



Tim in KY TdF Stage 18 is 180 kilometers from Gap to Barcelonnette through the foothills of the Alps. The finish town is 70 km southeast of Gap. But the route starts west for 19 km and then turns north for 40 km before heading southeast.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images->

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Tim in KY The profile is entirely up and down with five Cat 3 climbs and a few uncategorized climbs as well. Including the final 40 kilometers which are uphill. The final 5 km is quite serpentine and well-furnished but likely to be contested by a small group or a solo attacker.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images->

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images->

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12:26:38 pm



Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:20 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:45. Forecast is for sunshine in the upper-20s.

07-17-2024
12:27:24 pm



mmcally Bonjour a tous

07-18-2024
06:38:21 am



Charlie in Tenn Heiio

07-18-2024
06:41:55 am



Charlie in Tenn I am watching Healy, a couple of Bahrain guys, Campnearts, Cofidis, and every other team to try and make the brea.

07-18-2024
07:04:44 am



Tim in KY Back from my walk.

07-18-2024
07:08:53 am



Tim in KY In neutral.

07-18-2024
07:09:05 am



Tim in KY No word of any DNS today.

07-18-2024
07:09:20 am

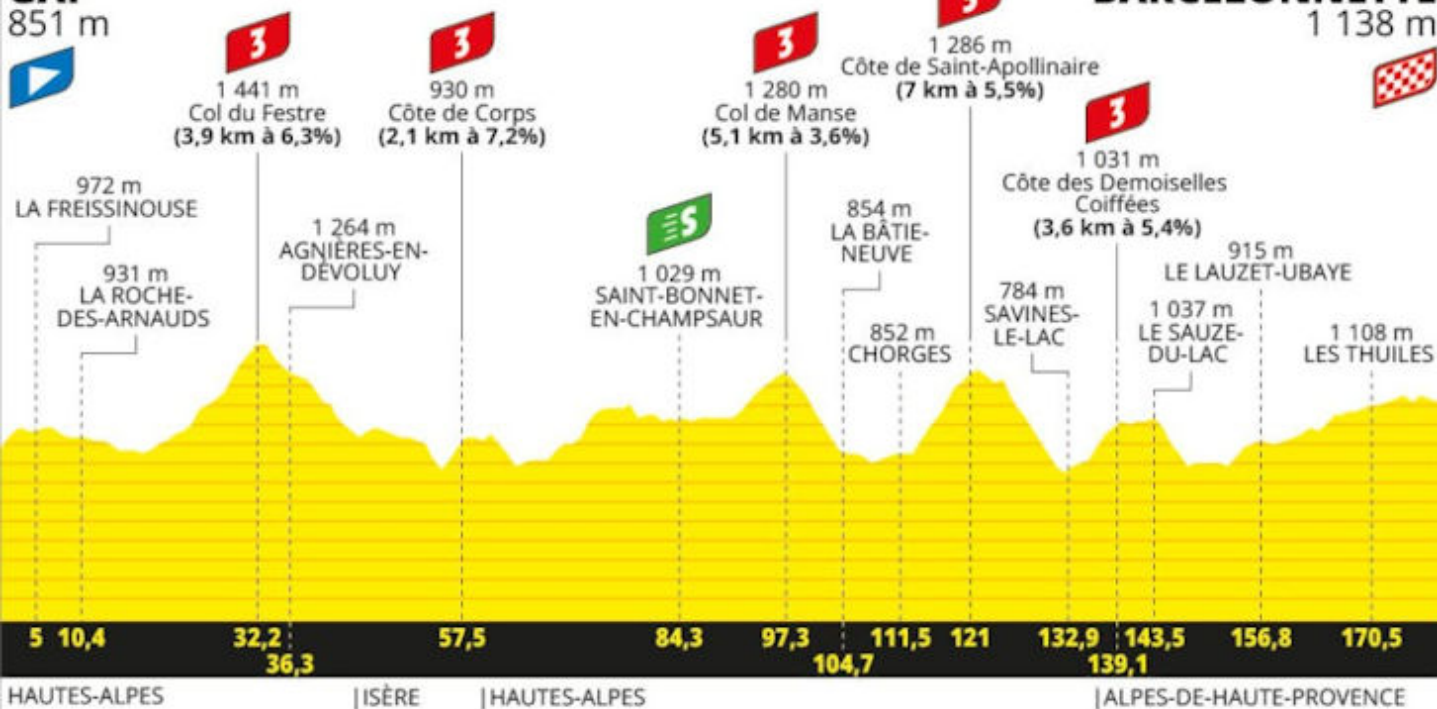


GAP

851 m

**BARCELONNETTE**

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179,5 km

BARCELONNETTE

ACCESS OR VEHICLE TRANSPORTERS from Gap, D900B, Espinasses, D900, Les Thuilles, D900, Barcelonnette D900, Avenue des Trois Frères Arnaud, D9, Rue de Mesnil-sur-Belvitte

Aérodrome de Barcelonnette
Saint-Pons

Les Chapeliers

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from depuis Gap, D900B, Espinasses, D900
Les Thuilles, D900, Quai de l'Ubaye

4,000m

5,000m

La Fournière
Haute

La Fournière
Basse

3,000m

2,000m

Avenue
Émile Aubert

Cornille

Avenue
Émile Aubert

Le Pied de
la Maure

Quartier militaire
du 11^e BCA

Le Chazelas

Bréguet

Le Plan

Quai de
l'Ubaye

Avenue
Émile Aubert

**GENERAL DIVERSION
250m**

Avenue des
Trois Frères
Arnaud

Place Aimé
Gassier

Route for the caravan
from the finish line towards
the base of the 11th BCA



John One crash already though. Hard to do in the neutral zone

07-18-2024
07:09:45 am



Tim in KY Somebody crashed in neutral yesterday, too. Seems like that should be hard to do.

07-18-2024
07:10:46 am



Tim in KY That's a first. Km0 came early.

07-18-2024
07:19:04 am



Charlie in Tenn The pundits seem to think MVDP and WVA should fight today.

07-18-2024
07:20:57 am



bikerabe lot of hard work for riders today

07-18-2024
07:28:10 am



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

07-18-2024
07:29:16 am



bikerabe Stuyven away in front

07-18-2024
07:31:33 am



Charlie in Tenn I heard Wellens name and didn't realize he was in the race. I have missed a lot of general knowledge this summer.

07-18-2024
07:35:49 am



Tim in KY Road goes up now even though it's not the official start of the first Cat 3.

07-18-2024
07:37:44 am



bikerabe gruppo compacto

07-18-2024
07:45:16 am



bikerabe no

07-18-2024
07:45:42 am



Tim in KY 18 riders have 27 seconds on the climb.

07-18-2024
07:50:38 am



Tim in KY Not sticking, though.

07-18-2024
07:52:12 am



Tim in KY Cav OTB. No surprise.

07-18-2024
07:54:47 am



Charlie in Tenn Wellens is behind Cav. Seems he has been sick and isolated from his team over the last few days.

07-18-2024
07:56:58 am



Tim in KY WvA and Quinn doing most of the work at the front.

07-18-2024
07:57:53 am



Tim in KY UAE and Visma blocking the front of the peloton,

07-18-2024
07:58:42 am



Charlie in Tenn Crapass is keeping it going as well

07-18-2024
07:59:49 am



Tim in KY The front bunch is too big for VG break points.

07-18-2024
08:00:36 am



Tim in KY Over the top.

07-18-2024
08:01:40 am



Charlie in Tenn 34 out front

07-18-2024
08:01:57 am



Tim in KY 22km to the next Cat 3. Most of it downhill.

07-18-2024
08:04:57 am



Tim in KY This lead group needs to shrink if it's going to succeed.

07-18-2024
08:13:39 am



Tim in KY Best time in the lead group is Seff Crass at 32:58.

07-18-2024
08:14:50 am



Charlie in Tenn G Thomas said he was supposed to watch the breaks and he hoped he was not in the one that got away. Kwiatko is Ineos man today. Well Kwiatko got in but so did Thomas.

07-18-2024
08:16:18 am



Charlie in Tenn 35 seems to be the number out front.

07-18-2024
08:17:21 am



Tim in KY Lots of flat tires on this descent.

07-18-2024
08:20:48 am



Tim in KY Why is UAE minding the gap?

07-18-2024
08:23:21 am



Charlie in Tenn Poels, Campenruts, G Martin, Van den Broek, and Johannessen have no teammates in the break.

07-18-2024
08:25:00 am



Charlie in Tenn UAE has the yellow jersey. It is their job.

07-18-2024
08:25:59 am



Tim in KY On the second Cat 3.

07-18-2024
08:30:41 am



Tim in KY But holding it at 3:30 is not their job.

07-18-2024
08:31:37 am



Charlie in Tenn Good point. 10 min seems like a better number.

07-18-2024
08:35:09 am



bikerabe Jasper Girmay otb but if this big break gets to inter. sprint no points for

07-18-2024
08:36:33 am



Tim in KY Climb up to the sprint is longer and steeper than the last Cat 3 but has no KOM points.

07-18-2024
08:39:31 am



Katie S Good morning, all. That's a large lead group with some prominent names.

07-18-2024
08:41:42 am



Tim in KY Good morning, Katie.

07-18-2024
08:44:05 am



Tim in KY Empty looking river.

07-18-2024
08:45:24 am



Tim in KY I guess it's time for chores.

07-18-2024
08:45:56 am



Charlie in Tenn Today's stage has more climbing than yesterday. More smaller climbs but still tough.

07-18-2024
08:47:24 am



Katie S "We still haven't solved the common puncture," says Phil in a discussion about technological advances. He speaks the truth.

07-18-2024
08:47:55 am



Katie S Good morning, Tim - I didn't see your greeting ... and now you're on your walk.

07-18-2024
08:49:19 am



Katie S Bob: "A bee in the bonnet is one thing, but a horn in your helmet is quite another kettle of fish." OK, I think that's hilarious.

07-18-2024
08:51:14 am



John Interesting shot of Jonas showing he uses Speedplay pedals. Theyâ€™re not very common in the peloton, though i do love mine

07-18-2024
08:51:59 am



Charlie in Tenn Katie, I really gained an appreciation of you and K8 and Dave during my 10 days in Washington. I didn't have internet so didn't need to get up to watch the race but I never would have made it.

07-18-2024
08:52:04 am



Katie S heh, heh, Charlie. Fortunately -- or unfortunately -- I work East Coast hours, so I'm always up and at my desk by 5:15-5:30. That ends up carrying over to the weekends.

07-18-2024
09:09:16 am



Charlie in Tenn Oh, well that would help. I am also a regular hours kind of person. However, those trips out west mess with me.

07-18-2024
09:15:53 am



PasadenaK8 ðŸˆ¸

07-18-2024
09:17:45 am



Katie S good morning!

07-18-2024
09:18:09 am



PasadenaK8 Mornin'!.

07-18-2024
09:18:29 am



PasadenaK8 Iâ€™m always in a race with myself, to see how many kms it takes me from when I wake up and start watching on my phone, to when I can get settled here on my computer and into the PUB. Was a long roll out start to my race this morning - about 25kms. Had parched plants & no coffee mechanicals that I had to deal with this morning *;-)

07-18-2024
09:28:27 am



Tim in KY Sorry I missed so much excitement. At least the gap has gone up decently. But that 36 need to shrink.

07-18-2024
09:28:55 am



Katie S Ha, K8!

07-18-2024
09:29:28 am



Katie S Yes, it's been riveting, Tim

07-18-2024
09:29:40 am



Tim in KY Katie, I had already taken my walk. I was making a Greek dinner salad to meld until supper time.

07-18-2024
09:30:22 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images->

07-18-2024

09:31:48 am

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Charlie in Tenn Tim, Looks good.

07-18-2024

09:32:17 am



PasadenaK8 Thanks, Tim!Â Perfect for summer time.

07-18-2024

09:33:38 am



Tim in KY Another long descent off a Cat 3.

07-18-2024

09:34:10 am



PasadenaK8 TdF Bingo, anyone? <https://bingobaker.com/view/3386638>

07-18-2024

09:34:49 am



Charlie in Tenn My new washer has a tub that is considerably bigger than the old one. I filled it up with a normal large load and still had plenty of room.

07-18-2024

09:38:08 am

Since the dryer is still smaller, I will just save that extra space for another time.Â The delivery and installation process was exceptional. They texted that they would be here between 2-6 pm. Got several texts during mid-day saying they were 2 stops away, then 1 stop, then they were already unloading at 1:30 pm. They installed it, removed the old one and left by 1:41 pm. I was impressed.



Katie S Very nice!

07-18-2024

09:38:44 am



Charlie in Tenn I like bingo.

07-18-2024

09:39:47 am



PasadenaK8 Click on the link, on the right, and it will generate your card.

07-18-2024

09:40:27 am



Charlie in Tenn The I column is stupid. "Break away with all French riders" and "break away with no French riders"

07-18-2024

09:41:50 am



Tim in KY The lead group is 6 minutes faster than the fastest...

07-18-2024

09:42:22 am



Katie S but breakaways can change. However, either one would be a rarity, I think.

07-18-2024

09:42:31 am



PasadenaK8 Not as easy as it seems...

07-18-2024
09:43:23 am



PasadenaK8 There's a square!

07-18-2024
09:43:52 am



Charlie in Tenn Also got my lawnmower seat and brakes squared away. My house sitter is not very mechanical. Well, other than being able to break mechanical things.

07-18-2024
09:44:00 am



PasadenaK8 Hmm, no Peacock ad square...

07-18-2024
09:44:48 am



Charlie in Tenn The clone button at the top allows you to edit the card so change away.

07-18-2024
09:46:32 am



Charlie in Tenn There are several different cards saved. click the bottom buttons to see them.

07-18-2024
09:48:14 am



PasadenaK8 We could make our own, if we can come up with 24 different ideas for squares...

07-18-2024
09:48:28 am



Tim in KY 2 KU to go for the front group.

07-18-2024
09:52:09 am



Katie S OK, K8 - we'll expect a Vuelta version from you. :D

07-18-2024
09:54:18 am



Katie S Healy launches.

07-18-2024
09:54:31 am



Katie S and has 3 guys with him

07-18-2024
09:55:25 am



Tim in KY Didn't last long.

07-18-2024
09:56:43 am



PasadenaK8 Couple of ideas for squares! Turty Tree Point Tree Left To Go 4:20 Gap Katie's cat steps on the pause button PCS Camper Van PubNuts miss the 2KUs to go mark

07-18-2024
09:57:14 am



Katie S nice!

07-18-2024
09:57:40 am



Tim in KY Start of the 4th Cat 3.

07-18-2024
09:58:40 am



Tim in KY Ther's the PCS van!

07-18-2024
09:59:03 am



PasadenaK8 Don't know if he's a fan of the Vuelta, but might add the Cyclops to the list too.

07-18-2024
10:00:50 am



Tim in KY Dropping a few guys of the front.

07-18-2024
10:02:42 am



SFinAus Good morning all.

07-18-2024
10:04:34 am



PasadenaK8 Morning!

07-18-2024
10:05:17 am



Tim in KY The fastest imaginable time at the top of this climb is 16:09.

07-18-2024
10:07:42 am



Tim in KY 16:08.

07-18-2024
10:09:06 am



Katie S pretty speedy

07-18-2024
10:09:17 am



Tim in KY Gap to the peloton keeps inching up.

07-18-2024
10:09:44 am



Katie S Peanut M&Ms!

07-18-2024
10:10:06 am



Tim in KY Is that a bingo square?

07-18-2024
10:10:25 am



Tim in KY Over 9 minutes now.

07-18-2024
10:11:28 am



PasadenaK8 Sometimes, before a stage, Iâ€™™ Google Map the route. Always gives me a chuckle, when I see that the route is estimated to be 10hrs long, (when riding a bike), and then these guys end up doing it in 5-6hrs.

07-18-2024
10:13:04 am



Katie S No kidding, K8. I look at them going 18 kph up a hill and realize that I'd be pulling 5-6 kph...

07-18-2024
10:24:44 am



SFinAus K8, that also doesn't factor in the overnight stay I'd need along the way.

07-18-2024
10:25:22 am



PasadenaK8 Hee-hee. And it doesn't factor in the Uber that I'd be calling.

07-18-2024
10:26:17 am



bikerabe leaders fighting on the 1st cat 3

07-18-2024
10:28:13 am



PasadenaK8 I'm getting a little miffed here. There hasn't been any of those drive up along side of the yellow or dots jersey shots. The cross-offs on my card are looking very sparse.

07-18-2024
10:29:06 am



bikerabe 1 lm to top

07-18-2024
10:31:15 am



Tim in KY 16:34 is the fastest imaginable on this climb.

07-18-2024
10:31:57 am



Tim in KY 16:32.

07-18-2024
10:33:03 am



bikerabe Kwiat 1st

07-18-2024
10:33:09 am



bikerabe can the Innie stay away?

07-18-2024
10:34:05 am



Katie S you mean, stay outie?

07-18-2024
10:34:17 am



Tim in KY Giggle.

07-18-2024
10:34:32 am



Alsska dave. There's another bingo card that has Phil mispronounced a name, Christian reports on the weather!

07-18-2024
10:34:34 am



PasadenaK8 Good ones, Dave - adding those to the list!

07-18-2024
10:35:17 am



Alsska dave. Good morning. It is a clear day so clean up operations are starting. My local community foundation is working to cover our insurance deductible.

07-18-2024
10:36:52 am



Katie S that's good news

07-18-2024
10:37:30 am



SFinAus Does Bobke still say "Tour Day France". Â Maybe that's too easy though. Â You don't want bingo cards filling up too fast

07-18-2024
10:37:41 am



Alsska dave. Steve Purino drinking in an infinity pool.

07-18-2024
10:38:31 am



PasadenaK8 I've got "Alcohol Stop For Perino"

07-18-2024
10:39:00 am



PasadenaK8 That's a sure bet

07-18-2024
10:39:16 am



PasadenaK8 Ruh-roh, there's one square I wish I wasn't ticking off.

07-18-2024
10:40:16 am



Katie S innie crash?

07-18-2024
10:40:32 am



Katie S what was that?

07-18-2024
10:40:49 am



SFinAus Uno X? Johannessen

07-18-2024
10:41:40 am



PasadenaK8 Uno-X rider

07-18-2024
10:41:40 am



bikerabe Johannsen has incident

07-18-2024
10:41:47 am



bikerabe Dave, Juneau you have good community when local foundation does that

07-18-2024
10:43:25 am



SFinAus Amazing there wasn't another rider or two hitting the deck.
Â Whew.

07-18-2024
10:43:27 am



Charlie in Tenn Vercher is the guy that crashed in the neutral zone.

07-18-2024
10:43:29 am



Charlie in Tenn Dave, hope they can help out.

07-18-2024
10:44:21 am



bikerabe Campernuts and Vercher with Kwiat

07-18-2024
10:45:04 am



PasadenaK8 Those are some wild rocks.

07-18-2024
10:45:54 am



Alsska dave. Some where on a cliff or in a ravine is a very expensive bike.

07-18-2024
10:52:19 am



PasadenaK8 I bet! Was just reading that those rocks are called "Hoodoos"

07-18-2024
10:52:57 am



KimC Good morning all! Slow morning here in Cali for me, but it looks like
lâ€™m joining in time for a bit more excitement.

07-18-2024
10:54:11 am



Alsska dave. Close up of rider injury

07-18-2024
10:54:29 am



Katie S is that a Bingo square?

07-18-2024
10:54:52 am



PasadenaK8 Future one. (good one)

07-18-2024
10:55:04 am



Charlie in Tenn Kim you made it for some very interesting racing.

07-18-2024
10:57:29 am



bikerabe the route is a real grinder all the way to finish

07-18-2024
10:59:00 am



Tim in KY Looks like the front three are going to fight it out for the win.

07-18-2024
10:59:34 am



Charlie in Tenn Campernuts and Kwiatto are both super TTers, Vercher is
good going uphill so they have a great chance.

07-18-2024
11:01:09 am



bikerabe both chasing groups falling back

07-18-2024
11:02:48 am



SFinAus Yeah, group 2 doesn't look particularly organized or motivated.

07-18-2024
11:04:06 am



bikerabe more likely 2 chase groups merge

07-18-2024
11:07:13 am



Tim in KY 1 and 2 are only 17 seconds apart.

07-18-2024
11:09:02 am



Alaska Davr It's over for the chase.

07-18-2024
11:09:07 am



Tim in KY The peloton is at 15:24 now.

07-18-2024
11:12:05 am



Katie S Fair to say they're not contesting...

07-18-2024
11:12:26 am



PasadenaK8 Saving themselves for tomorrow, which looks like a doozy.

07-18-2024
11:14:26 am



PasadenaK8 <https://www.procyclingstats.com/race/tour-de-france/2024/stage-19/info/profiles>

07-18-2024
11:14:28 am



Tim in KY Two HCs and a Cat 1 finish.

07-18-2024
11:14:58 am



SFinAus Hubba hubba

07-18-2024
11:15:15 am



Katie S I'll have to check the imagined times to see if I need to get up earlier to be up in time for the Col de Vars

07-18-2024
11:16:31 am



Tim in KY Off the main road now.

07-18-2024
11:16:34 am



Charlie in Tenn G Martin and Stef Cras will both be in the top ten if things finish as they are

07-18-2024
11:17:05 am



Tim in KY Km0 is at 12:30, finish 16:45.

07-18-2024
11:17:53 am



Charlie in Tenn Those teams with the 8-13 riders may go to the front of the peloton.

07-18-2024
11:18:03 am



PasadenaK8 Col de Vars: 1:20am -> 1:55am, (Yurp time)

07-18-2024
11:18:18 am



PasadenaK8 https://www.lemonde.fr/les-decodeurs/article/2024/06/28/guide-de-la-sieste-sur-le-tour-de-france-2024-pour-ne-rater-aucun-moment-fort-de-la-grande-boucle_6245031_4355770.html

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11:18:21 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1721316250-stage-18-route-finale.jpg>

07-18-2024
11:19:12 am



bikerabe 3 km to go

07-18-2024
11:21:25 am



Tim in KY Earliest imaginable finish is 17:30.

07-18-2024
11:21:45 am



bikerabe tomorrow stage Peacock starts 3 am Pacific race after 3:30 am

07-18-2024
11:23:45 am



SFinAus Cat and mousing a bit

07-18-2024
11:23:47 am



PasadenaK8 Just noticed that Cavendish is riding with the main peloton. That's gotta be a first for him on a mountain stage.

07-18-2024
11:24:08 am



Katie S Fantastic!

07-18-2024
11:24:56 am



Katie S Good on 'im!

07-18-2024
11:25:23 am



SFinAus Campernuts! Â Hard to believe it's his first TdF win. Â Well deserved. Â Happy family time too!

07-18-2024
11:26:39 am



Katie S Very sweet!

07-18-2024
11:26:55 am

BARCELONNETTE

ACCESS OR VEHICLE TRANSPORTERS from Gap, D900B, Espinasses, D900, Les Thuilles, D900, Barcelonnette D900, Avenue des Trois Frères Arnaud, D9, Rue de Mesnil-sur-Belvitte

Aérodrome de Barcelonnette
Saint-Pons

Les Chapeliers

GENERAL DIVERSION

ACCESS FOR OFF-COURSE VEHICLES
from depuis Gap, D900B, Espinasses, D900
Les Thuilles, D900, Quai de l'Ubaye

4,000m

5,000m

La Fournière
Haute

La Fournière
Basse

3,000m

2,000m

Avenue
Émile Aubert

Cornille

Avenue
Émile Aubert

Le Pied de
la Maure

Quartier militaire
du 11^e BCA

Le Chazelas

Bréguet

Le Plan

Quai de
l'Ubaye

Avenue
Émile Aubert

**GENERAL DIVERSION
250m**

Avenue des
Trois Frères
Arnaud

Place Aimé
Gassier

Route for the caravan
from the finish line towards
the base of the 11th BCA



bikerabe victory for Victor !

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11:27:11 am



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07-18-2024
11:27:12 am



SFinAus Time for some brunch whilst waiting for the main group.

07-18-2024
11:27:52 am



SFinAus Didi! Â (A definite bingo square.)

07-18-2024
11:34:12 am



PasadenaK8 Yes!

07-18-2024
11:34:21 am



PasadenaK8 Peacock Freezes should be another square. Arg!

07-18-2024
11:36:02 am



Katie S indeed!

07-18-2024
11:36:24 am



PasadenaK8 1km...

07-18-2024
11:37:22 am



PasadenaK8 Yellow Jersey square â€š

07-18-2024
11:38:09 am



PasadenaK8 Dots Jersey square â€š

07-18-2024
11:38:21 am



Katie S rolling in

07-18-2024
11:38:31 am



PasadenaK8 No bingo for me, but tomorrow is another day... Toodles, everyone.

07-18-2024
11:39:39 am



Katie S All righty, all. See you tomorrow for the penultimate mountain stage ... though the final TT does have a nice fat cat 2 ...

07-18-2024
11:40:20 am



Katie S Capernuts is overcome with emo

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Preliminary results.

RNK.	RIDER	TEAM	TIME
1	 CAMPENAERTS Victor	Lotto Dstny	4:10:20
2	 VERCHER Mattéo	TotalEnergies	0:00
3	 KWIATKOWSKI Michal	INEOS Grenadiers	0:00
4	 SKUJINS Toms	Lidl - Trek	0:22
5	 LAZKANO Oier	Movistar Team	0:22
6	 LEMMEN Bart	Team Visma Lease a Bike	0:22
7	 NEILANDS Kristis	Israel - Premier Tech	0:22
8	 HINDLEY Jai	Red Bull - BORA - hansgrohe	0:22
9	 VAN AERT Wout	Team Visma Lease a Bike	0:37
10	 MATTHEWS Michael	Team Jayco AlUla	0:37



Katie S "I became a father and it was blue skies"

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SFinAus Wow. Â This is great.

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