



**Tim in KY** VaE Stage 12 is 151 kilometers from Olvega east to Zaragoza with a bit of a loop north thrown in. Olvegais situated almost 1,000 meters above sea level and the finish is 800 meters lower in Zaragoza.

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

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**Tim in KY** The route starts descending immediately consisting mostly of false flats both up and down. There are two uncategorized climbs along the way totaling 865 meters of uphill climbing, while twice as much is on descent. The second climb crests about 40 kilometers from the finish. Whether the finish is a bunch sprint or another day for the break depends on how many teams want to help mind the gap.

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

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**Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled at 14:10 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Forecast is for sunshine. Temps will be in the low-20s at elevation rising to the low-30 down on the plain.

09-06-2023  
01:13:19 pm



**Charlie in Tenn** I am hoping the Ineos sprinter can recover from the hard work leading the break up the mountains yesterday and winning the time trial 2 days ago..

09-07-2023  
07:21:48 am



**Tim in KY** I don't think of O'Ganna as a sprinter. Still at least 20 minutes until Km0. I got my walk in early. Cool and breezy this morning.

09-07-2023  
07:46:21 am



**Tim in KY** No DNF yesterday, no word of any DNS today.

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07:47:41 am



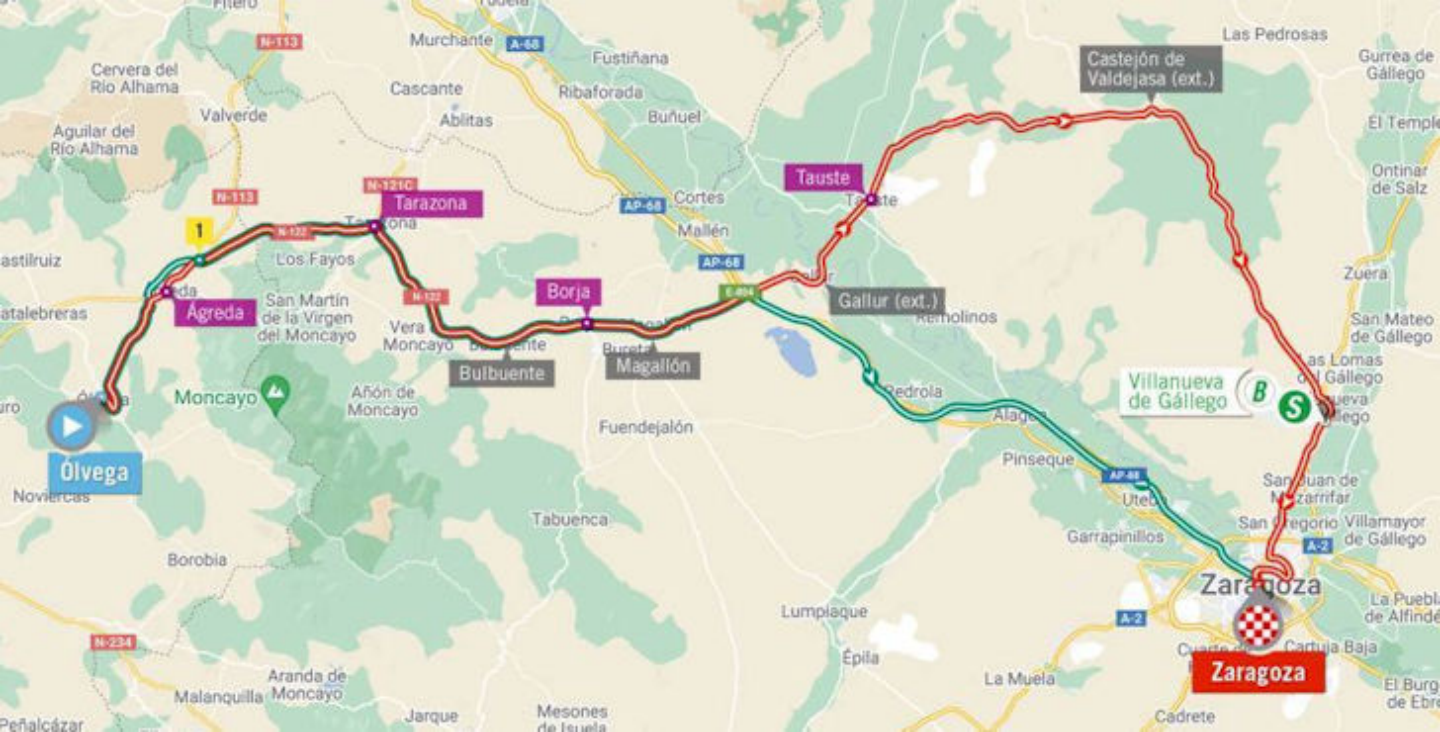
**Tim in KY** In neutral.

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08:04:38 am



**Tim in KY** Km0.

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08:12:03 am



Olvega

Agreda

Tarazona

Borja

Magallón

Gallur (ext.)

Tauste

Castejón de Valdejasa (ext.)

Zaragoza

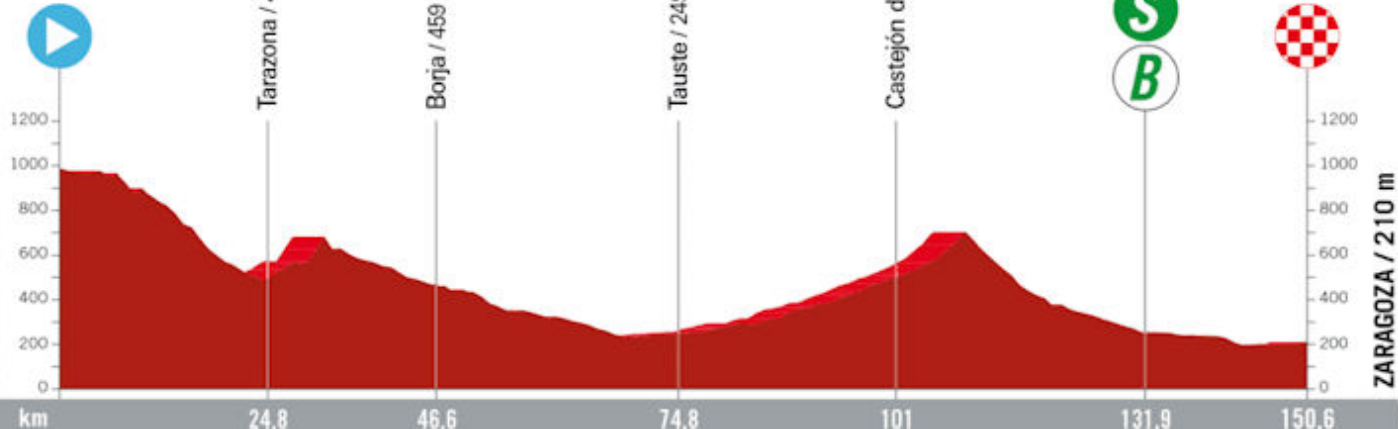
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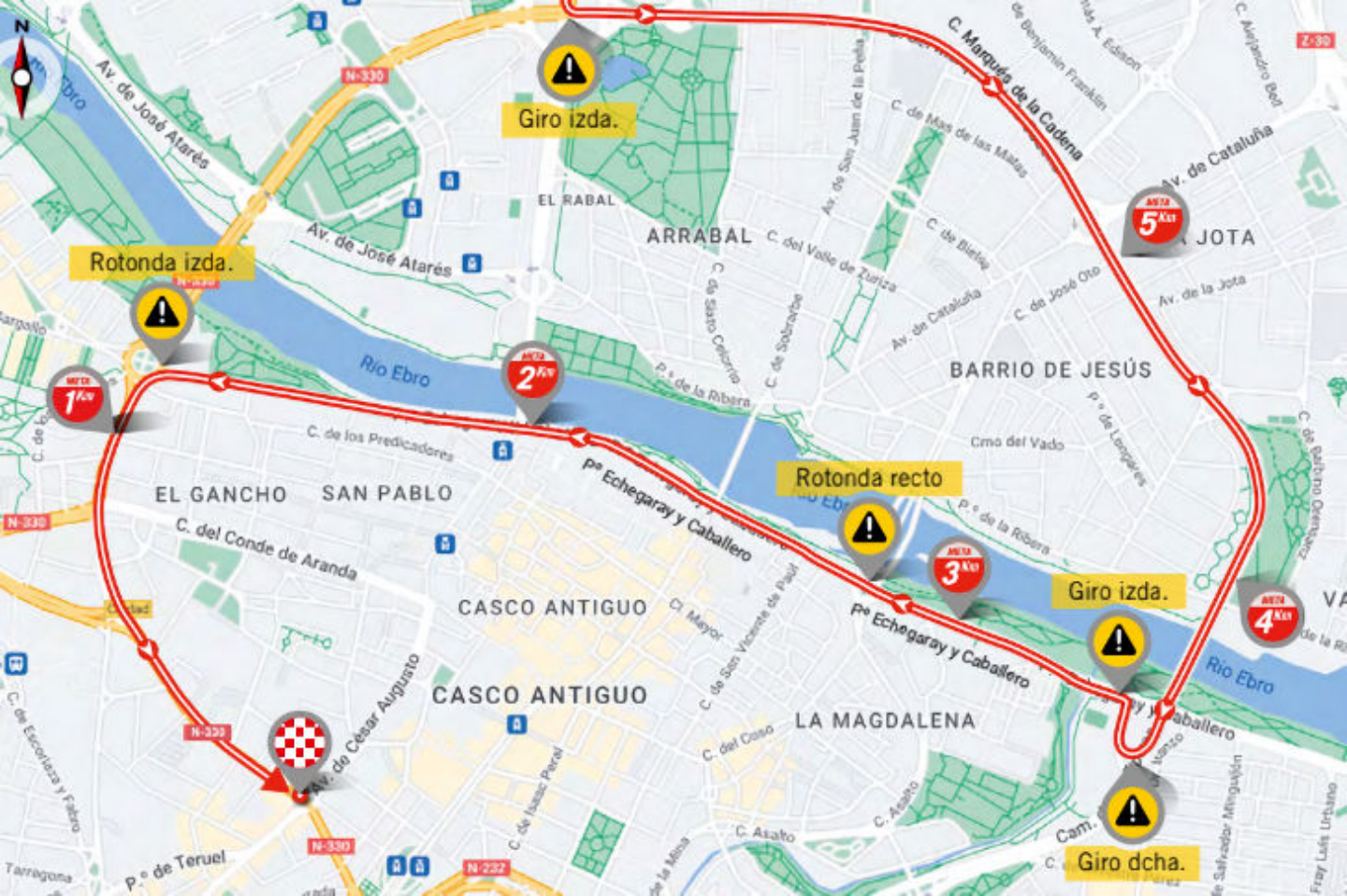
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ÓLVEGA / 984 m



ZARAGOZA / 210 m



Giro izda.

Rotonda izda.

META 2 Km

Rotonda recto

Giro izda.

META 3 Km

META 4 Km

Giro dcha.

EL GANCHO

SAN PABLO

CASCO ANTIGUO

CASCO ANTIGUO

LA MAGDALENA

BARRIO DE JESÚS

ARRABAL

EL RABAL

Rio Ebro

META 5 Km





**Tim in KY** A Burgos and a Caja are off the front. Looks like a sprint stage. Jetse Bol (Burgos-BH) and Abel Balderstone (Caja Rural-Seguros RGA)

09-07-2023  
08:15:41 am



**Tim in KY** 30 seconds already.

09-07-2023  
08:16:31 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Not familiar with Balderstone. Surprise.

09-07-2023  
08:21:02 am



**Tim in KY** I'm guessing Balderstone is not Spanish. 1:35 and headed down hill. Time for chores.

09-07-2023  
08:24:29 am



**Tim in KY** But PCS says he is.

09-07-2023  
08:25:17 am



**BusterSci** Balderstone sounds like the name of someone out of British fiction written sometime between Dickens and Waugh.

09-07-2023  
08:27:06 am



**BusterSci** Just read an article about TX AG Ken Paxton and TX politics in general. A Great line: "Some places have local pride" Texas has a psychosis. ☐

09-07-2023  
08:28:44 am



**BusterSci** And with that, I'm off to the treadmill

09-07-2023  
08:29:23 am



**Katie S** Good morning, all. Sorry to have missed Buster before the penguin hit the treadmill, which seems like quite a feat for such a short-legged creature.

09-07-2023  
09:00:48 am



**Tim in KY** I avoid reading articles about TX politics. Too depressing.

09-07-2023  
09:03:55 am



**Tim in KY** Alpecin minding the gap of ~2:30.

09-07-2023  
09:05:21 am



**Katie S** yipes, crash

09-07-2023  
09:05:28 am



**Katie S** looks like six guys involved, but they're up again

09-07-2023  
09:06:42 am



**Tim in KY** Inattention at the back of the peloton.

09-07-2023  
09:07:36 am



**Tim in KY** Alpecin may want to back off a bit. Gap down to 1:21.

09-07-2023  
09:17:30 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Vinge got Kuss some water. Nice to have good help.

09-07-2023  
09:24:05 am



**Tim in KY** Balderstone was born and raised in Barcelona but his father is English. So says the ASO ticker.

09-07-2023  
09:29:53 am



**Tim in KY** Parched landscape in the valley. And blazing hot.

09-07-2023  
09:31:22 am



**Tim in KY** Strong possibility of thunderstorms on the French side of the Pyrenees tomorrow.

09-07-2023  
09:33:47 am



**Katie S** How blazing hot?

09-07-2023  
09:37:40 am



**Tim in KY** Low 30s.

09-07-2023  
09:38:39 am



**Katie S** and wind

09-07-2023  
09:39:26 am



**Tim in KY** Right at the slowest imaginable.

09-07-2023  
09:42:01 am



**Tim in KY** Oddly elliptical roundabout.

09-07-2023  
09:54:07 am



**Tim in KY** Watching the last 20km of the ToB.

09-07-2023  
09:59:38 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Quiet day at the PUB.

09-07-2023  
10:00:16 am



**bikerabe** Abel Balderstone is Not 'bikerabe'

09-07-2023  
10:00:19 am



**Charlie in Tenn** The gentleman doth protest too much, methinks.

09-07-2023  
10:02:04 am



**Charlie in Tenn** That may be the first time I ever paraphrased Shakespeare. All of you smart Lugnuts are rubbing off on me.

09-07-2023  
10:03:21 am



**Katie S** This is some seriously arid territory.

09-07-2023  
10:04:57 am



**Tim in KY** ToB is quite green.

09-07-2023  
10:05:51 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I saw that agricultural area a few minutes ago with all of the green fields around it. It really looked out of place.

09-07-2023  
10:06:53 am



**Charlie in Tenn** BTW, Kopecky won the TT at the Simac stage race to take the GC lead. Who is leading the fantasy race? I forgot to enter so can't see the results.

09-07-2023  
10:08:55 am



**Mikey** Greeting all you Shakespeare lovers

09-07-2023  
10:09:38 am



**Charlie in Tenn** DeGent has a contest going to win a signed Vuelta jersey. All that you have to do is write your name and phone number on a piece of paper and put it in his jersey tomorrow as you push him up the Toutmalet.Â per Dan Lloyd

09-07-2023  
10:15:45 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Doesn't seem to be many that admit it.

09-07-2023  
10:16:43 am



**Katie S** hilarious

09-07-2023  
10:16:51 am



**SFinAus** Hello all.Â I can vouch for Texan psychosis and it's depressing politics.Â I'll put it in my rear view mirror some day.Â :)

09-07-2023  
10:17:43 am



**Charlie in Tenn** The other commentators also thought so.

09-07-2023  
10:17:54 am



**Katie S** the politics is depressing nationwide, alas. When I got back from vacation and saw all the headlines again, I said to my partner, "I am tired of our headlines. I want to move to a country with different headlines."

09-07-2023  
10:18:55 am



**SFinAus** De Gendt has a good sense of humor

09-07-2023  
10:19:12 am



**SFinAus** Amen, Katie.

09-07-2023  
10:19:38 am



**Katie S** Oooh, re Tourmalet day, I see the Peacock feed begins early.

09-07-2023  
10:20:36 am



**Katie S** crash again

09-07-2023  
10:20:53 am



**Mikey** Nice to see Bernal....

09-07-2023  
10:27:52 am



**Tim in KY** Wout V A wins in Britain.

09-07-2023  
10:28:36 am



**Charlie in Tenn** JV did a sneaky at ToB. You need to watch the last 3 kms.

09-07-2023  
10:29:01 am



**Tim in KY** Way slower than the slowest in Spain.

09-07-2023  
10:29:18 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Tomorrows Vuelta stage will be shown in full.

09-07-2023  
10:30:34 am



**Tim in KY** Bring an umbrella.

09-07-2023  
10:31:01 am



**Charlie in Tenn** WvA won his second road race of the year.

09-07-2023  
10:31:32 am



**BusterSci** Jack of all trades...

09-07-2023  
10:32:13 am



**PasadenaK8** Good morrow, fair damsel and goodmen of the Pub. Thanks for the Peacock heads-up, Katie! See that it will be starting at 4:40am, here on the West Coast ☹️(-.-)€zzZZ

09-07-2023  
10:35:27 am



**Mikey** Just heard " lead still has to box on" Â oh those Aussies Â Box on box off box on box off

09-07-2023  
10:37:56 am





**Mikey** Perfect example of a TV break

09-07-2023  
10:46:43 am



**BusterSci** Re: Peacock. I've long been a proponent of supporting broadcast and streaming of the races by paying for the US coverage. Next year I'm GCN and VPN. While I thought NBC stepped up a bit with their studio coverage for the Tour, everything else is an afterthought.

09-07-2023  
10:46:45 am



**Charlie in Tenn** At ToB there are no bonus seconds. WvA has a 3 second lead over basically everyone. The remaining stages are not that tough so 3 seconds may be the winning margin. Tomorrow looks to be another sprint so look for Kooij to try for win #5.

09-07-2023  
10:55:16 am



**PasadenaK8** Do you have a particular VPN that you like/would recommend?

09-07-2023  
10:56:45 am



**Katie S** I digres but ... Is this a good time to say I am so tired of being nickel-and-dimed in order to watch the programming that appeals to me. And NOW there won't be a Pac-12 Network after 2023-24, and will I have to pay up to watch some stupid collegiate conference on the East Coast?

09-07-2023  
10:58:29 am



**KimC** Just missed Phil and Paul at 33 km

09-07-2023  
10:58:54 am



**Mikey** I really like my Express VPN but they just raised their price

09-07-2023  
10:59:23 am



**PasadenaK8** Thanks, Mikey.

09-07-2023  
11:02:11 am



**SFinAus** Express VPN has been great. Apparently I've been dozing and didn't notice the price increase though. Doh! That's the other kind of getting nickled and dimed that I'm tired of too.

09-07-2023  
11:02:34 am



**Mikey** They did send a notice to say they were "forced" to up the annual fee and that you had an easy opportunity to cancel but if you did nothing it would automatically renew.

09-07-2023  
11:04:19 am



**Tim in KY** 5 km to the sprint.

09-07-2023  
11:09:32 am



**Tim in KY** Awfully muddy river after all that rain.

09-07-2023  
11:10:28 am



**Mikey** I need Mons to talk about what makes a basilica

09-07-2023  
11:11:24 am



**Mikey** Almost a moto issue

09-07-2023  
11:14:55 am



**Katie S** time to search the archives, Mikey

09-07-2023  
11:15:02 am



**PasadenaK8** I was just reading thru some of his Vuelta essays last night. The Vuelta was one of his favorites. Reading through them can put a smile on your face and make your heart ache at the same time. Miss him.

09-07-2023  
11:15:15 am



**SFinAus** Almost an Alpecin taking out Rog issue tool

09-07-2023  
11:15:18 am



**Mikey** Rog picked up 4 sec?

09-07-2023  
11:15:54 am



**Tim in KY** Groves crossed the sprint line slower than the slowest....

09-07-2023  
11:16:28 am



**Mikey** Had to look it up but... here goes... basilica is derived from the greek "royal house" → A church building accorded special privileges Two kinds Major and minor Four major all in Rome

09-07-2023  
11:20:28 am



**SFinAus** Yes, Rog got 4".

09-07-2023  
11:20:57 am



**Katie S** so it has nothing to do with pesto?

09-07-2023  
11:21:21 am



**Katie S** thanks, Mikey!

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11:21:27 am



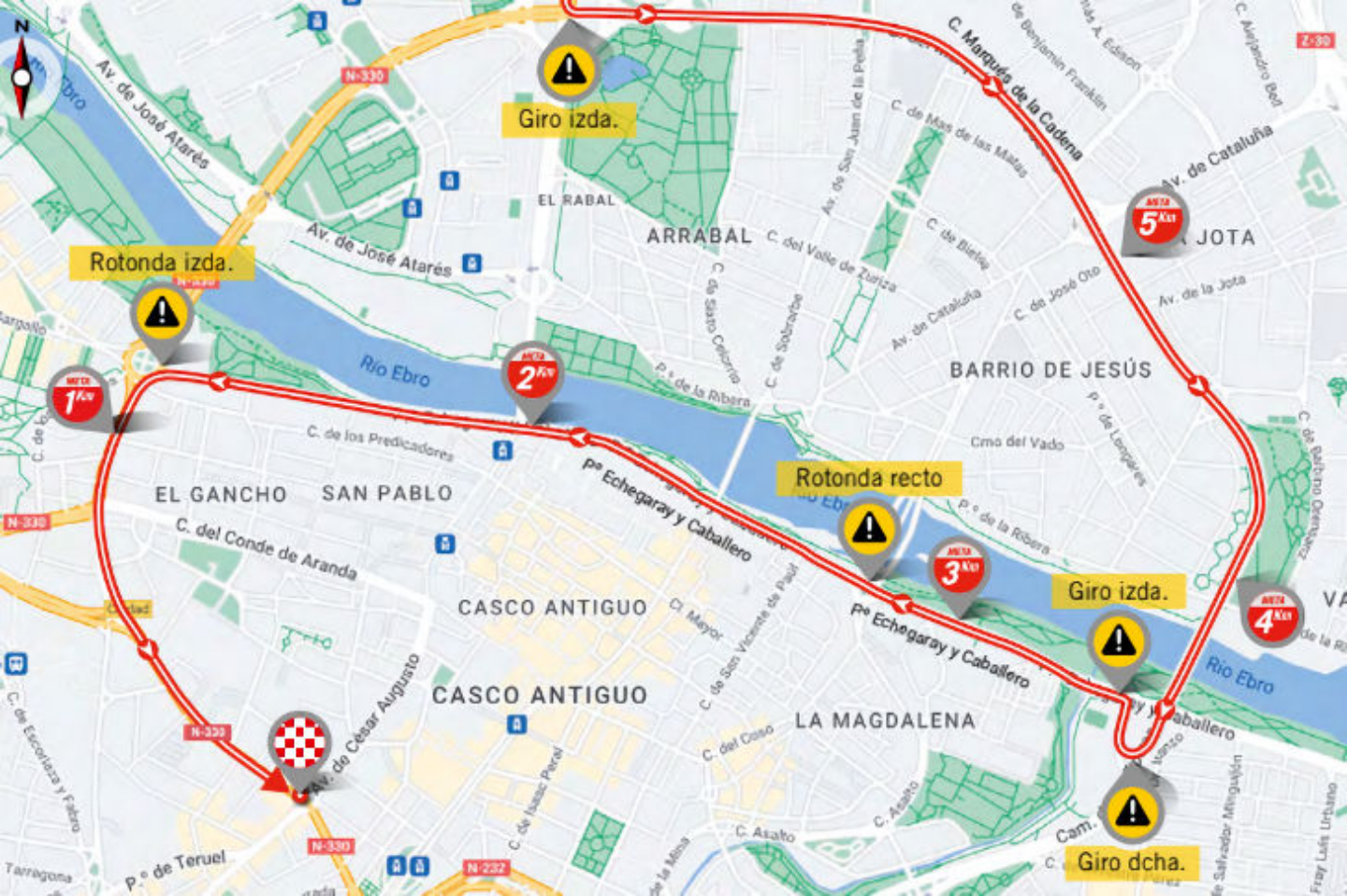
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**SFinAus** Lots of !

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11:24:19 am



Giro izda.

Rotonda izda.

MILETA 2

Rotonda recto

Giro izda.

MILETA 3

CASCO ANTIGUO

Giro dcha.

MILETA 4

MILETA 5

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**Mikey** Thanks Tim nasty horseshoe at 3.5

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11:24:22 am



**SFinAus** That is quite a bridge.

09-07-2023  
11:25:16 am



**Tim in KY** Horseshoe is a roundabout.

09-07-2023  
11:25:17 am



**Mikey** Bridge

09-07-2023  
11:26:04 am



**Mikey** From 50kph to 70kph

09-07-2023  
11:27:12 am



**SFinAus** Soupe following OGanna. :)

09-07-2023  
11:33:01 am



**Mikey** Go Soup go

09-07-2023  
11:33:32 am



**Katie S** well that's not the finale that was expected

09-07-2023  
11:35:46 am



**Tim in KY** Groves got boxed-in.

09-07-2023  
11:36:14 am



**SFinAus** My favorite Pepperidge Farm cookie!

09-07-2023  
11:36:18 am



**Mikey** Did Groves shoe come out?

09-07-2023  
11:37:21 am



**SFinAus** Not that I could see.Â Maybe a little stutter, but shoe was in.

09-07-2023  
11:39:02 am



**Charlie in Tenn** He missed a gear or something as UAE went past them. Groves was by far the fastest after he got started. Good on UEA and Molano and his lead-out.

09-07-2023  
11:40:46 am



**SFinAus** Oliviera, the lead out, is clearly still running on adrenaline.

09-07-2023  
11:41:05 am



**Charlie in Tenn** He is pumped.

09-07-2023  
11:41:58 am

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**Mikey** Enjoy your day! Â Ba

09-07-2023  
11:42:56 am

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**Katie S** ciao

09-07-2023  
11:44:13 am

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**Charlie in Tenn** Groves pretty calm about it. He did drop his chain but came back hard.

09-07-2023  
11:44:27 am

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**PasadenaK8** Looking forward to the Tourmalet/Artie stage tomorrow! See you all then...

09-07-2023  
11:46:23 am

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**SFinAus** Thanks all.

09-07-2023  
11:47:16 am

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