



Tim in KY Gdl Stage 16 is 113 kilometers from Bellinzona, just across the Italian border in Switzerland, north to a finish in the mountain top village of Cari. Along the way there is a loop to the northeast that is taken twice.

05-25-2026
01:14:48 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1779729602-stage-16-route.jpg>

05-25-2026
01:15:03 pm



Tim in KY A short stage but 3000 meters of climbing including a Cat 3 and a Cat 2 that are taken twice on the loop. The Cat 3 is 4.7 kilometers averaging 5.6%. The Cat 2 is 3 km averaging 8.5% but sections at 14%. The finishing Cat 1 climb is officially 11.7 km long averaging 7.9% and maxing at 13%. Officially 11.7km but the road is actually relentlessly uphill for the final 31 kilometers.

05-25-2026
01:15:45 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1779729658-stage-16-profile.jpg>

05-25-2026
01:16:00 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1779729678-stage-16-cari.jpg>

05-25-2026
01:16:19 pm



Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 14:00 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:15. Forecast is for sunshine but heat in the low 30s in the valleys but clouds and the possibility of rain on the final climb.

05-25-2026
01:17:33 pm



Rocket City Gal Welcome back, Tim!

05-25-2026
09:33:57 pm



Tim in KY Pascal Ackermann (Jayco) will not start today. Current forecast is that it is more likely than not for rain on the finish climb.

05-26-2026
06:26:48 am



Tim in KY Thanks, RCG and thanks for filling in for me last week.

05-26-2026
06:27:28 am



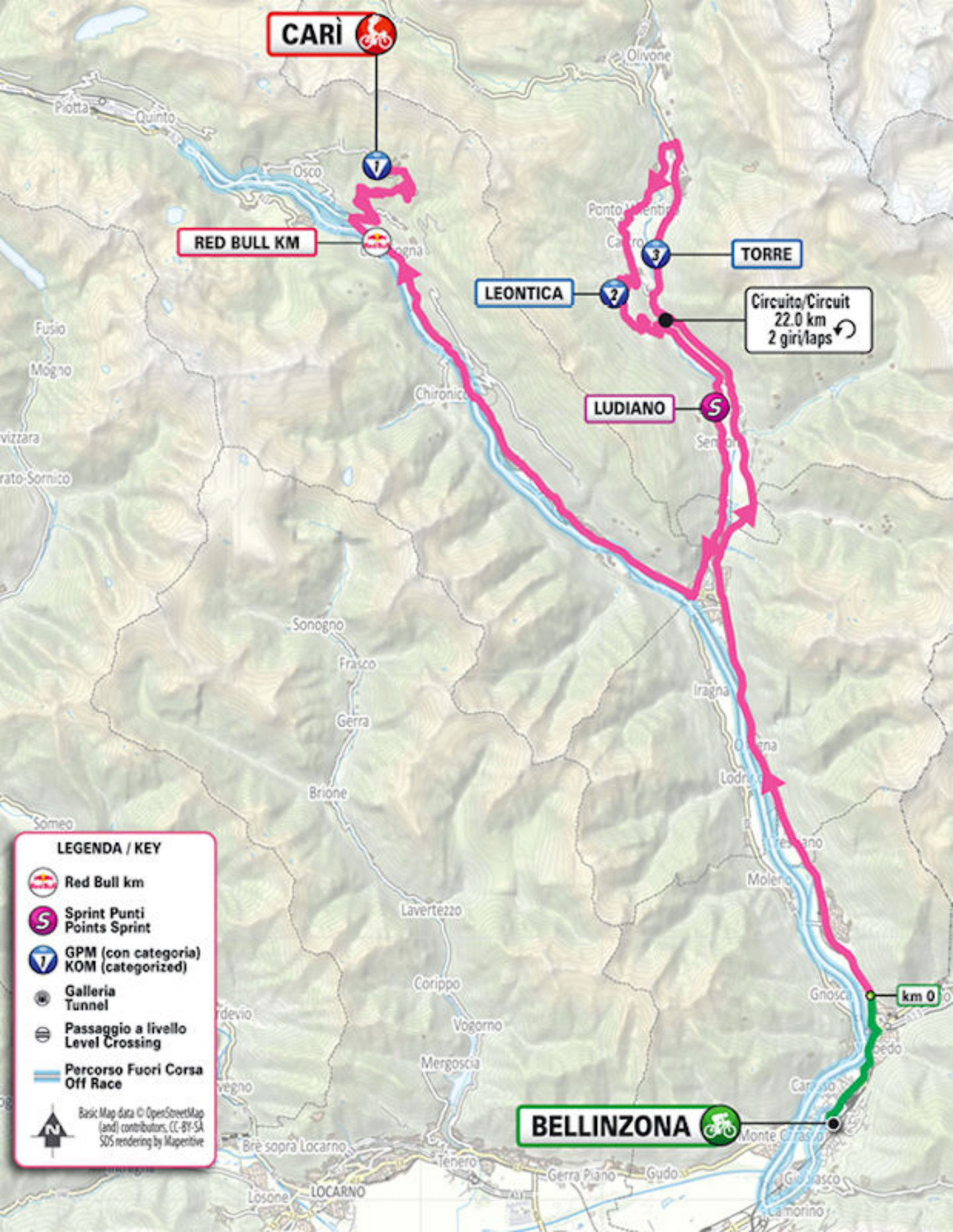
Tim in KY In neutral. No other DNS today.

05-26-2026
07:52:14 am



Tim in KY Today is 3000 meters of climbing, Friday is 4900.

05-26-2026
08:04:04 am



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RED BULL KM

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TORRE

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Circuito/Circuit
22.0 km
2 giri/laps

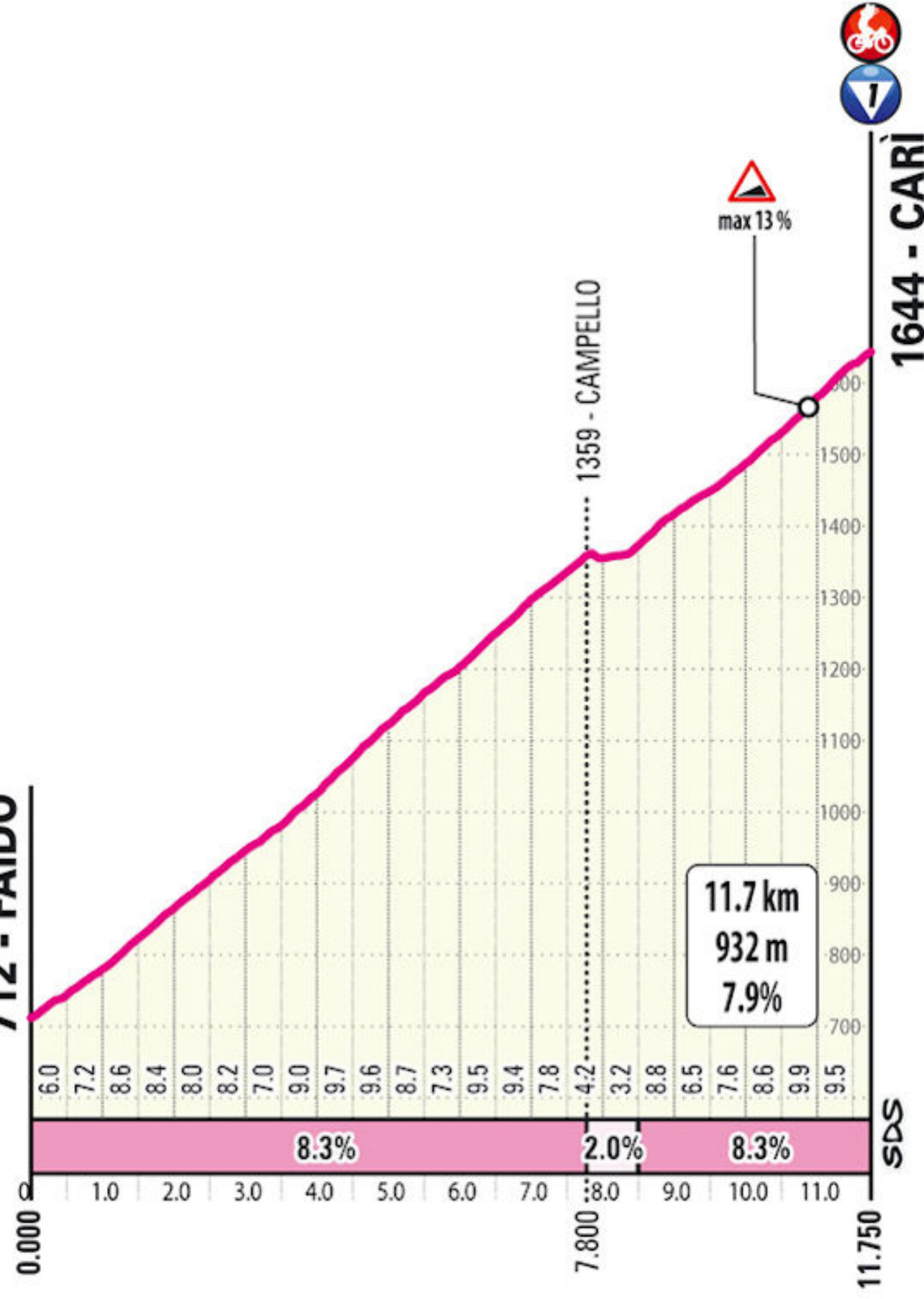
BELLINZONA 

LEGENDA / KEY

-  Red Bull km
-  Sprint Punti
Points Sprint
-  GPM (con categoria)
KOM (categorized)
-  Galleria
Tunnel
-  Passaggio a livello
Level Crossing
-  Percorso Fuori Corsa
Off Race

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712 - FAIDO



11.7 km
932 m
7.9%

max 13%

1359 - CAMPELLO

1644 - CARI

SDS



Tim in KY Break fight is on.

05-26-2026
08:06:05 am



Bikerabe USUAL SUSPECTS in break

05-26-2026
08:15:23 am



Tim in KY It's not much of a break to have just 24 seconds.

05-26-2026
08:26:07 am



Tim in KY On the first climb of the Cat 3. Some separations but only 15 seconds in total.

05-26-2026
08:37:17 am



Bikerabe 2nd group at 21 secs is interesting Cicone, Narvaez

05-26-2026
08:39:13 am



Bikerabe Ciccone , Narvez in front break

05-26-2026
08:48:33 am



Trish in MA Good morning. Bright sunny day here today. I, however, will be spending the morning in a darkish backstage area putting labels on file folders and filing. Part-time work for the town, but after I complete 77.25 hours, I get \$1K off my property taxes. I'm putting 40 years of Zoning Board cases in rational order. Halfway through the project after 6 months and 70 hours of work.

05-26-2026
08:49:22 am



Tim in KY Wouldn't it be easier and cheaper to have put them in order as they happened?

05-26-2026
08:51:52 am



Tim in KY Bright sun and blazing heat right now but forecast is still for rain on the final climb.

05-26-2026
08:53:08 am



Tim in KY On to the first climb of the Cat 2 and 35 seconds for the front group.

05-26-2026
08:57:48 am



Trish in MA Each Planning Assistant had their own way of filing and labeling files. Some boxes are filed by decision number, others by address and then in boxes by year. And they just boxed them up and sent them to the Town Clerk's office. So, if an address has multiple zoning decisions (such as our house) you can't find them all together. So I'm making consistent labels (address, decision # and year) and filing all the decisions together by address, with the most recent decision first. And, in the end, it's only going to cost the town \$2K.

05-26-2026
08:58:55 am



Katie S Good morning

05-26-2026
08:59:05 am



Trish in MA Morning, Katie!

05-26-2026
09:00:15 am



Katie S Trish - what a cool civic engagement idea. You do community service and get a reduction in your property tax? I love it.

05-26-2026
09:00:17 am



Tim in KY Hi, Katie.

05-26-2026
09:00:19 am



Katie S Trying to figure out where we are in the race. Is this the first or second time up Leontica?

05-26-2026
09:02:27 am



Katie S Nevermind. I see Tim's earlier posting.

05-26-2026
09:05:06 am



Trish in MA Katie, 1st time up.

05-26-2026
09:05:08 am



Katie S thanks!

05-26-2026
09:05:13 am



Katie S I'm just surprised that even signing in so late, I'll manage to catch most of the climbing. The benefit of a short stage.

05-26-2026
09:05:58 am



Bikerabe 2 KU

05-26-2026
09:08:53 am



Tim in KY Gap to the break is up to 1:06. Over a minute for the first time.

05-26-2026
09:09:06 am



Trish in MA Many Massachusetts towns have the SCRPT program. It gives us geezers something to do and the Town gets all kinds of clerical work done for virtually free. All kinds of work is covered, from clerical projects to working the polls to Town Hall receptionists to managing the volunteers working in the community garden.

05-26-2026
09:10:16 am



Alaska Dave Good morning. 48 and dry (for now) after a glorious long weekend.

05-26-2026
09:10:26 am



Trish in MA And, heigh-ho, heigh-ho, I'm off to filing. Good thing I know my ABCs. Have a great race.

05-26-2026
09:11:41 am



Katie S you too! And Good morning, Dave.

05-26-2026
09:12:41 am



Tim in KY Not much is going to happen until the Cat 1 and thankfully today that's pretty soon.

05-26-2026
09:23:07 am



Katie S How's your reentry been, Tim?

05-26-2026
09:23:26 am



Rocket City Gal Good morning. On the way back home after a weekend with in-laws and at the race.

05-26-2026
09:27:28 am



Katie S Was there a particular "mood" at the race surrounding Kyle Busch's recent death?

05-26-2026
09:28:49 am



Tim in KY I manage time change fairly well, Katie. Both going and returning.

05-26-2026
09:29:29 am



Rocket City Gal This morning my sister in law discovered downstairs freezer with MIL's frozen soup/stock she's made and frozen meat hanging wide open, everything liquid/melted or defrosted. One of her great-grandkids apparently got in there to get a popsicle yesterday and didn't manage to get the door closed. Internal temp was 60. I did some cleanup and let her daughters who live in town know so that they can help her go through stuff this afternoon. I'm sure her approach would just be to refreeze everything and cross her fingers, but I don't think that's a good idea.

05-26-2026
09:31:13 am



Katie S oh lordy. And, no, that is not a good idea.

05-26-2026
09:31:50 am



Rocket City Gal Katie, he was remembered in pre-race speeches and invocation and such. I don't know how it affected the drivers. Crowd seemed rowdy as usual.

05-26-2026
09:32:50 am



Rocket City Gal It was a crazy race. Niece and her soon-to-be finance (I have insider info) were "race virgins." Most passes in an Indy 500, closest finish ever, weather drama, several wrecks....

05-26-2026
09:34:49 am



Rocket City Gal It was a good one for the 2 of them to start on.

05-26-2026
09:35:24 am



Rocket City Gal As a bonus, my niece ran into her boss (author John Green, “The Fault in Our Stars” etc)— his seats are close to our family season tix seats. She said, “hey, John, I’ve been trying to e-mail you” and they had a good laugh and a photo op.

05-26-2026
09:38:04 am

Tim in KY Just at the fastest imaginable right now.

05-26-2026
09:39:52 am

Trish in MA <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1779803151-1779802851496.jpeg>

05-26-2026
09:40:52 am

Trish in MA My workspace

05-26-2026
09:40:58 am

Trish in MA 13 boxes remain to be done. The 20 boxes neatly laid out contain all of the integrated files so far

05-26-2026
09:42:30 am

Rocket City Gal Lotsa boxes

05-26-2026
09:42:32 am

Rocket City Gal <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1779803277-1779802977345.png>

05-26-2026
09:43:00 am

Rocket City Gal Part of the spectacle Sunday

05-26-2026
09:43:33 am

Trish in MA I went to a race once at Lime Rock. Not my cup of tea, I confess

05-26-2026
09:48:09 am

Katie S That's a lot of boxes, Trish. I spent a summer in college working in the admissions office sorting applications using a file sorter strip. Hours upon hours. I did come across the application of the daughter of the guy who used to draw cats, B. Kliban. Otherwise, pure drudgery.

05-26-2026
09:53:10 am

Trish in MA Poor Ciccone. nobody will let him win anything. Not the stage, not the mountain jersey

05-26-2026
09:53:22 am

Trish in MA File sorter slips! I remember those from my college days, too.

05-26-2026
09:53:59 am

EXIT







Tim in KY Chance of rain on the Cat 1 down to 30%. But that's not zero.

05-26-2026
09:54:28 am



Tim in KY A minute faster than the fastest at the start of the uphill.

05-26-2026
09:57:43 am



Katie S Wow, those images from Cari were beautiful

05-26-2026
09:58:41 am



Rocket City Gal Woo hoo! \$3.39 /gal gas in southern Indiana

05-26-2026
10:01:11 am



Toulouse If the chance of rain here is 90%, we still get nothing. Dave needs to come here on his bike.

05-26-2026
10:02:28 am



Toulouse And bring some gas from southern Indiana.

05-26-2026
10:03:00 am



Rocket City Gal Magnier with 145 points, Narvaez 131 after yesterday's stage.

05-26-2026
10:03:34 am



Trish in MA Now Narváez is just 2 points behind Magnier

05-26-2026
10:09:09 am



Tim in KY Time table says it will take 50 minutes to ride the last 22 km.

05-26-2026
10:10:51 am



Katie S \$3.39 gas in southern Indiana? We're \$6.39 (for the "regular")

05-26-2026
10:10:52 am



Rocket City Gal Everything else \$4 for cheapest. So we filled up

05-26-2026
10:14:51 am



Rocket City Gal Ciccone, Harper, Rubio and Narváez with 1:13 on peloton (and shrinking)

05-26-2026
10:16:39 am
















Rocket City Gal Rain in southern Indiana too. Not what we wanted for our drive.

05-26-2026
10:18:13 am

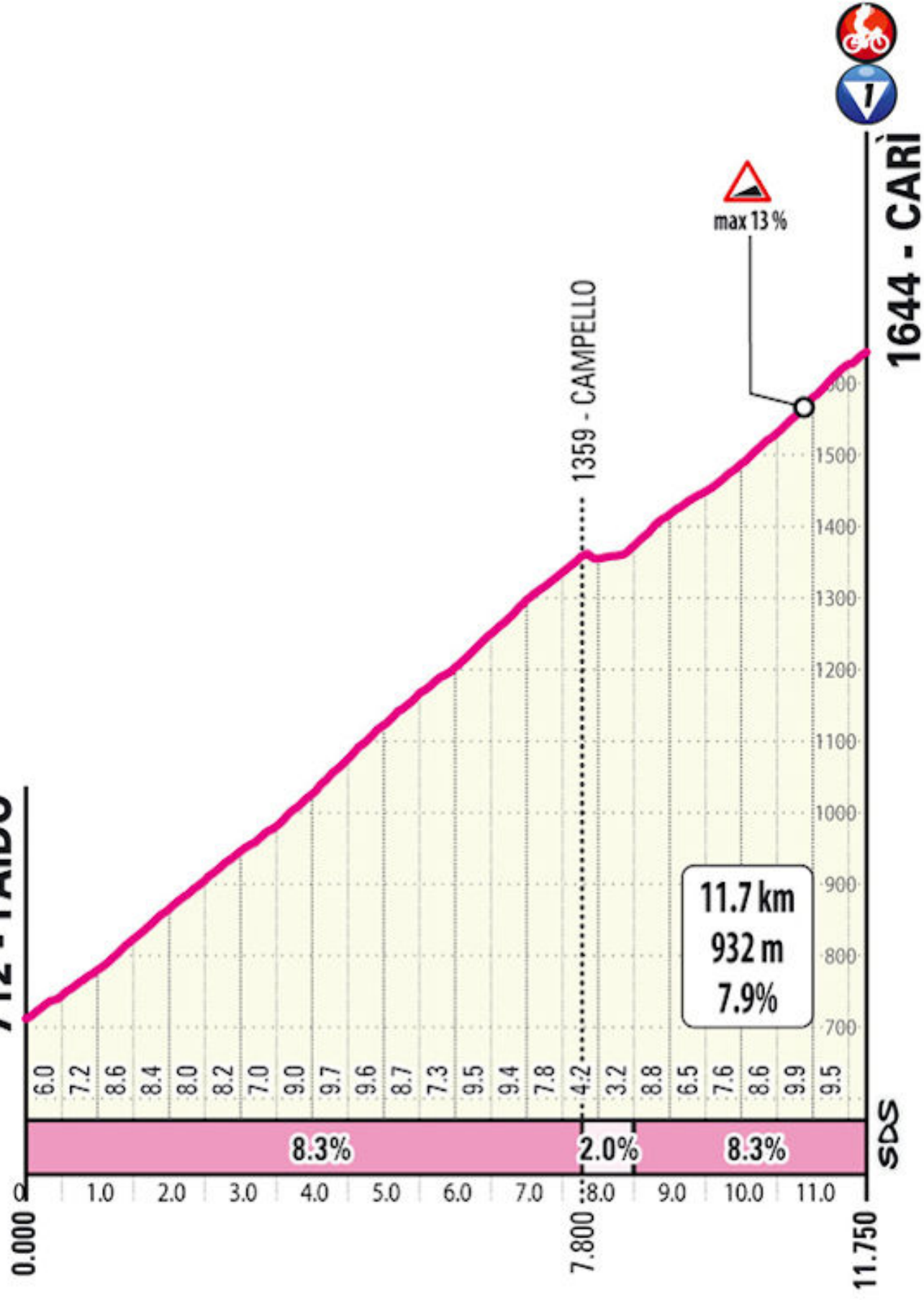


Katie S Yeah, I'm thinking that gap is not going to hold. My money's on Vinegar.

05-26-2026
10:18:57 am

-  **Rocket City Gal** 5 km or so until Red Bull Kilometer. But I think that's time only and no points. 05-26-2026 10:20:46 am
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-  **Katie S** Ciccone has "thrown the toys out of the cot." Ha! I love that. 05-26-2026 10:21:11 am
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-  **Tim in KY** Current radar shows a small smudge of rain right over Cari but it's gone by the time the race gets there. 05-26-2026 10:21:51 am
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-  **Rocket City Gal** Yep. Narvaez pops. 05-26-2026 10:21:55 am
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-  **Rocket City Gal** < 1 min now 05-26-2026 10:22:09 am
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-  **Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1779805744-stage-16-cari.jpg> 05-26-2026 10:24:05 am
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-  **Katie S** that last little kick will be fun 05-26-2026 10:25:15 am
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-  **Rocket City Gal** "Throwing your toys out of the cot" (or "pram") is a popular UK idiom that means reacting to a situation in an overly dramatic, childish, or irrational way when things don't go your way. It comes from the visual of a frustrated toddler throwing a tantrum and literally tossing their toys out of their bed. Never heard that one before 05-26-2026 10:26:08 am
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-  **SFinAus** Hello all, I got here in time for the really good racing stuff. 05-26-2026 10:31:55 am
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-  **Toulouse** And as Shawn arrives, I go. "Neither (non-existent) rain nor snow nor mountaintop finish can stop the US Mail," so I am offer to deliver. 05-26-2026 10:33:14 am
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-  **Toulouse** off, not offer 05-26-2026 10:33:19 am
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-  **Bikerabe** caught 05-26-2026 10:35:03 am
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-  **Katie S** Go well, Toulouse! 05-26-2026 10:35:39 am

712 - FAIDO





Rocket City Gal Pellizzari having a bad day. 1 min behind what's left of the peloton

05-26-2026
10:36:00 am



Rocket City Gal And there go Eulalio and O'Connor

05-26-2026
10:37:09 am



Katie S Campernuts earning his pay

05-26-2026
10:37:10 am



SFinAus I noticed he pulled his ear piece out. Not interested in hearing it, I guess

05-26-2026
10:37:10 am



Katie S Hi Shawn - nope.

05-26-2026
10:37:27 am



John Can't say as I'd want to hear my sporting director tell me I was going backwards either

05-26-2026
10:38:44 am



Trish in MA And Pellizzari was dropped as his team was setting the pace. Oops. Bad plan to drop your own guy

05-26-2026
10:40:14 am



John Kuss didn't last long up front

05-26-2026
10:40:41 am



Tim in KY JV goes.

05-26-2026
10:43:02 am



Rocket City Gal Hindley still up there. He's been doing better than his now-radioless teammate lately

05-26-2026
10:43:06 am



Katie S Gall can't hang w/ him.

05-26-2026
10:43:13 am



Rocket City Gal Rondel, Gee and Storer the Explorer have been dropped

05-26-2026
10:43:29 am



SFinAus Gall was visibly hurting before Vinegar went.

05-26-2026
10:43:50 am



Tim in KY 6 km seems a bit early.

05-26-2026
10:44:06 am

Katie S it does ...

05-26-2026
10:44:20 am



Rocket City Gal Vinegar in the lead solo with 6.5 km left

05-26-2026
10:44:44 am



John I'm guessing he went because his team was spent

05-26-2026
10:45:00 am



Tim in KY Three of my VG team in the front five.

05-26-2026
10:45:12 am



SFinAus Listening to DStan's pod last night, someone quoted a former rider who mentioned riding as slow as possible to win. Seems, Vinegar could go later/slower here. (He also mentioned our use of "KU"s as they were talking about Sean Kelley)

05-26-2026
10:47:02 am



Katie S Geez, JV's already got more than 50 seconds.

05-26-2026
10:48:42 am



Katie S Love the KU reference, Shawn.

05-26-2026
10:49:34 am



PasadenaK8 The first rule of the KU is: You do not talk about KU.

05-26-2026
10:49:44 am



Tim in KY JV right at the fastest imaginable.

05-26-2026
10:49:47 am



Tim in KY Seems they've dodged the rain bullit.

05-26-2026
10:53:13 am



PasadenaK8 Vinegar entering eejit territory

05-26-2026
10:56:12 am



Tim in KY Fastest imaginable win time is 17:01.

05-26-2026
10:57:12 am



Rocket City Gal Looks like Vinegar will finally be wearing pink tonight. Eulalio has done the jersey proud

05-26-2026
10:58:11 am



Tim in KY He's wearing pink now RCG.

05-26-2026
10:58:59 am



Rocket City Gal Piganzoli and Rondel have also been having great Giros.

05-26-2026
10:59:32 am



Katie S He looks very smooth

05-26-2026
10:59:36 am



Katie S or not, i think i just saw a face pull

05-26-2026
10:59:58 am



Rocket City Gal Oops, that's embarrassing. Too little sleep, and I haven't been watching the video coverage.

05-26-2026
11:00:42 am



Katie S Not to worry, RCG.

05-26-2026
11:00:58 am



Katie S You probably still have 500 miles or race car engine noise ringing in your ears, too

05-26-2026
11:01:16 am



PasadenaK8 Bravo, Vinegar. He smashed that fastest imaginable time by about a minute.

05-26-2026
11:01:23 am



Rocket City Gal We're in heavy rain in KY. Ugh

05-26-2026
11:01:29 am



Katie S Be safe

05-26-2026
11:01:44 am



Tim in KY Back tomorrow...

05-26-2026
11:02:22 am



Rocket City Gal I always take earplugs. Indycars are noisy.

05-26-2026
11:02:25 am



PasadenaK8 Domani 🙌

05-26-2026
11:02:51 am



Trish in MA Vinegar has the record for each of the climbs he's won

05-26-2026
11:03:00 am



Katie S All righty - my punchlist for stuff to finish up before our trip is long... See everyone tomorrow.

05-26-2026
11:03:01 am



Trish in MA Ok. Full attention to the filing

05-26-2026
11:03:21 am



SFinAus Bye everyone. Have a good day.

05-26-2026
11:03:33 am



Rocket City Gal Vingo, Gall, Hindley again

05-26-2026
11:04:41 am



Bikerabe mission accomplshrd

05-26-2026
11:15:01 am