



**Tim in KY** VaE stage 18 is a 27 kilometers ITT in north central Spain at Valladolid. The course is quite twisty-turny for the first half and straight for the second half. There is a small rise at about six km in but it's otherwise flat.

09-10-2025  
04:09:17 pm



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1757535266-stage-18-route.jpg>

09-10-2025  
04:09:27 pm



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1757535303-stage-18-profile.jpg>

09-10-2025  
04:10:04 pm



**Tim in KY** The riders will start in reverse GC order. The first start time is 14:12 CEST. The red jersey starts at 17:01. It is imagined that it will take 29 minutes to complete the course. Live video starts at 14:50. Forecast is for sunshine in the upper-20s with negligible wind.

09-10-2025  
04:10:51 pm



**Tim in KY** Xabier Mikel Azparren (Q36.5 Pro Cycling Team) DNF stage 17. There were no fines or penalties.

09-10-2025  
04:11:53 pm



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1757587968-stage-18-parcours.jpg>

09-11-2025  
06:47:49 am



**Tim in KY** Shortened to 12.2 kilometers "for safety reasons". Start times are unchanged,

09-11-2025  
06:49:31 am



**Rocket City Gal** , "With the aim of ensuring greater protection for the stage, the organisers of La Vuelta, in coordination with Valladolid City Council and following consultation with the College of Commissaires, have decided that tomorrow's time trial will be contested over a 12.2-kilometre route, with the start and finish remaining as originally planned."

09-11-2025  
06:50:53 am



**Rocket City Gal** So it's almost as short as a prologue.

09-11-2025  
06:51:48 am



**Rocket City Gal** 450 additional security personnel /police have also been enlisted for the stage.

09-11-2025  
06:52:48 am



**Tim in KY** Imagined ride time is now 13 minutes.

09-11-2025  
06:54:16 am



**S VALLADOLID**

**VALLADOLID**

**PPQ SALIDA**  
**HAZ CLIC AQUI**

**PPQ META**  
**HAZ CLIC AQUI**

**Pinar de Antequera**

VALLADOLID / 699 m



800  
600  
400  
200  
0

0

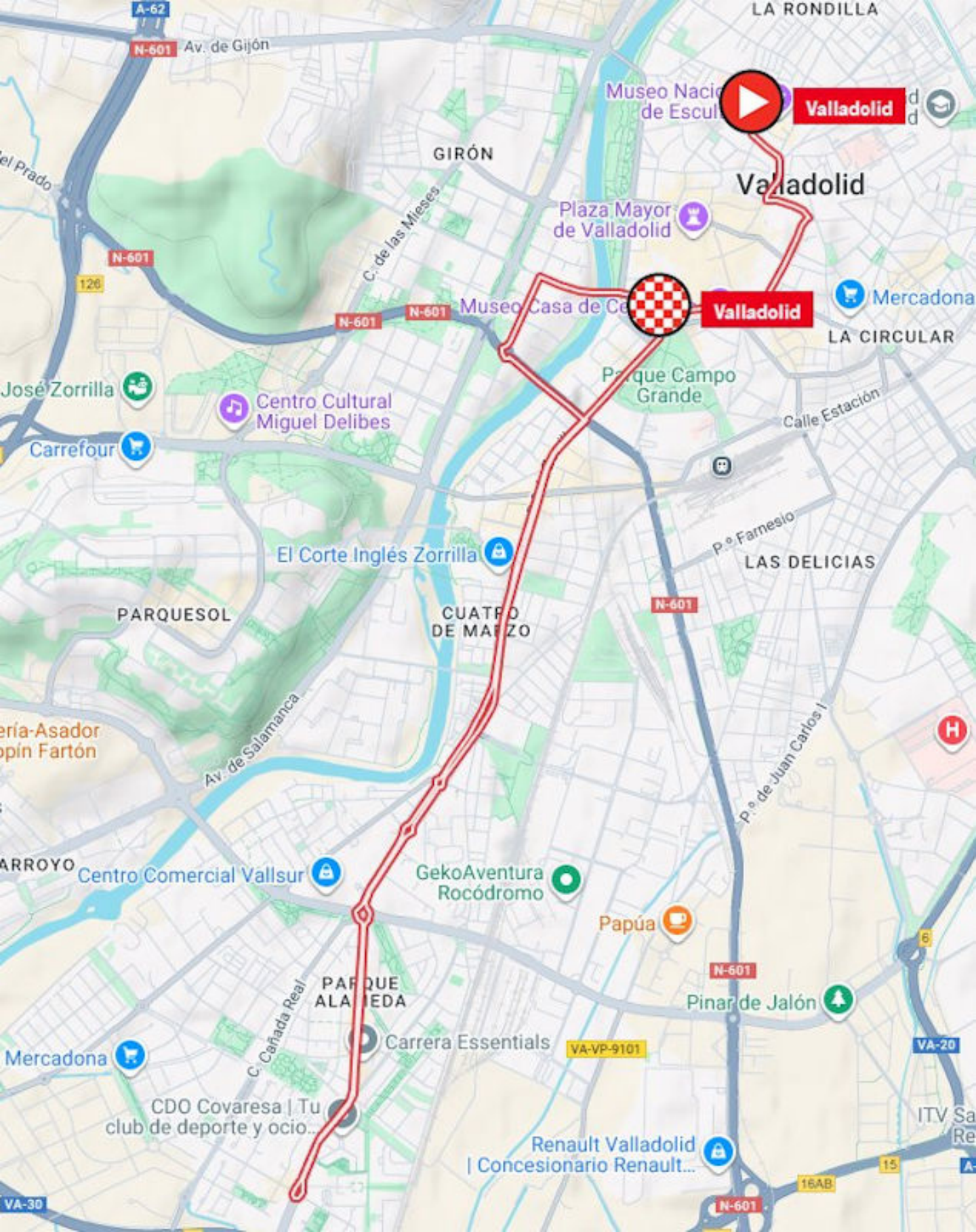


VALLADOLID / 700 m

27,2 km









**Tim in KY** Mid-20s now instead of upper.

09-11-2025  
06:56:33 am



**Tim in KY** No announced DNS so far today.

09-11-2025  
07:07:54 am



**Rocket City Gal** I would hate to be riding for IPT in this race... especially today.

09-11-2025  
07:57:11 am



**Rocket City Gal** Riccitello is moving from IPT to Decathlon-AG2R next year. I think after what's happened at this Vuelta, any rider who can switch to another team is very seriously consider doing so.

09-11-2025  
07:58:36 am



**Tim in KY** They ought to change the name of the team and probably the country of registration.

09-11-2025  
08:13:21 am



**Tim in KY** Bladerstone is the Spanish national TT champion. PCS says there are 14 national TT champions riding today.

09-11-2025  
08:17:28 am



**Tim in KY** Because of abandons, the first rider is at 14:35.

09-11-2025  
08:19:29 am



**Rocket City Gal** Chumil is the Guatemalan national TT champion. That's pretty esoteric...

09-11-2025  
08:19:32 am



**Tim in KY** The European nat champ jerseys are pretty unimaginative.

09-11-2025  
08:21:40 am



**Rocket City Gal** The New Zealand one (Finn Fisher-Black) could be interesting.

09-11-2025  
08:23:14 am



**Rocket City Gal** But yeah, most are 3 horizontal stripes of whatever color.

09-11-2025  
08:23:36 am



**Tim in KY** Seems overkill to have two time checks on a 12 km TT.

09-11-2025  
08:32:09 am



**Tim in KY** First rider is on the road.

09-11-2025  
08:37:09 am



**John** These guys are running some huge front rings

09-11-2025  
08:40:06 am



**Tim in KY** The first IPT starts at 14:44. That maybe the first test of security.

09-11-2025  
08:40:55 am



**KatieS** Good morning.

09-11-2025  
08:42:29 am



**KatieS** Tim, I used your cauliflower treatment on zucchini last night, and it was delicious.

09-11-2025  
08:42:52 am



**Tim in KY** Glad that worked for you, Katie.

09-11-2025  
08:43:15 am



**KatieS** here we go IPT's Vernon down the ramp

09-11-2025  
08:43:59 am



**Tim in KY** Every rider that goes by time check 1 seems to set a new best time.

09-11-2025  
08:45:26 am



**Tim in KY** O'Ganna starts just as Peacock comes on.

09-11-2025  
08:49:39 am



**KatieS** Timed to perfection

09-11-2025  
08:50:40 am



**bikerabe** Our favorite Irishman

09-11-2025  
08:53:51 am



**KatieS** Yeah, I wish I'd picked this Irishman over the O'Connor on my team...

09-11-2025  
08:54:28 am



**Tim in KY** O'Ganna was only 3rd at the first check.

09-11-2025  
08:57:05 am



**KatieS** Well, he's still faster than O'Connor today (heh heh)

09-11-2025  
08:58:57 am



**Tim in KY** 1st at the second.

09-11-2025  
09:01:20 am



**John** If he doesn

09-11-2025  
09:01:59 am

**John** Come in under 13, I don't think anyone will

09-11-2025  
09:02:11 am





**KatieS** he looks so smooth

09-11-2025  
09:04:41 am



**KatieS** Will he have to shave his beard as well as his head if he wins this today?

09-11-2025  
09:05:27 am



**Tim in KY** 13.00.89

09-11-2025  
09:05:33 am



**Tim in KY** Now I have some chores to do.

09-11-2025  
09:06:10 am



**bikerabe** Mads on course

09-11-2025  
09:08:54 am



**Trish in MA** Mass will be close to Ok

09-11-2025  
09:19:44 am



**Trish in MA** I hate this iPad. Ant see my typing. Made was going to be close to O'Ganna

09-11-2025  
09:21:06 am



**PasadenaK8** Mornin', all ~ Woke up in time to watch Ganna's ride on my phone. Wooooo-weee!

09-11-2025  
09:21:35 am



**KatieS** Yay!

09-11-2025  
09:24:20 am



**KatieS** I'm sitting at my work computer w/ the pub on the main screen, the iPad with the race, the cat on my lap. Tea in the cup. I'm "working," of course.

09-11-2025  
09:25:00 am



**PasadenaK8** Of course (snicker, snicker).

09-11-2025  
09:25:32 am



**Trish in MA** I had that arrangement when working from home only with the TV running. At work it was 3 windows - work, Pub, stream with work being the smallest

09-11-2025  
09:28:31 am



**Trish in MA** I'll miss the end of today's stage (again). Helping an entrepreneur figure out her financials and make a plan for growing her cleaning business

09-11-2025  
09:31:55 am



**KatieS** Well, I think you may have already seeing the wining ride anyway.

09-11-2025  
09:32:25 am



**KatieS** Good work ahead for you today - I love what you do, Trish.

09-11-2025  
09:32:42 am



**SFinAus** Hello everyone. Just here for a bit today unfortunately. I've paint dry before though. :)

09-11-2025  
09:32:53 am



**PasadenaK8** I was thinking the same thing, Katie. 🙌 SF

09-11-2025  
09:33:17 am



**Trish in MA** It's really rewarding to work with these small entrepreneurs who are trying to make a difference for their families and communities.

09-11-2025  
09:37:17 am

Most are immigrants and/or single mothers. So unlike so many of the tech entrepreneurs I worked with professionally



**PasadenaK8** Word.

09-11-2025  
09:38:03 am



**SFinAus** Nice, Trish.

09-11-2025  
09:38:58 am



**Trish in MA** O'Ganna looking like a king

09-11-2025  
09:41:04 am



**KatieS** For sure. All he needs is a plate of grapes and a goblet

09-11-2025  
09:41:36 am



**KatieS** Shackman down the ramp

09-11-2025  
09:49:00 am



**SFinAus** He will likely be there for a good while. I hate to be told to sit. in chair for a few hours with nothing to do and a camera immediately in

09-11-2025  
09:49:02 am

front of you streaming internationally, I don't even like using my video for short zoom meetings. :)



**Trish in MA** Could be taken out by a mere "Sargeant".

09-11-2025  
09:49:39 am



**Trish in MA** Nope. Safe

09-11-2025  
09:50:28 am





**Tim in KY** Chores finally done. Set up a new iPad keyboard for the trip to Paris. 09-11-2025 09:54:48 am

---



**KatieS** When do you depart for Paris? 09-11-2025 09:56:30 am

---



**Carlene in NH** Hi, all, just getting on... good to see you all! 09-11-2025 09:56:50 am

---



**Tim in KY** Monday evening, Katie. Delta to Detroit, Air France to Paris. 09-11-2025 09:58:46 am

---



**Tim in KY** I am sick of most of these commercial but most sickest of Botox. 09-11-2025 10:01:35 am

---



**KatieS** I'm right there with you, Tim 09-11-2025 10:04:23 am

---



**PasadenaK8** Speaking of botox... I was just looking at some "Before" and "After" beauty shots of today's route, to see what they cut out. Bet Ganna is really happy that the whole squiggle part to the west was taken out. 09-11-2025 10:06:14 am

---



**Tim in KY** That was going to be a tricky section. 09-11-2025 10:06:52 am

---



**Tim in KY** Kung was 6/100th of a second slower than O'Ganna at the first. 09-11-2025 10:09:23 am

---



**SFinAus** [https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1757600112-IMG\\_8923.PNG](https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1757600112-IMG_8923.PNG) 09-11-2025 10:10:14 am

---



**SFinAus** Trish, I forgot to post this earlier, but I thought of you last weekend when I did the NYT Strands game. I kept looking for "Vuelta" as one of the projects so it took longer than it should have. ;) 09-11-2025 10:10:17 am

---



**SFinAus** Whoa, sorry about that mega sized image. 09-11-2025 10:10:47 am

---



**KatieS** ha!!! Hilarious, Sean 09-11-2025 10:10:53 am

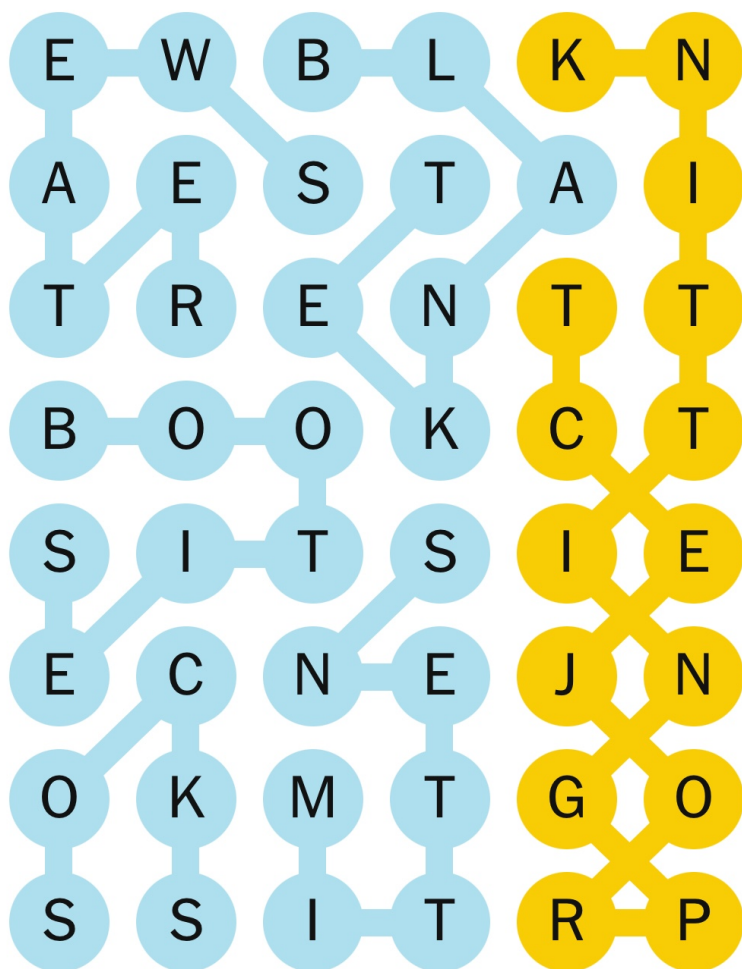
---



**Tim in KY** Kung was 3 seconds faster at the second. 09-11-2025 10:12:39 am



TODAY'S THEME

**In stitches****SWEATER**

View Results



**PasadenaK8** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8Kyi0WNg40>

09-11-2025  
10:14:01 am



**Rocket City Gal** Del Toro wins the Coppa Sabatini

09-11-2025  
10:14:28 am



**KatieS** Kung is fast, but won't make it

09-11-2025  
10:14:53 am



**Trish in MA** Sean, That's great! I wondered how much grief NYT got for the solution - only time I'd ever seen diagonal crossed lines. It plagued me to the end, and then I laughed at the cleverness.

09-11-2025  
10:15:05 am



**PasadenaK8** Close, but no cigar for Kung.

09-11-2025  
10:16:14 am



**SFinAus** They did a diamond with baseball teams for opening day, which I thought was clever also.

09-11-2025  
10:16:25 am



**Trish in MA** K8, that was def Ganna's look. Loved how he had to get up and walk around after Kung crossed the line.

09-11-2025  
10:16:54 am



**Tim in KY** Still an hour until Jonas starts.

09-11-2025  
10:17:42 am



**Trish in MA** I'm off. Hope the Irish King survives all future attempts.

09-11-2025  
10:23:38 am



**Carlene in NH** Arrgh. I've had to do some real work. I'm hoping things settle down by the time the 'heads of state' start taking off.

09-11-2025  
10:24:01 am



**KatieS** Really. Wearing a blue-dot TT helmet?

09-11-2025  
10:38:09 am



**Tim in KY** He's had that helmet all week.

09-11-2025  
10:39:15 am



**KatieS** it's one thing to wear it in the mountains, but in an ITT? Worse than silly.

09-11-2025  
10:39:43 am



**PasadenaK8** Socks not matching, though. (yellow card!)

09-11-2025  
10:42:54 am



**PasadenaK8** Wow, that was close!

09-11-2025  
10:46:17 am



**KatieS** on my

09-11-2025  
10:50:49 am



**KatieS** oh

09-11-2025  
10:50:54 am



**KatieS** whoa, THAT was close

09-11-2025  
10:51:04 am



**PasadenaK8** And another "Wow!" by Vine.

09-11-2025  
10:51:20 am



**Tim in KY** 9/100th of a second.

09-11-2025  
10:52:31 am



**PasadenaK8** Amazing

09-11-2025  
10:52:48 am



**PasadenaK8** With Jorgenson off = last ten riders

09-11-2025  
10:59:57 am



**KatieS** Pidcock off, then Almeida, then Vingo

09-11-2025  
11:13:49 am



**bikerabe** podium fight

09-11-2025  
11:14:35 am



**KatieS** Jonas down the ramp in his absurd helmet

09-11-2025  
11:17:55 am



**Tim in KY** Red jersey goes.

09-11-2025  
11:17:56 am



**KatieS** O'Ganna's beard is growing my the second. As is his anxiety.

09-11-2025  
11:21:23 am



**Tim in KY** It would be so sad to spend that long in the hot seat and then lose.
















09-11-2025  
11:24:37 am



**KatieS** Piddy done, podium-bound

09-11-2025  
11:27:42 am



	<b>KatieS</b> Almeida will not best O'Ganna	09-11-2025 11:28:22 am
	<b>Alaska Dave</b> Looks like another head will be shaved.	09-11-2025 11:28:44 am
	<b>bikerabe</b> 8 secs Almeida	09-11-2025 11:29:22 am
	<b>Tim in KY</b> Jungel's head reportedly.	09-11-2025 11:29:44 am
	<b>bikerabe</b> now Jonas	09-11-2025 11:29:51 am
	<b>Alaska Dave</b> Gap will be less, but how much less?	09-11-2025 11:30:03 am
	<b>bikerabe</b> Ultimo km	09-11-2025 11:30:25 am
	<b>KatieS</b> O'Ganna looking more relaxed...	09-11-2025 11:30:34 am
	<b>Tim in KY</b> Done.	09-11-2025 11:31:26 am
	<b>bikerabe</b> 18 secs lead down ro 40 secs	09-11-2025 11:31:51 am
	<b>PasadenaK8</b> Okay mis amigos del Pub,... time for me to go back to the surreal world. Looking forward to being back here tomorrow. Enjoy the day.	09-11-2025 11:32:52 am
	<b>KatieS</b> All righty, gang. I am also going back to the surreal world...	09-11-2025 11:33:16 am
	<b>Carlene in NH</b> Yep. Me too. Always a pleasure to see what y'all are up to!	09-11-2025 11:34:02 am
	<b>SFinAus</b> 'Til manana	09-11-2025 11:34:53 am
	<b>bikerabe</b> sprint stage tomorrow	09-11-2025 11:36:28 am