



**Tim in KY** VaE stage 16 is 168 kilometers south along Spain's Atlantic coast from Poio to a summit finish on the Alto Castro de Herville in Mos near the Portuguese border.

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1757350222-stage-16-route.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** There are four categorized climbs, a Cat 3, a Cat 1 and two Cat 2s. The Cat 3 starts with 94 kilometers to go; the last Cat 2 is the finishing climb. It is 8.2 km long averaging 5.2%. As usual, there are several small uncategorized climbs scattered along the entire route.

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1757350294-stage-16-profile.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1757350305-stage-16-castro-de-herville.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:12 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Live video at 14:50. That is just before the Cat 3 climb should be starting. Forecast is for clouds in the upper teens with the possibility of rain anywhere along the route.

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**Tim in KY** There were no fines or penalties on stage 15 and no DNF or OTL.

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**Tim in KY** Gianmarco Garofoli (Soudal Quick-Step) and Victor Campenaerts (Team Visma | Lease a Bike) will not start today.

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**Tim in KY** Chance of rain is above 50% now all along the route.

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**Tim in KY** Km0

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**Tim in KY** Both the non-starters are sick.

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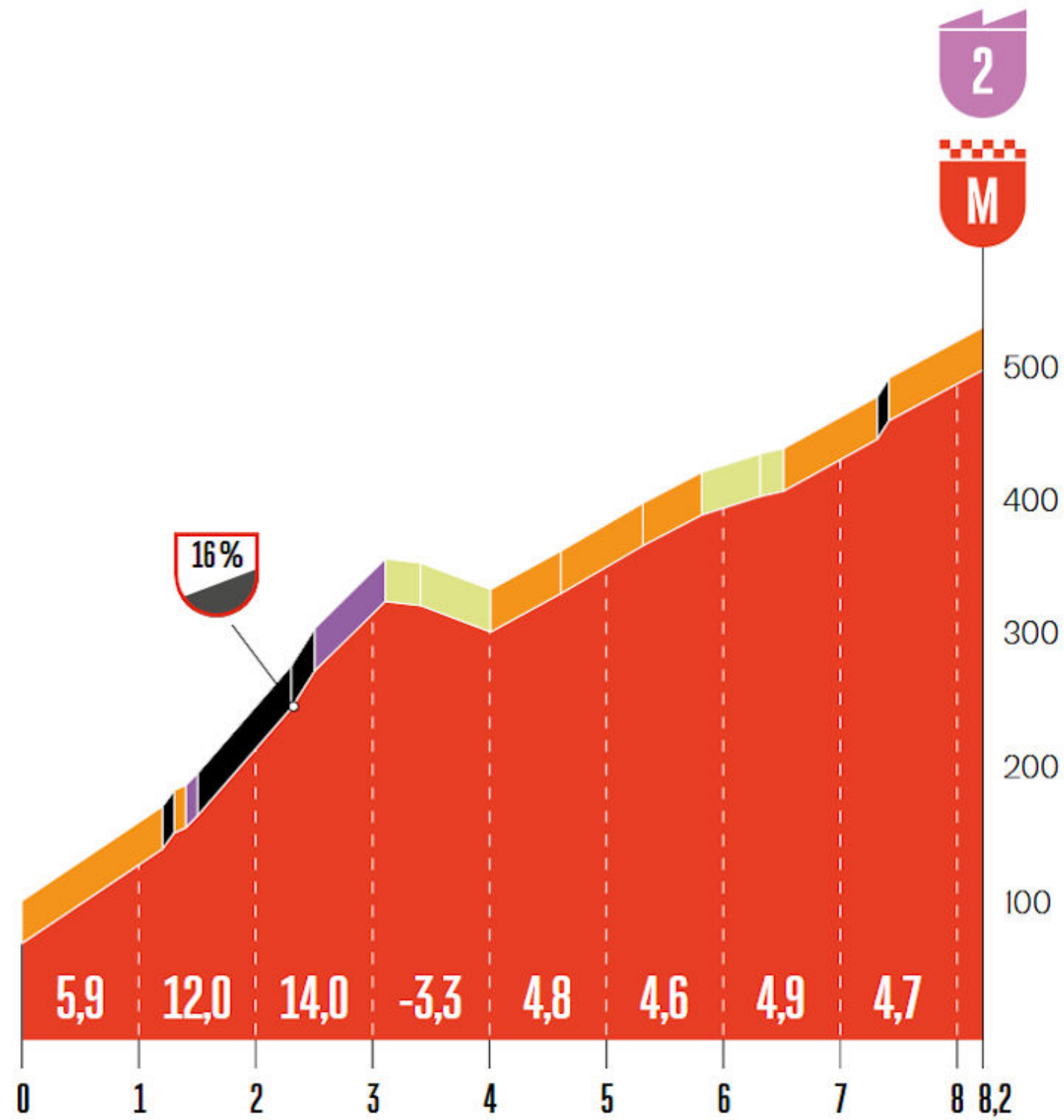


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**Tim in KY** PCS says there have been 29 abandons so far which is right at the 10 year average after 16 stages.

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**Tim in KY** Break fight continues.

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07:30:33 am



**Rocket City Gal** I was thinking that perhaps the abandons were a bit on the low side this year.... But I guess they've overwhelmingly struck the pro-continental teams so they've been less noticeable. Only two big GC types have left (O'Connor and G Martin). R Garcia Piena was going well also before he crashed out. The Vismas will feel the loss of Campanaerts, especially after losing Zingle early on.

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07:50:23 am



**Tim in KY** Yeah, I thought the abandons were low as well.

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07:51:50 am



**Rocket City Gal** UAE still has 8 riders. Which UAE will win today? Vine? Ayuso? Almeida? Soler?

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07:54:23 am



**Tim in KY** Dart board.

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07:55:09 am



**Tim in KY** Soudal has lost 3 riders.

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07:55:44 am



**Rocket City Gal** Yesterday the kittens went back to the city shelter for spay/neuter and to find forever homes. The calico female got adopted afterwards. I found out that they'd been there since the kittens were about a week old.... which explains why they needed some socialization. I hope they at least were with another foster for some of that time and not in a small cage.

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**Tim in KY** Movi and Jayco also down 3

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**Rocket City Gal** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1757419386-1757419086294.jpeg>

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**Rocket City Gal** They were a lot better socialized after just a week and a half.

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**Rocket City Gal** I think because the attritions have been 1 or two at a time and mostly due to illness, maybe we haven't noticed then as much,

09-09-2025  
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eh, Tim? I'm thankful for the relative lack of bad crashes /mass crashes.



**Rocket City Gal** 8 teams are still riding with a full roster — UAE, Lidl-Trek, Red Bull-BORA, Ineos, Bahrain-Victorious, Decathlon AG2R, Q36.5 and intermarché-Wanty.

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08:04:36 am



**Tim in KY** I think you're right. Sick is not as noticeable as injury.

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08:04:37 am



**Tim in KY** There may not be a break until the Cat 3.

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08:05:15 am



**Rocket City Gal** Another 5 teams have lost only 1 rider....Astana, Groupama, Caja-Rural, Lotto, IPT

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08:07:53 am



**Tim in KY** It's interesting how many fewer crashes than le Tour.

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08:08:36 am



**Tim in KY** I wonder who is doing the break stifuling.

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08:11:27 am



**Tim in KY** Finally a break of 17. 2:00 gap

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08:33:53 am



**bikerabe** gap out to ovrt 4 min.

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08:34:48 am



**Rocket City Gal** [https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1757421673-IMG\\_8609.jpeg](https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1757421673-IMG_8609.jpeg)

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**Rocket City Gal** Bernal got in there, so they won't let the gap get as ridiculous as it was Sunday.

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08:37:22 am



**Tim in KY** At least it's small enough that there will be VG break points.

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08:39:15 am



**KatieS** Good morning. I see Kevin Vermaerke is in there too ... I notice only b/c he's on my team; I don't otherwise know anything about him. He does seem to be getting in a lot of the breaks.

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08:39:46 am



**Tim in KY** He's going to UAE next year.

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08:40:41 am

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2		21	BAGIOLI Andrea	+1:24:09	
3		35	CEPEDA Jefferson Alveiro	+56:50	
4		43	DENZ Nico	+2:13:16	
5		51	LANDA Mikel	+1:05:06	
6		56	VANSEVENANT Mauri	+2:00:39	
7		62	BERNAL Egan 	+15:42	
8		64	JUNGELS Bob	+1:37:35	
9		85	QUINN Sean	+1:57:50	
10		107	PICKERING Finlay	+1:06:23	
11		131	BRAZ AFONSO Clément	+1:26:21	
12		136	MOLARD Rudy	+49:27	
13		137	ROLLAND Briec	+1:20:06	
14		163	GUERNALEC Victor	+2:53:43	
15		166	ROULAND Louis	+2:41:18	
16		198	VERMAERKE Kevin	+39:45	
17		226	STEWART Jake	+3:01:12	



**Rocket City Gal** Climby American with a Belgian-ish /European last name.

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08:41:44 am



**Tim in KY** I'll be heading to a doctor appointment shortly. I should be back for the last two climbs.

09-09-2025  
08:41:58 am



**Rocket City Gal** Katie, Wikipedia says he's of Belgian / South African descent. He was born in South Africa.

09-09-2025  
08:43:52 am



**Tim in KY** Back later.

09-09-2025  
08:46:30 am



**Carlene in NH** The break looks like it's a who's who of stage hunters

09-09-2025  
08:55:05 am



**KatieS** RCG, I like "Climby American etc."

09-09-2025  
08:58:42 am



**KatieS** I'm just "back" from buying our tickets to the Anne Frank House museum in Amsterdam. They begin selling tickets on Tuesdays at 10 am CET for visits beginning six weeks later. Since we're going in November to Amsterdam, I didn't figure it'd be that tough to get tickets, but still. They are now in "hand."

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09:01:12 am



**Carlene in NH** That's great, Katie. I'm sure it'll be a humbling experience.

09-09-2025  
09:12:55 am



**Carlene in NH** I see on my Tour Tracker app that Romo has abandoned

09-09-2025  
09:15:17 am



**Tim in KY** Romo has abandoned. That really sucks.

09-09-2025  
09:15:59 am



**PasadenaK8** 🙌 Mornin' ~

09-09-2025  
09:25:37 am



**KatieS** I'm glad the protester who caused Romo's crash was arrested.

09-09-2025  
09:29:44 am



**bikerabe** gap approaching 5 min.

09-09-2025  
09:44:43 am



**bikerabe** Landa solols on climb 59 nkm to go

09-09-2025  
09:50:00 am



**KatieS** hard to know whether this break will survive ... my money is on "nope" 09-09-2025 09:50:37 am



**bikerabe** Bernal catches Landa 09-09-2025 09:51:27 am



**PasadenaK8** My money is with you, bikerabe. With all those pointy-points on the profile, up ahead, probably not. 09-09-2025 09:53:19 am



**PasadenaK8** \*Katie 09-09-2025 09:54:02 am



**SFinAus** Good morning. Just got the feed to hear "rain" and "descent" in the same sentence. Fingers crossed. 09-09-2025 09:54:33 am



**PasadenaK8** Mornin' SF! 09-09-2025 09:54:59 am



**Alaska Dave** Good morning. Light rain today. 2 to 4 inches tomorrow. It is September in the rain forest. 09-09-2025 09:55:28 am



**KatieS** Good morning, fellas. 09-09-2025 09:56:03 am



**Alaska Dave** In one week the doctor says I can put weight on my foes, I think sHe meant toes 09-09-2025 09:57:17 am



**PasadenaK8** Mornin', Dave. Same here too. First morning I've been able to put on a fuzzy pullover. It's going to hit 83F later, but this morning is the first cool one in a loooooong time. 09-09-2025 09:57:19 am



**KatieS** Dave, we have heavy mist (aka light rain) this morning as well. But it's sultry and 63 at 6:56 a.m. This is not typical for us. 09-09-2025 09:57:29 am



**Alaska Dave** I still have an open window somewhere in the house. 54 is comfortable here. 09-09-2025 09:59:02 am



**KatieS** I was remembering something you said a couple weeks ago, Dave, that you start to sweat at 70 degrees. Same here. I have all our windows open right now. 09-09-2025 09:59:53 am



**bikerabe** over 6 min. gap 52 km to go someone from break will win stage

09-09-2025  
10:00:15 am



**SFinAus** A "brisk" 65 here this morning, and I'm told this is the coolest it's been since early May.

09-09-2025  
10:00:16 am



**Trish in MA** Good morning. Husband says it was 55 out at 6:30; only gone up 10 degrees in 3.5 hours.

09-09-2025  
10:02:32 am



**Rocket City Gal** Dave— will you be stomping the foes in anger as you light the blue touchpaper?

09-09-2025  
10:03:26 am



**Alaska Dave** Don't tell my doctor I've been on the trainer.

09-09-2025  
10:07:35 am



**bikerabe** Roll On Columbia Roll On Go Egan

09-09-2025  
10:07:44 am



**Alaska Dave** Break is breaking up and coming back together again.

09-09-2025  
10:08:31 am



**KatieS** The gap is pretty fluffy still

09-09-2025  
10:10:33 am



**PasadenaK8** Our lips are sealed, Alaska Dave. What's said in the Pub, stays in the Pub (unless your Dr reads the archives... )

09-09-2025  
10:11:43 am



**Tim in KY** Back. Looks like the front five may make it to the finish.

09-09-2025  
10:12:47 am



**KatieS** Agree, Tim. Gap now is up to 7 minutes, so I'll change my bet on "nope" to "yep"

09-09-2025  
10:16:40 am



**Tim in KY** The front group is faster than the fastest even after that Cat 1.

09-09-2025  
10:18:54 am



**Tim in KY** As predicted: rain.

09-09-2025  
10:19:32 am



**Rocket City Gal** I'll go with Soler, Bernal, Rolland for top 3 today.

09-09-2025  
10:21:09 am



**KatieS** I wouldn't take the other side of that bet, RCG.

09-09-2025  
10:21:32 am



**PasadenaK8** Fortunato just fell down and went boom.

09-09-2025  
10:22:12 am



**KatieS** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALOiRV6QvJs>

09-09-2025  
10:24:02 am



**Alaska Dave** Uncategorized climb hurting

09-09-2025  
10:24:15 am



**bikerabe** Si

09-09-2025  
10:25:40 am



**bikerabe** Landa is 35 Shut Up Legs

09-09-2025  
10:28:19 am



**PasadenaK8** o.m.g. Katie, definite cliffhanger... And the kitten! We don't get to find out what happened with the kitten!

09-09-2025  
10:30:59 am



**KatieS** This is from the 1976 Francois Truffaut film called "Small Change." It's very funny, as I recall.

09-09-2025  
10:35:14 am



**Tim in KY** Boy! So much to deal with after being gone just an hour.

09-09-2025  
10:39:25 am



**Tim in KY** Is that an actual road?

09-09-2025  
10:39:47 am



**SFinAus** Pesky part-time work mtg over. I'll will not be declaring a favorite or a prediction after what happened to Sheffield as soon as I picked him.

09-09-2025  
10:40:49 am



**Tim in KY** Front three hit the KOM line right on the fastest imaginable.

09-09-2025  
10:44:34 am



**SFinAus** Looks like I'll have to watch that video when I 'get back to the States' after I'm done 'watching the race from Canada'.

09-09-2025  
10:44:36 am



**bikerabe** Bernal gets KOM Go Egan

09-09-2025  
10:44:46 am

**KatieS** Road surface looks like climbs around here

09-09-2025  
10:46:38 am



**bikerabe** gap to peloton 7 mi9n.

09-09-2025  
10:47:45 am



**bikerabe** 19 km to go

09-09-2025  
10:48:39 am



**SFinAus** Road surface looks like typical county roads around here

09-09-2025  
10:48:40 am



**KatieS** What happened to Soler? Legs just quit?

09-09-2025  
10:49:15 am



**KatieS** Bike swap w/ teammate for Jonas

09-09-2025  
10:49:31 am



**SFinAus** Looks like a decent temporary bike fit.

09-09-2025  
10:49:57 am



**bikerabe** mechanical for Jonas

09-09-2025  
10:50:01 am



**KatieS** yeah, it does look like a decent fit

09-09-2025  
10:50:17 am



**SFinAus** That was a very good push off too from a guy wearing cleats on carbon fiber soles

09-09-2025  
10:51:12 am



**Alaska Dave** Flat for fdj in lead three

09-09-2025  
10:52:48 am



**Alaska Dave** Vingo jhas good bike leased.

09-09-2025  
10:53:20 am



**Tim in KY** I wish they'd shown the neutral support wheel change. Often they are quite entertaining. Except for the rider.

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10:54:18 am


















**Alaska Dave** Soler might just play teammate for Almeida

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**Rocket City Gal** Welp, I doomed Soler...

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	<b>Alaska Dave</b> Protests at finish mean climb stopped 8km from finish.	09-09-2025 10:59:52 am
	<b>bikerabe</b> dixs km	09-09-2025 11:00:11 am
	<b>Tim in KY</b> Very spotty rain.	09-09-2025 11:00:53 am
	<b>KatieS</b> they have got to find a way to truncate this and still declare a winner.	09-09-2025 11:00:53 am
	<b>bikerabe</b> nine km	09-09-2025 11:01:00 am
	<b>SFinAus</b> I'm hearing the race is being stopped in one km due to protesters. Did I hear that correctly?	09-09-2025 11:02:02 am
	<b>SFinAus</b> Er, at least times taken.	09-09-2025 11:02:23 am
	<b>KatieS</b> We have a winner, but they still have to do the climb.	09-09-2025 11:03:01 am
	<b>PasadenaK8</b> I believe so, SF	09-09-2025 11:03:01 am
	<b>SFinAus</b> Flo comms are declaring a victor.	09-09-2025 11:03:11 am
	<b>Alaska Dave</b> Bernal sprints to 8km.	09-09-2025 11:03:17 am
	<b>Alaska Dave</b> Landa tried but couldn't match effort.	09-09-2025 11:03:36 am
	<b>KatieS</b> At least it was communicated better to the riders than the Pidcock/Jonas disaster	09-09-2025 11:03:58 am
	<b>SFinAus</b> Roadside doggo successfully held on leash.	09-09-2025 11:04:11 am
	<b>SFinAus</b> I bet meetings have already started about security for the Giro and Tour. :(	09-09-2025 11:05:32 am



**KatieS** a tree was laid across the road at 30k, says CVV!

09-09-2025  
11:07:35 am



**Rocket City Gal** Well that stinks.,,,

09-09-2025  
11:08:08 am



**Alaska Dave** The world is changing. Lots could happen the rest of the week, let alone the next six months.

09-09-2025  
11:10:06 am



**KatieS** Very true, Dave.

09-09-2025  
11:10:23 am



**KatieS** Peloton should pull off at the next cafe and have some rioja and tapas and call it a day. let the team buses come to them.

09-09-2025  
11:11:15 am



**SFinAus** That is a good idea.

09-09-2025  
11:12:07 am



**Alaska Dave** If the tree is across the road, team buses will have to find a chainsaw to get to the riders.

09-09-2025  
11:12:42 am



**Alaska Dave** Cafe sounds great. Enjoy the day.

09-09-2025  
11:13:03 am



**KatieS** Ciao, tutti. Adios, amigos. Au revoir, mes amis.

09-09-2025  
11:13:47 am



**KatieS** etc

09-09-2025  
11:13:48 am



**Alaska Dave** Matteo asks "what do we do now?"

09-09-2025  
11:14:37 am



**SFinAus** That covers it for me too. Bye all.

09-09-2025  
11:14:44 am



**PasadenaK8** Buses an hour away? With that amount of time to left to wait, I'd even volunteer to ride on the top of the team car.

09-09-2025  
11:16:59 am



**PasadenaK8** Mañana...

09-09-2025  
11:18:25 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Missed the entire stage but I did pick Landa and Bernal to fight for the win when I saw they were in the break.

09-09-2025  
01:41:15 pm

