



Tim in KY VaE Stage 8 continues the move south along the Mediterranean coast. This stage is a 171-kilometer loop inland starting and finishing in the coastal villages of Puçol and Xeraco.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1787937755-stage-8-route.jpg>

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Tim in KY The first 14 kilometers are flat leading to a 70 km lumpy stretch. The remainder of the course is flat except for a 5 km Cat 3 that crests 27 km from the finish. The final 5 km are flat but includes four 90 degree turns.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1787937838-stage-8-profile.jpg>

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Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:42 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Forecast is for sunshine in the upper-20s. Peacock live stream at 14:30 CEST.

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Tim in KY There were no DNF or OTL on stage 7. There were six sticky bottle fines and Alessandro Romele (Astana) was given a Yellow Card for causing Luca Van Boven (Lotto) to crash.

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Tim in KY Here's the sticky bottle details: Alexey Lutsenko (NSN), Lorenzo Fortunato and Hekok Mulueberhan (XDS Astana) - 200CHF each and Decathlon DS Cyril Dessel, XDS Astana DS Alexandr Shefer, and NSN DS Jonathan McCarty 500CHF each.

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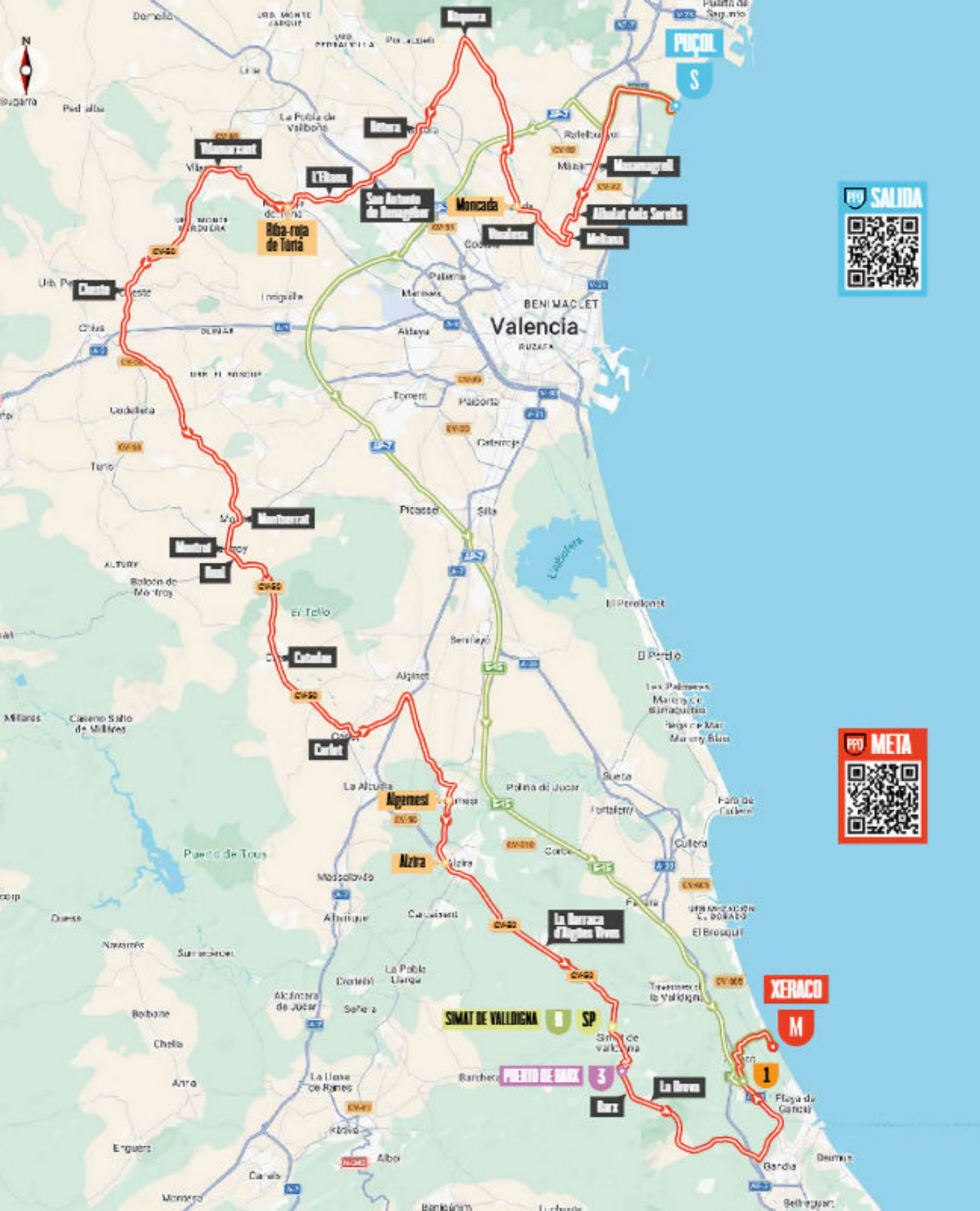
Charlie in Tenn <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1787970872-1787970572273.jpeg>

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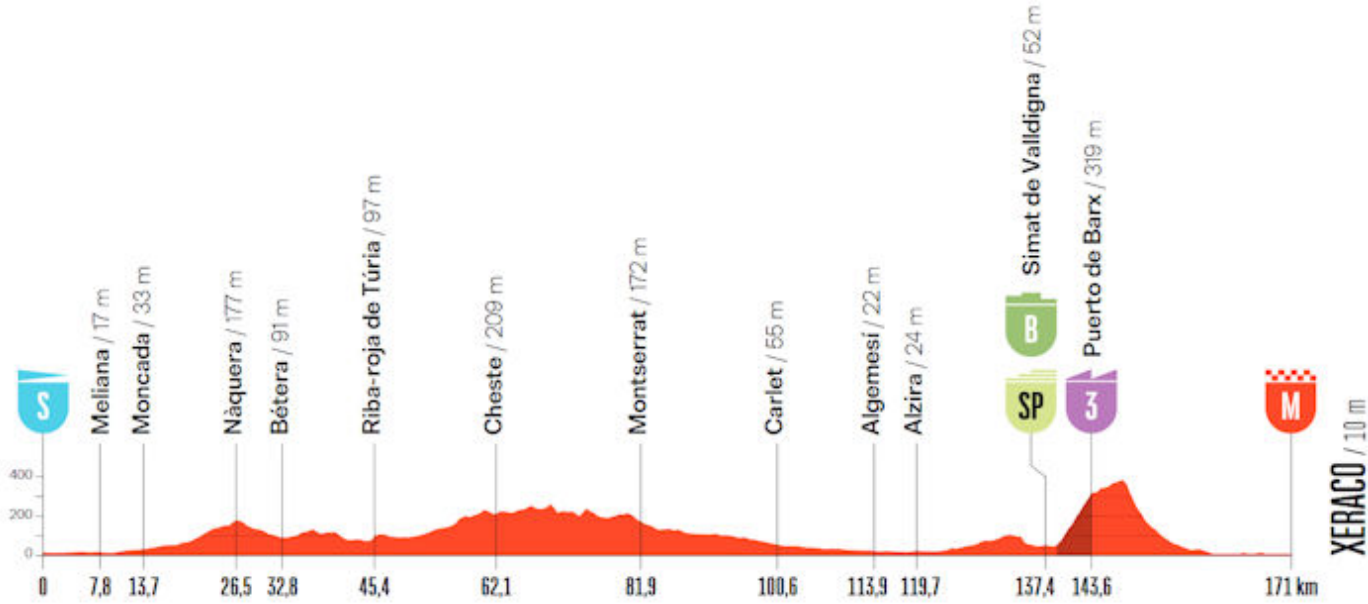


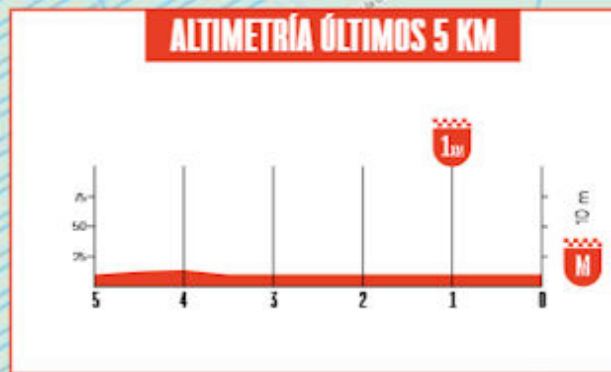
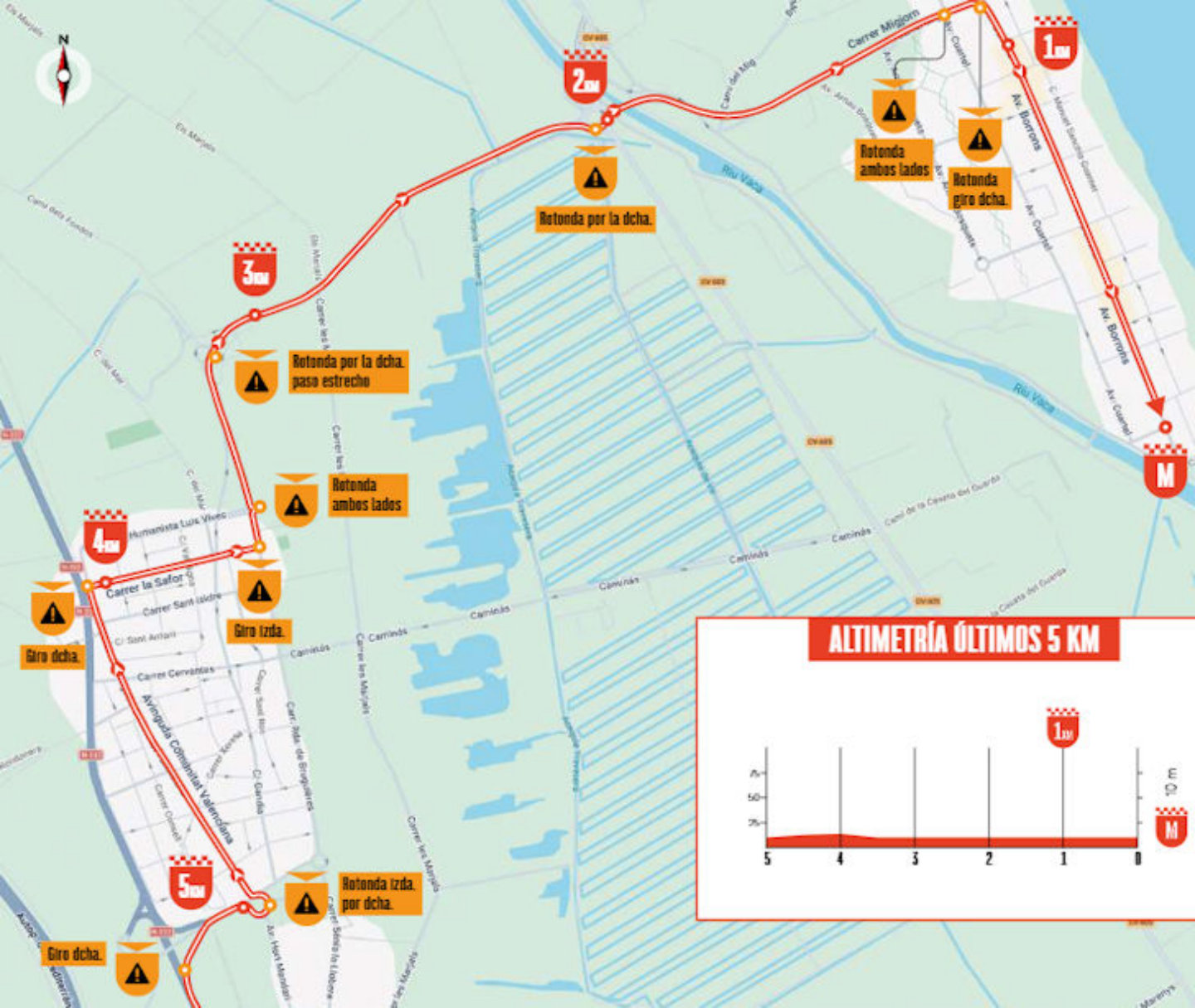
Charlie in Tenn Our beautiful old girl, Millie, passed away on the 16th. She was 14, maybe 15. Miniature Pincher/Jack Russell mix. She was with us 8 years and was a great companion, as long as you did not want her to

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snuggle in your lap. She refused to lay down on anyone. She came to us as a rescue so we don't know her full history. She was a good girl. I realized that I had not mentioned her when I read about Roxie yesterday. I hope Roxie is doing better.



Tim in KY Luca Van Boven (Lotto) will not start today. He did finish yesterday with two broken ribs and a pneumothorax.

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06:39:46 am



Tim in KY Inauspicious neutral crash has delayed Km0.

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07:51:50 am



Tim in KY Just now restarted.

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08:02:34 am



Tim in KY It appears that two Burgos will form the sacrificial break.

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08:05:42 am



Tim in KY Now just one Burgos.

08-29-2026
08:16:57 am



Charlie in Tenn Good morning. I won't be around early but might get a chance to see the finish. Everyone have a good day.

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08:21:56 am



Tim in KY Diego Uriarte (Kern) has abandoned because of the neutral crash.

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08:37:19 am



Tim in KY Floris Van Tricht (NSN) has abandoned because of the neutral crash.

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08:38:49 am



Tim in KY The lonely Burgos has 5:33. Rolling rest day for the peloton.

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08:40:01 am



Tim in KY It turns out Kevin Vermaerke really does have cracked ribs. Bob and CVV thought he was joking with the team car when he said "It's OK. I have a crack in my rib, so it hurts" on air yesterday.

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08:45:22 am



Katie S Good morning. Charlie, from her picture Millie looks like a sweet and wise girl. She's lucky you rescued her — and so are you. How wonderful to have had her as long as you did.

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08:56:30 am



Rocket City Gal A costly neutral zone crash!

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08:56:35 am





Rocket City Gal After seeing how Van Boven looked at the finish line (indicating chest/back pain), it wasn't too much of a surprise. They were in a town and there was a speed bump that figured into the crash also. But Romele came over and basically forced him off the road into the side of a building and a curb (kerb).

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08:59:02 am



Rocket City Gal Sorry to hear about Millie. I hope things worked out with Roxie. They steal your heart, but since they don't live as long as we do each one takes a little piece of it with them.

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09:00:07 am



Rocket City Gal The "hot process" soap yesterday was a bust. I trusted a receipe someone had posted on-line without running it through a "soap calculator" to verify that the proportion of oil to lye was good... and wasted 500 cc of good (and expensive) olive oil. I know what went wrong and will try again later.

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Rocket City Gal Sinhue' Fernandez (Burgos) has 5:21 on the peloton.

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09:03:56 am



Rocket City Gal Nothing much is going to happen until 30 or 40 km to go. Visma will want to keep things close if possible so that WVA can get the intermediate sprint points and maybe some finish points, and so that Brennan and Laporte also have a crack at the final sprint.

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09:05:41 am



Katie S They do. Roxie stayed in the vet hospital last night. We spoke to the vet at 8pm. They did a bunch of diagnostic stuff, put her on a diuretic to relieve fluid build up around her heart. As of last night her breathing was still elevated. We'll see how she is this morning. But if there's no improvement, we may have to make the decision very soon.

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09:06:41 am



Tim in KY Mattia Gaffuri (Team Picnic PostNL) has abandoned because of a crash during the actual race.

08-29-2026
09:06:58 am



Katie S Kevin VM addressing the "tiny little crack" in his back rib. I can't imagine riding with that.

08-29-2026
09:09:18 am



Tim in KY A nondisplaced rib crack isn't really a big problem.

08-29-2026
09:10:23 am



Katie S Race car track

08-29-2026
09:17:24 am



Katie S Or motorcycle race track? Sorry.

08-29-2026
09:18:37 am



Trish in MA Good morning all. Here for the next 10 minutes then off to do my part ensuring democracy. We're doing the final audit of the mail-in and early votes received by the town prior to tabulation on Tuesday. Charlie, sorry to hear about Millie; Katie, keeping fingers crossed for Roxie

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09:42:13 am



Tim in KY Doesn't look like you'll miss much Trish.

08-29-2026
09:44:05 am



Trish in MA Glad to see WVA with more jersey points than McPiggy

08-29-2026
09:45:42 am



Katie S Thanks for doing your part on behalf of our fragile democracy, Trish. It's important work.

08-29-2026
09:47:17 am



Tim in KY I think the lonely Burgos is tiring out.

08-29-2026
09:53:39 am



Katie S Yeah... time gap keeps shrinking.

08-29-2026
09:56:26 am



SFinAus Good morning. I should have looked at the profiles for today and tomorrow and planned my longer ride of the weekend for today. Not much to see today it seems. I'll jump on the Brennan wagon for the win.

08-29-2026
10:10:32 am



Katie S Dots-wearer using some ice... ooof. 31 degrees plus humid? Egad.

08-29-2026
10:10:53 am



Katie S What's your planned ride today?

08-29-2026
10:11:13 am



SFinAus Hi Katie. Sorry to hear the news isn't better. My fingers are crossed too. Today will probably since it's late already it'll just be a few laps around the neighborhood streets. I've got an 8 mi loop on the larger streets so I don't have to stop often. Prolly do a few laps. It's my gerbil wheel exercise ride. :)

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10:17:44 am



SFinAus (wow I didn't edit that first sentence well. ... more coffee please)

08-29-2026
10:17:45 am



Katie S Gerbil exercise! Love it

08-29-2026
10:18:27 am



Rocket City Gal Gap to Sinhue keeps shrinking — under 2 minutes now

08-29-2026
10:33:09 am



Rocket City Gal Katie- that was a Formula 1 track, methinks

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10:33:41 am



Tim in KY Bob just said "...If the current status quo doesn't change..." Trying to figure that out.

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10:35:51 am



Rocket City Gal Sonhue Fernandez should be getting most combative today, anyway.

08-29-2026
10:36:51 am



Katie S Miss Malaprop's younger brother

08-29-2026
10:36:51 am



SFinAus Oh, Bobby.

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Tim in KY Tomorrow's Km0 is 12:25 CEST. Stream starts before that.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1788014552-stage-9-profile.jpg>

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Katie S That'll be fun for us

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10:38:06 am



Katie S Interview with Mosca about his wife, Longo Borghini... sweet. Here's a pic of their wedding

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Katie S <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1788014918-1788014618584.jpeg>

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SFinAus Elisa is a big favorite of mine. This reminds me of pro cyclist wedding years ago. I think it was a Evie Stephens. Apparently, given the guest list, the reception had unlimited gels and energy bars.

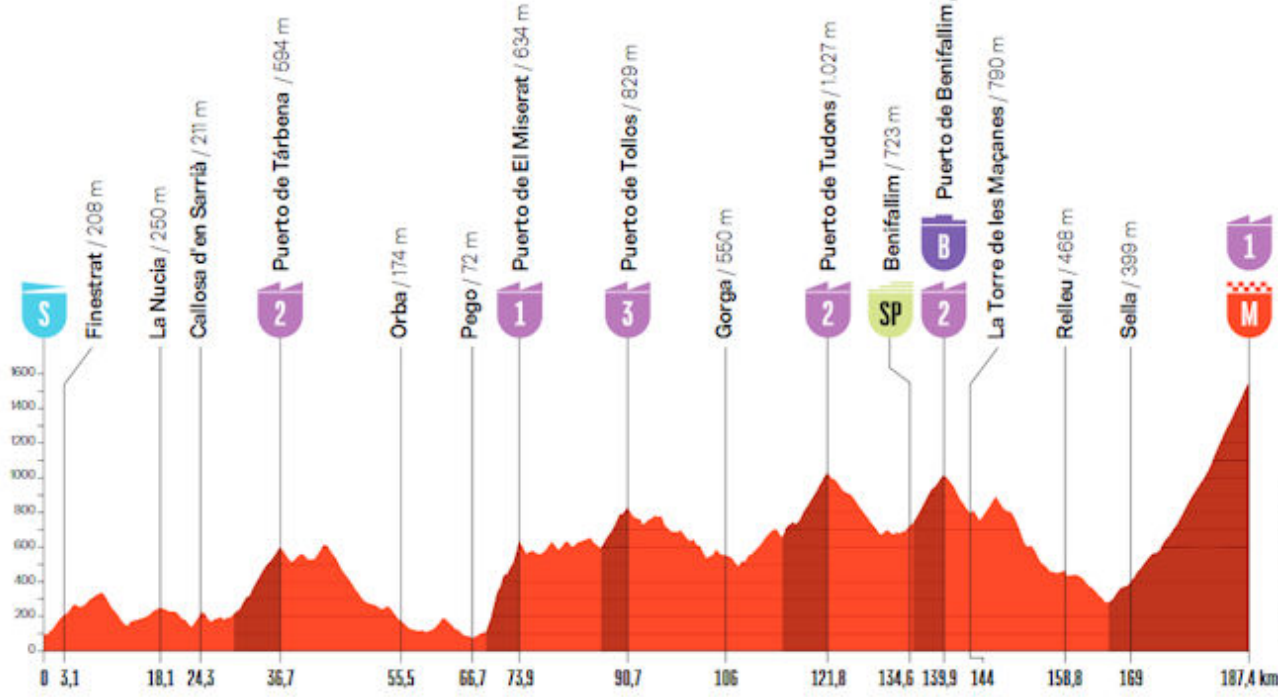
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Katie S Yum

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10:55:58 am

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Tim in KY 8km to the sprint.

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10:56:29 am



SFinAus Gap is steadily dropping - 24s and falling.

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10:59:44 am



Tim in KY Looks like there will actually be a sprint fight.

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11:01:22 am



SFinAus That was a tight feed zone. I saw a full musette hit the road in the middle of the peloton. I wonder if that contributed to the small crash with Hayter and someone.

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11:02:38 am



Tim in KY Lonely Burgos caught.

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11:02:59 am



SFinAus Yep, there was a musette in the breke or wheel of someone.

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11:03:12 am



Tim in KY WvA gets the 20 points.

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11:07:28 am



SFinAus Wout takes the sprint point. Crash. Pog is down

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11:07:40 am



Katie S 1KU

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11:07:53 am



SFinAus Pog can stand but looks injured

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11:08:03 am



Tim in KY uh oh.

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11:08:37 am



SFinAus Sitting up but not in a hurry to remount.

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11:09:05 am



John He looks rough

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11:09:05 am



Katie S Does not look good

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11:09:37 am



Tim in KY Looks like Pog fell sideways into a teammate.

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11:10:12 am



John If that guy yesterday can finish with broken ribs and a punctured lung, Pog can keep going right? (kidding)

08-29-2026
11:10:51 am



Katie S That shoulder looks very bad

08-29-2026
11:11:24 am



SFinAus Oh no. He walks into the ambulance

08-29-2026
11:12:07 am



Katie S That injury turns my stomach

08-29-2026
11:13:20 am



Toulouse Well, that's just sad. I'm with Trish and Carlene about the boring aspect of races Pog is in, but it shouldn't end this way.

08-29-2026
11:15:35 am



SFinAus Peloton on the climb, but seems to be in processional mode.

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11:15:44 am



John Hate to see him leave the race like this

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11:15:57 am



SFinAus It's a damn shame, for sure.

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11:16:15 am



Toulouse And it's sad about Roxie, and Charlie's dog, and RCG's shingles and the crappy rescue place she fortunately has passed on dealing with in the future . . .

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11:16:35 am



Katie S That super slo mo really shows the crash progression

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11:20:22 am



Tim in KY PCS says this is the first GT DNF for Pog.

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11:22:37 am



Tim in KY Barx is an interesting place name.

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11:23:36 am



Katie S Makes me want some root beer

08-29-2026
11:24:46 am



Katie S More footage leads to guess that there was something on the road

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11:35:53 am

SFinAus Flo comms have been *speculating* at length it was a bottle

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11:36:36 am



SFinAus Azparren, who apparently is no TT slouch, trying to hold on with 10 km

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11:39:38 am



SFinAus Geeeee, five or six guys down against a guard rail. All are up and getting sorted

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11:40:10 am



Katie S Rubber side down, boys.

08-29-2026
11:40:14 am



Tim in KY Aspirin going to be caught.

08-29-2026
11:40:48 am



SFinAus That's a good nickname

08-29-2026
11:41:24 am



Katie S Especially for today

08-29-2026
11:41:46 am



Tim in KY Road narrows. A lot.

08-29-2026
11:42:13 am



SFinAus "Take the third exit out of the roundabout"

08-29-2026
11:44:59 am



Tim in KY I'm not sure they are going to catch him now.

08-29-2026
11:46:11 am



Katie S Aspirin is hanging in.

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11:46:27 am



Katie S Go!!

08-29-2026
11:46:33 am



Katie S What do you suppose the time cut will be?

08-29-2026
11:47:49 am



SFinAus Getting reeled in, albeit slowly. Too bad.

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11:47:51 am



Tim in KY Goner.

08-29-2026
11:47:51 am



Katie S Coasts into the bike lane...

08-29-2026
11:48:47 am



SFinAus Oh, massive crash.

08-29-2026
11:49:06 am



Toulouse Geez, just not a good day for bike riding. Maybe you should stay home, Shawn.

08-29-2026
11:50:00 am



SFinAus Oh my. A Cofidis GT stage win. Some kinda day.

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11:50:47 am



SFinAus (Coquard won.)

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11:51:15 am



Katie S They fought the battle of Xeraco ...

08-29-2026
11:51:18 am



Toulouse Clever, Katie.

08-29-2026
11:51:47 am



Tim in KY I need to lie down.

08-29-2026
11:53:43 am



SFinAus Time for my gerbil ride. There will be much to read afterward.

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11:55:14 am