



Tim in KY TdF Stage 16 is the second longest of this year's Tour at 218 kilometers. The race starts in Carcassonne and ends deep in the Pyrenees down on the Spanish border.

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Tim in KY //rumbletalk-images-
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Tim in KY The first half of the stage is lumpy and features a couple of Cat 4 climbs. From the sprint with 94 km to go, the road turns continuously upward for 25 km to the start of a Cat 2/Cat 1 combo climb.

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Tim in KY After a 10 km descent, the climb of the final Cat 1 begins, most of it in Spain. From the summit there is a 10 km descent back into France that continues all the way to the finish.

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Tim in KY Start is scheduled for 11:40 CET (05:40 EDT). Finish is imagined at 17:20 CET (11:20 EDT). Live stream from the start. Weather starts warm and sunny again but afternoon thunderstorms are expected in the high mountains.

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BusterSci Anybody else think that ending stages like this with a descent is a bit anticlimactic?

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-  **Miren Brinkman** I'd have thought the stage would end at the top and the descent is just for fun. 23-Jul-2018 19:19:04
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-  **Tim in KY** Neutral start. 24-Jul-2018 05:31:28
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-  **Tim in KY** 90% chance of rain on the final descent. Anticlimactic? 24-Jul-2018 05:32:58
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-  **mcnally_mi** Tim, have you been to Carcassonne? Seems like everyone has been raving about the city. 24-Jul-2018 05:33:20
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-  **Miren Brinkman** Good morning! 24-Jul-2018 05:37:27
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-  **mcnally_mi** Hi, Miren. It is 2:40 a.m. here in AZ ... so nice and quiet ... 24-Jul-2018 05:39:16
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-  **Tim in KY** Good morning, Maite. Carcassonne is prettier to look at on TV than it is to visit. it's all tourist trap shops and way too crowded. 24-Jul-2018 05:39:42
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-  **Miren Brinkman** 5.40 here. Been up for over an hour catching up with housework before going off to the office. In summer, I'm usually on my bike at this time :)
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-  **mcnally_mi** I see. I will need to pick your brain sometime. I'm going to the Tour in 2020, but looks like now for the start and not the finish. Which in 2020 begins in Nice. I've never been to France, so will be looking for any pointers. 24-Jul-2018 05:41:56
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-  **Tim in KY** Actual start. The usual suspects trying to get off the front. 24-Jul-2018 05:46:22
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-  **Tim in KY** Without success so far. 24-Jul-2018 05:48:27
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-  **Tim in KY** Still no break. 24-Jul-2018 06:00:12
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-  **Tim in KY** In addition to Pauwels, Damion Howson of MTS DNS today. 24-Jul-2018 06:03:39
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-  **Tim in KY** On the early Cat 4. Maybe a break can get away here. 24-Jul-2018 06:11:43



bikerabe Slagter of DDD out front

24-Jul-2018
06:14:37



BusterSci McNally, I'm not a big fan of Nice (outside of Paris I prefer small towns to cities), but the rest of Provence is a perfect first trip to France. We've visited the area 3 times.

24-Jul-2018
06:15:23



Tim in KY Barguil takes the KOM point.

24-Jul-2018
06:16:04



Tim in KY Sunflowers!

24-Jul-2018
06:17:14



bikerabe Barguil?

24-Jul-2018
06:17:23



mcnally_mi We will have one week in Provence, and a week in the Alps. But that will be the beginning part of the trip. We will hit Nice for the first few days of the Tour, then head home. In Provence we will be on a bike Tour in that area.

24-Jul-2018
06:18:16



Tim in KY Barguil is second in the KOM standings. He wanted the point.

24-Jul-2018
06:18:59



bikerabe Farmer protest holds up peloton a little

24-Jul-2018
06:20:47



BusterSci You will not be disappointed in Provence. What part of the alps are you visiting?

24-Jul-2018
06:21:28



bikerabe mass nature break

24-Jul-2018
06:22:33



Tim in KY Mass nature break as the peloton stops to regroup after the protest.

24-Jul-2018
06:23:24



Tim in KY Something go in many riders eyes.

24-Jul-2018
06:23:53



BusterSci Is it eyes? There are a lot that looks affected by something.

24-Jul-2018
06:24:33



BusterSci Something other than full bladders, that is.

24-Jul-2018
06:24:46



BusterSci Inner Ring says tear gas was used by police.

24-Jul-2018
06:25:49



BusterSci Genius, that.

24-Jul-2018
06:26:01



mcnally_mi Buster - we have found a little house for rent in Saint-Martin-sur-la-Chambre. It is at the foot of the Madeleine. I hope to ride my bike for 3-4 days. My wife would like spend a day down in Annecy, so might make for a fun day trip.

24-Jul-2018
06:27:02



BusterSci That's a bit further north than I've been (Briançon and the pass through to Ouix and then Turin). The drive up from Provence will take your breath away--but in a different way than your bike rides will!

24-Jul-2018
06:31:35



BusterSci Thomas being sprayed down with something.

24-Jul-2018
06:32:27



BusterSci Foamy something.

24-Jul-2018
06:32:37



BusterSci Riding again.

24-Jul-2018
06:33:27



Tim in KY Sunscreen, Robbie says.

24-Jul-2018
06:34:06



BusterSci Must have wanted to replace it thinking whatever was used for the tear gas may have washed off the prior?

24-Jul-2018
06:34:36



mcnally_mi It's kind of my trip of a lifetime. We have been saving for it for years, but had to push it back one year with some family obligations now in 2019. Then we shifted it to June of 2020, but it was perfect that Tour starts early that year because of the Olympics. As for riding, I just hope to grind my way up a few of the mountains. But it will not be pretty, but I'm sure fun.

24-Jul-2018
06:34:50
















BusterSci My college buddy that did Alpe d'Huez rode it twice because his first time up he was trying to see if he could get within 2x of a pro time (he did.). The second time he said he stopped at nearly every switchback to just take it all in.

24-Jul-2018
06:36:58



Tim in KY Restarted.

24-Jul-2018
06:37:31

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-  **Rob** Ive enjoyed the times I have been to Nice, its also easy to jump on a train and go to Monaco 24-Jul-2018 06:39:26
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-  **mcnally_mi** Once will be enough for me. Hoping to both sides of the Madeleine one day. I will see what a third day will bring. I do see the Mont Ventoux is on the bike tour schedule during the Provence week. 24-Jul-2018 06:39:50
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-  **Rob** Going to try and join the Screwball club? 24-Jul-2018 06:40:47
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-  **Charles Davis** Sunflowers! 24-Jul-2018 06:41:43
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-  **mcnally_mi** Rob -- no, no! It looks it is just up once from Bedoin. I like to bike, but my talents are very limited. 24-Jul-2018 06:43:08
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-  **BusterSci** Rob, I don't think there is anything specifically wrong with Nice-- I'm just a small town penguin and feel more comfortable in less urban environments. If you like the environment and energy of a city, Nice is nice! 24-Jul-2018 06:43:12
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-  **BusterSci** Driving, I prefer the route from Vaison la Romaine, but Bedoin is the proper way to go about it on a bike. 24-Jul-2018 06:44:42
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-  **BusterSci** Who is out break? 24-Jul-2018 06:45:06
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-  **BusterSci** Our. 24-Jul-2018 06:45:26
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-  **BusterSci** About 13 seconds for the break 24-Jul-2018 06:53:46
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-  **BusterSci** Rafal Majka (Bora-Hansgrohe), Franco Pellizotti (Bahrain-Merida), Stefan Kung (BMC), and Andrea Pasqualon (Wanty). 24-Jul-2018 06:55:48
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-  **BusterSci** Who are caught. 24-Jul-2018 06:56:10
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-  **BusterSci** New breaks being attempted. 24-Jul-2018 06:58:18
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BusterSci Rain

24-Jul-2018
06:59:02



bikerabe Rain!

24-Jul-2018
06:59:04



BusterSci That should help rinse the residual tear gas into their eyes.

24-Jul-2018
06:59:33



Rob I was looking at the Mont Ventoux challenge a few years back, just been reading about it and think it might be something I will try next year.

24-Jul-2018
06:59:43



BusterSci A Bora with a gap on his own. That won't last and if it does, it won't make a difference.

24-Jul-2018
07:01:33



BusterSci Daniel Oss

24-Jul-2018
07:02:13



Tim in KY It's not supposed to rain here. Supposed to rain up in the moutains.

24-Jul-2018
07:03:32



BusterSci Declercq of QS having troubles hanging onto the back

24-Jul-2018
07:03:52



BusterSci Always someone who doesn't handle the rest day well. Perhaps he's ill?

24-Jul-2018
07:04:07



Tim in KY DeClercq is sick and barely hanging on to the back.

24-Jul-2018
07:04:39



Tim in KY Ala and Argy off the front.

24-Jul-2018
07:06:27



BusterSci Barguil, Impey, Ala and I didn't catch who are off the front

24-Jul-2018
07:06:27




BusterSci A Trek


24-Jul-2018
07:06:35





BusterSci Julien Bernard


24-Jul-2018
07:08:19


 **bikerabe** this from CN preview the 1971 leg from Revel to Luchon that saw yellow jersey Luis Ocaña – untouchable in the Alps – crash out of the race on the rain-lashed descent of the Col de Menté." dry right now 24-Jul-2018 07:08:58


 **BusterSci** A BMC and Bahrain try to bridge 24-Jul-2018 07:09:11


 **BusterSci** A photo of that race has been making the rounds. Merckx refused to wear yellow the next day. 24-Jul-2018 07:09:57

 **Tim in KY** Everybody and his brother trying to bridge. 24-Jul-2018 07:09:57

 **BusterSci** //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1532430947-Screen%20Shot%202018-07-24%20at%206.10.30%20AM.png 24-Jul-2018 07:10:52


 **BusterSci** Still the 4 in front. 24-Jul-2018 07:12:29

 **BusterSci** Sunweb working quite hard to get someone in a break. 24-Jul-2018 07:12:59


 **Tim in KY** Sky still not trying to shut the peloton down. 24-Jul-2018 07:13:32

 **BusterSci** 4+4 makes 8 in front 24-Jul-2018 07:17:03















 **Tim in KY** Mule Burger again. 24-Jul-2018 07:17:24













 **BusterSci** Muleburger, Valgren, Polis and I missed the last one 24-Jul-2018 07:17:35















 **bikerabe** Ala wants next 24-Jul-2018 07:17:46

 **BusterSci** Politt. Man, I hate autocorrect 24-Jul-2018 07:17:50

 **bikerabe** KOM point 24-Jul-2018 07:17:55

-  **BusterSci** Ala gotta get them early because Bargy will be better late. 24-Jul-2018 07:18:10
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-  **BusterSci** OK, walkies time. Back for some climbiness. 24-Jul-2018 07:18:37
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-  **Tim in KY** Molard, FDJ. 24-Jul-2018 07:18:50
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-  **Tim in KY** On the second Cat 4. 24-Jul-2018 07:23:51
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-  **Tim in KY** Why is MTS chasing? They've got a man in the break. 24-Jul-2018 07:24:24
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-  **Tim in KY** Pozzo attacks. 24-Jul-2018 07:24:50
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-  **Tim in KY** Ala takes the KOM point. 24-Jul-2018 07:28:10
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-  **Tim in KY** Huge group off the front but Sky still not intervening. 24-Jul-2018 07:30:30
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-  **mcnally_mi** I was reading where double points are back on offer for the final climb of each day in the Pyrenees. They did not have any double point mountains during the Alps stages. 24-Jul-2018 07:30:46
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-  **Tim in KY** Sky has two men at the front of the peloton but they're not slowing down. 24-Jul-2018 07:33:06
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-  **Tim in KY** Oh. Valverde is in thew break. 24-Jul-2018 07:33:25
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-  **Tim in KY** The break is caught by Sky. 24-Jul-2018 07:36:40
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-  **Donny** DeClercq now off the front? 24-Jul-2018 07:38:34
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-  **Tim in KY** Still no break. 130 km to go. Serious climbing starts at 72 km to go. 24-Jul-2018 07:49:09
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-  **Tim in KY** Gold having a bad day on my iPad. 24-Jul-2018
07:58:57
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-  **Tim in KY** Raining at the finish. 24-Jul-2018
08:02:56
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-  **Tim in KY** Huge group off the front and the peloton finally seems to slowing down. 24-Jul-2018
08:08:53
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-  **Tim in KY** 44 riders off the front. 24-Jul-2018
08:11:13
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-  **Tim in KY** 1:51. 24-Jul-2018
08:11:21
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-  **Tim in KY** 3:44. 24-Jul-2018
08:16:32
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-  **Tim in KY** Feedzone. 24-Jul-2018
08:18:42
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-  **bikerabe** group this big with KOPM jersey call it the Polka Dot Peloton 24-Jul-2018
08:20:20
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-  **bikerabe** KOM 24-Jul-2018
08:20:30
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-  **Mons Soseman** Bonjour 24-Jul-2018
08:22:58
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-  **Mons Soseman** how is everyone? 24-Jul-2018
08:23:02
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-  **Tim in KY** Only Sky and FDJ have now one in the polka dot peloton. 24-Jul-2018
08:23:49
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-  **Mons Soseman** Pyrenees. In the past I have written about my experiences on this very stage, St. Beat, the visitor from Toulouse, the long wave radio coverage for the ships at sea. Not sure what I can add that I haven't already in years past? Any topics anyone is interest in? (re cycling, I cannot explain the difference between Rugby Sevens and normal Rugby. :)) 24-Jul-2018
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-  **bikerabe** No one in break 24-Jul-2018
08:25:12
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-  **bikerabe** for Sky and FDJ 24-Jul-2018
08:25:13
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-  **bikerabe** Rugby Sevens fewer on field and much much faster games 24-Jul-2018
08:27:01
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-  **Rob** When is the new style stage? The staggered one? 24-Jul-2018
08:27:02
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-  **Tim in KY** Tomorrow. 24-Jul-2018
08:27:27
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-  **bikerabe** new style stage tomorrow. Very short, very STEEP 24-Jul-2018
08:28:19
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-  **Katie S** Good morning, all. 24-Jul-2018
08:28:21
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-  **bikerabe** Good morning Katie S 24-Jul-2018
08:28:40
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-  **Rob** Do we think the new style of starting will change much? Make it any better? 24-Jul-2018
08:28:57
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-  **Tim in KY** 3 KU to go. 5:05. 24-Jul-2018
08:29:36
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-  **Katie S** Sevens is two seven-minute halves, and I think it's seven-person teams (rather than the usual 15) 24-Jul-2018
08:29:54
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-  **Katie S** The NBC feed update says something about the race being neutralized "for now" at km 29 ... was that because of the protest? 24-Jul-2018
08:31:12
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-  **Tim in KY** Yes, Katie. 24-Jul-2018
08:31:30
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-  **bikerabe** yes and tear gas in riders eyes 24-Jul-2018
08:31:49
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Katie S good grief.

24-Jul-2018
08:32:23



Katie S i wondered what the subsequent "some riders seeking medical attention" from the doc-mobile was about.

24-Jul-2018
08:32:50



Tim in KY Sprint coming up.

24-Jul-2018
08:34:12



Katie S is this THE sprint that will mean Sagan mathematically wins the jersey?

24-Jul-2018
08:34:30



Tim in KY Only if he got 9 points. And he won't.

24-Jul-2018
08:35:14



bikerabe front group now has 47 CN also says it's like a separate peloton

24-Jul-2018
08:36:43



Katie S nope. i see he was nowhere in there.

24-Jul-2018
08:37:11



Tim in KY I need to make a Home Depot run. Back in about half an hour.

24-Jul-2018
08:37:26



Katie S pelotonette

24-Jul-2018
08:37:28



bikerabe think Sky group is the pelotonette

24-Jul-2018
08:38:17



BusterSci I see I've missed nothing. I may make my own Home Depot run.

24-Jul-2018
08:46:03




Katie S the closest Home Depot to me is about 15 miles from my house and over a two-lane road over a ridge of coastal hills, or up along the coast road through a tunnel. I prefer my local hardware store which doubles/triples/quadruples as a bike shop, surf shop, art store and popcorn dispensary.


24-Jul-2018
08:49:19





Katie S It's the kind of place you can go and say you need a new drawer slide guide and they'll know which one you need by where you live and when your house was built.


24-Jul-2018
08:50:01


 **BusterSci** I'm actually going to Menards, but being it isn't a nation wide chain I figured I'd just go with what people knew. When I lived in St Paul, we had a couple hardware stores like that. One was the really old school type where you went to the counter, told them what you wanted, and they'd disappear into the back and come out with it like a reference librarian. Nothing like that out in the burbs, sadly. The hardware stores we do have are generally staffed by high school kids and people who barely know how to run the registers, much less find me the proper mud ring for my junction box. 24-Jul-2018 08:53:13


 **memb54** Mons, Rugby 7 = 7 players, rugby = 15 players. The first is a much faster game, and no pillars involved. Before Buster makes a comment on pillars, they're the big dudes at the front of a scrum. 24-Jul-2018 08:53:51

 **BusterSci** I cannot speak at all about rugby except it's a strong and tough person's game. I'm neither. 24-Jul-2018 08:54:50


 **memb54** Buster, nothing for me from Home Depot today. Got the doors, plus frames from the carpenter and they're being installed today. 24-Jul-2018 08:55:09


 **BusterSci** Peloton lined out in team order, except Sagan, who, like a honey badger, just rides where he wants. 24-Jul-2018 08:55:56

 **BusterSci** Ok. Going to run out. Back in 45m or so. 24-Jul-2018 08:58:49

 **Katie S** BTW, a very happy birthdya to Alexandre Dumas (1802) ... I remember staying up until 4 a.m. one night when I was 16 or 17, reading The Count of Monte Cristo. 24-Jul-2018 08:59:46

 **memb54** Yes, fantastic author. 24-Jul-2018 09:02:23

 **Katie S** they don't make books like his any more ... or kids to read 'em (hoping someone will dispute me...) 24-Jul-2018 09:03:08

 **Katie S** going back to the Green Jersey the NBC Gold Feed reports that Sagan has actually won the green jersey based on the number of available points remaining. He has 452 point, with 270 left up for grabs. If Krisoff managed to get all 270, he still would finish with 12 points fewer (440 total) than Sagan. 24-Jul-2018 09:08:22

 **Katie S** now he just has to get hissself to Paris 24-Jul-2018 09:08:43



bikerabe my 12 yr old grand nephew is reading Lord of the Rings, Return of the King a reading family 24-Jul-2018 09:10:10



bikerabe Phil Gil out front 24-Jul-2018 09:11:43



Katie S excellent, Abe. ... I have one nephew who's a reader, will be turning the ripe old age of 18 this summer, and has always preferred books printed on paper. There's hope. 24-Jul-2018 09:13:13



bikerabe under 2 24-Jul-2018 09:17:48



bikerabe ku 24-Jul-2018 09:17:50



Tim in KY Demare is 16:00+ OTB by himself. Serious risk of OTL. 24-Jul-2018 09:19:25



memb54 I had to resort to Kindle as there are no libraries, nor bookstores. Now there are hundreds of books on there. Love it. Easier to travel with, too. 24-Jul-2018 09:19:42



Tim in KY Polka Dot peloton breaking up on the climb. Not surprising. 24-Jul-2018 09:22:11



Tim in KY 2 km to the top for PhilGil. 24-Jul-2018 09:22:38



Charles Davis HARDWARE ISSUES: We are still doing demo on our back basement room. I will need to go to the hardware store in the next day or two. We are removing dark wood paneling from the early 80's I expect, maybe earlier. Doing a little mold/mildew removal, repainting the walls with masonry sealer, replacing a few 2x4 frame members, replacing some insulation, and then putting in drywall. Oh, and the drop ceiling needs to be removed and some decision needs to be made on what ceiling we should use. I vote put it back up but my vote doesn't often count. (I am happy with this system so it is ok.) On a second p 24-Jul-2018 09:26:07



Katie S Goodness, Charles. That quite a DIY project! 24-Jul-2018 09:27:07



Tim in KY Be sure to get mold resistant drywall. 24-Jul-2018 09:28:10



Charles Davis On to a second problem. We have a tiny water leak in the garage ceiling. So tiny I think it may be condensation from the AC pipes. I have that open and ready to watch as different bathrooms are used through the day.

24-Jul-2018
09:28:29



Tim in KY PhilGil summits.

24-Jul-2018
09:29:29



Charles Davis Thanks Tim. We also found that a gutter o the roof was clogged and in downpours rain was overflowing and causing the wetness. Seems fine now that I fixed that.

24-Jul-2018
09:29:58



Tim in KY Ala gets 3 KOM points, Argy gets 2.

24-Jul-2018
09:30:45



Charles Davis RACING ISSUES: I think the strange start tomorrow will be interesting. No idea if it will have any effect on the finish but a little excitement at the start is a good thing.

24-Jul-2018
09:32:11



Tim in KY This descent has killed in the past.

24-Jul-2018
09:32:19



memb54 Crash!!!

24-Jul-2018
09:33:02



Katie S oh my god

24-Jul-2018
09:33:16



Slaughter MacDuff that was scary to watch

24-Jul-2018
09:33:32



memb54 Frightening.

24-Jul-2018
09:34:04



Katie S Ala sits up

24-Jul-2018
09:34:32



Slaughter MacDuff Looks like they have him

24-Jul-2018
09:34:42



bikerabe more than alittle bit of excitement

24-Jul-2018
09:34:45



Slaughter MacDuff They're saying he seems to be under his own power.

24-Jul-2018
09:35:17

He's sitting on the ledge



Katie S he's back up (the P&P show)

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09:35:34



Katie S sitting on theretaining wall

24-Jul-2018
09:35:39



Slaughter MacDuff And he's getting back on his bike

24-Jul-2018
09:35:43



Katie S good grief

24-Jul-2018
09:36:05



Slaughter MacDuff And he's still in the lead.

24-Jul-2018
09:36:22



Tim in KY That's nuts.

24-Jul-2018
09:36:23



Katie S the adrenaline has got to be off the charts

24-Jul-2018
09:36:40



bikerabe Thumbs up from Phil

24-Jul-2018
09:36:46



memb54 And not a scratch.

24-Jul-2018
09:37:01



Charles Davis Hope he has a great rest of the day. Whew.

24-Jul-2018
09:37:15



Katie S i think a cut elbow, but I thought the worst

24-Jul-2018
09:37:15



Slaughter MacDuff I think we all thought the worst. Guy has 9 lives

24-Jul-2018
09:37:33

















memb54 Me, too. Watching him fly over the wall was awful.

24-Jul-2018
09:37:47



Joanna in New York Home, at last, and just in time to see Gilbert go over the wall. So glad he's back riding.

24-Jul-2018
09:38:08

-  **Katie S** It's just a flesh wound, says Gilbert 24-Jul-2018
09:39:01
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-  **bikerabe** que the Black Knight 24-Jul-2018
09:39:35
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-  **Charles Davis** BOOK ISSUES: We had 174 children's book at one point last year. We are trying to raise readers. One 18 yr old niece is a big reader. My in-laws have a sometimes active family book club that is a lot of fun. 24-Jul-2018
09:40:03
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-  **Tim in KY** Argy attacks on the Cat 1. 24-Jul-2018
09:42:51
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-  **Tim in KY** Tomorrow's funny stage starts at 15:15 CET (09:15 EDT). 24-Jul-2018
09:44:29
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-  **Katie S** Now that PhilGil is OK, I can recall Frank Schleck's surprisingly similar crash ... when he landed in that tree: 24-Jul-2018
09:45:04
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-  **Katie S** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0O5d94P6JGo> 24-Jul-2018
09:45:05
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-  **BusterSci** Consume books in whatever manner suits you. Whether paper, ebook or audio. 24-Jul-2018
09:45:07
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-  **Katie S** or visit the Book People courtesy of Ray Bradbury 24-Jul-2018
09:45:27
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-  **bikerabe** Fr. 451 Truffaut movie so prescient wall TVs 24-Jul-2018
09:49:11
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-  **Tim in KY** Caruso and Gesink currently off the front on the climb. 24-Jul-2018
09:50:00
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-  **bikerabe** tomorrow won't be funny for the riders 24-Jul-2018
09:50:12
-
-  **Tim in KY** Not funny ha-ha, funny peculiar. 24-Jul-2018
09:50:51
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-  **bikerabe** The future of bike racing? Shorter stages, circuit races 24-Jul-2018
09:52:59
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BusterSci Read a compilation of Arthur C Clarke shorts a few months back. It was very interesting to encounter amazingly accurate predictions side by side with complete and total failures.

24-Jul-2018
09:53:35



BusterSci Geez, I hope not, bikerabe. At least with the circuit races.

24-Jul-2018
09:54:26



Tim in KY Despite the neutral pause, the fight for the break went so fast that they're still withing the time schedule.

24-Jul-2018
09:55:18



BusterSci DiDi

24-Jul-2018
09:57:01



Tim in KY Lots of dudes OTB on this climb.

24-Jul-2018
09:57:01



Mons Soseman Thanks everyone for the indicators of Rugby 7s, I was joking, and thought I would make it topical with reference to last weekends worlds cup. I do konw what it is, I am still not sure what purpose Rugby 7s fulfills. Ah, yes, I do. It provide much much more fodder for the bookmakers. The World's Cup weekend had over 80 complete game, in two days. Lots of bets for the junkies of losing their money, I guess

24-Jul-2018
09:57:07



Tim in KY Mule Berger attacks the break.

24-Jul-2018
09:57:26



Katie S I'll tell you, I found Rugby 7s really fun to watch ... made me want to watch more rugby overall, so there you go.

24-Jul-2018
09:57:52



Mons Soseman sorry I have a sticky s

24-Jul-2018
09:57:56



Mons Soseman It's the hors d'oeuvres of sports, apparently, Katie. :)

24-Jul-2018
09:58:28



Tim in KY PhilGil back in the peloton.

24-Jul-2018
10:01:39



Katie S Ala gritting his teeth to hang on, looks like

24-Jul-2018
10:03:20



BusterSci <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x6nks2m>

24-Jul-2018
10:03:40



BusterSci How tomorrow will work

24-Jul-2018
10:03:49



Mons Soseman Silliness.

24-Jul-2018
10:04:17



Tim in KY Ala gets the ten KOM points.

24-Jul-2018
10:04:35



BusterSci Why is that, Mons?

24-Jul-2018
10:05:49



bikerabe Moto GP type start put them on eBikes

24-Jul-2018
10:07:40



KinPA What is the opening command? "Gentlemen start your pedals."?

24-Jul-2018
10:08:04



BusterSci Who says they aren't?

24-Jul-2018
10:08:04



BusterSci Gentlemen, off your trainers!

24-Jul-2018
10:08:45



Katie S Gents, roll 'em!

24-Jul-2018
10:10:39



Joanna in New York "Cyclists Up!"

24-Jul-2018
10:11:14



Katie S !!

24-Jul-2018
10:11:30



bikerabe Muleburger pacing Ala

24-Jul-2018
10:11:39



BusterSci Gentlemen, disconnect your blood bags!

24-Jul-2018
10:11:39



Tim in KY Don't know how much gap the front two have.

24-Jul-2018
10:12:32



Mons Soseman If you don't want to have a rolling start, have a start line

24-Jul-2018
10:12:35

and let them push up as they want. This very formal array is silly, and very French. I realize it is used in other sports, but in F1, for instance, the competition the week before each race is just for that, pole position...



Tim in KY 13 seconds.

24-Jul-2018
10:12:53



bikerabe Buster that's so bad it's good

24-Jul-2018
10:12:59



Joanna in New York Gentlemen (Discreetly) Start Your Engines!

24-Jul-2018
10:13:12



Mons Soseman Very funny BusterSci

24-Jul-2018
10:13:13



Mons Soseman LOL @ Joanna

24-Jul-2018
10:13:21



Mons Soseman It's the Giro which is supposed to make these lame brained innovations to try to "improve" the sport. :) I think I will ride 67 long course miles just to show them tomorrow...

24-Jul-2018
10:14:27



Tim in KY Only about 25 left in the yellow group.

24-Jul-2018
10:16:07



Katie S Barguil is chomping to try to get those polka dots from Ala ... not sure he's going to be able to do it, but fun to watch.

24-Jul-2018
10:17:16



BusterSci Movistar has all three leaders in the first group tomorrow. Sky, Astana, LottoJ, AG2R and BMC have 2 each. Dumoulin and 6 others are alone.

24-Jul-2018
10:18:01



BusterSci The purpose of the grid start, in blocks, is to isolate leaders and break the Sky train.

24-Jul-2018
10:19:00

















Joanna in New York In that case...















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10:19:18

















BusterSci Assuming there are no GC changes today.

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10:19:23

-  **BusterSci** Bernal is only 1:27 off 20th place, which would give Sky a sacrificial rider tomorrow. Expect him to attack on the last climb. 24-Jul-2018 10:20:34
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-  **bikerabe** Dumoulin performance on first Cat 1 will dictate how Sky rides the stage 24-Jul-2018 10:21:15
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-  **Tim in KY** 32 km, 12:01. 24-Jul-2018 10:21:47
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-  **Mons Soseman** I would be happy to hear other views of the start tomorrow. Is there a benefit? 24-Jul-2018 10:22:16
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-  **BusterSci** As I said, it's about breaking the Sky train. 24-Jul-2018 10:22:34
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-  **Katie S** yes, but the wheels in the Sky keep on turnin' 24-Jul-2018 10:24:34
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-  **BusterSci** After Bernal, the next Sky riders are in the 4th group to start. 24-Jul-2018 10:24:35
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-  **BusterSci** That's good, but it's no "Sky rider in fight" 24-Jul-2018 10:25:40
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-  **vandiik** Kind of smells like ASO hired producers from The Amazing Race for this stage. 24-Jul-2018 10:26:18
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-  **KinPA** Buster, your puns are not giving me any afternoon delight 24-Jul-2018 10:27:58
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-  **BusterSci** It was one of Tim's 24-Jul-2018 10:28:19
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-  **Mons Soseman** (signed the Starlight Vocal Band) 24-Jul-2018 10:28:30
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-  **BusterSci** Or maybe one of Shaw's 24-Jul-2018 10:28:40
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-  **Joanna in New York** Very witty. 24-Jul-2018 10:28:49
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-  **Mons Soseman** From past years, I thought all y'all loved Team Sky... ? 24-Jul-2018
10:29:06
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-  **Tim in KY** The official start of the final climb comes at about 19.5 km but they're already riding uphill. 24-Jul-2018
10:29:08
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-  **KinPA** Then my only redemption is to shank Shaw 24-Jul-2018
10:29:14
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-  **Tim in KY** So far there is no rain in Spain. 24-Jul-2018
10:29:34
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-  **Mons Soseman** Sorry, I didn't not meant to be cruel. 24-Jul-2018
10:29:44
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-  **Joanna in New York** But your heart is true, Mons. 24-Jul-2018
10:30:08
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-  **Mons Soseman** Ah, they have resurfaced that road since I was there at that spot 24-Jul-2018
10:30:26
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-  **BusterSci** Hey there Mister Froome / Feel the tension in the room / Look around and see the gloom / No one wants to ride with you / Mister Froome Sky 24-Jul-2018
10:31:42
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-  **bikerabe** except G 24-Jul-2018
10:32:43
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-  **Mons Soseman** When was the last time they used this climb? 24-Jul-2018
10:32:44
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-  **BusterSci** Probably on the rest day. 24-Jul-2018
10:33:27
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-  **BusterSci** But that's not important right now. 24-Jul-2018
10:33:34
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-  **KinPA** Surely you can't be serious. 24-Jul-2018
10:33:56
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-  **BusterSci** I am. And stop calling me Shirley. 24-Jul-2018
10:34:11

-  **Joanna in New York** Looks like I picked the wrong day to stop using my inhaler... 24-Jul-2018 10:35:09
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-  **BusterSci** 2014 Mons 24-Jul-2018 10:35:11
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-  **Mons Soseman** That kind of smashed frog mount on the descents has become much more widespread. Wasn't it Froome who pioneered that? 24-Jul-2018 10:35:14
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-  **BusterSci** NICE! 24-Jul-2018 10:35:16
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-  **Tim in KY** Movi now leading the peloton. 24-Jul-2018 10:37:37
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-  **Tim in KY** Barrage! 24-Jul-2018 10:38:08
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-  **Mons Soseman** Is the whole stage neutralized, or was the peloton just stopped at the protest? 24-Jul-2018 10:38:58
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-  **BusterSci** Mons, if you're a Team Sky fan or a British media outlet, then Froome pioneered it. 24-Jul-2018 10:39:11
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-  **Mons Soseman** If the whole stage is neutralizd, what's the benefit, if any, to being way out in front? 24-Jul-2018 10:39:18
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-  **BusterSci** I think you're answering the question yourself, Mons. 24-Jul-2018 10:39:32
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-  **BusterSci** That is, they stopped, cleaned eyes, had a second neutralized section to let people warm up again, and then raced. 24-Jul-2018 10:40:12
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-  **Mons Soseman** *** Smashed frog mount was not a microaggression against the French. 24-Jul-2018 10:42:18
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-  **BusterSci** the first pedaling supertuck in competition was Matej Mohoric winning the U-23 title in 2013. 24-Jul-2018 10:42:44
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-  **BusterSci** Mons Brailsford at it again. 24-Jul-2018 10:42:58
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Tim in KY Official climb start.

24-Jul-2018
10:43:22



Charles Davis Who is going to win?

24-Jul-2018
10:43:58



BusterSci In 2014 this climb was won by Joachim Rodriguez

24-Jul-2018
10:44:04



BusterSci I'm taking Ala on the descent.

24-Jul-2018
10:44:17



Tim in KY Barguil backing up.

24-Jul-2018
10:44:50



BusterSci Wawa needs to do less rollerblading and more training.

24-Jul-2018
10:45:00



Tim in KY M&R say he was in a crash that we didn't see.

24-Jul-2018
10:45:42



Tim in KY gesink and Pozzo have a flyer.

24-Jul-2018
10:47:23



BusterSci Yates and Gorka also go

24-Jul-2018
10:49:07



BusterSci Flying vulture. Showoff.

24-Jul-2018
10:50:12



Tim in KY M&R say the descent is still wet from the earlier rain.

24-Jul-2018
10:50:32



BusterSci Mollema closing to Gesink

24-Jul-2018
10:50:38



Tim in KY 5 km to the top.

24-Jul-2018
10:51:08



BusterSci 3 in front

24-Jul-2018
10:51:14



BusterSci Whoever is managing the gap graphics needs to understand that

24-Jul-2018
10:51:51

nobody cares about the gap to yellow when it's this wide.



Tim in KY Only 0:09 for the lead 3.

24-Jul-2018
10:52:27



BusterSci Gesink just keeps pounding at the front

24-Jul-2018
10:52:47



Tim in KY Peloton on the climb.

24-Jul-2018
10:52:52



KinPA Which commentators / feed are M&R?

24-Jul-2018
10:52:55



Dave Ringle M&R are Gold

24-Jul-2018
10:53:20



Tim in KY Matthew and Robbie on Gold.

24-Jul-2018
10:53:20



Joanna in New York For those of you on Facebook, I published an email I received yesterday from George Chapman of Velogames. I am attaching an image of the text here. I had to take out a few paragraph breaks to keep it to one page.

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Joanna in New York //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1532444314-1532444011932.jpeg

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BusterSci Ala trying to bridge

24-Jul-2018
10:53:44



BusterSci That image is why I listen to audiobooks.

24-Jul-2018
10:54:04



BusterSci Ala on his own trying. to bridge

24-Jul-2018
10:54:34



BusterSci Gesink still on the front

24-Jul-2018
10:54:39



Joanna in New York Yeah, sorry about that. The text is larger on the LUGNUTS FB page.

24-Jul-2018
10:54:43



BusterSci Now 7 in front

24-Jul-2018
10:55:26



Dave Ringle Higher they climb the wetter the roads.

24-Jul-2018
10:55:48



BusterSci Yates on his own in front

24-Jul-2018
10:55:50



BusterSci Ala, for once, doesn't look happy

24-Jul-2018
10:56:14



BusterSci Former breakers about to be pelotonized

24-Jul-2018
10:56:44



BusterSci Yates had 50m or so

24-Jul-2018
10:56:53



BusterSci Gesing still setting pace in the chase

24-Jul-2018
10:57:03



BusterSci Pozzo now goes to the front

24-Jul-2018
10:57:12



BusterSci 12s for Yates

24-Jul-2018
10:57:20



BusterSci 32 to white

24-Jul-2018
10:57:31



BusterSci 9m to peloton

24-Jul-2018
10:57:38



BusterSci Yates has a huge gap

24-Jul-2018
10:57:58



BusterSci Ala leading the chase now

24-Jul-2018
10:58:17



Tim in KY Yates has 0:19.

24-Jul-2018
10:58:53



BusterSci Wout leading the Sky train

24-Jul-2018
10:59:04



BusterSci 1.8km to climb

24-Jul-2018
10:59:15



Charles Davis I had just thought about that Jo but decided to wait until tomorrow to post it.

24-Jul-2018
10:59:29



BusterSci 26s for Yates

24-Jul-2018
11:00:13



BusterSci 1.5km to climb

24-Jul-2018
11:00:20



Tim in KY 1 km to the top.

24-Jul-2018
11:01:44



BusterSci Ala cranking it up now

24-Jul-2018
11:01:54



BusterSci Tight alley of eedjits

24-Jul-2018
11:02:17



BusterSci Barriers for Yates

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11:02:41



BusterSci Astana attacks the peloton

24-Jul-2018
11:02:54



Donny Is it over?

24-Jul-2018
11:03:28



BusterSci Nein

24-Jul-2018
11:03:34



Donny Gut

24-Jul-2018
11:03:41



BusterSci Yates summits

24-Jul-2018
11:04:00



BusterSci Has 22s on Ala

24-Jul-2018
11:04:11



BusterSci Gilbert gets Red again

24-Jul-2018
11:04:39



BusterSci Zak and Boswell attack the peloton

24-Jul-2018
11:04:51



Donny Have we discussed that it is now illegal to set of smoke bombs? I think they are going to pepper spray anyone that tries!

24-Jul-2018
11:04:52



BusterSci Yates going hard

24-Jul-2018
11:05:02



BusterSci Road looks dry

24-Jul-2018
11:05:07



Joanna in New York Works for me, Donny.

24-Jul-2018
11:05:10



Dave Ringle Dry except the shading parts

24-Jul-2018
11:05:23



memb54 Yes, great news about the smoke bombs.

24-Jul-2018
11:05:25



Tim in KY Road looks dry.

24-Jul-2018
11:05:28



BusterSci About 12-15 seconds

24-Jul-2018
11:06:10



Donny Maybe pepper spray is not the wisest form of crowd control for a cycling race though.

24-Jul-2018
11:06:15



Katie S that's about one-third of the battle. Next, enforcement. Then deterrence.

24-Jul-2018
11:06:18



BusterSci Sky bright Fuglsang and Zak

24-Jul-2018
11:06:21



BusterSci Brought

24-Jul-2018
11:06:24



Marc @ Toad Hall PhilGil gets red #s. Let's hope for a red jersey.

24-Jul-2018
11:06:27



BusterSci Donny, the tear gas worked on everyone earlier

24-Jul-2018
11:06:49



BusterSci Yates down

24-Jul-2018
11:07:10



Joanna in New York Yates back up

24-Jul-2018
11:07:18



BusterSci Ala passes him

24-Jul-2018
11:07:39



Katie S dang

24-Jul-2018
11:07:40



BusterSci Has a gap

24-Jul-2018
11:07:43



BusterSci Can Yates use adrenaline to keep up?

24-Jul-2018
11:07:54



BusterSci Or will the fear keep him back?

24-Jul-2018
11:08:00



BusterSci Ala wins

24-Jul-2018
11:08:19



BusterSci In about 6 minutes, that is

24-Jul-2018
11:08:29



Donny Yep, put a halt to all affairs. I never try to protect someone by beating them so badly they have to be hospitalized. Just seems like you are as much a part of the problem as the one you are trying to solve.

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11:08:59



BusterSci 75 meters the gap

24-Jul-2018
11:08:59



Joanna in New York Supertucking the descent, and looking back over the shoulder - yikes!

24-Jul-2018
11:09:02



BusterSci 100m

24-Jul-2018
11:09:03



Donny Happy happy Frenchman!

24-Jul-2018
11:09:10



Tim in KY 4 km banner.

24-Jul-2018
11:10:08



Katie S Philippe coasts, unlikely to get caught

24-Jul-2018
11:10:10



BusterSci 150m

24-Jul-2018
11:10:25



BusterSci Gorka catching Yates

24-Jul-2018
11:10:38



BusterSci 2.8km

24-Jul-2018
11:11:10



Joanna in New York 80km/hr for Ala

24-Jul-2018
11:11:10



memb54 Go, Gorka!!!

24-Jul-2018
11:11:31



Donny Happy and fast Frenchman

24-Jul-2018
11:11:38



Joanna in New York Mugging for the camera!

24-Jul-2018
11:12:01

















Tim in KY no more attacks in the peloton.















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11:12:05



BusterSci Gold just booted me off. Someone else take over

24-Jul-2018
11:12:05

	Joanna in New York Ala in the barriers	24-Jul-2018 11:12:19
	Joanna in New York 700m	24-Jul-2018 11:12:24
	Donny I'm at the lake	24-Jul-2018 11:12:27
	bikerabe 1 km	24-Jul-2018 11:12:50
	Joanna in New York Ala coming in easily, waving to the crowd	24-Jul-2018 11:13:00
	Tim in KY Ala has it.	24-Jul-2018 11:13:02
	Joanna in New York Shaking out his legs and shaking his head	24-Jul-2018 11:13:07
	Joanna in New York Phil gets the call all wrong	24-Jul-2018 11:13:33
	Donny	24-Jul-2018 11:13:35
	Joanna in New York Fist pump, crosses the line	24-Jul-2018 11:13:48
	Donny	24-Jul-2018 11:13:53
	Joanna in New York Gorka sprinting	24-Jul-2018 11:13:54
	Joanna in New York Yates third	24-Jul-2018 11:14:00
	Katie S He's stage win 703 for the French. Still the winningest nation of the race's history.	24-Jul-2018 11:14:06

-  **Joanna in New York** Pozzovivo 4th 24-Jul-2018
11:14:13
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-  **BusterSci** Ok, I like that guy 24-Jul-2018
11:14:21
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-  **BusterSci** Ala, that is. 24-Jul-2018
11:14:25
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-  **Donny** Me too 24-Jul-2018
11:14:34
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-  **Joanna in New York** Valgren and Mule Burger 24-Jul-2018
11:14:44
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-  **Joanna in New York** Latour, et al 24-Jul-2018
11:14:56
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-  **Joanna in New York** Soler in 24-Jul-2018
11:15:01
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-  **Joanna in New York** Gold kicked me off at the same time, Buster.
Thankfully, I also had NBC on TV. 24-Jul-2018
11:15:26
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-  **Tim in KY** Despite the tear gas pause, faster than the imagined time. 24-Jul-2018
11:15:55
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-  **BusterSci** Gesink's finish should move him up into the second group
tomorrow, making him more available to help RugLick and the Coat Hanger. 24-Jul-2018
11:15:58
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-  **Joanna in New York** I will have to scroll up to find out about the use of tear
gas. 24-Jul-2018
11:16:21
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-  **Joanna in New York** Yellow Jersey is 6km from finish 24-Jul-2018
11:16:46
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-  **KinPA** Farmer protest; tear gas used to clear them off the road. 24-Jul-2018
11:17:12
-
-  **memb54** Anyone seen Quintana? 24-Jul-2018
11:17:20
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Joanna in New York All the "Heads of State" seem to be together

24-Jul-2018
11:17:27



BusterSci Just gapped a bit, Maite

24-Jul-2018
11:17:38



memb54 Just heard he's with Roglic

24-Jul-2018
11:17:50



Joanna in New York Thanks KinPA!

24-Jul-2018
11:17:59



BusterSci Bernal almost went down

24-Jul-2018
11:18:18



memb54 Ok, off to do some 'work'.

24-Jul-2018
11:18:23



BusterSci Kwiat tells Bernal to back off, he'll take the group down.

24-Jul-2018
11:18:50



Joanna in New York I'm off to unpack and do laundry and catch up on a week's worth of mail. :-)

24-Jul-2018
11:18:53



KinPA Want some of mine, Jo?

24-Jul-2018
11:19:16



KinPA Dirty laundry that is.

24-Jul-2018
11:19:22



KinPA ...or any bills in my mail.

24-Jul-2018
11:19:34



Joanna in New York Um...I think not. LOL

24-Jul-2018
11:20:13



Katie S Tomorrow should be "fun" ...

24-Jul-2018
11:20:41



BusterSci I'll take the bills. I won't pay them, but you can give them to me.

24-Jul-2018
11:20:43



Katie S two cat 1s, one HC... I do love me the Pyrenees.

24-Jul-2018
11:20:55



Joanna in New York I have to work tomorrow... :-)

24-Jul-2018
11:20:58



Katie S NO! Please tell me you are sitting in front of the electronic viewing devices on Friday, at least

24-Jul-2018
11:21:21



Joanna in New York I have to work Friday, too...

24-Jul-2018
11:21:36



Trish in MA Jo, so do I. I'm lucky if I get here in time for the finish.

24-Jul-2018
11:21:43



Joanna in New York Not a "happy camper"...

24-Jul-2018
11:21:48



bikerabe P & P 'big changes tomorrow' promises, promises

24-Jul-2018
11:22:04



Dave Ringle Tomorrow will be interesting, changes or not.

24-Jul-2018
11:22:23



Joanna in New York Well, one of the "P's" called the winner of today's stage Phillipe Alaphillipe, so there is that...

24-Jul-2018
11:22:54



Joanna in New York Have a great day, all!

24-Jul-2018
11:23:30



BusterSci I thought it was Julienne Fries, but whatever.

24-Jul-2018
11:23:38



Katie S Have a great day all ... I've been putting it off, but now absolutely must review a research report on ... handbags. I kid you not.

24-Jul-2018
11:25:14



Dave Ringle Handsoap? handlebars?

24-Jul-2018
11:25:44



Tim in KY Dodged the rain bullet.

24-Jul-2018
11:26:29



Trish in MA Katie, will your report tell me where I can find a purse like the kind the Queen uses? My Mom desperately needs that kind which no one seems to sell.

24-Jul-2018
11:26:41



Katie S I'll give her a call and ask...

24-Jul-2018
11:26:58



Katie S ;-)

24-Jul-2018
11:27:02



BusterSci They'll patch you through. It's for research!

24-Jul-2018
11:27:38



BusterSci //rumbletalk-images-
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1532446106456.png

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11:28:29



Marc @ Toad Hall Ono, Joanna. Re: Friday: I want you to offer an 8x10 glossy of Artie for the first LugNut to name the first cyclist to crest Tourmalet.

24-Jul-2018
12:03:43



Marc @ Toad Hall Yates deserves cycling's Purple Heart.

24-Jul-2018
12:08:17