



Tim in KY TdF Stage 8 is 185 kilometers from MoÛtiers, south of Albertville, north and a bit west to Bourg-en-Bresse near the SaÛne River.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1689787935-stage-18-route.jpg>

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Tim in KY The route is a bit lumpy. Two of the lumps mid-route are classified Cat 4s. If there are still enough teams interested in minding the gap it could end in a bunch sprint. The last five kilometers have several turns but they are all at roundabouts. The last 500 meters are very slightly uphill.

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Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:35 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:45. Current forecast is for sunshine with temps in the mid- to upper-20s.

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BusterSci Apparently WvA is headed home to prepare for worlds.

07-20-2023
05:19:37 am



BusterSci My mistake. Æ It's baby time for Wout.

07-20-2023
05:26:11 am



BusterSci After yesterday, and easy decision to leave for that. Æ If it was still 20 seconds, on the other hand, there would be pressure.

07-20-2023
05:31:34 am



BusterSci Matteo Jorgenson to Jumbo Visma for 3 years.

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BOURG-EN-BRESSE



Saint-Rambert-en-Bugey 5

Côte de Boissieu 4

Côte de Chambéry le-Haut 4

MOÛTIERS

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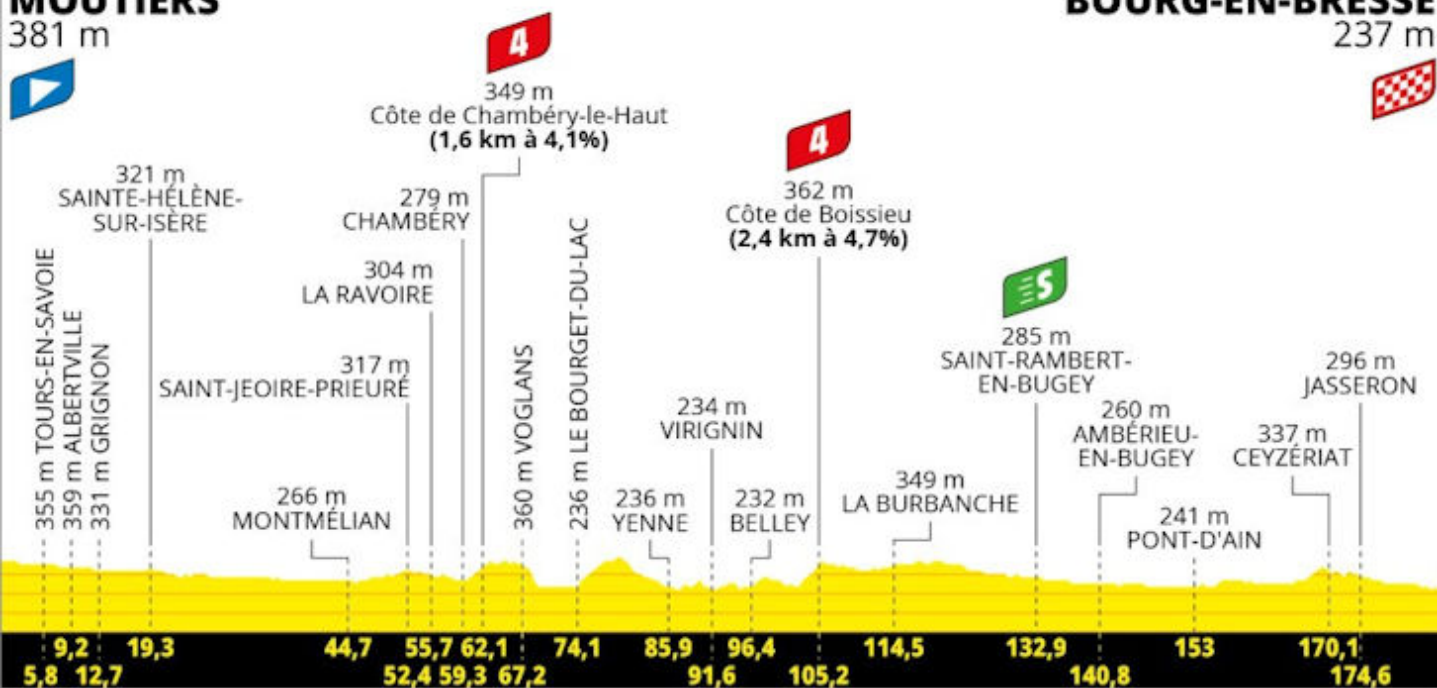
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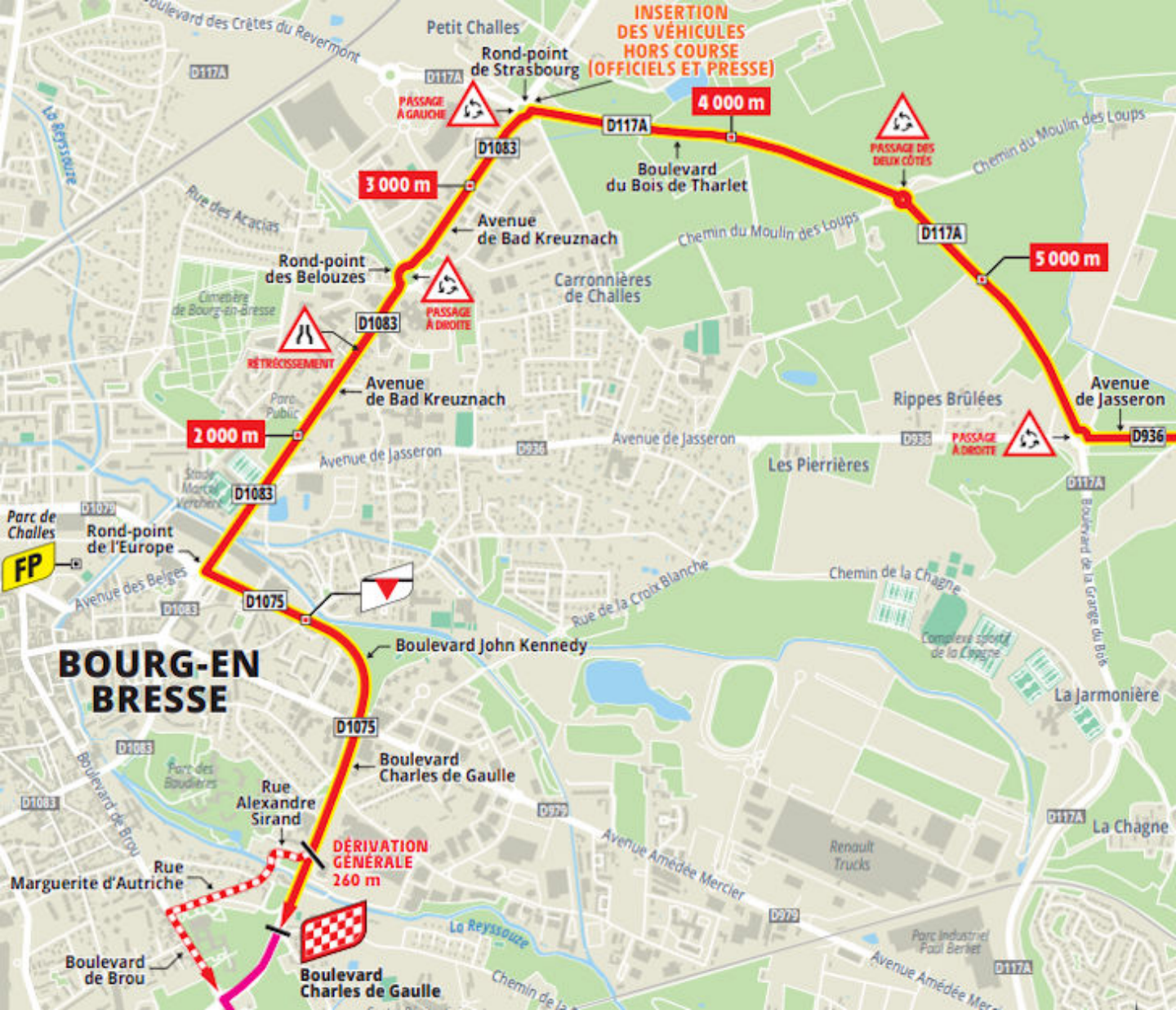


SAVOIE

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INSERTION DES VÉHICULES HORS COURSE (OFFICIELS ET PRESSE)

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4 000 m

5 000 m

2 000 m

DÉRIVATION GÉNÉRALE 260 m

BOURG-EN-BRESSE

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Boulevard Charles de Gaulle

Boulevard de Brou

Rue Marguerite d'Autriche

Rue Alexandre Sirand

Boulevard Charles de Gaulle

Boulevard John Kennedy

Parc des Belouzes

Rond-point de l'Europe

Parc des Verchers

Parc Public

Rond-point des Belouzes

Carronniers de Challes

Boulevard du Bois de Tharlet

Petit Challes

Rond-point de Strasbourg

Chemin du Moulin des Loups

La Jarmonière

La Chagne

Chemin de la Chagne

Complexe sportif de la Chagne

Les Pierrières

Rippes Brûlées

Avenue de Jasseron

Avenue de Jasseron

Avenue de Jasseron

Avenue de Bad Kreuznach

Rue des Acacias

Rue des Acacias

Boulevard des Crêtes du Revermont

La Sotaise

La Reyssoise

Parc Industriel Paul Berhet

Avenue Amédée Mercier

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Renault Trucks

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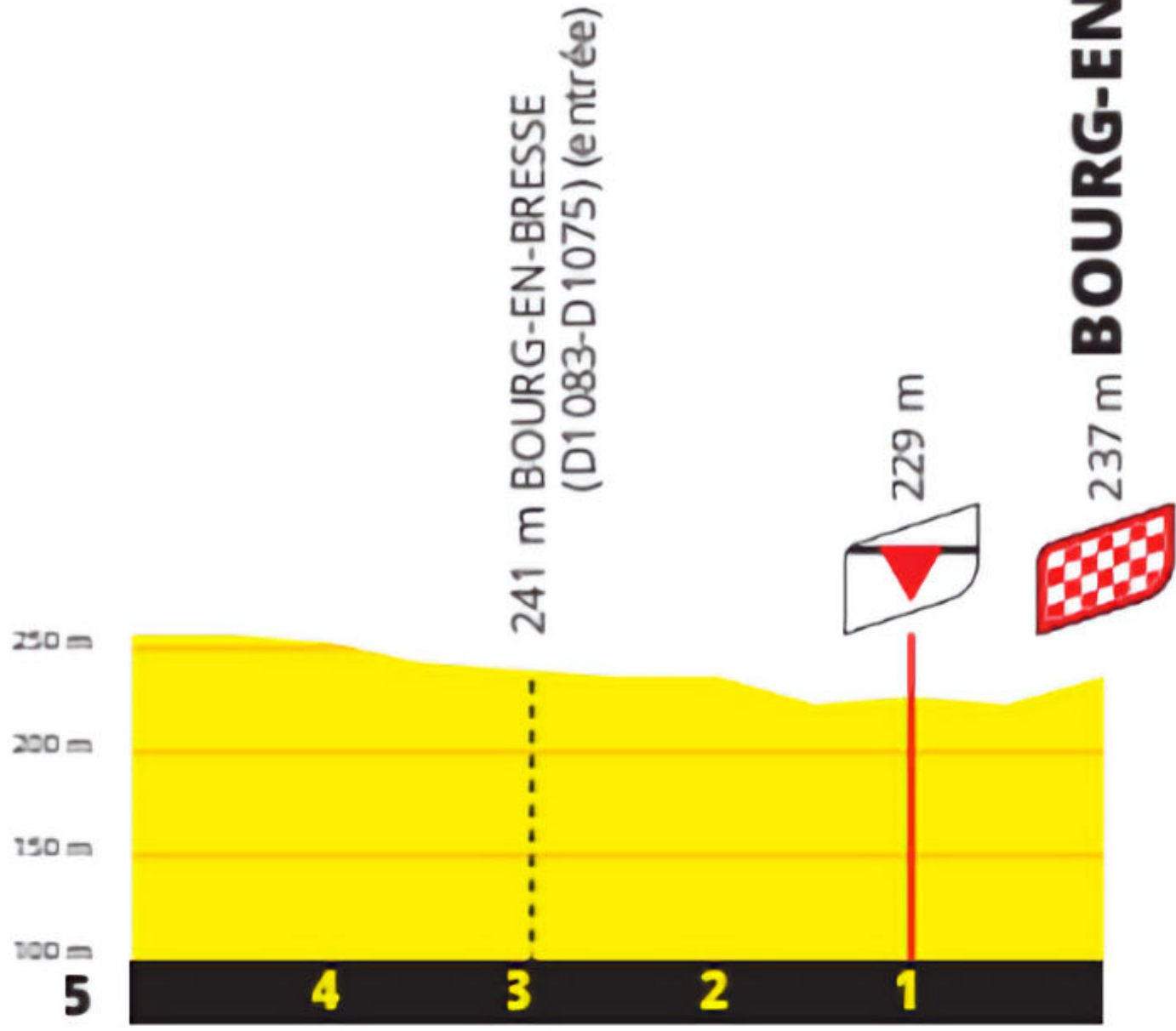
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Tim in KY Why are you up so early Buster?

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06:53:27 am



Tim in KY Time for my walk.

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06:58:56 am



BusterSci I was up for 2 hours before I posted. Â I don't sleep well.

07-20-2023
07:01:32 am



BusterSci I will be headed out for an early walk, too. Â should be back by 8 central.

07-20-2023
07:02:10 am



Tim in KY Still in neutral

07-20-2023
07:34:39 am



Tim in KY Already slower than the slowest and they aren't to km0 yet.

07-20-2023
07:37:57 am



Tim in KY Finally. And 5:00 late.

07-20-2023
07:41:03 am



Charlie in Tenn We went from the best tour in years to a blowout in 2 days.

07-20-2023
07:42:39 am



Tim in KY Easy three man break. Sprint team barrage in the front of the peloton.

07-20-2023
07:42:50 am



Tim in KY There hasn't been that big a time gap from yellow since the days of HWSNBN. Which is discouraging.

07-20-2023
07:45:17 am



bikerabe so J-V will have 2 Americans with Sepp and Matteo

07-20-2023
07:47:27 am



Charlie in Tenn I have a slow hotel internet connection so may not be able to follow the race much.

07-20-2023
07:48:03 am



bikerabe and Womens World Cup begins today New Zealand vs Norway one of 1st games

07-20-2023
07:49:07 am



Tim in KY NZ beat Norway 1-0.

07-20-2023
07:50:36 am



Tim in KY Auckland is 18 hours ahead of you Abe.

07-20-2023
07:51:28 am



Charlie in Tenn Paint is out there starting to dry already.

07-20-2023
07:53:34 am



Tim in KY Won't be much happen until the last 20km. Sadly I have no chores and only one errand this morning.

07-20-2023
07:55:03 am



Tim in KY Gap is a modest 1:40 for now.

07-20-2023
07:56:17 am



Tim in KY Cows!

07-20-2023
08:04:32 am



Tim in KY 1;)) is to small a gap. The breakers will give up and there will attacks to be chased down.

07-20-2023
08:27:48 am



Tim in KY 1:00

07-20-2023
08:27:55 am



Charlie in Tenn Yes, the pack should give them another minute or two.

07-20-2023
08:31:40 am



Katie S Good morning, all. I see guys on bikes. Hearing about paint and cows and soccer. Yep, must be in the right place.

07-20-2023
08:31:50 am



Katie S watched the highlights from yetserday's stage last evening so my partner could see how the race went, but it just didn't do it justice. So I took the controls and scrolled through to the good parts - CVV freaking out, Pog imploding (so very sad), Felix winning and Felix's interview.

07-20-2023
08:33:25 am



Katie S It turns out, which you all probably already know, that it was Thomas Voeckler's moto that stalled out and that he's been suspended from covering the tour for today's stage. I'd have loved to have seen his gurning face.

07-20-2023
08:34:20 am



mmcally Goos morning. So what is this soccer thing you speak of Katie? You certainly must mean football?

07-20-2023
08:34:30 am



Tim in KY Good morning Katie. I'm making Caprese salad and corn on the cob for supper tonight so I have to go to the farmers market shortly. Can't get any more summer than that.

07-20-2023
08:35:18 am



Charlie in Tenn Sounds good.

07-20-2023
08:35:44 am



Katie S That sounds delicious.

07-20-2023
08:35:57 am



Katie S Oh, gosh, yes, I mean football. (banished to the back wall, under the dart board)

07-20-2023
08:36:12 am



Trish in MA Morning, all. Â Was listening to yesterday's Cycling Podcast - they talked about the "air mattresses" that were on the descent yesterday. Â Turns out they are air bags used in ski racing and motorcycle racing - the bags are softly inflated and will deflate around you if you happen to overcook the corner. Â Who knew?

07-20-2023
08:40:18 am



Katie S And, yet, one guy nearly went off the edge just inches (centimeters) past the last mattress.

07-20-2023
08:41:37 am



mmcally Today marks our 21st straight say of 110+ temps here in Phoenix and appears we have many more days to come. The previous record was 19 straight days. We also haven't had any measurable rain in 120 days. But the ole rattlesnakes are out in full force. Seeming them quite regularly around the neighborhood. Desert life.

07-20-2023
08:42:17 am



Tim in KY Clearly not a place I would enjoy living in.

07-20-2023
08:45:08 am



Trish in MA So glad I no longer live in Phoenix. Â We had a Phoenix friend visiting us over the 4th and she was muttering about 80 degrees with humidity and longing for the heat and no humidity weather of Phoenix. Â She is not so very happy now.

07-20-2023
08:47:22 am



mmcally It is a place I look forward to leaving.

07-20-2023
08:47:35 am



Katie S Geez, Mike, that's hot. Am I correct in recalling that the cool season has contracted considerably? It starts getting hot again by early March, doesn't it?

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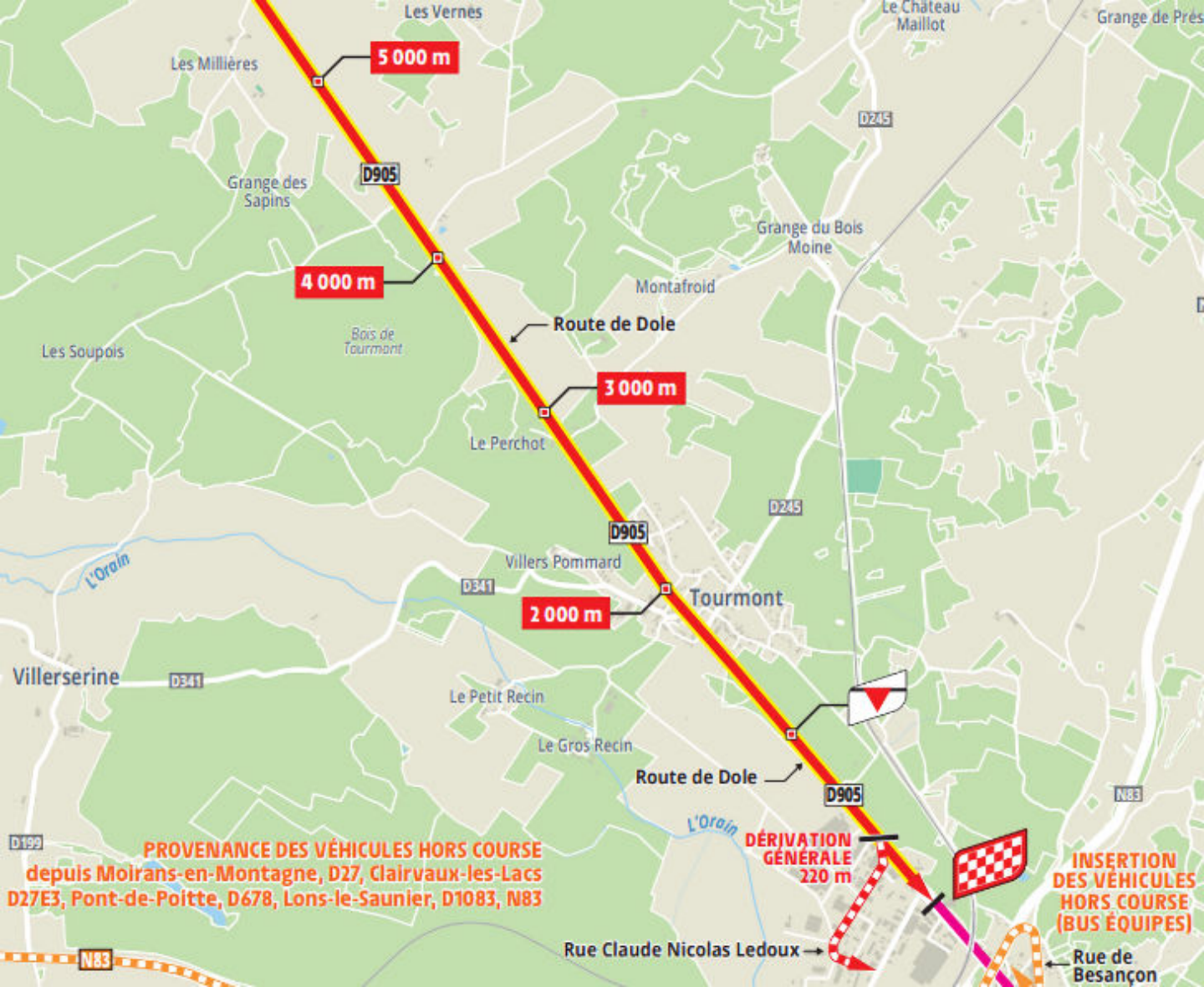
Tim in KY Here is the finish tomorrow. Clearly someone has a sense of humor.

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08:50:04 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1689857710-stage-19-route-finale.jpg>

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Route de Dole

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DÉRIVATION GÉNÉRALE
220 m

PROVENANCE DES VÉHICULES HORS COURSE
depuis Moirans-en-Montagne, D27, Clairvaux-les-Lacs
D27E3, Pont-de-Poitte, D678, Lons-le-Saunier, D1083, N83

INSERTION DES VÉHICULES HORS COURSE (BUS ÉQUIPES)

Rue Claude Nicolas Ledoux

Rue de Besançon



Tim in KY McCrossen just said "This is a very fast stage so far." It is not. They are slower than the slowest by 10 minutes.

07-20-2023
08:52:27 am



mmcally Oddly Katie, we had a really mild start to the summer this year. I notice the heat more so on the backend. When you are in October and it is still hot, you get that 'enough already' attitude.

07-20-2023
08:54:12 am



mmcally Interview with Tadej's team said he was not sick, but he did miss one full training camp prior to the race due to the LBL crash. They said they were on pins and needles wondering if he could stay on some form. Clearly they got their answer.

07-20-2023
08:56:19 am



Tim in KY Okay, off to the farmers market. Back in a bit.

07-20-2023
08:56:57 am



Trish in MA McNally, kinda like we get in late March and early April when we're still pulling out winter gear and having baseball games get snowed out.

07-20-2023
08:58:56 am



John Afternoon everyone! Looking forward to plenty of NRRBBB on today's stage

07-20-2023
08:59:13 am



Trish in MA Gliders!

07-20-2023
08:59:44 am



Katie S That was a first - farm out made out of gliders!

07-20-2023
08:59:48 am



Katie S art

07-20-2023
08:59:57 am



mmcally I grew up in Vermont, so I remember those days Trish. Those were not fun either!

07-20-2023
09:00:12 am



John New England - where snow makes both your lacrosse game in April and your futbol game in October challenging

07-20-2023
09:01:28 am



Trish in MA For a number of years, we would go camping in Franconia NH. Â At least one day, my husband and I would go over to the glider port and just sit for hours watching the gliders taking off and landing. Â It was quite fascinating. Â We never went up in one (it was something like \$200 for at most a 30 min. ride). Then, we'd go up to the top of Cannon Mountain and watch the gliders circling around the peaks.

07-20-2023
09:03:15 am



Katie S pretty

07-20-2023
09:04:19 am



Katie Lane Missed a lot of the good stages because of several life dramas. I guess I'll catch up next week.

07-20-2023
09:05:39 am



Katie S Hi Katie L. Glad you're here.

07-20-2023
09:06:42 am



Katie Lane Today I'm going for a morning walk in our local botanical garden. This is where we went with my brother and sister-in-law late last week. I'm going with someone this time that won't be grumbling about how hot and miserable they are the entire time, which should make the whole thing much more enjoyable.

07-20-2023
09:07:47 am



Trish in MA That would not be me - riding in the peloton, with my musette bag in my teeth, navigating road furniture while stuffing things into my pockets.

07-20-2023
09:09:17 am



Katie Lane On top of other eye stuff I developed a retinal tear, and had the area laser spot-welded by a retinal specialist so that it didn't progress to a full-blown detachment. That shot a whole day my eye was dilated and everything was blurry and I had an ice cream headache inside my eyeball for several hours. Not recommended.

07-20-2023
09:10:08 am



Katie S ouch and ick. or is that ick and ouch?

07-20-2023
09:11:01 am



John Geez, Katie. That sounds awful

07-20-2023
09:11:52 am



Trish in MA Oooo. Are you having to lay face down for days to recover?

07-20-2023
09:12:08 am



Katie Lane I had a tear of the other retina 14 years ago. So when I win this side happened, I knew from the symptoms exactly what was going on. Went to my eye doctor who missed it, but I was seeing the retina guy for something else, and he saw it (2 1/2 weeks later - and fortunately it had not progressed to a detachment during that time). Yippee.

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09:13:26 am



Katie S Nico Roche talking about "snails." McCrossan says, "Now, how do you cook those?"

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09:13:33 am



BusterSci Eyeballs. I had vitrectomy in both eyes. 5 days for the bubble to dissolve. Very weird. But at least that's a planned and controlled situation. Don't want to deal with retina tear.

07-20-2023
09:15:00 am



Katie S you did! I'm very curious, Buster, about that procedure. My brother has developed a massive floater in his right eye and is having trouble seeing. He has no vision in his left eye since a childhood car accident. The eye docs are loathe to try a vitrectomy b/c of the risk to the only vision he has.

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09:16:30 am



Katie Lane So in addition to spot welding the tear, heâ€™s spot welding around the entire edge of retina too, in 2 sessions, since itâ€™s at super high risk of another tear or retinal detachment. If youâ€™re nearsighted your eyeball is long and the retinaâ€™s stretched out to begin with. Then if, as you get older if your posterior vitreous pulls away from the back of the eye, as often happens, thereâ€™s even more traction. A disaster waiting to happen.

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09:16:40 am



BusterSci This morning's Economist daily podcast had a 7 minute piece on descending at the Tour and the dangers. Other than the questionable description of Tom Pidcock as "the most exciting cyclist in the world" it was a nice segment.

07-20-2023
09:16:44 am



Katie S oh, those proud Brits

07-20-2023
09:17:41 am



Katie Lane Most exciting? Naaaahhhh

07-20-2023
09:17:50 am



BusterSci Katie S, it was an easy operation and no complications, other than I now need to have cataracts removed, which is standard. I was scared of it for years but so glad I did it.

07-20-2023
09:18:14 am



Katie Lane Versatile, though. Loved watching him win cyclocross worlds in Arkansas

07-20-2023
09:18:29 am



BusterSci If they'd called Pidcock the most exciting descender in the world I think they'd have a really good case.

07-20-2023
09:18:40 am



Katie Lane Buster, the tear 14 years ago resulted in the development of an enormous floater. There was a huge black squid in my visual field. Over time my brain has learned to tune some of it out and itâ€™s clear, but still big and annoying, and problematic in some light situations. A vitrectomy was discussed as a possibility if it was affecting my vision a lot down the road, with the caveat that pretty much 100% of people who have a vitrectomy end up needing their lens replaced because of cataract development.

07-20-2023
09:22:10 am



Katie S Geschke and his studly beard. I just can't imagine cycling in extreme heat with a beard and sweat and drool and you know there's got to be energy gel smeared in the mix, too.

07-20-2023
09:24:34 am



Katie S beard, sweat and goo

07-20-2023
09:24:52 am



Katie Lane Some riders sported epic drool/slime at the end of the TT stage.

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09:26:07 am



BusterSci Katie L: My floaters were right in the focal area of my visual field.
Â They didn't move so I couldn't read text I couldn't make like 64 point, and when driving--especially in winter--cars would disappear as the image passed through the area.
Â When that started happening I decided it's worth it.

07-20-2023
09:27:58 am



Tim in KY Back from farmers market. I guess I didn't miss anything.

07-20-2023
09:28:28 am



BusterSci Nope

07-20-2023
09:28:34 am



John Not a thing

07-20-2023
09:28:42 am



Katie S i was just about to share about dissecting a cow's eye in high school biology

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09:28:47 am



Katie S As soon as we had opened up our eyes, the school had a bomb scare. We had to prop the eyes up in the dissection tray and exit the classroom. Never did get to finish it. And the bomb scare was a hoax, fortunately.

07-20-2023
09:32:02 am



Tim in KY The peloton is being stupid about the gap and they will regret it.

07-20-2023
09:33:27 am



Mikey Wow welcome to eye talk..... I'm no eye expert, I only play one on ... anyway... the wif had a detached retina 8 years ago and had a couple of surgeries to repair it. Then just a couple of months ago the other eye had a tear in it. (They say that is really common) Cataract surgeryÂ followed both (Also common) so I have learned more about eyes than (eye) care to. Turns out there is eye jelly...

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09:35:03 am



Katie S Stupid, how, Tim. 40" back with 100+k to go.

07-20-2023
09:37:28 am



BusterSci Vitrectomy takes about 25 minutes.
Â You're conscious the whole time with the exception of about 30 seconds where they put you out in order to inject local anesthesia. they immobilize head and eye, so you're staring straight ahead and you see the needle come into your eye from the side.
Â As the vitreous is replaced with saline there is a boundary layer that causes a reflections so you see the vessels of the retina in

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exquisite detail. Â They leave a gas bubble to help pressure equalize and it slowly dissolves over about 5 days. Â Once can be weirded out by the gas bubble being at the bottom of the field of view, because the image on your retina is inverted, and then the brain flips it back over.



Mikey The wif MADE me get checked Buster and I have floaters in the main vision field as well. Are you happy with the results? Did you have to face down with the bubble? 07-20-2023 09:40:46 am



Tim in KY Yes, Katie. That's stupid. 07-20-2023 09:43:49 am



BusterSci No need for face down after the first afternoon. Â And even then it was just "don't look up." Â I was able to walk around and do what needed to be done by the time the sedative wore off. I am thrilled with the results. 07-20-2023 09:45:06 am



John Have you guys seen this analysis of the bike handling differences between Pog and JV yet? Very interesting. 07-20-2023 09:45:52 am



John <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfAdNlxgz7w> 07-20-2023 09:45:57 am



Tim in KY Saw that, John. 07-20-2023 09:46:24 am



BusterSci Yeah, DStan posted it on Facebook. Â Some discussion there about how big a deal the bike change was. 07-20-2023 09:46:28 am



Mikey I did see that John and also one about the difference in the ream lead cars. Pog only had two bikes on his JV lead support car had the entire top packed with bikes and a fairing added to the front. 07-20-2023 09:47:52 am



Mikey Maybe JV reamed them... 07-20-2023 09:48:50 am



BusterSci I'm of the opinion that the team cars need to have a mandated conformation. 07-20-2023 09:48:50 am



BusterSci For ITTs, that is. 07-20-2023 09:49:17 am



John A min number of bikes or max? 07-20-2023 09:49:18 am



BusterSci No. A set number of bikes.

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09:49:39 am



John It would level the playing field with thr smaller teams

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09:50:52 am



BusterSci You get 1 bike--maybe I'd allow two. And no fairings or other such nonsense. I'm 100% supportive of incorporating whatever bike tech the sponsor comes up with but assistance from outside is against every intent of the discipline.

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09:51:44 am



BusterSci That's not an accusation against Jumbo. They didn't violate any existing rules. but I'd like to get the car out of the equation.

07-20-2023
09:53:42 am



Mikey I guess UCI is aware and is supposed to keep the team cars back a certain distance, but I haven't seen anything about how far or whether it is enforced

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09:54:44 am



John One conversation I read online is that Jumbo rode basically tri bikes and not specially developed UCI TT bikes, and that those tri bikes have better handling on routes like the one the other day

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09:54:49 am



BusterSci Mikey, 25 meters, and it appeared to be well respected. But it's not enough.

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09:55:37 am



Mikey Its a very geeky thing (perfect for me) all about high and low air pressure

07-20-2023
09:56:15 am



BusterSci And laminar flow, and eddies (not Eddys), etc.

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09:57:06 am



Bill Wilkinson I had a vitreous detachment a couple months ago....Fortunately, my optometrist is on my texting list . If you get a bunch of floaters that look like a swarm of fruit flies...get checked!

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09:57:19 am



Tim in KY THE PACE IS NOT "FAST", McCROSSEN!!! They're 8 minutes slower than the slowest...

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09:57:38 am



John Speaking of laminar flow, the tri community is all abuzz about the chest bottle watt savings

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09:59:52 am



John <https://www.triathlete.com/gear/bike/expert-tested-the-water-bottle->

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09:59:52 am



Mikey Nice caps Tim!Â Perfect

07-20-2023
09:59:52 am



BusterSci It's been ok this summer, but last year we had a swarm of fruit flies in the house that looked like a vitreous detachment.

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10:00:07 am



BusterSci Neat, John. Â Have you seen the Escape Collective article about the bike change strategy? Â Also quite good and geeky.

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10:02:13 am



Rob Are they not allowed to use clip on bars leMond style on the TT's?

07-20-2023
10:02:13 am



Mikey Wow John

07-20-2023
10:02:23 am



John I have Buster. Fascinating read

07-20-2023
10:08:03 am



Tim in KY Stupid peloton now paying the price.

07-20-2023
10:08:24 am



Trish in MA Buster, as I left my house this morning, looking at all my dallies in bloom, I wondered if yours have recovered and are blooming this year.

07-20-2023
10:08:39 am



Trish in MA daylilies

07-20-2023
10:08:48 am



BusterSci Nope. Â Scrawny and bloomless.

07-20-2023
10:10:59 am



Katie S Squirrel!

07-20-2023
10:12:07 am



Katie S in my pine tree

07-20-2023
10:12:17 am



Mikey Norman's head just popped up

07-20-2023
10:13:08 am



BusterSci Better than off.

07-20-2023
10:13:59 am



BusterSci Anybody else a Wordle addict? Â How about Octordle?

07-20-2023
10:15:30 am



Trish in MA I do Wordle and Waffle. Â Tried Quardle, never tried Octordle.

07-20-2023
10:16:50 am



Bill Wilkinson Fencing behind Phil and Bob....don't feed the hosts!

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10:17:48 am



Bill Wilkinson Gesche 4:23 OTB

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10:18:33 am



Katie S Has anyone tried Contexto? (friend who suckered me into Wordle has not introduced THIS time-suck)

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10:19:13 am



Bill Wilkinson and fading fast....

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10:19:15 am



Katie S (noW introduced...)

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10:19:29 am



Bill Wilkinson I've been doing Wordscapes and quiz planet, which take enough time...

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10:19:46 am



BusterSci [can't post. Â finishing octordle]

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10:20:15 am



Bill Wilkinson Gesche abandons with an illness

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10:20:56 am



BusterSci Yeah, he's been struggling

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10:21:07 am



Trish in MA Bike Spain is trying to upsell us for our passes to watch Â Stage 1 and 2 of the Vuelta in Barcelona. (passes for the finish line.). Â Not gonna bite at close to 400 euros each to watch the Â Stage 1 start.

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10:22:06 am



Bill Wilkinson That's 3 Cofidis.....they'll be down to a team minivan soon...

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10:23:05 am



BusterSci OK, I hate Contexto. Â it keeps telling me the word I type was already guessed when its a different word. Â I type "sank" and it says "The

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word 'sink' was already guessed."



Trish in MA Off to staff meeting. Â Hopefully done with meeting before the paint dries in France.

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10:25:38 am



Katie S use the "hint" until you get the hang of it. it will CONFOUND the bejesus out of you. I think it should be called CONFOUND0, but once you start making progress, it's fascinating

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10:26:02 am



BusterSci Yeah, but if it keeps telling me the word I typed is a different word than what I typed, what's the point?

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10:26:43 am



Katie S it's really a combination of "animal, vegetable or mineral" and "cold, warm, warmer"

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10:26:45 am



Katie S It assumes that different tenses of the same verb are the same word, so actually that saves you guesses. There are also partial words that it sees as the same thing. it requires you to make leaps in your thinking. (I do not play this every day, by the way.)

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BusterSci nope. Â Too many rules.

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10:28:20 am



BusterSci It's like playing Fizzbin

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10:29:50 am



Mikey Wow Buster nice dredge

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10:31:35 am



Katie S so, today's puzzle. I just guessed "City" (11786 - places away from the answer); farm (865); cow (502); milk (4) ... so in four guesses I am only 4 spots from guessing the word. But the actual word could be "infant" because infants drink milk. (except that's not the answer) OK, will shut up now.

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Bill Wilkinson Someone made Fizzbin for the Apple II, back in the day.Â I whiled away a few hours in my HS computer lab on that....

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10:32:08 am



BusterSci Except on Tuesdays

07-20-2023
10:32:29 am



Bill Wilkinson Not quite a Kirkish level of conditional modifiers, though....\

07-20-2023
10:32:33 am



Mikey Oh ...you have another jack...

07-20-2023
10:33:16 am



BusterSci What are the odds of getting a royal fizzbin?

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10:34:33 am



Bill Wilkinson Incalculable.

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10:34:40 am



BusterSci I have never calculated them.

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10:34:54 am



BusterSci I can see the appeal of this Contexto, but my gut says it won't catch me. Â I'll give it until Sunday.

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10:36:15 am



Bill Wilkinson Campy drops back to try to bring Einkorn up to the break.Â Â No idea why.....

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10:38:40 am



Tim in KY Me either, Bill.

07-20-2023
10:39:36 am



mmcally Bewley in the NBC studios said Campenaerts is as a bright as a tunnel.

07-20-2023
10:40:32 am



Katie S oh my

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10:40:54 am



Bill Wilkinson CVV Diplomatically agrees....

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10:41:29 am



BusterSci "Your teammate is as bright as a tunnel." Â "It was one of Shaw's"

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10:42:20 am



mmcally They are feisty group. Almost like someone is trying to convince them to play word games. :)

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10:42:34 am



Mikey Buster!

07-20-2023
10:43:58 am



Bill Wilkinson It was something along the lines of "I wouldn't have said bright as a tunnel, but I'm glad Sam did:"

07-20-2023
10:44:49 am



Mikey I merely meant your majesty...

07-20-2023
10:44:59 am



BusterSci Patrick Lefevre is like a stream of bat's piss.

07-20-2023
10:46:18 am



Mikey Is there a race on?

07-20-2023
10:49:00 am



Mikey 50 k more ? Really?

07-20-2023
10:49:36 am



Bill Wilkinson So there will be in 40 k....unless they're as relaxed as they were at the intermediate....

07-20-2023
10:50:09 am



Tim in KY I think Jasper has locked up the green jersey. He just has to finish in Paris.

07-20-2023
10:50:43 am



Charlie in Tenn The break actually sprinted at the sprint.

07-20-2023
10:55:53 am



Mikey Can we fast forward this thing? This will be my last day of Lugging. Packing up and getting ready for Ragbrai

07-20-2023
10:57:57 am



John Have a great week Mikey! Thatâ€™s on my list one day.

07-20-2023
10:58:37 am



Mikey Ends this year in Davenport so I'll be able to ride home!

07-20-2023
10:59:27 am



BusterSci The route has gone past my brother's backyard twice in his time there. Â Not this year, though.

07-20-2023
10:59:29 am



Katie S Oooh, Ragbrai. Fun, Mikey.Â Kinda always wanted to do that one. It has gone through my partner's dad's hometown and final resting place (Spencer) a couple times, I think.

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11:00:17 am



Mikey Thanks John It has changed quite a bit over the years but still pretty fun

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11:00:21 am



Mikey This year is the 50th anniversary and they were going to try and break some record for the biggest one day ride ever but the logistics made it stop. They still think there may be 75000 from Ames to Des Moines.....

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11:02:33 am



John 75000?! Wow

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11:02:59 am



Mikey I guess some ride in Italy have more than that!

07-20-2023
11:03:30 am



Mikey Lots and lots of porta pottys

07-20-2023
11:04:01 am



Katie S Jade Temples, I call them (for that was the color of the ones in the Tour of Colorado rides I did)

07-20-2023
11:05:25 am



Tim in KY All the chasing has brought the break within the imagined range.

07-20-2023
11:06:54 am



Mikey There goes another 10k

07-20-2023
11:07:02 am



Katie S 1 KU

07-20-2023
11:08:19 am



Tim in KY Roche just did the last 5 km video. At about 2500m to go the width of the road quickly reduces by half.

07-20-2023
11:10:28 am



Mikey SBS is talking about how each team has a dedicated "captain" for each stage. Decides what the team on the road will do in case radios or team communication goes awry. Makes sense I guess but never heard that before. Wonder if they have an armband to signify?

07-20-2023
11:16:04 am



Katie S gels being gettisoned

07-20-2023
11:16:37 am



BusterSci Road Captain. Â Generally a Rouleur,

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11:16:39 am



BusterSci Hincapie. Â Alex Howe. Â PhilGil did it his last year.

07-20-2023
11:17:19 am



Mikey Come and get your bison

07-20-2023
11:17:20 am



Tim in KY No armbands.

07-20-2023
11:17:24 am



Bill Wilkinson Speaking of road captains....it suddenly strikes me that I haven't seen Chris Horner on the NBC broadcast this year....

07-20-2023
11:20:00 am



Tim in KY NBC dumped Chris.

07-20-2023
11:20:40 am



Bill Wilkinson That would explain it....

07-20-2023
11:21:07 am



Katie S Concussion protocol?

07-20-2023
11:23:51 am



Tim in KY Hehe..

07-20-2023
11:24:29 am



BusterSci That may be the best snark of the Tour right there.

07-20-2023
11:24:53 am



Mikey Renshaw is saying action starting after the 15k mark town then flat until 10 k then fireworks
Â Gerrens rode the route roundabout at 5 k and 3k
Â 2 k route gets skinny
Â will

07-20-2023
11:25:08 am



Mikey be complicated at the end

07-20-2023
11:25:54 am



Tim in KY The road they're on now is way over-furnished.

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11:26:45 am



Bill Wilkinson Peloton under the 20k banner

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11:27:22 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1689867142-stage-18-route-finale.jpg>

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11:27:24 am



Mikey Thanks Tim

07-20-2023
11:27:40 am



Bill Wilkinson The Boulevard Charles de Gaulle brought the "Hail de Gualle" salute from 'Allo 'Allo to mind....

07-20-2023
11:29:14 am



**INSERTION
DES VÉHICULES
HORS COURSE
(OFFICIELS ET PRESSE)**

3 000 m

4 000 m

5 000 m

2 000 m

260 m

**BOURG-EN
BRESSE**

**Boulevard
Charles de Gaulle**



Mikey My team needs a Groanwagen win.

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11:31:53 am



Tim in KY There's a level crossing at 12 km to go.

07-20-2023
11:32:07 am



BusterSci My rider for today went home to welcome a baby.

07-20-2023
11:32:19 am



Tim in KY I've got Girmay.

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11:33:52 am



BusterSci Oh, I might have him, too.

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11:34:07 am



BusterSci Nope

07-20-2023
11:34:36 am



Tim in KY You have Cort, though.

07-20-2023
11:35:20 am



BusterSci Do we think this sprint is in the Cort-i-zone?

07-20-2023
11:36:03 am



Tim in KY Nope.

07-20-2023
11:36:21 am



BusterSci Me neither

07-20-2023
11:36:28 am



Trish in MA Back! Â Had to yell at our COO for taking too many stupid monkeys on her back.

07-20-2023
11:36:40 am



Katie S me neither, but I can hope. he's brought me 20 points so far, i think.

07-20-2023
11:36:48 am



SFinAus Jakobsen was among my many bad picks.

07-20-2023
11:36:54 am



Trish in MA I have to start working on my team for the TDFFAZ

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11:37:24 am



bikerabe 10 km to go 22 secs back peloton

07-20-2023
11:37:26 am



BusterSci With the lead Vingo has I think I'd ride 250m behind the peloton.

07-20-2023
11:38:05 am



Katie S Yes, i think TDFFAZ was just posted very recently in VG

07-20-2023
11:38:07 am



SFinAus Take as many SDWorx as possible will be my TDFFAZ strategy.

07-20-2023
11:38:09 am



Trish in MA True dat. Â They're won everything this year.

07-20-2023
11:38:27 am



Katie S i will take Pog's partner just for sentimental reasons.

07-20-2023
11:38:38 am



Trish in MA Wha? Â The sprint teams aren't shutting this down?

07-20-2023
11:38:55 am



SFinAus I can never pass up Longo-Borghini though.

07-20-2023
11:39:04 am



BusterSci They'll close this down precisely when they want to

07-20-2023
11:39:56 am



SFinAus Yup

07-20-2023
11:40:25 am



BusterSci Like a wizard's arrival

07-20-2023
11:40:51 am



mmcally Maybe the light is brighter in the tunnel after all.

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11:41:48 am



BusterSci trains aren't bright.

07-20-2023
11:42:25 am



BusterSci 14s

07-20-2023
11:42:34 am



Tim in KY May be tight.

07-20-2023
11:43:44 am



BusterSci When MvdP hits the front it'll disappear in no time

07-20-2023
11:44:08 am



Trish in MA 3K.

07-20-2023
11:45:00 am



BusterSci 2k, 8s

07-20-2023
11:45:31 am



SFinAus John proolly knows who won by now.

07-20-2023
11:45:37 am



BusterSci Camper is out of nuts

07-20-2023
11:45:43 am



Katie S get that fat lady read to sing

07-20-2023
11:46:18 am



Katie S ready

07-20-2023
11:46:23 am



BusterSci Kite and 6

07-20-2023
11:46:35 am



SFinAus ?

07-20-2023
11:46:54 am



BusterSci Mistimed

07-20-2023
11:47:01 am



Katie S hmmm, perhaps she should sit back down and take off that viking helmet

07-20-2023
11:47:05 am



BusterSci Wow

07-20-2023
11:47:30 am



Katie S zowie

07-20-2023
11:47:48 am



SFinAus Well I would have bet more than a cookie against that.Â What a win.

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11:47:48 am



BusterSci Greenass for the win

07-20-2023
11:47:52 am



Trish in MA Wow. Â Whodda thunk it?

07-20-2023
11:48:01 am



mmcally Damn.

07-20-2023
11:48:12 am



Bill Wilkinson I wouldn't yet...I'm still at 2k...

07-20-2023
11:48:14 am



Trish in MA QS finally gets its win

07-20-2023
11:48:19 am



Katie S ruh roh, sorry Bill

07-20-2023
11:48:25 am



mmcally That was some fun racing.

07-20-2023
11:48:29 am



SFinAus There are some PO'd DSs

07-20-2023
11:48:31 am



Trish in MA Oops, sorry Bill

07-20-2023
11:48:39 am



Bill Wilkinson Wireless internet has cracked.

07-20-2023
11:48:41 am



Mikey Did not see that

07-20-2023
11:48:52 am



mmcally And that's why you go in a break.

07-20-2023
11:48:54 am



Bill Wilkinson No Problem. Now I know what to look for. :D

07-20-2023
11:48:58 am



Katie S OK, NOW I will return my boss's call... he had the audacity (gall?) to call with 2 km left.

07-20-2023
11:49:02 am



SFinAus Bill's internet was gapped off the back again.

07-20-2023
11:49:02 am



SFinAus Silly boss

07-20-2023
11:49:36 am



Tim in KY Tomorrow's stage is "flat".

07-20-2023
11:49:46 am



BusterSci I'm beating Mikey here...

07-20-2023
11:49:53 am



BusterSci Bah

07-20-2023
11:49:54 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1689868502-stage-19-profile.jpg>

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11:50:03 am



Katie S lumpy-flat

07-20-2023
11:50:29 am



Bill Wilkinson I doubt I'll be here for the rest of the Tour, so good seeing everyone!

07-20-2023
11:50:50 am



SFinAus Have a great ride across IA, Mikey.

07-20-2023
11:51:08 am



SFinAus Take care, Bill.

07-20-2023
11:51:16 am



John I love watching the sprint teams blow it like that

07-20-2023
11:51:30 am



mmcally Be safe Mikey. Take care Bill.

07-20-2023
11:51:34 am



Mikey One last live F word for the live mic Â Ba See you

07-20-2023
11:51:35 am



John See ya, Bill

07-20-2023
11:51:37 am

MOIRANS-EN-MONTAGNE

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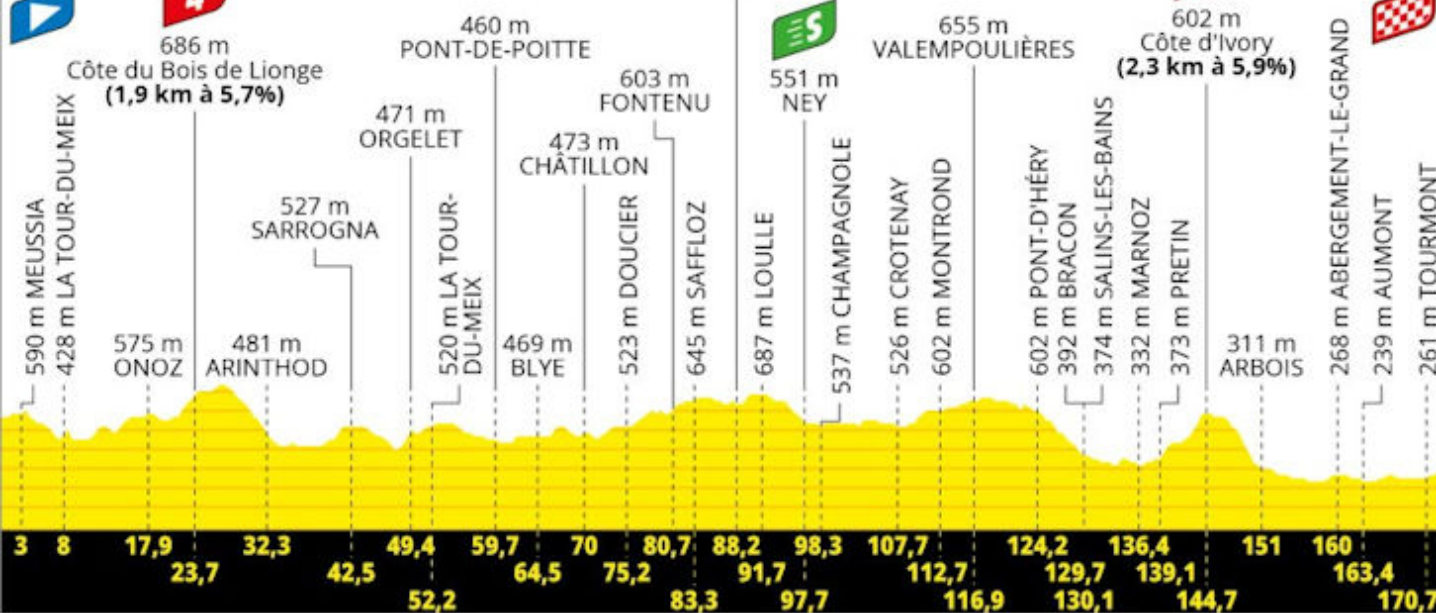


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POLIGNY

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172,8 km



Katie S Great to see you, Bill. Enjoy it all.

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11:51:38 am



Mikey Enjoy your day

07-20-2023
11:51:54 am



Bill Wilkinson The way most of the Tour has gone, it'll be time for the 30 minute extended highlights on YouTube at the end of the day....

07-20-2023
11:52:19 am



SFinAus Great finale.Â Thanks all.Â See you tomorrow.

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11:53:55 am



Charlie in Tenn Missed it. Oh well. see everyone tomorrow.

07-20-2023
12:39:31 pm
