 1:08 down on the stage

05-28 11:27



BusterSci Donny is 15s ahead of me.

05-28 11:28



Mons Soseman RAI is now lauding "podium position" for Nibali...

05-28 11:28



donny Thats why I wanted the Italian feed Mons, hahaha

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Mons Soseman countdown now shows 2 minutes

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BusterSci van Eden appears in tears for the stage win.

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


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	Trish in MA NQ just looks ugly on a TT bike	05-28 11:29
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	David Stanley Is that a little smile on TD's face?	05-28 11:30
	Mons Soseman indeed	05-28 11:30
	Joanna in New York It is.	05-28 11:30
	David Stanley TD will win. NQ can't ride a 1:03 kilo	05-28 11:30
	Katie it's a big ol' grin now	05-28 11:30
	Mons Soseman Valiant effort	05-28 11:30
	David Stanley TD wants to yell and scream. Wait for 40 seconds, big guy.	05-28 11:31
	Mons Soseman Dumoulin wins!	05-28 11:31
	Joanna in New York TD wins the Giro!	05-28 11:31
	Mons Soseman Nibali 3rd!	05-28 11:31
	BusterSci Not a bad ride for Nario	05-28 11:31
	Katie Wow, that was remarkable	05-28 11:31

	BusterSci Does he hold 2nd?	05-28 11:31
	Katie i think so	05-28 11:31
	Mons Soseman Yes	05-28 11:31
	David Stanley About 16 seconds behind TD.	05-28 11:31
	Tim in Ky I got to see the last 500 m.	05-28 11:31
	donny The new happiest cyclist in Italy is Tom "The Deuce" Dumoulin	05-28 11:31
	Mons Soseman Dumo, Nairo, nibble	05-28 11:32
	BusterSci Nice to be known as #1 rather than the guy who took #2.	05-28 11:32
	SFinWis What a fantastic victory and GT!	05-28 11:32
	Katie Engraving the statue	05-28 11:32
	David Stanley I am a big Nairo fan, but super happy for The Deuce. That was a Giro full of grinta.	05-28 11:32
	Rob Thank you for doing this guy, it has been a great giro.	05-28 11:33
	memb54 What a beautiful finish!	05-28 11:33
	Joanna in New York "A dream scenario"	05-28 11:33
	Gilliemarie Thanks guys	05-28 11:33
	SFinWis Thanks so much Jo Buster Tim and all!	05-28 11:33



Katie Buster, Tim, Donny, Jo - YOU are the podium here. Thank you!!!

05-28 11:33



Trish in MA Cool seeing them engraving the statue

05-28 11:33



Joanna in New York "Incredible"

05-28 11:33



David Stanley Make sure you spell his name right!

05-28 11:33



Katie no kidding, David... looked like a quick fix w/ the drill there for a second

05-28 11:33



Joanna in New York "This is crazy, I could not have imagined it ever"

05-28 11:33



Trish in MA Thanks for all the coverage, the little bit I actually saw.

05-28 11:34



David Stanley Great job to our mods, Buster Tim, Donny - lots of good work everyday. And to Joanna, again, Bellissima!

05-28 11:34



Joanna in New York "Nairo did an amazing ride today"

05-28 11:34



Joanna in New York TD also said that halfway through the DS told him to stop taking risks.

05-28 11:35



Mons Soseman by 31 seconds. What was al the excitement about?

05-28 11:35



BusterSci 'm off. Got an appointment with my two besties and their kids for a long day of Dungeons and Dragons. Will my dorkiness never end?

05-28 11:35



Joanna in New York Thanks Buster, Thanks Tim! Thanks All!!

05-28 11:35



Joanna in New York I thought "darkness" fit...

05-28 11:35



mmcnally And with that we will go another year without a Giro-Tour double winner. Be well, gang.

05-28 11:35



David Stanley We've all seen plenty of Grand Tours. Wasn't this one of the best ever? 05-28 11:35

Thank you BusterSci!



Tim in Ky It was great, David. 05-28 11:36



Mons Soseman Is it over? 05-28 11:36



David Stanley Tim - to you for your excellent notes, mille grazie. 05-28 11:36



Katie Si, e' vero, Mons. E' finito. 05-28 11:36



BusterSci Now let's hope the Master takes on the Tour. 05-28 11:37



donny Thanks Buster! You are a disgruntled penguin, so I am assuming your question was rhetorical 05-28 11:37



Mons Soseman The " 05-28 11:37



donny Seconded, Buster 05-28 11:37



Mons Soseman Never Ending Trophy." 05-28 11:37



Rob I'm off as well, see you all in July. 05-28 11:37



Marc @Toad Hall Thanks, team. You guys make it all worthwhile. July what date? 05-28 11:38



David Stanley Time to get the barby together, go for a ride, entertain my folks. 05-28 11:38
Buongiorno!!



Katie Rumor has it LUG will be LUGging over at that other site 05-28 11:38



Katie Ciao, tutti! 05-28 11:38



donny Thanks for all the work Tim, and Mons for the essays and everyone for all of 05-28 11:39

the humorous tidbits and observations. It has been a great GT.



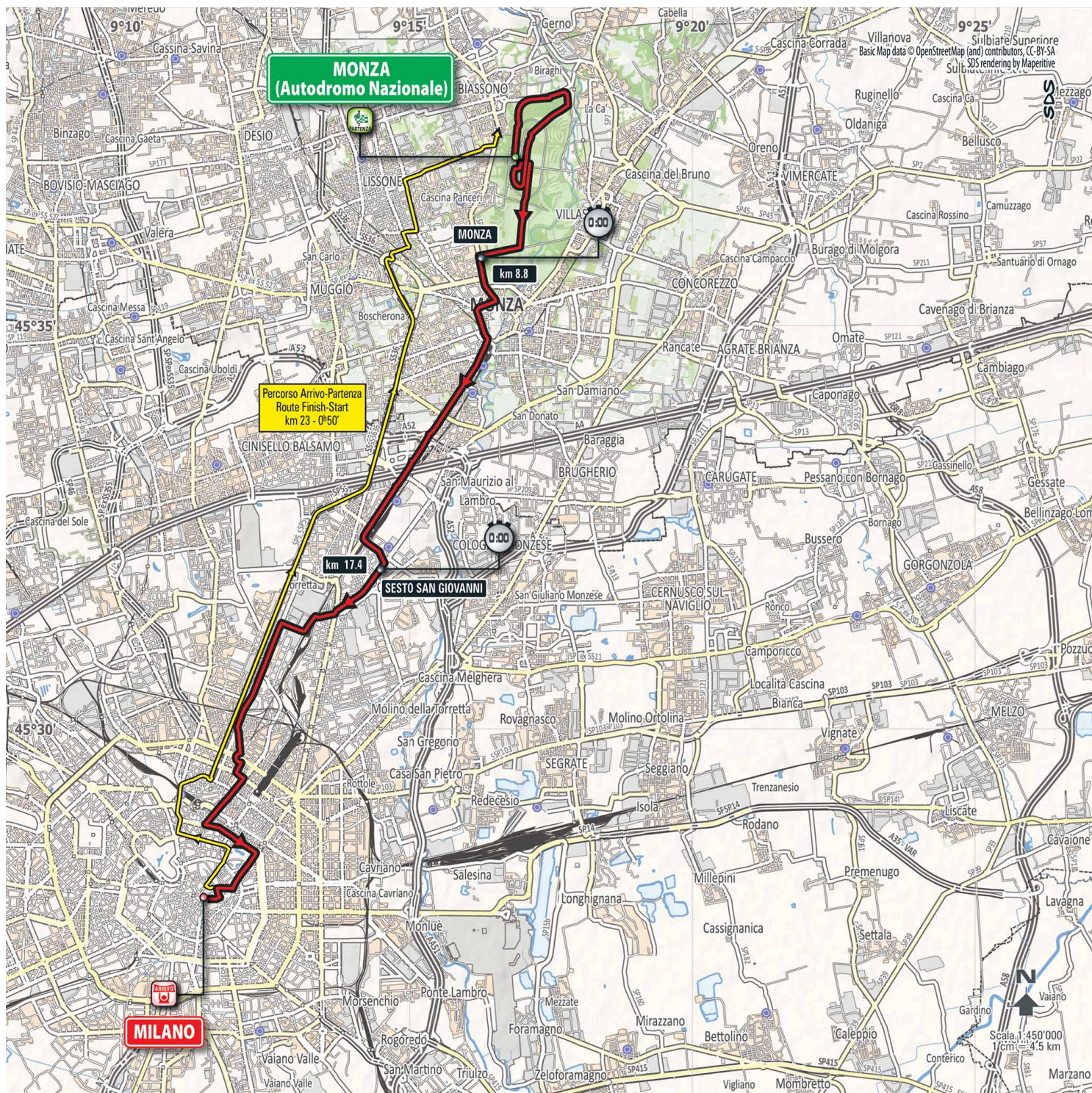
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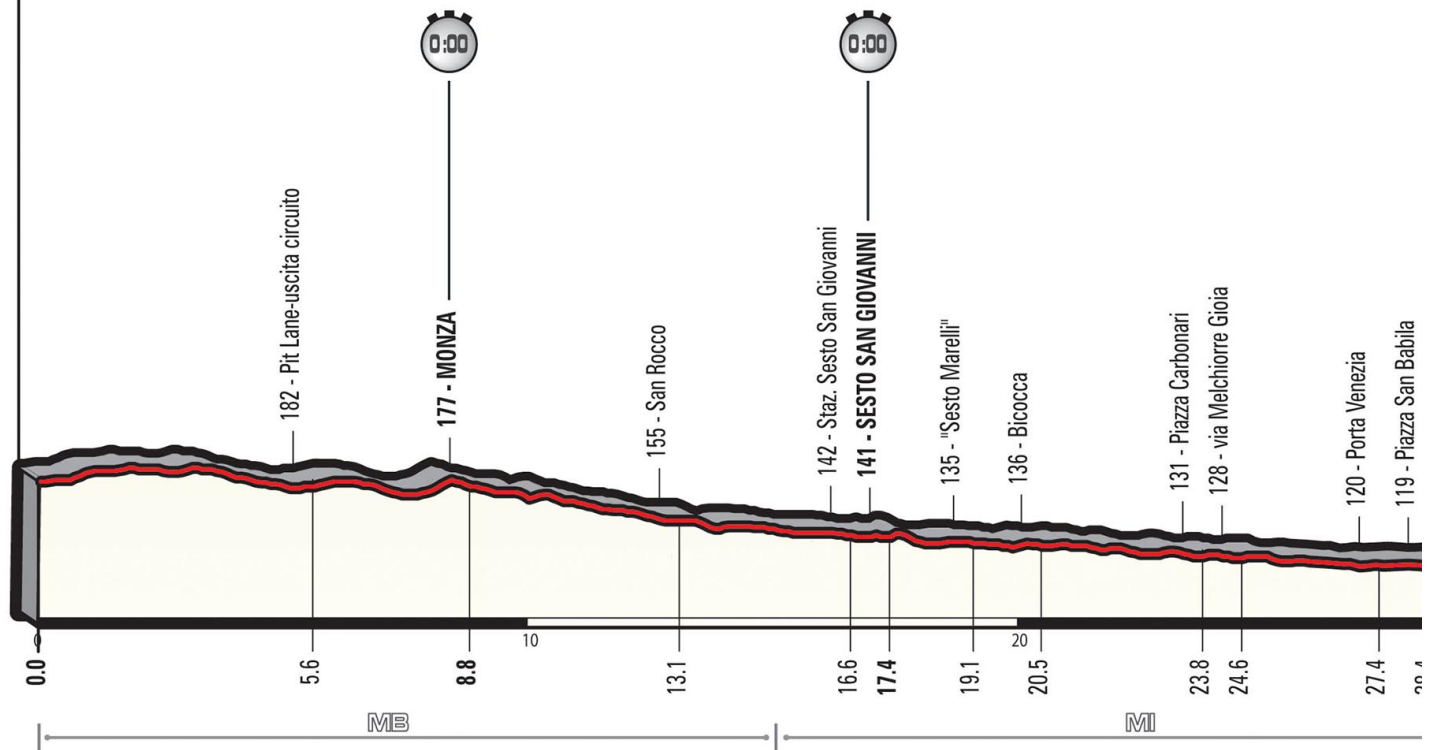
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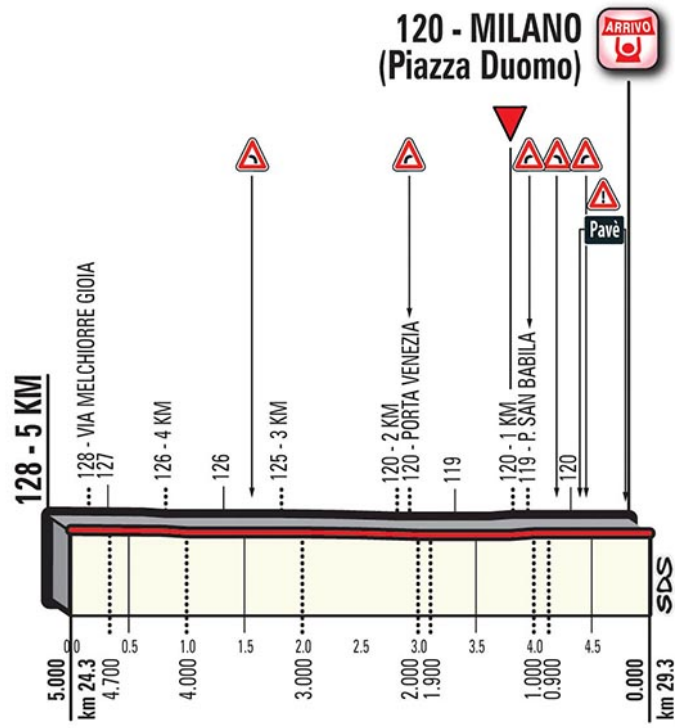
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A few weeks ago, an American friend, who knows little about cycling, told me he got into a conversation with an Italian workmate. His friend said that the Giro d'Italia was much better than the Tour de France. More of everything he said, more climbs, more crashes, more excitement, better scenery. In short, he said, it was better. The American told me his Italian friend said "it is so much better than the Tour de France, I don't know why the Tour gets all the attention." This statement was filled with local bravado, of course, and patriotism. The urge of the Giro Organizers for several years to create, perhaps "gotcha" moments did keep spectators, and even cyclists, guessing from day to day, but I don't think it made better racing.

I think this year's Giro has changed all of that. It is Italy, of course, so many of the things you would expect you are going to get, but I think the organizers have become more satisfied to play to the race's strengths, rather than to create shocking moments (whoops, and the typo said "hocking" moments, but aren't they all about that too?). A few years ago, the Giro organizers announced their intentions of having the first stages of the next year's in Washington DC. This year's Giro did not start in some exotic locale, finally, the Giro started at home this year, and gave us some great racing from the Island of Sardinia, and Island, yes, but Italy nonetheless. This year the Giro did not avoid mountain stages because of the threat of avalanche, and the Giro does well, and produces great photos, when the cyclists ride through freshly plowed roads. I think the dire warnings regarding a threat of avalanche were a bit much, but hey, it's Italy. Milan has so many turns leading into the finish line today, but in general, this year, the finishes have not been arch crazy, besides a couple in the first stages. We have seen some fine competition this Giro d'Italia, without the dancing monkeys or jingle bells to catch our attention. The cyclists, themselves, have caught our attention.

The final time trial, of course, is a Giro tradition, so not done just to grab attention. They don't do it every year, and truly some year it leads to a real yawner, but today, with the top cyclists so close in the general classification, today is an exciting, vital, day of racing. I would not be at all surprised if the Mons autodrome was selected on purpose for the start today, because of the significance of today to auto racing. Today two thirds of the mythical auto racing are being run in far different places, the Grand Prix at Monte Carlo, and the Indianapolis 500. The Milanese are so auto crazy, that I can't help but think that today's ITT starts where it does because some organizer thought it would be a good tie in. Thank goodness they did. Should some bright mind have said "lets do an 8 km time trial," has happened before, we would not all be on the edge of our seats at the present moments. A 30 + ITT on the last day is certainly not normal, but is certainly Giro.

Is the Giro the best of the three Grand Tours? The better question might be is the Vuelta the best of the three Grand Tours? or is the Tour de France the best of the Grand Tours? I would venture that the answer to all three questions would be no. The answer to all three would be yes. They are the Grand Tours, and each of them has their own history, uniqueness and greatness.

Enjoy the Tours. Enjoy the days!

