



Tim in KY TdF Stage 14 is 183 kilometers from Pau south into the high mountains for a summit finish at the ski resort Superbagnères. 07-18-2025 01:16:35 pm



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Tim in KY There are four big climbs on the route, two HCs bookending a Cat 2 and a Cat 1. The first 70 kilometers are a false flat to the start of Tourmalet. From there it's a sawtooth of up and down. 07-18-2025 01:17:25 pm



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Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 12:15 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:25. Forecast is for clouds and the possibility of rain all along the route. Temps in the upper-teens to low-20s. 07-18-2025 01:18:46 pm



Tim in KY There were no DNS or OTL on Stage 13. The Visma team car was fined 500CHF for Breach of regulations or guidelines concerning vehicle movements. 07-18-2025 01:23:05 pm



Tim in KY Bryan has officially abandon after finishing the time trial. 07-18-2025 03:27:40 pm



BusterSci I'm calling the finish "Superbangers" and there's nothing you can do to stop me. Let's make this tour fit for English tourists! 07-19-2025 05:20:28 am



Tim in KY What? No supermash? 07-19-2025 05:42:56 am

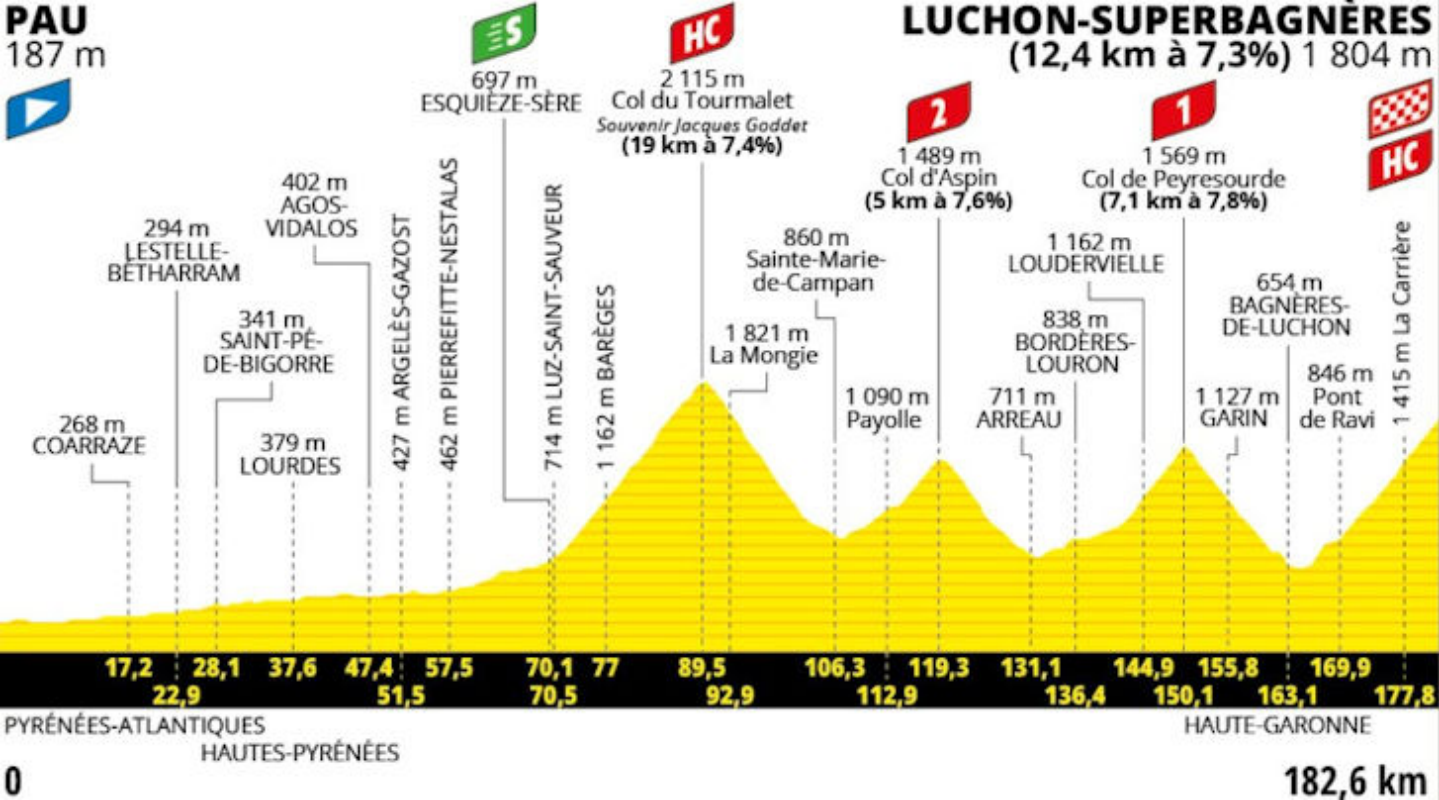


PAU

187 m

**LUCHON-SUPERBAGNÈRES**

(12,4 km à 7,3%) 1 804 m



714 m LUZ-SAINT-SAUVEUR - **km 70,5**

Pied de col

735 m ESTERRE - **km 71**

848 m Lonquere-Glarets - **km 72,5**

1 162 m BARÈGES - **km 77**

1 490 m Tournaboup - **km 81**

1 745 m Super Barèges
km 84,9

COL DU TOURMALET

Souvenir Jacques Goddet

2 115 m - **km 89,5**

(19 km à 7,4%)

HC

Pourcentage moyen par kilomètre

6,2 6,2 7,6 7,7 8 7,6 8,6 5,4 8,7 7,6 5,9 8,2 8,4 7,7 4,4 6,2 10,9 7,2 9,8

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

2 100 m
2 000 m
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
1 000 m
900 m
800 m
700 m

LUCHON-SUPERBAGNÈRES

1 804 m - **km 182,6**
(12,4 km à 7,3%)



890 m Pont de Ravi - **km 170,2**

Pied de col

1 089 m L'Ourson - **km 173,5**

1 415 m La Carrière
km 177,8

1 658 m Superbagnères
(entrée)
km 181,1

Pourcentage moyen par kilomètre



1 800 m
1 700 m
1 600 m
1 500 m
1 400 m
1 300 m
1 200 m
1 100 m
1 000 m
900 m
800 m
700 m



Tim in KY Rain chances have diminished but not to zero. Still near 20% on the final climb.

07-19-2025
05:44:28 am



Tim in KY The sprint comes just before the start of the Tourmalet. It's possible that the sprint teams will prevent a break for that first 70 km of false flat.

07-19-2025
05:47:09 am



Tim in KY So far Coquard remains the only confirmed DNS today.

07-19-2025
05:47:38 am



Tim in KY Le Tour site has pictures of spectators in Pau with umbrellas up and PCS just posted that it's raining there but radar shows nothing. Stream isn't up yet.

07-19-2025
05:53:53 am



Tim in KY By way of trivia, there are seven teams that have received no fines so far and seven with only one fine. Jayco has managed to accumulate 1700CHF in fines.

07-19-2025
05:59:01 am



Tim in KY Neutral has started and there is no rain right now.

07-19-2025
06:01:21 am



Tim in KY Back later.

07-19-2025
06:01:27 am



mmcally Bonjour à tous. Three years ago yesterday I did the ride up the Col du Tourmalet from Luz-Saint-Sauveur. . Easily my most enjoyable day I have ever spent on a bike. The start town of Pau is where my wife and I plan to retire in five years. This should be another great day in the Tour. Enjoy the day!

07-19-2025
06:09:28 am



BusterSci I spent one of the hottest three days of my life in Pau and Tarbes on a work trip. Probably high 30s, no AC anywhere. Just awful. Had no opportunity to enjoy anything.

07-19-2025
06:13:13 am



mmcally It was a heat wave when we were there as well in the summer of '22. We had no issues with it and enjoyed every second of it.

07-19-2025
06:19:28 am



BusterSci I live in Minnesota and you live in... where? ;)

07-19-2025
06:20:07 am



mmcally I was born and raised in the cold of Vermont, but you are correct in the majority of my life has been spent in the heat of Phoenix.

07-19-2025
06:22:45 am



BusterSci We do adjust. Up here in the spring we wear shorts when it hits 40 and in the fall we wear jackets when it drops to 50. Living somewhere is different than visiting.

07-19-2025
06:24:17 am



mmcnally Very true. I get cold when the temps drop into the 70s. But I usually adapt pretty quickly to my setting. Many of my trips to France have been in the cold months (cheaper flights) and I adjust fast. Probably some is just the thrill of being there.

07-19-2025
06:27:30 am



BusterSci Oh yeah. A few years ago we were in Paris in November. We were walking around--did about 15km. Anyway, it was chilly and Parisians were bundled in parkers and puffer jackets and I had to dump my light coat in my bag and exist in my t-shirt. But being there is a big part of the adjustment.

07-19-2025
06:32:29 am



BusterSci The worst thing about our late fall trips is adjusting to the European need for heat. When it's 50 outside in this part of the world our public buildings are typically in the low to mid 60s. In Europe they're in the high 70s or even low 80s. I'm just not used to breaking into a sweat every time I walk into a building.

07-19-2025
06:34:14 am



mmcnally I also enjoy being there in low tourist season. Our first time at Versailles we walked straight in with no lines at all. There is a trade off not being in the nice weather. But the ease of getting around and being more "local" is quite nice.

07-19-2025
06:34:53 am



BusterSci Absolutely! We always want to hit places between the end of the summer season and the start of Christmas markets. The stuff we like to see is going to be there regardless.

07-19-2025
06:35:49 am



BusterSci On the temps, I could do myself a favor by internalizing that temperature is a reason why, around the world, northerners move fast and southerners move slowly. But that's a cultural thing that is deeply ingrained and it's hard to overcome as a visitor.

07-19-2025
06:37:30 am



BusterSci I suppose that's around the northern hemisphere. Probably the opposite in the southern hemisphere. And elevation plays a role.

07-19-2025
06:40:08 am



mmcnally I always find my body reacts better in the spring, summer and early fall. When things get cold I tend to go into my own version of hibernation. Which is strange out here as that when the temps get to be the best. Probably more of a personality quirk.

07-19-2025
06:42:05 am



BusterSci Possible. But I'd argue it's normal. Whether you start at 70 or 100, once you drop 50 degrees you want to nest in your cozy house.

07-19-2025
06:45:40 am



mmcally In VT I was more snowmobile or ice fishing then I was skiing. On the snowmobile I was bundled up like a mummy and ice fishing we stayed in a nice shanty.

07-19-2025
06:47:48 am



BusterSci Love listening to ice crack in an ice house. Especially when a crack starts across the lack and you hear it approach and go right under the shack.

07-19-2025
06:48:55 am



Tim in KY Faster than the fastest for now.

07-19-2025
06:49:15 am



mmcally I was a big fan of the coming perch fry after we were done. haha.

07-19-2025
06:49:46 am



Tim in KY Not sure what Fred's plan is.

07-19-2025
06:50:43 am



Tim in KY Halfway to the sprint.

07-19-2025
06:58:52 am



Rocket City Gal Good morning. Raining here and the sky is grumbling.

07-19-2025
07:00:25 am



Tim in KY Steff Cars of Total has abandon. Not sure why.

07-19-2025
07:01:19 am



BusterSci Was wondering why a staff car would abandon. Autocorrect got at Tim.

07-19-2025
07:05:42 am



Katie S Good morning!

07-19-2025
07:16:35 am



Katie S We, too, enjoy traveling in the off season. Fewer crowds, not as hot as summer (nearly everywhere is hotter than where we live, except where the penguin lives - and Dave). In fact, we're going to Germany in mid-November this year.

07-19-2025
07:18:54 am



Tim in KY Hi, Katie.

07-19-2025
07:18:57 am



Tim in KY Currently 7 minutes faster than the fastest.

07-19-2025
07:20:58 am



BusterSci We've shut down out of state travel until at least fall of 26. Frau retires in the spring and doesn't want to do anything until then so she can collect her banked vacation time, relax, and keep stress low.

07-19-2025
07:22:26 am



BusterSci Plus, we've got 3 of four parents with health issues and it's kind of fallen on us in each of our families.

07-19-2025
07:25:03 am



mmcally A nice early retirement treat for yourself, Katie.

07-19-2025
07:27:55 am



Katie S Indeed! My approach to earned vacation is to use it instead of getting taxed on a cash out. I did that once, and I was annoyed

07-19-2025
07:29:50 am



Charlie in Tenn Hi All, I have missed you over the last few days. I see Pog is just being Pog. Vinge looks good for second. Rog in the top ten. Young guys are going to have to show their stuff the rest of the way. Today could be exciting. I, however, will not get to watch anything after 8:30 am again.

07-19-2025
07:30:24 am



Tim in KY SkillMouse falling farther and farther behind.

07-19-2025
07:30:25 am



Charlie in Tenn Is he sick or injured?

07-19-2025
07:30:49 am



Katie S He's got quite a chore to survive the day

07-19-2025
07:31:01 am



BusterSci Frau gets to use hers to extend her employment. She'll just take 5 or 6 weeks vacation after she leaves the building the last time.

07-19-2025
07:31:01 am



Katie S Perfect

07-19-2025
07:31:15 am



Tim in KY He lost an argument with the road furniture, Charlie.

07-19-2025
07:31:40 am



Katie S Quite a sticky bottle for Remco

07-19-2025
07:32:01 am



Katie S Hi Charlie!

07-19-2025
07:32:40 am



Charlie in Tenn Katie S, good job leading the fantasy league. I am in a solid 19th. 07-19-2025 07:32:59 am



Joanna in Virginia Good morning! 07-19-2025 07:34:01 am



Tim in KY Any word on why Cras abandoned? 07-19-2025 07:34:17 am



Tim in KY Hi, Jo. Day off? 07-19-2025 07:34:31 am



Katie S I took PEDs when tossing the darts. I confess. 07-19-2025 07:34:44 am



Rob You get a lot more options with holiday than we do over here, if we don't use it we lose it. 07-19-2025 07:35:16 am



Joanna in Virginia Sort of. No barn, but lots of "to do" items on my list for scheduling and saddle company. No rest for the wicked. 07-19-2025 07:35:24 am



mmcally Tim - the team tweeted out that Cras was sick. 07-19-2025 07:35:41 am



Charlie in Tenn My Italian women are in a solid last place. I need to take something. 07-19-2025 07:35:47 am



Tim in KY Thanks Mike. That looked like the reason. 07-19-2025 07:36:14 am



Tim in KY Lidl chased down the front three. 07-19-2025 07:37:30 am



BusterSci "My Italian women..." is a phrase I really didn't expect from Charlie. 07-19-2025 07:37:51 am



Joanna in Virginia Regarding the Fantasy Leagues - I am not going to enter the "stage hunter" versions again as I never have time to investigate the stage and change riders. If you see my team show up in the future, it is an imposter. LOL! That said, it is a solid plan if aiming for LR. 07-19-2025 07:39:46 am

PasadenaK8 Mornin' 🙌 🤔 zzz. Happy Artie Day!

07-19-2025 07:40:28 am



BusterSci Yeah, the side games aren't my deal. What I like about the base league is set and forget.

07-19-2025
07:40:58 am



Katie S I don't even understand them

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07:41:33 am



Joanna in Virginia <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752925657-1752925357375.jpeg>

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Tim in KY Milan takes max on the sprint.

07-19-2025
07:42:55 am



bikerabe Milan wins int. sprint

07-19-2025
07:42:59 am



Katie S I miss the green-apple green of the points jersey.

07-19-2025
07:45:16 am



BusterSci I like the current one. Classy.

07-19-2025
07:47:08 am



Katie S Love the photo, Jo. How *did* you get Artie up there?!

07-19-2025
07:47:13 am



Charlie in Tenn This is my Saturday to volunteer at the Storehouse and possibly go out to pick up furniture donations. We will have extra help today so I also have to decide what they need to do, if I go out. I volunteered to just move furniture, now I am a boss and I have to think so much. It is tough on an old guy.

07-19-2025
07:47:19 am



Katie S Hang in there, Charlie. Thinking is hard.

07-19-2025
07:48:28 am



BusterSci Let's leave politics out of it.

07-19-2025
07:48:43 am



Joanna in Virginia Obviously Katie, he rode his bike. :D

07-19-2025
07:49:55 am



Charlie in Tenn Remco going the wrong direction. This could be a long day for him.

07-19-2025
07:50:23 am



Le route des cols

COLT DU TOURMALET
(Alt. 2115 m)



Tim in KY Remco is unwell somehow.

07-19-2025
07:50:35 am



Tim in KY Of course I have both SkillMouse and Remco.

07-19-2025
07:51:11 am



Charlie in Tenn I have 3 in the break. Maybe I will have a better day than Remco.

07-19-2025
07:55:48 am



Tim in KY Have to make a big Greek-ish salad to meld for supper tonight. I got as big block of real sheep's milk feta for it.

07-19-2025
07:58:06 am



Tim in KY Back in a bit.

07-19-2025
07:58:13 am



Katie S Oh yum!

07-19-2025
07:58:23 am



BusterSci Emiel Verystrange. That's the name.

07-19-2025
07:58:38 am



Alaska Dave Good morning from Wisconsin. I'm up early for my family here, but it's a slow waking crowd. First generation of reunion is 13 (8 siblings 5 spouses), second generation is around 25 (at least 5 couldn't make it) third generation is 6. Quite the gathering

07-19-2025
07:59:07 am



Alaska Dave They don't get cycling. But then they don't get why I live in Alaska.

07-19-2025
07:59:56 am



Charlie in Tenn Sounds fun, Dave.

07-19-2025
08:00:08 am



Katie S What a gathering, Dave.

07-19-2025
08:00:45 am



Katie S Dots socks. Like? Loathe?















07-19-2025
08:04:53 am



BusterSci I drove past Trek world headquarters on a wandering trip home from my brother's hunting property in WI this spring.

07-19-2025
08:05:35 am

Unfortunately, that left me with Abba's Waterloo running throng my head for the next 4 hours.

	BusterSci Anything is better than dot shorts	07-19-2025 08:05:51 am
	BusterSci WOAHH WOAHH WOAHH WOAHH WATERLOO, finally facing my Waterloo	07-19-2025 08:08:30 am
	Rocket City Gal Happy Artie Day. We'll be on the road most of yhe day. Charlie, I'll wave towards the west as we drive by.	07-19-2025 08:09:14 am
	Rocket City Gal I don't think Remco's gonna finish today. He looks BAD.	07-19-2025 08:09:51 am
	Katie S Feel for Remco... yuck	07-19-2025 08:09:56 am
	BusterSci Somebody get their bags mixed up?	07-19-2025 08:10:52 am
	Charlie in Tenn With Sheila's family in Utah, it was 1st gen (2) Patriarch and second wife, then 2nd gen (15) 8 siblings/7 spouses, then 3 gen (32) 29 kids/3 spouses. Five in Gen 3 were not able to make it. So very similar numbers.	07-19-2025 08:12:02 am
	Katie S Remco just gave his bottle to a kid. I hope it doesn't have virus all over it...	07-19-2025 08:12:43 am
	Katie S But very touching.	07-19-2025 08:12:53 am
	Mikey Hello remco	07-19-2025 08:13:49 am
	PasadenaK8 Ah, sad for Remco.	07-19-2025 08:14:14 am
	Charlie in Tenn RCG, where are you going?	07-19-2025 08:14:23 am
	Charlie in Tenn Sorry for Remco. I sure hate to work when I am sick.	07-19-2025 08:14:58 am
	BusterSci I retired because I never had to use the last four words of that, Charlie.	07-19-2025 08:15:38 am



Mikey Almost said did I miss anything

07-19-2025
08:15:42 am



Mikey did skeemoose crash?

07-19-2025
08:16:22 am



Charlie in Tenn Yes

07-19-2025
08:16:52 am



Mikey I got to a tour of the trek hq quite a few years back. I was supposed to pick up my new bike but there was some mix up imagine that and it wasn't ready. Still interesting Fascinating to watch them intstall internal wiring

07-19-2025
08:22:14 am



Alaska Dave Today is the obligatory salmon dinner. We have enough food for 80, but it is appreciated. My three grandchildren will keep everyone entertained while the adults prepare the food.

07-19-2025
08:22:28 am



Alaska Dave Anyone else getting Spanish commercials?

07-19-2025
08:23:17 am



Katie S Nyet

07-19-2025
08:24:09 am



Alaska Dave We missed the Trek tour the one day we went through Waterloo.

07-19-2025
08:26:09 am



mmcnally Very cool, Mikey. I was introduced to Trek bikes when I was kid and it has been the only bikes I have ever owned since. I would love to do a tour of their facility if I ever get to that part of the country.

07-19-2025
08:27:00 am



Charlie in Tenn So Visma has Sepp up the road a little. Lenny probably wants KOM points and probably to try for the stage. Woods fits there also but also to help Gall. Everyone else is just KOMs and stage and move up in GC.

07-19-2025
08:27:28 am



Charlie in Tenn With that last thought, I am out of here. Good luck everyone.

07-19-2025
08:28:25 am



Alaska Dave Which battle will be more suspenseful? Tadej's quest for three leaders jerseys or the battle for third spot on the podium?

07-19-2025
08:28:32 am



Katie S Um, the latter.

07-19-2025
08:29:50 am



mmcally The fog looks great for TV pictures, but sure glad my trip up the Tourmalet was under a clear sky. The views were spectacular.

07-19-2025
08:30:24 am



Joanna in Virginia The eejit factor is increasing.

07-19-2025
08:31:22 am



Katie S Eejits in the midst

07-19-2025
08:32:15 am



Alaska Dave Cyclists in the mist

07-19-2025
08:32:45 am



Alaska Dave 9000 euros for the first cyclist with 50 mountain points. Motivation for Martinez

07-19-2025
08:34:00 am



Katie S And 20 points, putting him 10 to the better of Pog. For now.

07-19-2025
08:35:31 am



PasadenaK8 Add to that list of battles, an attempt to surpass the number of the most TdF yellow jerseys won by the same rider, within the same year (currently at 8, Pog has 4)

07-19-2025
08:35:51 am



Katie S Did you see that?! Juju !!

07-19-2025
08:36:10 am



Joanna in Virginia Okay, averting my eyes.

07-19-2025
08:36:29 am



Katie S Old school with the aid of a spectator's cardboard

07-19-2025
08:36:38 am



Katie S Scary

07-19-2025
08:40:04 am



Alaska Dave Yikes

07-19-2025
08:40:53 am



Alaska Dave Roads wetter as they descend.

07-19-2025
08:41:13 am



BusterSci Reminds me of the Giro back in the LUG days where the last climb was so fogged they just sat with the camera at the summit and we watched riders emerge from the mist.

07-19-2025
08:41:55 am



BusterSci Lenny under the clouds

07-19-2025
08:42:13 am



BusterSci Lenny needs a domestique named Squiggy.

07-19-2025
08:43:24 am



Katie S !!!

07-19-2025
08:43:50 am



PasadenaK8 lol

07-19-2025
08:43:56 am



BusterSci What's up with the pumping head on that Tudor guy?

07-19-2025
08:44:05 am



Tim in KY Damp.

07-19-2025
08:44:05 am



Tim in KY I'm against dotted gloves and socks.

07-19-2025
08:45:01 am



Joanna in Virginia Thank you, Buster, for the infinitesimal...er...very generous donation to the Tip Jar! Folks, it was generous, I just wanted to give Buster what he was pining for. And no, not the Fjords.

07-19-2025
08:50:16 am



BusterSci I was tempted, but assumed you'd play along regardless and I was right.

07-19-2025
08:51:16 am



BusterSci And I prefer "Miserly"

07-19-2025
08:51:38 am



Rocket City Gal A quick peek in the Pub door before we head out. I'm going to dub Martinez LennieAnnieDots today.

07-19-2025
08:51:54 am



Tim in KY Lenny is at the bottom.

07-19-2025
08:52:27 am



Rocket City Gal Or maybe it's LennieAnyDots?

07-19-2025
08:53:21 am



Rocket City Gal Or LennyManyDots. Ok, that works best methinks. .

07-19-2025
08:54:12 am



Joanna in Virginia We know each other well, despite never having actually met. :)

07-19-2025
08:54:37 am



Tim in KY Lenny is still 3 minutes faster than the fastest...

07-19-2025
08:55:29 am



Rocket City Gal Jo, if you see Artie today he gets an extra carrot or apple because it's his day today!

07-19-2025
08:55:38 am



Tim in KY So. Remco just worn out.

07-19-2025
08:57:01 am



Rocket City Gal So they say. Missed a lot of winter training and now he's wo' out.

07-19-2025
08:57:39 am



mmcnally I wonder how many sticky gels Lenny can fit in his back pockets.

07-19-2025
08:58:55 am



Rocket City Gal More rain, more rumbles. Soooo sick of rain. I think almost everyone in our neighborhood is getting new roofs this summer courtesy of the tornado near-miss 2 months ago with 10 min of hail up to 2" diameter.

07-19-2025
08:59:30 am



Joanna in Virginia You've got it RCG!

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08:59:48 am



Alaska Dave Will the Belgian postal service recover from causing Remco's crash

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09:00:04 am



Rocket City Gal https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752930375-IMG_6020.jpeg

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09:01:16 am



Rocket City Gal This wasn't on the ground, fortunately ; we were at the fringes of it.

07-19-2025
09:02:17 am



Rocket City Gal Remco abandons

07-19-2025
09:03:31 am

Alaska Dave Skelmos crash caused by road furniture

07-19-2025
09:03:34 am





Tim in KY Actually it was caused by Skillmouse.

07-19-2025
09:04:53 am



Tim in KY He wasn't paying attention.

07-19-2025
09:05:32 am



BusterSci Yes. It can happen either way but this time the road furniture was innocent.

07-19-2025
09:06:01 am



BusterSci Frank Ferrand has a fan I guess.

07-19-2025
09:06:38 am



Alaska Dave Closed caption says we will climb the payroll sword

07-19-2025
09:10:55 am



BusterSci Awesome

07-19-2025
09:11:18 am



Joanna in Virginia :P

07-19-2025
09:13:25 am



Tim in KY Eejits.

07-19-2025
09:19:55 am



PasadenaK8 Cha-ching! Martinez MoneyBag\$

07-19-2025
09:20:52 am



Tim in KY Who's the SOQ with Sepp?

07-19-2025
09:20:56 am



Tim in KY This a very twisty-turny descent.

07-19-2025
09:21:36 am



Tim in KY Parrot-Painter.

07-19-2025
09:22:02 am



Alaska Dave Thank god there's not a polka dot rain cape.

07-19-2025
09:24:02 am



Joanna in Virginia For now, Alaska Dave, for now...

07-19-2025
09:24:23 am

BusterSci Pog should wear a cape. And his underwear outside his tights.

07-19-2025
09:25:04 am



BusterSci And the initial of his nationality on his chest.

07-19-2025
09:25:27 am



BusterSci mcnally: Ever run into a Frank Campbell while cycling in the AZ heat?

07-19-2025
09:27:18 am



BusterSci Interesting. That Pods commercial looked like it was made for cycling, with a team coming out of a POD

07-19-2025
09:29:12 am



PasadenaK8 "Parrot-Painter" reminded me of this artistic duo who get up at the crack of dawn during the Tour to begin painting their owl & butterfly masterpieces... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBJWqhgQrVc>

07-19-2025
09:29:19 am



bikerabe 2 more climbs interesting Sepp is in lead group of 3

07-19-2025
09:29:22 am



BusterSci Visma has decided that it's time to go for stage wins

07-19-2025
09:30:16 am



bikerabe Go Sepp Go

07-19-2025
09:31:11 am



mmcnally Buster - I haven't run into him. At least knowingly. Most folks just wave as they cruise past me. :)

07-19-2025
09:31:40 am



BusterSci Friends here laughed when I asked him if he'd run into you, because in the last couple years he's taken out my best friend and David Yeatman by running into them.

07-19-2025
09:34:34 am



mmcnally Do you know what part of the Valley he lives/rides in?

07-19-2025
09:35:06 am



BusterSci Well, he winters on the east side of Tucson (summers up here) but does group rides in PHX occasionally. Can't answer where he rides in PHX.

07-19-2025
09:36:34 am



mmcnally Gotcha. I live in NW Phoenix and do most of my riding in that area, but venture to South Mountain quite bit. Tucson is great for cycling. Probably the most bike friendly with all the dedicated bike paths.

07-19-2025
09:38:08 am



BusterSci As they were showing that little village and church steeple it occurred to me that I don't hear Phil and Bobke reading out the tourist sites the way Sherwen used to.

07-19-2025
09:38:39 am



BusterSci I don't know that are of PHX at all. My parents used to winter in Gold Canyon so I have some familiarity with the east side but never went west of, say, 51.

07-19-2025
09:41:45 am



BusterSci Which brings up a poll for all y'all. In MN we refer to our major highways without a definite article. In PHX they add the definite article. We get on 94 and go south on 100. PHX takes the 60 to the 101. So in your neck of the woods, to you use the definite article or not?

07-19-2025
09:44:40 am



Trish in MA Growing up in Scottsdale, I'm strictly an East Valley girl whenever I go back to Phx (seldom). Venturing past Central Ave. seems to bring on a case of hives.

07-19-2025
09:44:45 am



mmcnally We built in the NW to get away from people and over the 25+ years are now in the middle of people. Home price skyrocketed, but that is about the only positive.

07-19-2025
09:45:39 am



BusterSci I'm cheering for Sepp only because he has the least offensive glasses in the lead group.

07-19-2025
09:47:46 am



Tim in KY Lead group must be slowing because it seems unlikely that all the chase groups are going faster.

07-19-2025
09:48:33 am



BusterSci I was thinking Visma sent Sepp because they were going for stage wins. Now that they sent Simon I think they're looking for Jonas to attack and bridge up.

07-19-2025
09:49:28 am



Trish in MA In MA, we don't add the article. When I go back to Phx, I also don't add the article. Mike, when my parents built their house in Scottsdale in the mid -1960s, we were on the east/north edge of Scottsdale. Now, the house is in south-central Scottsdale, and often referred to as in "Old Town", which we all know is a lie. The McDowell mountains were off in the boonies and the road to Taliesin West (FL Wright's house) was a two-lane dirt road in the middle of nowhere.

07-19-2025
09:49:30 am



mmcnally I work in Scottsdale, Trish. Long drive to work and back.

07-19-2025
09:49:40 am

Trish in MA Ugh. The commuting in Phx. is as bad as in the Boston area.

07-19-2025



BusterSci Commuting in MPLS has been fine since Covid. Even in snow it's tolerable. But all the big companies are cancelling their WFH policies so Frau is getting out at a good time.

07-19-2025
09:51:18 am



mmcnally I grew up in Vermont, but never got the hang of driving in Boston. Phoenix is easy to navigate. Just gets slower every year. Five more years for me and then off to France.

07-19-2025
09:51:20 am



Trish in MA Well, I'm off to the farmer's market to, hopefully, acquire bluefish. And veggies.

07-19-2025
09:52:10 am



Tim in KY Still 4 minutes faster than the fastest despite the weather.

07-19-2025
09:52:33 am



BusterSci Visited Tucson a lot and that's horrible even when there isn't heavy traffic. 10 is the only highway. No beltway, no through streets. Some divided boulevards but even there you deal with stoplights every few blocks.

07-19-2025
09:52:49 am



mmcnally Very true, Buster. It takes time to get from the east to the west part of the city by car. The new bike paths are great.

07-19-2025
09:55:12 am



mmcnally Little note from the Tour de France live tracker - Tadej Pogacar last year won stages 19 to 21. Today, he can become the first rider in history with two streaks of 3 stage wins at the Tour.

07-19-2025
09:57:19 am



bikerabe Remco has abandoned

07-19-2025
09:57:29 am



Tim in KY Seems greedy, Mike.

07-19-2025
09:58:33 am



Tim in KY Who is LouLou?

07-19-2025
09:59:44 am



KimC Morning all! In Oregon we did not use an article before our freeways but I think I've heard both ways so far in California- but the radio traffic reporters do not use them.

07-19-2025
10:01:07 am



Tim in KY In greater LA, where our daughter lives, it's always articles. Here, it's never.

07-19-2025
10:03:09 am



Tim in KY Kuss and S. Yates seem to have sat up to wait.

07-19-2025
10:03:50 am



Katie S Hi from the car. As it turns out, I'm driving so no more race. In Northern Calif, we do not use articles for freeways. See you tomorrow morning!

07-19-2025
10:04:33 am



mmcally I saw this yesterday, Tim. It is a piece of Tadej's post race interview. "You cannot just back off if an opportunity for a stage win comes up. You never know when it will be your last day. I will say, honestly, the team pays you to win, not to give them away."

07-19-2025
10:04:50 am



BusterSci I wonder what the origin of the difference is? The the highway has a name we add and article but not if it's just a number. MN62 is the Crosstown or 62. Chicago expressways are 90, 94 etc or the Kennedy, the TriState, etc. Maybe they've renamed them since I live there so don't @ me.

07-19-2025
10:05:31 am



Tim in KY I saw that Mike. Still sounds greedy.

07-19-2025
10:05:43 am



Alaska Dave We don't have numbers, just names in Alaska.

07-19-2025
10:05:59 am



Alaska Dave Of course you're only talking two or three highways.

07-19-2025
10:06:34 am



PasadenaK8 Went to a meeting the other weekend where I had to take "the 134" to "the 2", to "the 5", to "the 110", to "the 10", to "the 405", before finally reaching my exit. Was a lot of "the-ing" required that day *8-}

07-19-2025
10:06:50 am



BusterSci Daniel Benson's latest Substack had a thing about that. I haven't read it yet but apparently Tadej also said he probably won't speak to 99% of the peloton after he retires.

07-19-2025
10:07:08 am



Tim in KY Sadly, K8, I know exactly how to do that. And I wouldn't.

07-19-2025
10:08:13 am



SFinAus Good morning, all. It took a while to work through the postings so far. Nice to see an active Pub.

07-19-2025
10:08:24 am



mmcally He did say that, Buster. To be fair, I won't talk to 99% of the people I work with after I retire as well. :)

07-19-2025
10:09:18 am



BusterSci I talk to 3 people since I retired. From 8 jobs and at least a couple dozen consulting clients.

07-19-2025
10:10:32 am



Tim in KY Need more barriers.

07-19-2025
10:10:36 am



Tim in KY The dreaded umbrella.

07-19-2025
10:11:08 am



PasadenaK8 When I moved to Altadena (before Pasadena), my first gig after my move was back over in Culver City. Had to give myself 2 1/5 hrs to get there, for what is a 35 min drive without traffic. Just about did me in.

07-19-2025
10:11:13 am



SFinAus Did not have a restful night. My AC crapped out around dinner time. It hovered around the mid 80s in the house - and it's the humidity, more than the heat kinda thing. I know it's how people lived all their lives before, but I don't like it.

07-19-2025
10:13:29 am



BusterSci Does Tadej wait for the end of Superbangers or go early?

07-19-2025
10:13:43 am



bikerabe Lenny gets 2nd KOM points

07-19-2025
10:13:56 am



Tim in KY Buster, I think he waits a bit on the climb.

07-19-2025
10:14:25 am



BusterSci I think so too, Tim. But I also think it depends on what Visma does. If Visma doesn't attack then Tadej will wait with his train. If Jonas has a go then Tadej will stomp him.

07-19-2025
10:15:26 am



Tim in KY Agreed.

07-19-2025
10:16:21 am



BusterSci SF, people lived that way before, but far fewer of them lived in the Deep South and SW. I'm not saying Atlanta, AZ, TX wouldn't have grown some, but without AC they'd not be what they are today.

07-19-2025
10:16:38 am



Tim in KY Not making this up Buster: I lived without air conditioning until I was 21. My parents got the central AC installed two days before my wedding.

07-19-2025
10:19:05 am



BusterSci I thought Thymen looked big. he's 6'3"

07-19-2025
10:19:22 am



Alaska Dave I talk to more former students the former colleagues these days. Of course I taught two of my children

07-19-2025
10:19:29 am



BusterSci We got air when I was in kindergarten and we moved across town.

07-19-2025
10:19:56 am



Tim in KY Odd that it's only raining at the top.

07-19-2025
10:20:02 am



SFinAus I've long thought that too, Buster. My family started off in Michigan and moved to AZ in the 60s only because of my sister's health. We had a swamp cooler for the house, but the population really took off when AC became the norm.

07-19-2025
10:20:16 am



BusterSci Tim, it's probably directional. Rain drops on the windward slope and the clouds are dry on the lee.

07-19-2025
10:21:18 am



BusterSci Of course there's always a bit of overlap over the peak.

07-19-2025
10:21:41 am



BusterSci 4 UAE with Tadej, 2 Vismas with Jonas and 2 up the road.

07-19-2025
10:22:30 am



Rocket City Gal We had a small window unit air conditioner in the dining room when I was growing up. It got turned on about two days a year max to cool off the living room/dining room /kitchen when it got above 105 or so. We had an attic fan (whole house fan) to pull cooler air inside at night. My first experience with central AC was in college.

07-19-2025
10:23:44 am



Alaska Dave Cooler temperatures means air holds less water.

07-19-2025
10:23:55 am



Alaska Dave Going up temperatures drop and moisture increases.

07-19-2025
10:25:34 am



BusterSci My dad's mom lived in Lake City, MN on Lake Pepin. 100+ foot bluffs on either side of the river meant it was hot, humid, and breezeless. We still like to tease my next older brother for passing out in church one Sunday. No AC at grandmas house and it was just misery.

07-19-2025
10:26:13 am



Tim in KY I was nver convinced that our attic fan did anything ecept make noise all night.

07-19-2025
10:26:39 am



Rocket City Gal It was fun to unroll TP and throw it up through the slats while it was running. Kind of magical when you're a small kid.....

07-19-2025
10:27:48 am



Alaska Dave My parents didn't believe in air conditioning, until their health deteriorated. Fans were required but useless.

07-19-2025
10:28:03 am



Rocket City Gal But then when Dad would go into the attic for something later and found the mess we'd get a spanking

07-19-2025
10:28:53 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752935710-stage-14-superbagneres.jpg>

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KimC Dave- Ryan is from "Mile Marker 111 off of the Glen Allen Hwy."

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10:30:22 am



Alaska Dave Between eureka and glenallen.

07-19-2025
10:30:53 am



Rocket City Gal The Super Bagged Lunch

07-19-2025
10:30:56 am



mmcally My "get off my lawn comment of the day" - the tour caravan always tossed out the yellow casquettes to the folks along the route. I got one when I was there a few years back. I noticed this year it is no longer the casquette being tossd out and is now a baseball hat. Big thumbs down for me. I enjoy the few cyclists who have stuck to wearing the casquette.

07-19-2025
10:31:31 am



Alaska Dave With the bag unbroken by parry's sword.

07-19-2025
10:31:35 am



Rocket City Gal I have Remco on my VG team. But not Skjelmosen. My descent in the rankings shall continue....

07-19-2025
10:32:41 am



Alaska Dave Ejiits before the clomb

07-19-2025
10:33:05 am



Tim in KY Ben's head position makes my neck hurt.

07-19-2025
10:33:52 am

LUCHON-SUPERBAGNÈRES

1 804 m - **km 182,6**
(12,4 km à 7,3%)



890 m Pont de Ravi - **km 170,2**

Pied de col

1 089 m L'Ourson - **km 173,5**

1 415 m La Carrière
km 177,8

1 658 m Superbagnères
(entrée)
km 181,1

Pourcentage moyen par kilomètre

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1 800 m

1 700 m

1 600 m

1 500 m

1 400 m

1 300 m

1 200 m

1 100 m

1 000 m

900 m

800 m

700 m



Joanna in Virginia I haven't looked at the Leagues in a long while - last look was grim.

07-19-2025
10:34:03 am



Tim in KY Still is Jo.

07-19-2025
10:34:19 am



Joanna in Virginia Thanks. LOL!

07-19-2025
10:34:36 am



Rocket City Gal The cycling caps are a lot classier than the big-billed baseball or trucker-type hats, for sure.

07-19-2025
10:34:39 am



Rocket City Gal Didn't they start wearing the big billed caps around the Cadel Evans era? I was never a fan.

07-19-2025
10:36:05 am



Tim in KY Tomorrow's stage should be another rolling rest day for the GCs.

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10:36:08 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752936076-stage-15-profile.jpg>

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Rocket City Gal Looks like a breakaway day

07-19-2025
10:36:45 am



Tim in KY Indeed.

07-19-2025
10:37:49 am



mmcally RCG - I really started noticing it when Trek started wearing the baseball type hats. But I'm sure it started long before that.

07-19-2025
10:37:57 am



Alaska Dave Beak dropping back to lead group.

07-19-2025
10:38:58 am



SFinAus (Yay, AC repairman will be here in a few minutes- 3.5 hours early.)

07-19-2025
10:39:37 am



Joanna in Virginia Since it is "Artie Day", here is a recent image.

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Joanna in Virginia <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752936333->

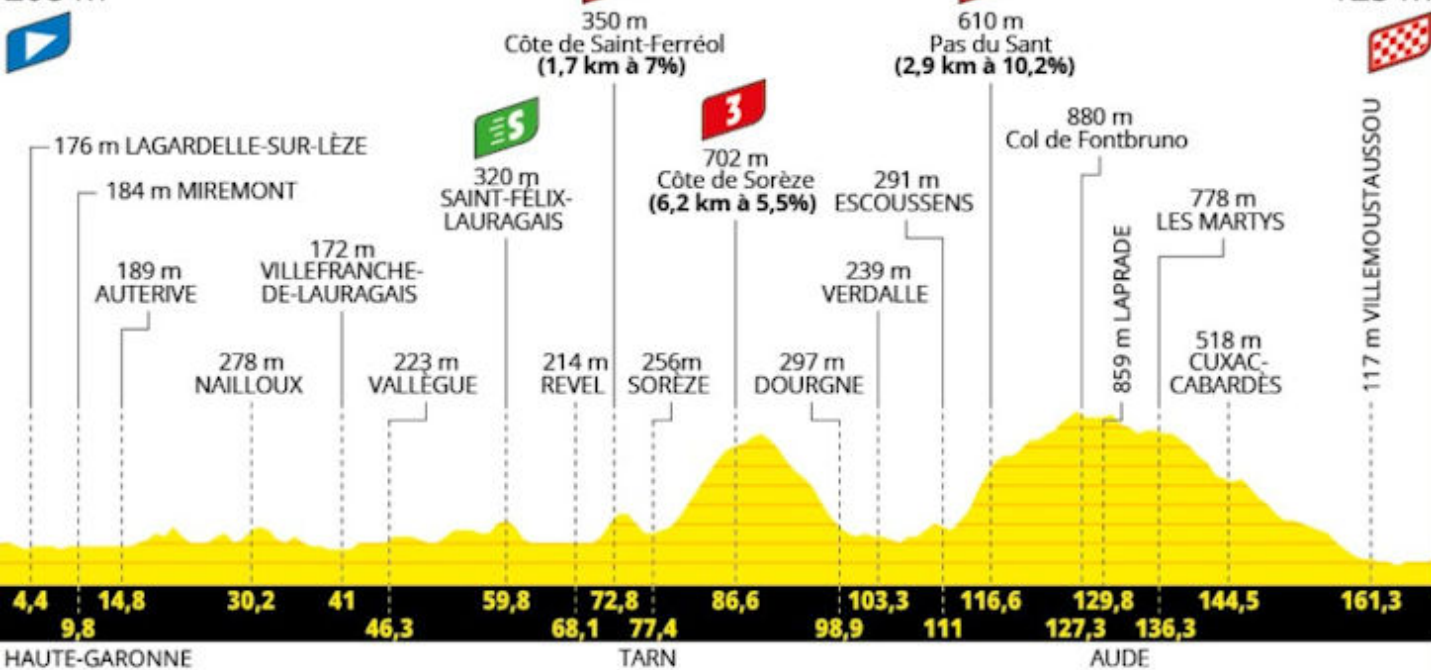
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**CARCASSONNE**

123 m



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169,3 km



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**Rocket City Gal** I love that handsome Hanoverian!!!!07-19-2025
10:41:23 am**Joanna in Virginia** He is the sweetest, too. Same with Maddie. When do they traverse the Madeleine? Or have I missed it?07-19-2025
10:42:13 am**Tim in KY** Next week, Jo.07-19-2025
10:43:56 am**Tim in KY** Thursday, to be exact.07-19-2025
10:44:52 am**Rocket City Gal** Stage 18. Which may or may not be the Queen stage, appropriately07-19-2025
10:45:01 am**Rocket City Gal** https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1752936608-IMG_7374.jpeg07-19-2025
10:45:09 am**Tim in KY** They do another Aliport that day, too.07-19-2025
10:46:29 am**Joanna in Virginia** Oooh, I might have Thursday off - I shouldn't have said that out loud...07-19-2025
10:46:45 am**Rocket City Gal** GC group about to catch ghe chasers. Thyme-man still 2:30 ahead07-19-2025
10:47:11 am**BusterSci** Been a crazy time here. My next older brother found out about 6 weeks ago he has cancer in lymph and tonsils. I'm the only one outside his wife that knew until last night, and now people are asking me what's going on. Stage 1, operable, 90%+ 5 years survival and he's in very good health with no symptoms other than a lump in the neck. Should be OK. But a bit stressy.07-19-2025
10:48:20 am**Rocket City Gal** Tbe final climb on Madeleine day is the highest point of the Tour- Souvenir Henri Desgrange07-19-2025
10:49:03 am**Joanna in Virginia** All the healing wishes coming to your Brother, Buster. XO07-19-2025
10:49:46 am





Rocket City Gal Sorry to hear that. Things have come a long way in head & neck CA treatment. It's still not fun, but way more effective and more targeted.

07-19-2025
10:50:53 am



BusterSci What gets me about the peloton these days is there's guys like Tadej and Vingo that can go every day, and everyone else seems to have one or two shots over three weeks. It's not the one shot wonders that concern me, but the ability to do it over and over

07-19-2025
10:50:56 am



BusterSci Yes. Surgery scheduled for mid august. Robotic, with one of the best at Rush in Chicago.

07-19-2025
10:51:41 am



Alaska Dave Healing wishes. I'm watching my brothers age faster than me. So far nothing fatal, but strokes with quick medical care and MSUG (precursor to bad things) are only major issues.

07-19-2025
10:52:32 am



PasadenaK8 Sorry to hear that about your brother, Buster. Sending best wishes for a successful surgery and full recovery..

07-19-2025
10:53:58 am



Alaska Dave A Yates last UAE It. left

07-19-2025
10:54:15 am



BusterSci We're all in very good health generally and the extended family has a long history of 90s and 100s--at least in those that didn't doom themselves with smoking, drinking, and occupational hazards.

07-19-2025
10:54:26 am



BusterSci I don't want Adam leading my team but I'd be thrilled to have him as the last man ahead of my leader.

07-19-2025
10:55:07 am



Rocket City Gal Robotic surgery is weird. Surgeon is sitting at a console across the room from the patient.

07-19-2025
10:55:18 am



Tim in KY I was doing chores. Jonas appears to be alone. What happened to Yates and Kuss?

07-19-2025
10:55:28 am



Rocket City Gal Arensman, then Gall, then the rest

07-19-2025
10:55:42 am



BusterSci Simon popped. Don't know about Yates.

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10:55:44 am

BusterSci Kuss

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**BusterSci** Healy still in the GC group!07-19-2025
10:56:28 am**BusterSci** And then not07-19-2025
10:57:57 am**Tim in KY** Ben done finally.07-19-2025
10:57:57 am**BusterSci** Antler Dude07-19-2025
10:58:30 am**BusterSci** Thyemen wins if Tadej doesn't attack.07-19-2025
10:59:07 am**Tim in KY** Arensman looking a bit struggley.07-19-2025
10:59:21 am**BusterSci** Ben back on07-19-2025
11:00:06 am**bikerabe** will Pog only get 3rd ?07-19-2025
11:00:06 am**BusterSci** Vingo goes07-19-2025
11:01:14 am**BusterSci** Vingoos?07-19-2025
11:01:27 am

Alaska Dave My family history is not good. Neither parent made 80. Father had stroke at my age. Mother struggled with diabetes, lupus and cancer. I've worked hard to stay fit but struggle with workaholic example of my father.

07-19-2025
11:01:33 am**Tim in KY** This won't end well.07-19-2025
11:01:36 am**Alaska Dave** Liepovist only one able to follow big 207-19-2025
11:03:18 am

Rocket City Gal Lipowitz has outperformed Rog on pretty much every stage.....

07-19-2025
11:03:59 am



Joanna in Virginia My father will be 93 in October, still playing golf, still driving (I take a ride in the car with him every time I visit to assess), still playing bridge, still sharp. My mother sadly passed in her 80's, but I have maternal relatives that lived into their very high 90's. My health is relatively good and I stay active, but my spine is my biggest issue. Managing the pain will be my ongoing struggle (for someone that doesn't do pain meds).

07-19-2025
11:04:08 am



Alaska Dave Now it's only 2

07-19-2025
11:04:16 am



Rocket City Gal These 3 will catch Gall for sure

07-19-2025
11:04:33 am



BusterSci Gall already dropped

07-19-2025
11:04:41 am



Alaska Dave White gauze with rainbow stripe is nice touch

07-19-2025
11:05:21 am



BusterSci Why aren't there barriers at 2k?

07-19-2025
11:05:39 am



Rocket City Gal PCS behind a bit, then. I'm in the car so can't watch until later.

07-19-2025
11:05:42 am



BusterSci Ah

07-19-2025
11:05:49 am



BusterSci Vingo and Pog with 1.4km to go

07-19-2025
11:06:01 am



BusterSci 1:34 for Thymen

07-19-2025
11:06:04 am



BusterSci Fat man in a pink speedo

07-19-2025
11:06:14 am



Rocket City Gal At least we're out of the heaviest of the rain....

07-19-2025
11:06:20 am


















BusterSci I've got all the pertinent data

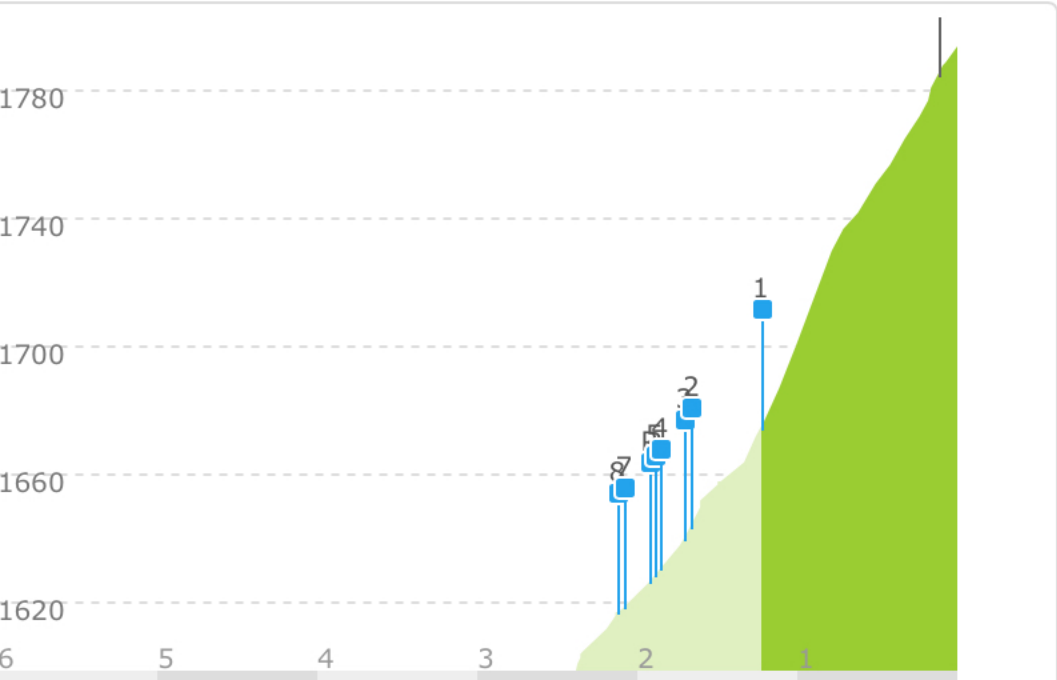
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Joanna in Virginia Barriers = Eejit Corral

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	BusterSci Thymen and the kite	07-19-2025 11:06:54 am
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	BusterSci 600m	07-19-2025 11:08:19 am
	BusterSci 1:21	07-19-2025 11:08:23 am
	Joanna in Virginia Oooooomph!	07-19-2025 11:08:29 am
	BusterSci Gall and Liposuction under the kite	07-19-2025 11:08:40 am
	Joanna in Virginia Gall Bladder and Liposuction, you mean.	07-19-2025 11:08:55 am
	BusterSci Thought that right after hitting enter	07-19-2025 11:09:08 am
	Toulouse I think mountain kilometers are 5,000 meters long.	07-19-2025 11:09:19 am
	Rocket City Gal This would be Arensman's 1st Tour win. He's won a stage of the Vuelta	07-19-2025 11:10:03 am
	BusterSci Ineos needed this. Brailsford must have gotten a jiffy bag delivered.	07-19-2025 11:10:08 am



	BusterSci Win	07-19-2025 11:10:18 am
	Joanna in Virginia Ouch.	07-19-2025 11:10:20 am
	BusterSci 350m for the dynamic duo	07-19-2025 11:10:41 am
	Rocket City Gal When was the last Ineos win?	07-19-2025 11:11:09 am
	BusterSci Pog gapped him across the line	07-19-2025 11:11:30 am
	BusterSci gall and lipo cross	07-19-2025 11:11:54 am
	BusterSci Onley coming	07-19-2025 11:12:04 am
	Tim in KY Healy finished with Rog.	07-19-2025 11:13:23 am
	SFinAus At least now Ineos will have things to talk about unrelated to doping	07-19-2025 11:13:24 am
	BusterSci Ineos wins: Last major was Tarling in the Giro ITT	07-19-2025 11:13:25 am
	Alaska Dave Healy and Roglic together	07-19-2025 11:13:34 am
	Alaska Dave TT win with Ganna in tour.	07-19-2025 11:14:14 am
	BusterSci Kwiatkowski, stage 13 2023	07-19-2025 11:15:58 am
	BusterSci That's the last Ineos TdF win	07-19-2025 11:17:14 am
	Mikey Ba	07-19-2025 11:18:12 am



Joanna in Virginia Great Day All!

07-19-2025
11:18:39 am



Rocket City Gal Lipowitz in white and LennyManyDots now leads KOM

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Rocket City Gal Milan keeps the green jersey.

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bikerabe day for sprinters tomorrow or the break if peloton takes rest
day before the rest day

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