



Tim in KY VaE Stage 17 goes from Dos Hermanas, a suburb of Seville into downtown Seville. But not directly, of course. It's a 185-kilometer loop to the east and back. 09-08-2026 02:30:17 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1788892526-stage-17-route.jpg> 09-08-2026 02:30:27 pm



Tim in KY And flat, flat, flat. Another day without a categorized climb. There are a couple of lefthand turns at roundabouts in the last 2500 meters but an otherwise benign finish along the Guadalquivir River. 09-08-2026 02:31:10 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1788892583-stage-17-profile.jpg> 09-08-2026 02:31:23 pm



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Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:24 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Forecast is for sunshine in the low-30s. Peacock stream at 14:30 CEST. 09-08-2026 02:32:31 pm



Tim in KY Timo Roosen (Picnic Post) DNF stage 16. He was the only abandon. There were no OTL. 09-08-2026 02:32:59 pm



Charlie in Tenn <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1788953603-1788953303643.jpeg> 09-09-2026 07:28:24 am



Rocket City Gal Cool! 09-09-2026 07:29:14 am



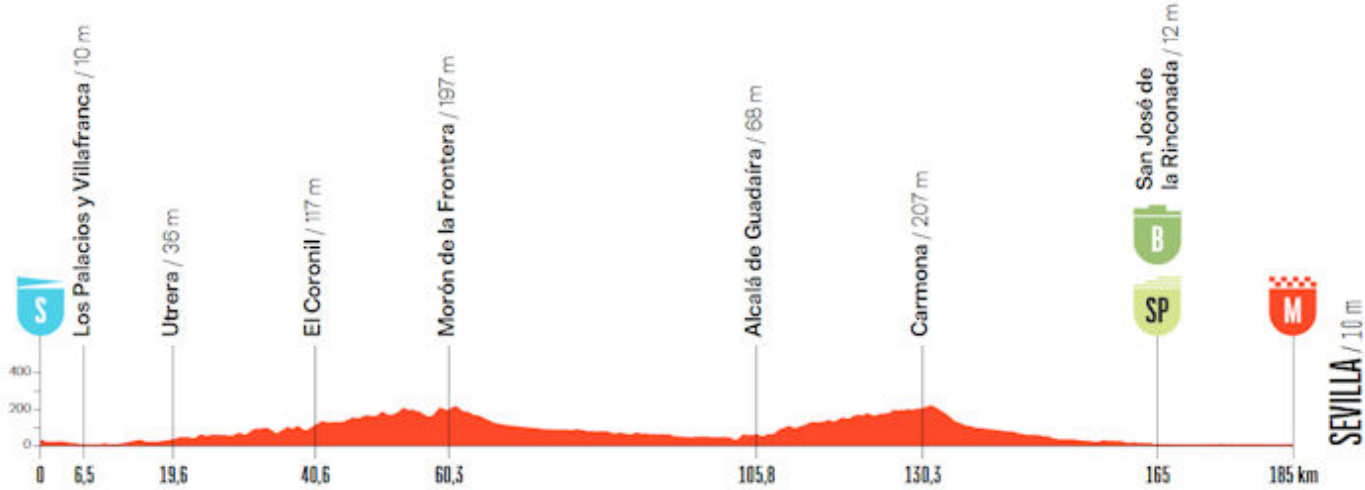
Charlie in Tenn A mommy and baby moose on Lake Maligne in Jasper. I don't seem to have a picture of Spirit Island. 09-09-2026 07:30:12 am

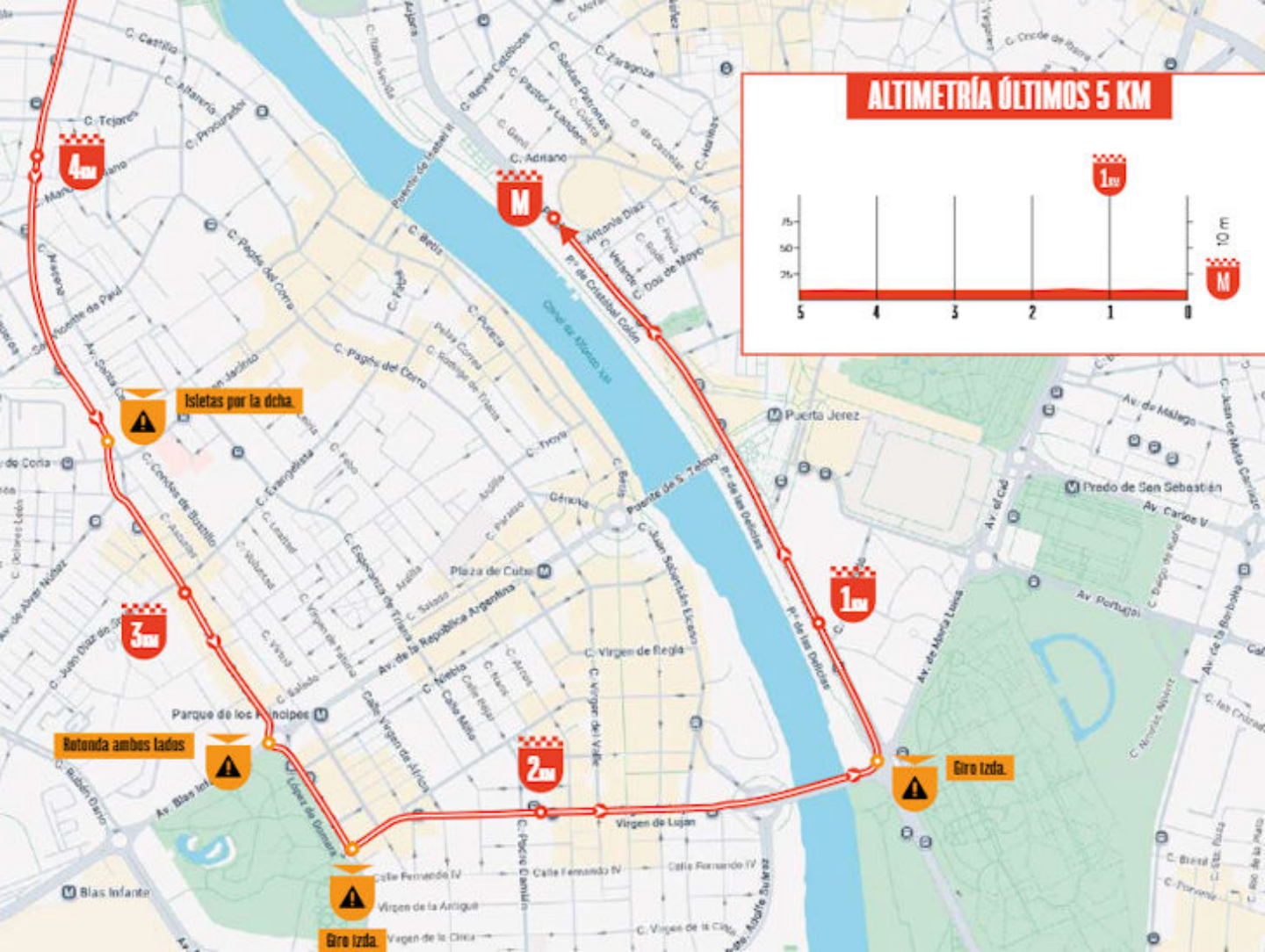


Tim in KY Km0 delayed by a mech for Jan Hirt. Racing now. 09-09-2026 07:31:04 am

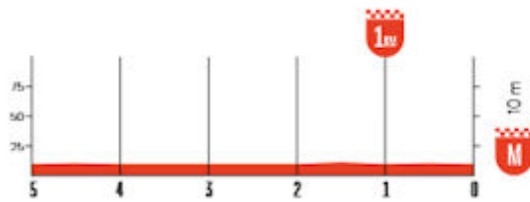


DOS HERMANAS / 33 m





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Charlie in Tenn I just read the chat from yesterday. I think I will follow the paint drying today.

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Rocket City Gal May not be around much today. The job at my stepdaughter's was larger than imagined, and I was lacking some tools for things I did not anticipate. It rained on me, and eventually the heat just got to me. I got 4 stuffed full 50 gal bags of leafs / nuts / small branches / weeds / hedge apples plus sections of gutter, branches, and more to the curb. It was pretty funny because someone came by within 20 minutes of me getting the gutter stuff cut up and to the curb and picked it up for scrap metal recycling. Win-win.

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Tim in KY Probably more paint today than there was yesterday.

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Rocket City Gal So I will be going back to finish up today, but I figure that, yeah, missing this one won't be a big deal.

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Charlie in Tenn After the race, I chose to help someone pack 2 pods for their move. Good thing it is cooler today, like at the race. High of 88 expected...

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Tim in KY We still have as many Osage Orange trees as ever here but it's been forever since I've heard "hedge apples".

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Tim in KY An FDJ and a Burgos comprise today's sacrificial break apparently.

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07:36:55 am



Charlie in Tenn That packing of pods is today after the race. She said don't forget your hat and sun screen. She is a good boss.

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07:37:41 am



Rocket City Gal Where I grew up, people called them hedge apples, horse apples. or hedge balls, and the actual tree was called Osage orange or hedge tree.

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Charlie in Tenn How much time can Roglic take back on the TT? I think I heard close to 2 min. Anyone know if that is accurate?

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07:45:07 am



Rocket City Gal Unfortunately there are 2 of them in my stepdaughter's yard. Since she's had some health issues, I don't think the side yards and back yards have been touched in awhile. There were a LOT of hedgeapples.

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Rocket City Gal And they made the bags heavy, even though I tried to only put a dozen or so in each bag mixed with mostly leaves and twigs/small branches. They're sticky, too, something I forgot from my childhood. Good thing I brought gloves.

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Charlie in Tenn I clean some around my yard this week. Lots of weeds and sticks. I need to do a good cleaning but I just hate the heat. We are in a Florida-esque weather pattern lately. A small but heavy thunderstorm rolls through every afternoon. One day I heard thunder and saw clouds so looked on my weather app on my phone and could not see any green/yellow/red within 50 miles of the little blue dot for Oak Ridge. As I zoomed in the blue dot had covered the storm. That is how small it was. It rained and thundered for about 15 minutes and then it disappeared.

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Charlie in Tenn No rain expected today.

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Rocket City Gal Charlie, at the 2025 T de F, the difference between Roglic and Mas in a flat 33 km ITT was 1:38. In 2021 Vuelta (similar length, including 2 climbs), the difference was 2:04

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Rocket City Gal Mas has been in the form of his life, and Roglic started the Vuelta with lingering injuries from a training crash. So.... I would think anywhere from 1 to 2 minutes would be a reasonable guess.

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Rocket City Gal Roglic has been a tad behind Mas in the mountains. After the ITT, there are two hard mountain stages including the queen stage (stage 20). Rog will have the edge in the ITT, but Mas will have the edge in the mountains. I think it could be a pretty close race in the end.

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Rocket City Gal Your thoughts, Charlie and Tim?

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Tim in KY The way Mas has been riding I expect him to lose some time tomorrow but stay in Red to the end.

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Rocket City Gal This morning I am "rebatching" some soap that turned out lye heavy. Apart from my first batch of liquid soap a few weeks ago which was doomed by an incorrect soap "recipe" I got online (the ratio of oils to potash was all wrong), this is the first batch of cold process soap and the first batch in 3 years (probably at least 50 batches of soap) where something went wrong as far as the basic soap chemistry. I'm not quite sure what happened, either. The correct amount of stuff went in as far as I know. But the pH is too high. The "correction"

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process involves adding a little water, more oil, blending and heating, testing the pH to see if it comes down, more oil if it doesn't, repeat until pH is about 8.5 where a decent soap usually sits. Sadly this was a batch of goat milk soap and it even had a design in it.



Tim in KY I think I will continue buying my olive oil soap and cooking my dinner.

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08:06:24 am



Tim in KY Chores and errands now.

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Rocket City Gal Tim, that is sort of my feeling. Unless Mas crashes or gets sick or something, I think this is his year to win a grand tour. He's been 2nd at the Vuelta three times.

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Charlie in Tenn OK, so what I heard was accurate. I think Roglic will beat both Gall and Mas in the TT but that will just put he and Mas close together. Mas has shown that he and his team are better in the mountains. Roglic has to beat him to take the title. I doubt that he can do it.

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Rocket City Gal I looked at the Onley vs. Omrzel thing too. Neither one TTs that well, but Onley probably out-TTs Omrzel. So that will be a similar situation. The difference in the best young rider competition is currently just 30 seconds.

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Rocket City Gal I saw an interesting tidbit yesterday.... is bib #11 now bad juju?

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Rocket City Gal Buitrago, bib #11, crashed out of the 2026 Giro. Vingegaard, bib #11, crashed out of the T de F. And Pogacar, bib #11, crashed out of the Vuelta.

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Rocket City Gal Unlike #13, If you wore it upside down, no one would probably notice.

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08:13:42 am



Charlie in Tenn I will be around but doing some housework.

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08:20:22 am



John Hey Charlie, just you, me, and the chickens, eh?

09-09-2026
08:29:44 am



Katie S Cluck cluck cluck

09-09-2026
08:31:44 am



John Hi Katie!

09-09-2026
08:35:18 am



Charlie in Tenn How was the trip Katie?

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08:41:10 am



Charlie in Tenn Just added some pink and white switch covers to our bedroom. The theme is Paris. It is a very cute room except for the piles of stuff on our bedside tables.

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Katie S Hi, gents. It as a good visit with the mother in law. Her mind is sharp as a tack. Her body is less cooperative, but she's tough. She was a very active recreational competitive tennis and golf up through her mid 60s, I think. Fun to watch the US Open tennis with her and listen to her instruct the players how to play. And great to hear her stories from her playing days.

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Charlie in Tenn My mom is still physically able but her memory is bad. It is tough either way.

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Katie S It is

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08:51:03 am



Mikey Good Morning Its soap tennis and hedge apple talkday

09-09-2026
09:12:34 am



Katie S Hey! Is that the fire truck spraying water over the riders? Cool!

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09:13:10 am



Mikey i wonder if the riders like that

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09:13:33 am



Mikey katie

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09:13:37 am



Mikey Aslong as it doesnt cause a crash

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09:14:13 am



Mikey Over 100 k of paint for

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Mikey bob to fill space

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Charlie in Tenn The eurosport chat is about Roglic "holey" skinsuit. They dipped into washing chamois as well.

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09:20:16 am



Charlie in Tenn Evidently he has made a few extra holes in this suit.

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09:20:47 am



Mikey Holy moly Charlie

09-09-2026
09:22:40 am



Trish in MA Good morning. Checking just before checking out of our hotel. I guess I missed nothing much yesterday. Just like I missed seeing a bear in the field cuz I was on the wrong side of the train

09-09-2026
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Mikey Hi Trish

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Trish in MA <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1788960670-1788960370029.jpeg>

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John Can't miss that :)

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Trish in MA Mount Robson from the train

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Mikey Love it

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Trish in MA The train slowed waaay down for everyone to take more pictures than we will ever need. It was a very picturesque ride through the Rockies, the Rockies-Columbia? Geologic rift and into the Cariboo Plain. We followed the Fraser River pretty much the entire way

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09:29:06 am



Katie S How wonderful!! I'd love to make that trip. This was the swan song of this line, yes?

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09:29:55 am



Rocket City Gal Gorgeous! You're a lot further north than we got! We made it to Jasper after visiting the Athabasca glacier, but then had to turn back south because of wildfires. We were in a rental car, but saw the train. And bears, and lots of mule deer and other wildlife.

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Rocket City Gal The pH of the rebatched soap with added oil has come down nicely. It's not very pretty (I put some indigo powder in it for color, yesterday so it looks like bluish-green applesauce right now) but I can now shove it back in a mold and it will be just fine to use. More stuff for us, friends and family.

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Trish in MA Yes. The last run is in 4 weeks. I feel bad for the people of Quisnel (silent s) where we stayed last night. Not only are they losing this train which brings in people for 6 months of the year but all their lumber mills are closing. The only one that seems prosperous is fully automated and hires almost no one

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Trish in MA Gotta go. Have a good day!

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09:34:26 am



Katie S Have fun!

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09:35:40 am



John Bye Trish. Have a great day

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09:35:55 am



Mikey Enjoy your day

09-09-2026
09:36:11 am



SFinAus Good morning and evening, everyone.

09-09-2026
09:38:08 am



Mikey Enjoy the drying of paint

09-09-2026
09:39:14 am



Mikey Castle

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09:48:02 am



Mikey In the close ups you clearly see the bumps errr aero ribs of the skinsuits they wear every day

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09:51:13 am



Mikey err holes

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09:51:23 am



SFinAus I looked back to the race video, and for a split second I thought one of the break was riding right toward a small rock. Turns out it was just a speck of dirt on my screen. Silly. (The paint is still pretty wet.)

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09:52:19 am



Tim in KY Done with chores and errands. Looks like I've missed less than nothing.

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Mikey <0

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09:54:32 am



Rocket City Gal I'll be headed out for day 2 of cleanup at stepdaughter's pretty soon. I think today will go a lot quicker -- mostly bagging leaves that have been sitting around since last fall, and doing some weeding. Hopefully I won't get rained on today.

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09:55:59 am



Katie S It's a beautiful morning here ... it's supposed to reach 83 today, which is about 15 degrees higher than normal. I'm gonna go on a little walk to the harbor. Hope to be back for the finale.

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09:57:47 am



Rocket City Gal The other part of the job has been cleaning up after a recent roofing job. I got hundreds of roofing nails yesterday, and bits of shingle, cellophane and other assorted debris. Apparently they didn't finish before their dumpster rental had to be turned back in, and it never dawned on them to put stuff in a cardboard box or something. The nails were the impetus for doing the cleanup -- I don't want her to get a flat tire from any of those!

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09:57:53 am



Mikey Our neighbors had roofing done recently they had a cool tool that was a magnet vacuum combo thingy It sort of worked and there was hardly any icky bits left

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Katie S <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1788963297-1788962997340.jpeg>

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Katie S That's a radar station. Northernmost outpost of Vandenberg AFB

09-09-2026
10:11:59 am



John Cool!

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10:12:37 am



SFinAus Nice - the beach and ocean, that is.

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10:19:36 am



SFinAus Even after decades of watching bike racing I still love a great shot of the peloton flowing around roundabouts.

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10:26:25 am





Tim in KY Calm ocean. Unlike southern CA.

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Mikey Break coming down and wind starting to play a part

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Mikey Castle

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10:32:18 am



SFinAus Those waves in S. Cal on the news yesterday were crazy; although not as crazy as the people watching from as close as possible. Wave eejits.

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10:32:49 am



Tim in KY Our daughter and family live in Manhattan Beach, CA. They used to live a block and a half from the beach. Fortunately they now live way up the hill and 10 blocks from the beach.

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Mikey Love that area Tim I have friends who lived there for many years

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10:38:49 am



Mikey Break extending the lead...but for how long...no way they make it

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10:53:56 am



Katie S Goodness, Tim

09-09-2026
10:55:52 am



Tim in KY Funny about the speed of the stages. Yesterday they finished 15 minutes faster than the fastest imaginable time. Today they are slower than the slowest...

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11:01:33 am



Katie S I'm back for the last 20.

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11:11:31 am



Mikey Gap down at the prescribed amounts. Perfect for a catch at the end

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11:14:59 am



Mikey 15k plenty of time to catch How soon before they ramp up the speed?

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11:18:37 am



SFinAus On cue Visma and Cofidis to the front.

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11:18:39 am



Charlie in Tenn I heard the eurosport announcers talking about speed of races earlier. How some days like today everyone just realizes that it is not going to be a hard push. They don't really talk about it but as it happens it just kinda passes through the peloton. It also happens the other way, as everyone realizes that a hard start never slows down.

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Katie S Two big-camera images from this morning's walk:

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SFinAus Paleni dropped Fernandez to solo and attempt a miracle

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SFinAus Wow - nice shots, Katie

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Mikey Yeah Charlie I think that the riders tell the directors how they feel after a stage and the directors gauge how their team will address the next stage so some days they decide how the race will go and all agree to race the same err the fixx is in

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SFinAus Phone cameras are great, but there's nothing like a "big camera"

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Katie S Blue heron coming in for a landing. They are so ungainly. So funny.

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Mikey Not who will win but what the stage will look like

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John Fabulous pics Katie

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Katie S Thanks!

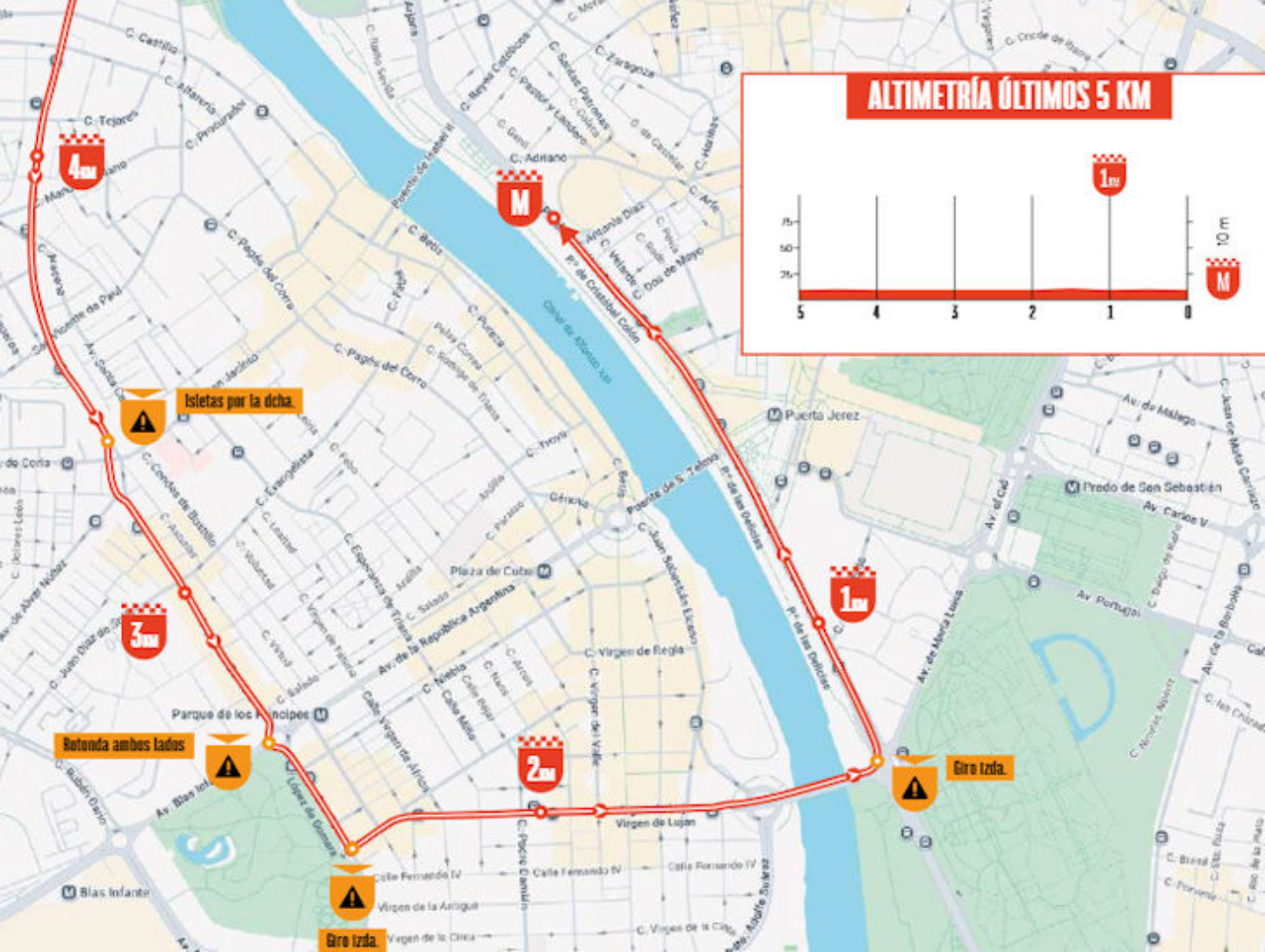
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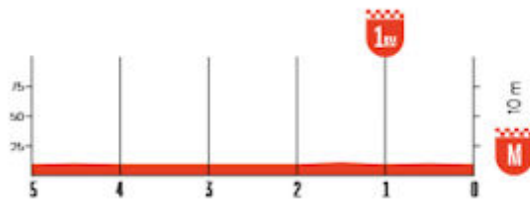


**Joanna in Virginia** Hi Nuts!09-09-2026
11:27:29 am**Katie S** Jo! Hello!09-09-2026
11:27:39 am**Tim in KY** Going to be close...09-09-2026
11:27:44 am**SFinAus** Moto assist for the peloton. Gap falling. Hi Jo!09-09-2026
11:27:50 am**Mikey** Bisons jettisoned09-09-2026
11:28:41 am**Katie S** Go Enzo! Hopeless, but he can dream09-09-2026
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11:31:33 am**Mikey** Catch too soon?09-09-2026
11:32:26 am**Katie S** That's hilarious, Shawn09-09-2026
11:32:57 am**Katie S** Caught09-09-2026
11:33:32 am**SFinAus** Wout/Brennan ready to pounce09-09-2026
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Charlie in Tenn It is easy if you are the fastest guy.

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SFinAus WvA did a slightly different assist, but ... yeah. I would've loved a Cort win, but he just not quite fast enough.

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11:37:59 am



Mikey Brennen almost celebrated a tad too soon but all is well

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11:39:50 am



Katie S That's always funny. ... for the spectators

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11:40:12 am



Katie S Enjoy the day, all. See you for the TT tomorrow

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11:40:36 am



Mikey Ba Enjoy your day

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11:41:31 am



Charlie in Tenn Bye

09-09-2026
11:41:44 am



John See you tomorrow for another paint drying session until the last few get to go

09-09-2026
11:41:45 am



SFinAus Bye everyone.

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Mikey \

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