



Tim in KY VaE Stage 5 is 173 kilometers zig-zagging west through southern Catalonia from Falset to Roquetes.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1787679827-stage-5-route.jpg>

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Tim in KY The route is hilly in sections with 1700 total meters of climbing but is mostly flat. There is one Cat 3 climb that crests 25 kilometers from the finish. The last km is slightly uphill.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1787679880-stage-5-profile.jpg>

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1787679900-stage-5-route-finale.jpg>

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Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:34 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Forecast is for sun, clouds and hot in the upper-20s to low-30s. Peacock stream starts at 14:30 CEST.

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Tim in KY There were no DNF or OTL on stage 4 and no fines.

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Tim in KY No surprise that Cian Uijtdebroeks (Movi) will not start today.

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06:17:40 am



Tim in KY Forecast is unchanged.

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06:19:03 am



Tim in KY In neutral. No additional DNS.

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07:20:27 am



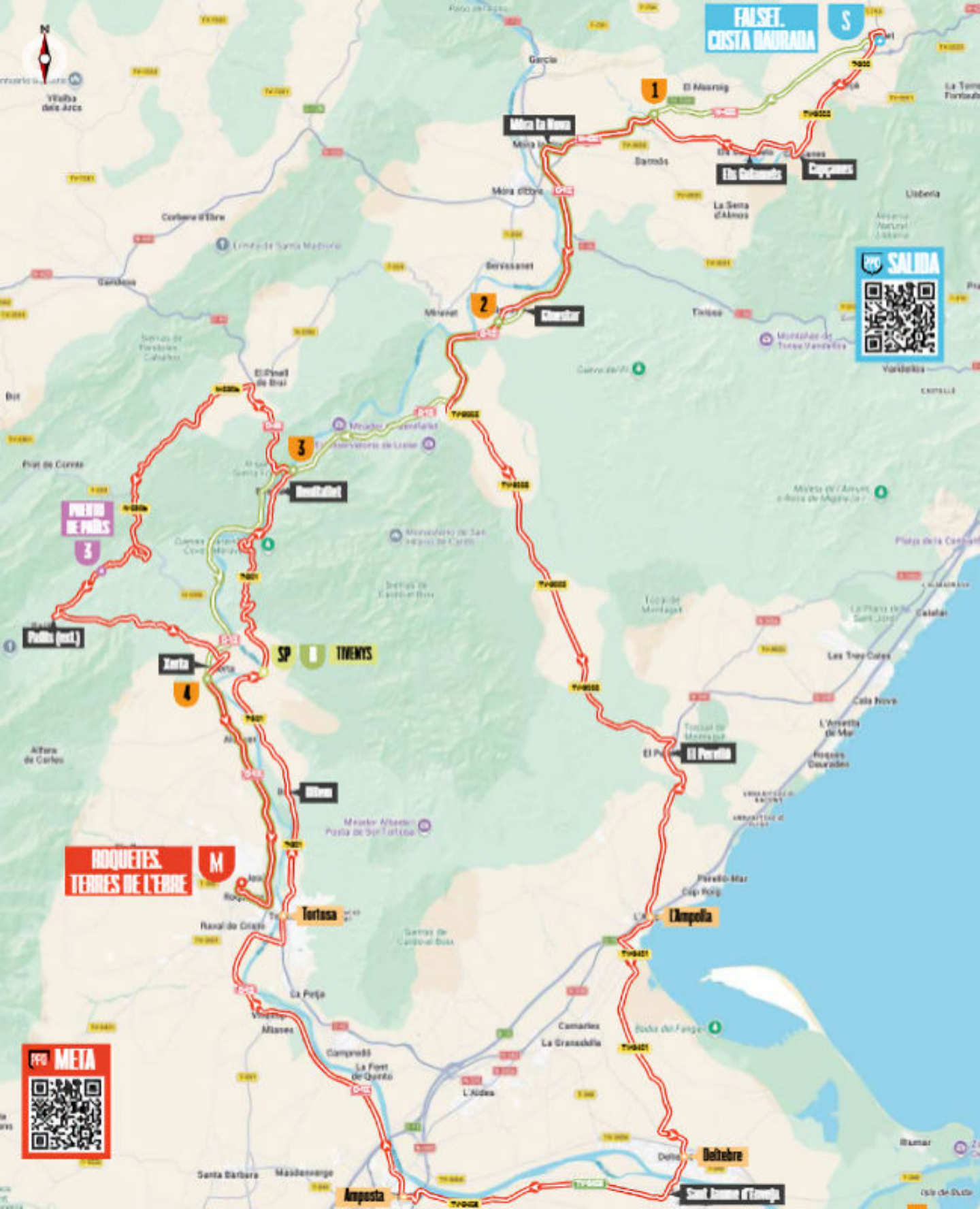
Tim in KY Time for chores and errands while things sort out.

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Rocket City Gal Uijtdebroecks has a cracked ankle bone per a report I read yesterday.

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08:18:40 am



FALSET.
COSTA DAURADA

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1

Mina la Bona

El Collado

Capçanes

2

Capçanes

3

Montplà

PUNTO DE PARTIDA

4

Tortosa

SP U TORTOSA

ROQUETES.
TERRAS DE L'ERBE

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Tortosa

L'Amplla

META

Deltebre

Sant Joan d'Empúria

FALSET.
COSTA DAURADA / 270 m



ROQUETES.
TERRES DE L'EBRE / 25 m



ALTIMETRÍA ÚLTIMOS 5 KM





Rocket City Gal “Movistar confirmed on Wednesday morning that Uijtdebroeks would now leave the race after further testing established that the injury from his Stage 2 crash was “more serious than initially estimated”. That wording is important because it also leaves an uncomfortable question behind: if Uijtdebroeks was already known to be racing with a fracture and struggling even to walk, should he ever have been sent into an Andorran mountain stage in the first place?”

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08:24:30 am



Katie S Stream up

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08:31:22 am



Katie S Good morning

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08:31:32 am



Katie S A very good question indeed. But I bet he wanted to ride and insisted “it’s just a flesh wound”

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08:32:33 am



Charlie in Tenn Just finished watching yesterday's stage. POG is pretty good. Looks to be a race for second place. Let's see who comes through this stage to challenge for the uphill sprinter title.

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08:54:16 am



Katie S Ethan Hayter trying to be polite but pretty much saying those sprint points earned before the stage ended by rights should have been awarded notwithstanding

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08:55:16 am



Katie S (In the canceled stage)

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08:55:42 am



Katie S Hi Charlie.

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08:55:57 am



Katie S Maybe the other teams will start to resort to tacks in the road or bedbugs in UAEs hotel or some other tactic from old skool racing daze

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08:57:04 am



Charlie in Tenn I agree. The racers were racing at that point. They used energy that others did not. They could be awarded the points.

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08:57:52 am



SFinAus Good morning, Pubsters

08-26-2026
08:57:56 am



Tim in KY Chores and errands done. Suitably innocuous sacrificial break in my absence. If stage stage 3 had been neutralized Hayter

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09:00:01 am

would have a case but being cancelled means it never happened.



Charlie in Tenn 66 here at 9 am That is awesome. The heat and humidity has been awful the last few weeks.

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09:00:02 am



Tim in KY It's been upper-50s here the last three mornings. Just wonderful for walking.

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09:01:12 am



Charlie in Tenn I understand the distinction but it is still an argument.

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09:02:14 am



SFinAus Tudor, what's worse than messy bike change from the car? Getting the wrong bike. 80 and headed to 105, but the good news is it'll cool to an even 100 later this week.

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09:02:24 am



Charlie in Tenn But is it a dry heat?

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09:03:02 am



Tim in KY Roel Van Saintmartinsdyke (Lotto) has abandoned.

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09:03:18 am



Charlie in Tenn Did he have to write his name out all through elementary school? I feel for the guy.

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09:04:36 am



Tim in KY He had to write it out in Dutch. It's actually simpler in English.

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09:06:46 am



Tim in KY van Sintmaartensdijk

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09:07:18 am



Charlie in Tenn I am sure he can write it pretty fast.

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09:14:38 am



Tim in KY Wind splits in the peloton.

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09:17:02 am



Katie S Ugh. Wind.

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09:18:43 am



SFinAus Speaking of ugh,I saw on cyclingnews that the Vuelta has limited the access of the freaky woman/influencer Katie mentioned Monday. Seeing a clip and reading about her was really cringey and off-putting. Yet she has 6M followers. Go figure.

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09:29:58 am



Charlie in Tenn OK, I am off to Costco. Hope to be back before the final.

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09:30:24 am



Katie S Have fun, Charlie. Enjoy the snacks!

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09:35:07 am



Katie S An idiot of an influencer with 6 million idiot followers

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09:37:35 am



Trish in MA Good morning all. Here for the stage, amazingly. Unless I get called in to help process mail-in votes. (Massachusetts primary is next Tuesday.)

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09:38:07 am



Katie S FRAUDSTER!

08-26-2026
09:38:42 am



Katie S Hi, Trish :-)

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09:38:58 am



Trish in MA You'd think the Vuelta folks would have given her some guidelines. It was totally cringy

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09:43:46 am



John She's totally cringe-worthy, but they hired her for her schtick.

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09:51:23 am



John <https://www.instagram.com/sportsorla/reel/DcbSFLcCiay/?hl=en>

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09:51:27 am



Tim in KY I just saw that one little clip of her but she seemed like a totally self absorbed clueless ditz. What's not to like?

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09:52:19 am



Tim in KY Poor Ethan.

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09:54:58 am



Tim in KY At least he's going to get the 20 points right at the imagined time.

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10:00:43 am



Trish in MA As UAE masses to the front, I'm going to the store.

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10:10:12 am



Tim in KY PCS just posted this statistic: In his pro career Crosswalk has ridden 202,599 kilometers. It's amazing that he's done it and more amazing that PCS knows that number.

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10:10:40 am



Katie S And that's just the races, yes? Imagine how many kilometers in the training

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10:13:41 am



Tim in KY Just the races.

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Tim in KY I'm not sure what Kron thinks he's going to accomplish.

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10:33:53 am



Katie S Boredom. Delusions of grandeur.

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10:36:00 am



SFinAus Me either. Maybe following silly orders, but that only shifts the same question.

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10:36:01 am



Trish in MA Back from store. Just in time to see Hayter and Groves dropped.

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10:42:46 am



Katie S Uno-X free ad time coming to an end. Gulp.

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10:46:11 am



Tim in KY Up the lonely Cat 3.

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10:47:10 am



Tim in KY I'm not sure that's a road.

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10:47:44 am



Katie S it's a lovely footpath, though

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10:48:07 am



Katie S CalTrans just repaired and repaved about 6-7 miles of Highway 1 that runs through our community with tarmac that looks like this - nice, smooth, dark. No chipsealing. It's very nice and very quiet. And, best, no more potholes. It was getting silly watching locals drive like drunks to avoid the holes in the road.

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10:54:55 am



Katie S Of course, it was funnier to see the tourists NOT avoid the holes...

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10:55:25 am



Tim in KY This is just a little path through someone's olive orchard.

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10:57:05 am



SFinAus I love me some new, proper asphalt when I find it. It's almost a balm to get a break from cheepseal.

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Tim in KY They crested a couple minutes ahead of the imagined time.

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10:58:13 am



Charlie in Tenn and I am back

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11:01:40 am



Tim in KY Why is UAE at the front? shouldn't the sprint teams be up there?

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11:02:01 am



Tim in KY Hayter gets Most Aggressive today. I'd have voted him for most desperate.

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11:13:09 am



Toulouse I'm here, sort of. This week has been more about work than bike racing. So much for retirement.

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11:14:02 am



SFinAus Tee hee. Most vengeful?

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11:14:13 am



Charlie in Tenn Who is the favorite today? Brennan, Mads, Meeus, someone else?

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11:16:34 am



SFinAus Seems like most retirees I've known wonder how they ever had time to work.

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11:16:36 am



Toulouse I'm there, Shawn.

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11:16:50 am



Charlie in Tenn I stay as busy as I want in retirement. Some weeks are pushing the boundaries though.

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11:17:43 am



SFinAus I'll go with Brennan.

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11:18:42 am



SFinAus Mads looked cooked earlier. Too much Le Tour?

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11:19:08 am



Tim in KY A brave choice.

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11:19:22 am



Katie S Hayter for most desperate. I second that.

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11:19:36 am



Katie S And Mads won't win b/c he's on my team

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11:19:49 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1787758016-stage-5-route-finale.jpg>

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Charlie in Tenn Brennan has Wout and Christophe as lead outs so it does seem like a good choice. The slight uphill might favor Mads. Mads did say he would not be challenging the sprinters if he did not think he could win.

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Trish in MA As Charlie called it!

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11:25:42 am



SFinAus who is the uno x guy pulling for?

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11:25:44 am



SFinAus oops, I was about 1km behind.

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11:26:25 am



Tim in KY An EF got third.

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11:26:31 am



Toulouse At least you're watching the correct stage.

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11:27:01 am



SFinAus heh

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SFinAus It hasn't always happened.

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Toulouse I watched two stages on Tuesday. Although I guess I didn't really since one was cancelled.

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Charlie in Tenn Meeus second, Abanese third

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Tim in KY A dirt section on the final climb tomorrow.

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Charlie in Tenn I watched 2 today.

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SFinAus Cool. I have Albanese on my team. Wonder of wonders

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Charlie in Tenn Lots of names in the top ten that are unfamiliar. That is probably a good thing.

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Toulouse Does anyone have Brennan?

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Katie S Enjoy the day, all. I'll look forward to the dirt section tomorrow. Cyclocross!

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Charlie in Tenn Bye all.

08-26-2026
11:30:07 am



SFinAus Well, all the "real" sprinters avoided this race like the plague. :)

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SFinAus Bye, all. Thanks.

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Trish in MA See folks tomorrow.

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