



Tim in KY VaE Stage 2 is 160 kilometers from Alba, west and then south, to a summit finish at the Cat 2 Limone Piemonte on the French border.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1755969342-stage-2-route.jpg>

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Tim in KY The first 150 kilometers are a false flat gaining 600 meters of elevation to the start of the finale which is 10 km averaging 5.1%.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1755969382-stage-2-profile.jpg>

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1755969394-stage-2-limone.jpg>

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01:11:35 pm



Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:53 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Forecast is for temps in the upper-teens to low-20s and a 50% chance of rain anywhere or everywhere along the route.

08-23-2025
01:12:54 pm



Tim in KY No fines, penalties or DNF yesterday.

08-24-2025
06:13:47 am



Tim in KY The rain chances have decreased significantly. There is only a slight chance of rain but it's not zero.

08-24-2025
06:16:06 am



Rocket City Gal There are mixed opinions as to the race going to one of the GC contenders today or a punchy guy.

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07:34:13 am



Rocket City Gal We were at our Virginia place a few weeks ago playing a board game after dinner when this happened...

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07:35:45 am

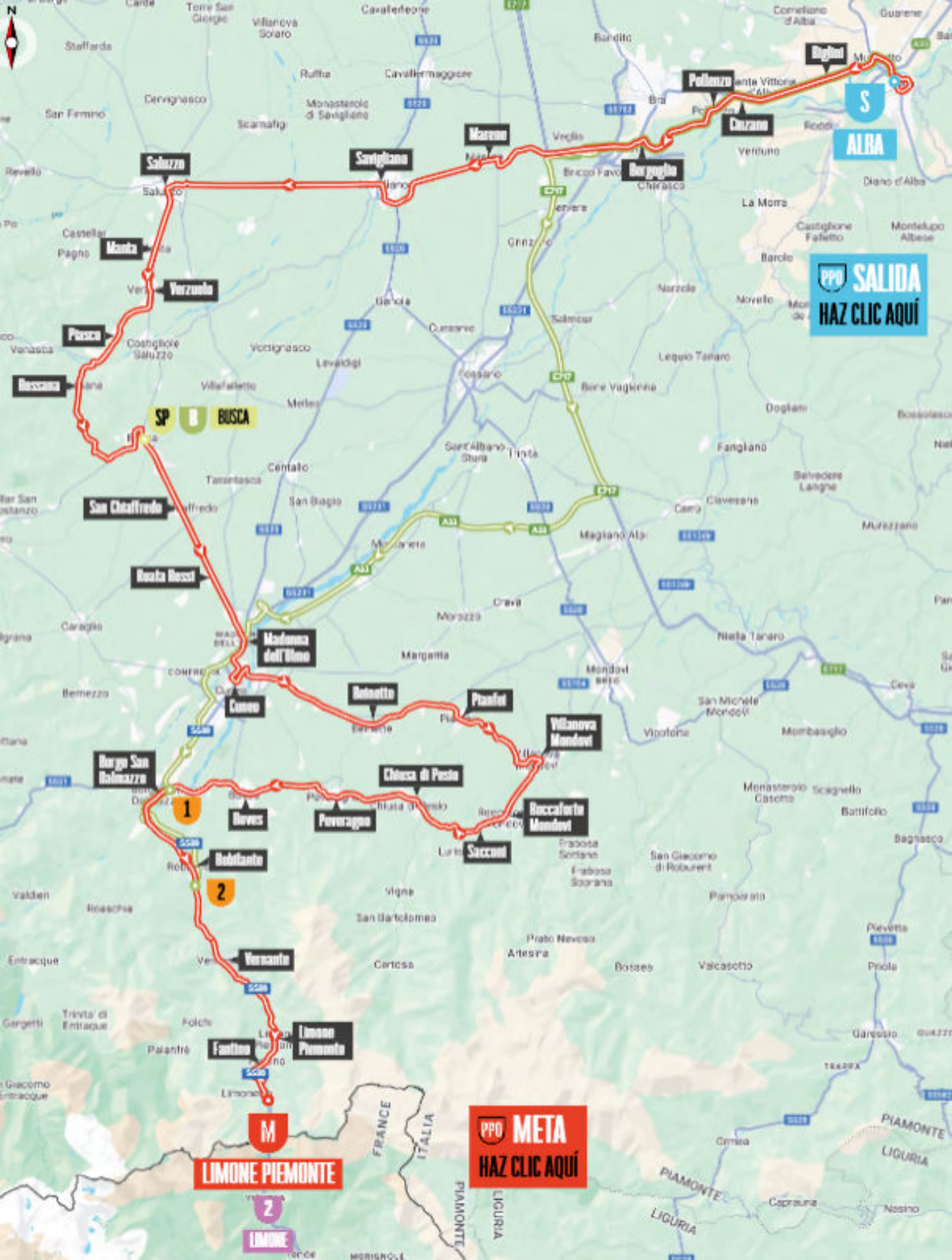


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Charlie in Tenn That watch cat is not working.

08-24-2025
07:37:50 am





ALBA / 173 m



0 14,8 **Bergoglio** / 285 m

31,3 **Savigliano** / 318 m

44,3 **Saluzzo** / 342 m

SP
B
Busca / 493 m

68,4 83,9 **Cuneo** / 512 m

106,4 **Villanova Mondovì** / 549 m

131,6 **Santuario Regina Pacis** / 600 m

134,3 **Borgo San Dalmazzo** / 629 m

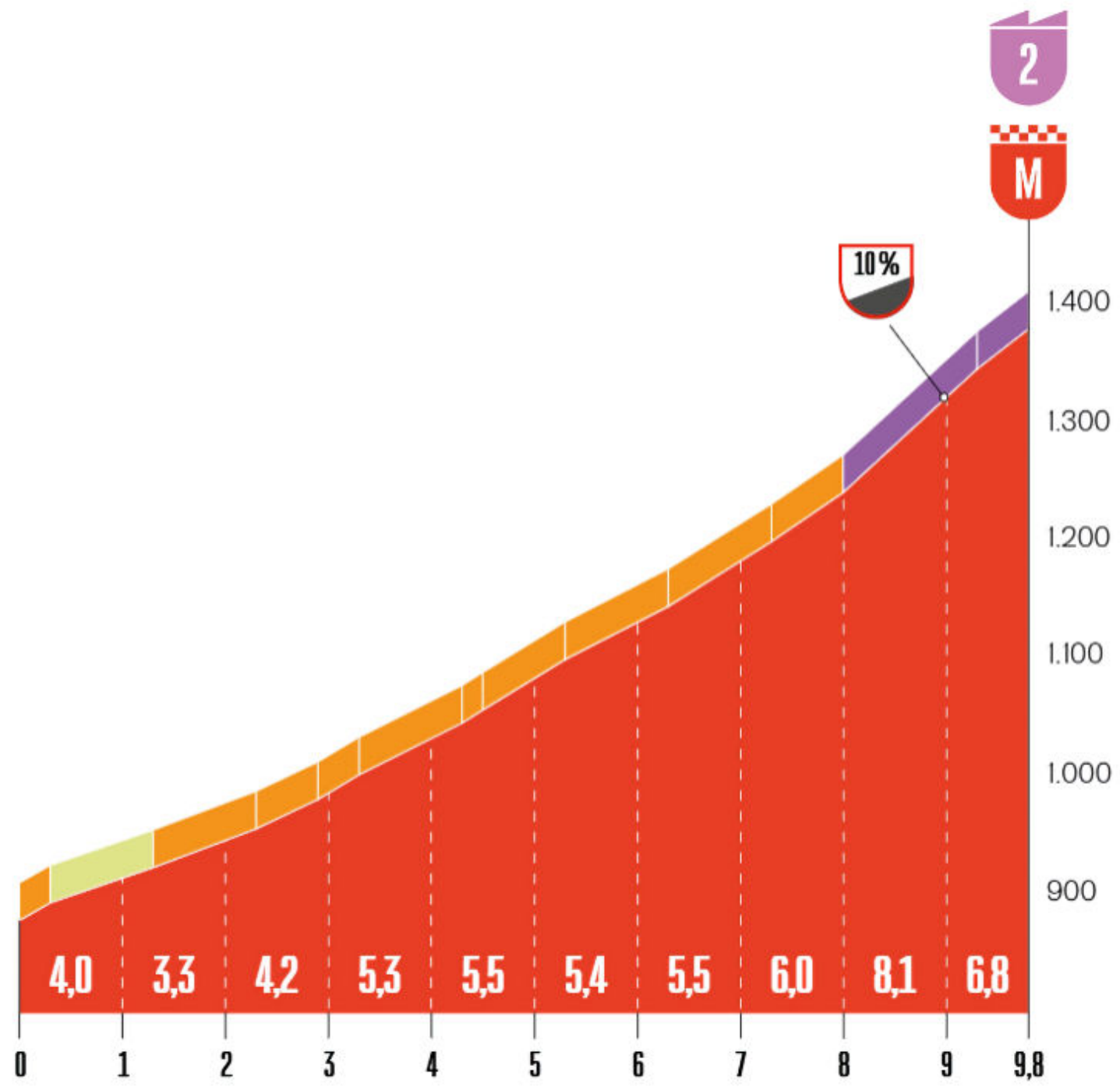
149,7 **CP** 880 m

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2



LIMONE PIEMONTE / 1.383 m

159,6 km







Rocket City Gal Cat was totally oblivious (asleep in chair). I was across the table from hubby, closer to the bear than the cat was (although there was the exterior wall between us). Hubby said, "Oh, wow.... Turn around really slowly and be quiet ... I want to get a good picture."

08-24-2025
07:38:29 am



Rocket City Gal I was like, the heck with that! and banged on the wall to scare away the bear ASAP. Hubby went from window to window to see if he could spot the bear, then went outside to look some more. There's a reason women generally live longer than men.....

08-24-2025
07:40:14 am



Charlie in Tenn I heard someone say Ciccone has his eye on this stage. That is my complete knowledge of anything related to today's stage.

08-24-2025
07:43:21 am



Rocket City Gal We're up here again, and I somehow for the first time ever got COVID. We did go to a small town street festival 2 days prior. It's worse than a bad cold but not as bad as the flu. I'm getting over it, but gave hubby a milder case (his is only a little congestion, mild cough, and just not feeling good /tired).

08-24-2025
07:44:07 am



Rocket City Gal Since they're in Italy for the first few stages, Tiberi and Ciccone both had their eye on this stage.

08-24-2025
07:45:01 am



Rocket City Gal Or someone like Frigo or Langiolotti might go for it. Or Vingo/Ayuso might go for it.

08-24-2025
07:46:13 am



Rocket City Gal So, Charlie— GC guy, punchy climber or breakaway guy. But probably not a sprinter. :-)

08-24-2025
07:47:07 am



Tim in KY I don't think this Cat 2 is beyond Mads ability.

08-24-2025
07:52:38 am



Tim in KY It looked like the break was established and suddenly it wasn't.

08-24-2025
07:53:42 am



Rocket City Gal Tim, I think it's longer and steeper (especially at the top) than suits Mads.

08-24-2025
07:54:34 am

Tim in KY Yeah, that final 10% might be a problem.

08-24-2025
07:55:49 am



Rocket City Gal Favorites stage 2 Vuelta a Espana 2025, according to IDLProCycling.com Top favorites: Giulio Ciccone (Lidl-Trek) and Tom Pidcock (Q36.5) Outsiders: Jonas Vingegaard (Visma | Lease a Bike), Juan Ayuso, Joao Almeida (UAE Emirates-XRG) and Antonio Tiberi (Bahrain Victorious) Long shots: Matteo Jorgenson (Visma | Lease a Bike), Jai Hindley, Giulio Pellizzari (Red Bull-BORA-hansgrohe), Jay Vine (UAE Emirates-XRG), Egan Bernal (INEOS Grenadiers), Ben O'Connor (Jayco AlUla), Felix Gall (Decathlon AG2R) and Santiago Buitrago (Bahrain Victorious)

08-24-2025
07:57:16 am



Rocket City Gal (I love it when these sites list over a dozen guys...)

08-24-2025
07:58:20 am



Charlie in Tenn yeah, they really got out there on that limb.

08-24-2025
07:59:00 am



Rocket City Gal Meanwhile, Al says the betting odds are: Vuelta a Espana - Stage 2 - Winner Betting Odds Jonas Vingegaard. 4/1. Giulio Ciccone. 6/1. Tom Pidcock. 13/2. Juan Ayuso. 9/1. Joao Almeida. 20/1. Mads Pedersen. 22/1. Finn Fisher-Black. 22/1. Victor Langellotti. 25/1.

08-24-2025
08:01:40 am



Rocket City Gal I think Pidcock has the explosivity to do it if he's feeling good today.

08-24-2025
08:02:54 am



Charlie in Tenn So I have had my left eye cataract surgery for 9 days now and everything is excellent. I must not have been as bad a most people in that I only noticed a slightly better color depth but I can see as well without my glasses as I can with them on my right eye. I do the right eye this Friday.

08-24-2025
08:02:59 am



Rocket City Gal Great! Good outcomes are always nice. My mother had a smooth first eye and rough 2nd eye, a friend has had some sort of issue after hers, but >95% of people I know are totally and quickly thrilled with the outcome.

08-24-2025
08:05:00 am



Charlie in Tenn I am interested in how Jonas recovers from the tour and how the UAE guys perform together. Should be a good race.

08-24-2025
08:06:02 am



Tim in KY Not a fan of the Lotto jersey. Too busy.

08-24-2025
08:07:13 am



Tim in KY I had both eyes done 13 years ago. Went great.

08-24-2025
08:08:29 am



Tim in KY Gap holding at ~2:30.

08-24-2025
08:09:12 am



Rocket City Gal I'm having a lot of issues with haziness especially when things are backlit (like being indoors on a sunny day in a room with windows). Now that I'm getting intraocular Avastin every 2 1/2 months or so, I'm at a higher risk of cataracts on that side, but the progression seems to be about the same in both eyes. It's really become noticeable in the last few years.

08-24-2025
08:10:12 am



Rocket City Gal Never heard of any of the 3 out front. Of the other 2, only Denz is familiar.

08-24-2025
08:12:29 am



Charlie in Tenn I don't know those 4 either.

08-24-2025
08:13:54 am



Rocket City Gal You've got to admit that 174. GLIVAR Gal+0:10 2148. OTRUBA Jakub+0:10 3206. SLOCK Liam+0:10 And 2 +1:06 1217. FERNÁNDEZ Sinuhue is quite a collection of "different" names

08-24-2025
08:15:09 am



Charlie in Tenn They need nicknames bad.

08-24-2025
08:16:37 am



Rocket City Gal "A Slovenian, a Czech and a Belgian walk into a bar..... "

08-24-2025
08:19:15 am



Rocket City Gal 4th guy is Spanish, although I've never encountered the name Sinuhe before.

08-24-2025
08:20:12 am



Tim in KY Why does Jasper need red shorts? He's only going to have the jersey for a day.

08-24-2025
08:25:53 am



Tim in KY Not sure why the gap keeps coming down at this point.

08-24-2025
08:31:49 am



Tim in KY No weirder than the red. Just gaudy.

08-24-2025
08:33:50 am



Tim in KY Gotta get the chicken thighs to marinating.

08-24-2025
08:36:53 am



Charlie in Tenn Tim, I like that plan.

08-24-2025
08:47:35 am



Katie S Good morning, all. I just said aloud that I like the Lotto kit, then I saw Tim's comment. Oh well.

08-24-2025
08:49:30 am



Charlie in Tenn I am with Katie on the Lotto jerseys but Tim is right about them being busy. Just not to busy for me.

08-24-2025
08:53:38 am



Katie S Lots of nature being broken along this road...

08-24-2025
08:55:00 am



Katie S I still don't understand the reason for the Italian start to the Vuelta, apart from the Larry Warbasse fan club factor referred to yesterday

08-24-2025
09:00:09 am



Charlie in Tenn In other racing news, McNulty is in a solo breakaway with 3 min and only 135 kms to go at the Ldil Deutschland race. In the Renewi Tour there is 36 kms to go and a close bunch and one of those special 3 bonus places with 3, 2, 1 bonus seconds each spot over 3 kms. Who knows what is going to happen there.

08-24-2025
09:04:26 am



Charlie in Tenn I think it has to do with money...

08-24-2025
09:05:14 am



Katie S Ah. No doubt.

08-24-2025
09:08:07 am



Rocket City Gal I like the Soudal and Lotto jersey redesigns. They're not boring, mostly-(blue, or red, or black, or white) jerseys like (4 or 5) other teams have. Women's teams tend to have much cooler jerseys.

08-24-2025
09:08:13 am



Charlie in Tenn During the summer vacation that never ended, there was a mouse in our house. We did all of the traps and stuff when we got back but never saw any indication of a current mouse. As I was sitting here, I heard a single noise. I am now straining to hear it again. It might have been an ice cube or not.

08-24-2025
09:08:48 am



Katie S the Ice Mice. Yep!

08-24-2025
09:10:53 am



Alaska Dave I'm two and a half weeks post surgery and able to put weight on foot pain free, but I'm not supposed to. So I'm patiently following doctor's orders to the best of my ability.

08-24-2025
09:31:37 am

**Charlie in Tenn** Dave, probably best.08-24-2025
09:33:13 am**Tim in KY** Thighs marinating . All the excitement I missed....08-24-2025
09:37:27 am**Charlie in Tenn** I firmly believe it was ice mice.08-24-2025
09:38:14 am**Tim in KY** Faster than the imagined time right but not faster than the fastest.08-24-2025
09:40:53 am**Rocket City Gal** De Lie wins Renewi Tour's final stage and the overall08-24-2025
09:45:44 am**Rocket City Gal** Interview with Verre— he looks like a teenager. He likes those dots.08-24-2025
09:47:22 am**Tim in KY** He's not going to keep them today.08-24-2025
09:48:33 am**Rocket City Gal** Nope08-24-2025
09:53:15 am**Tim in KY** 2 KU.08-24-2025
09:57:41 am**Katie S** I'm lagging behind.... Buffering issues this morning. I'm at 63.608-24-2025
10:03:19 am**Trish in MA** Good morning all. 110 lbs of trash picked up from the riverbank yesterday, not counting the bowling ball. Later in the afternoon hubby and I went back to view a few steam launches get ready for today's regatta, which we will miss. We got to ride in one, which was very exciting as we were treated to the crew trying to figure out why they couldn't maintain pressure. We started out at 41 pounds and made it back with only 10. Hubby got to steer the entire trip as the two crew guys did their best imitations of Bogey in The African Queen08-24-2025
10:03:55 am**Alaska Dave** Juneau friend's facebook post: Just clocked out of my second job when a woman walks up besides me. "Excuse me, why are the stores closing early?" Me: "because the sun is out?" She squints like I just told her her Amazon Prime got cancelled08-24-2025
10:08:18 am**Katie S** what a great day!08-24-2025
10:08:29 am



Trish in MA <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1756044861-1756044561343.jpeg>

08-24-2025
10:09:22 am



Katie S By that I mean the trash, the bowling ball, and the steam launch

08-24-2025
10:09:32 am



Alaska Dave I'm going to do chores between Kelly units. I have an opportunity to whale watch this afternoon. Sunny days, especially in August, are treated like paid holidays.

08-24-2025
10:09:44 am



Trish in MA https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1756044887-IMG_1073.mov

08-24-2025
10:09:51 am



Katie S but sun in Juneau is also fun!

08-24-2025
10:10:03 am



Tim in KY How old is that thing, Trish?

08-24-2025
10:12:38 am



Trish in MA His his h The boat is fiberglass. It has a few older components. The engine is self~built. One of the other passengers was a large guy who had brought his 100 year old wooden boat that hadn't been in the water for a very long time. They had tried to swell the wood by partially filling the boat with water. Get the boat in the water, and it doesnt take on water. So he gets in. His weight lowers the boat and water just starts pouring in. Made it back to shore before it sank

08-24-2025
10:18:53 am



Katie S Yipes

08-24-2025
10:19:23 am



Trish in MA We saw it in the parking lot back on its trailer. He was rather sanguine about it

08-24-2025
10:21:13 am



Tim in KY Break is now slower than the imagined time.

08-24-2025
10:21:31 am



Katie S It's now at least pretty scenery

08-24-2025
10:23:38 am





Tim in KY Drizzle.

08-24-2025
10:29:43 am



Tim in KY It's not showing on radar.

08-24-2025
10:30:28 am



Katie S Break splits up

08-24-2025
10:31:28 am



Tim in KY 43.9, Katie. Where are you?

08-24-2025
10:33:02 am



Katie S 44,5

08-24-2025
10:33:14 am



Tim in KY Weird.

08-24-2025
10:33:37 am



Katie S i just exited and restarted. 42,0

08-24-2025
10:34:27 am



Katie S 41,8

08-24-2025
10:34:39 am



Katie S where are you?

08-24-2025
10:34:44 am



Tim in KY Commercial.

08-24-2025
10:35:40 am



Trish in MA Off to take the train to the WooSox game (Red Sox Minor league)

08-24-2025
10:37:17 am



Katie S have a great time! What a weekend!

08-24-2025
10:38:13 am



Tim in KY Amazing that this isn't showing on radar.

08-24-2025
10:38:33 am



Rocket City Gal Vigorous hydrometeors now

08-24-2025
10:38:36 am



Rocket City Gal G Martin crashed but is back on his bike now

08-24-2025
10:39:54 am



Katie S I looked up and saw Miss Piggy

08-24-2025
10:44:02 am



Katie S now back to the bikes

08-24-2025
10:44:15 am



Tim in KY Smack on the imagined time now.

08-24-2025
10:48:21 am



PasadenaK8 🙌 Mornin', all. Tim: Check the Windy site. I'm seeing the rain there. <https://www.windy.com/44.390/7.548?satellite,44.277,7.534,10>

08-24-2025
10:51:15 am



Katie S crash

08-24-2025
10:51:45 am



Katie S ouch

08-24-2025
10:52:04 am



Rocket City Gal George Bennett.

08-24-2025
10:52:31 am



Tim in KY That looks to be behind where they are now, K8.

08-24-2025
10:54:08 am



Katie S Oh gawd

08-24-2025
10:54:21 am



Katie S visma all over the tarmac

08-24-2025
10:54:40 am



bikerabe Zingle

08-24-2025
10:55:39 am



Rocket City Gal Axel Zingle looks pretty hurt

08-24-2025
10:55:45 am



Katie S shoulder dislocation

08-24-2025
10:55:52 am



Rocket City Gal Ouch

08-24-2025
10:56:27 am



Katie S Geez, he's back on the bike

08-24-2025
10:57:50 am



Rocket City Gal Incredible.

08-24-2025
10:58:17 am



Rocket City Gal Now they're riding like married men. Going quite gingerly around the next roundabout.

08-24-2025
10:59:50 am



Tim in KY Gill Martin has abandoned.

08-24-2025
11:04:26 am



bikerabe horh Pidcock and Vinego went down in that ceash

08-24-2025
11:05:52 am



Alaska Dave Just got back. Did I miss anything?

08-24-2025
11:06:43 am



Katie S Just the camera focused on the protracted attempts to reset Zingle's dislocated shoulder

08-24-2025
11:08:23 am



Katie S so many commercials

08-24-2025
11:13:47 am



Tim in KY And the same commercials.

08-24-2025
11:14:11 am



Alaska Dave <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1756048870-1756048570726.jpeg>

08-24-2025
11:16:12 am



Alaska Dave It's a beautiful morning

08-24-2025
11:16:24 am



Katie S lovely!

08-24-2025
11:16:51 am



Tim in KY On the last climb.

08-24-2025
11:17:15 am



Tim in KY Poor break...

08-24-2025
11:18:35 am



Alaska Dave Lot's of bank disappeared in this year's flood, but fortunately it was all on the opposite side. Let the racing begin. Spock attacks.

08-24-2025
11:20:56 am





Katie S Not logical

08-24-2025
11:21:53 am



Rocket City Gal “The attrition has begun in earnest....”

08-24-2025
11:23:14 am



Tim in KY Pidcock and team have disappeared.

08-24-2025
11:24:48 am



Rocket City Gal 5 k to go. Thankfully dry now

08-24-2025
11:25:56 am



Katie S cuz he's on my team, proving that my performance in the TdF velogames was a freak anomaly

08-24-2025
11:26:30 am



Alaska Dave High speed climb.

08-24-2025
11:28:53 am



Alaska Dave Large group at 3km

08-24-2025
11:29:21 am



Alaska Dave Trek takes over for Visma

08-24-2025
11:30:59 am



Alaska Dave Climbers version of a sprint stage, all action in final Kms

08-24-2025
11:31:38 am



Rocket City Gal Still quite a few guys in there — 50 or 60

08-24-2025
11:32:59 am



Tim in KY Steep now.

08-24-2025
11:33:11 am



Rocket City Gal 10% ish

08-24-2025
11:33:58 am



Tim in KY And foggy.

08-24-2025
11:34:35 am













Rocket City Gal Pidcock s still in there

08-24-2025
11:34:59 am



Rocket City Gal Soler!

08-24-2025
11:35:09 am

1	 VINGEGAARD Jonas Team Visma Lease a Bike	180	80	3:47:14
2	 CICCONE Giulio Lidl - Trek	130	50	''
3	 GAUDU David Groupama - FDJ	95	35	''
4	 BERNAL Egan INEOS Grenadiers	80	25	''
5	 ALMEIDA João UAE Team Emirates - XRG	60	18	0:02
6	 GALL Felix Decathlon AG2R La Mondiale Team	45	15	''
7	 HINDLEY Jai Red Bull - BORA - hansgrohe	40	12	''
8	 AYUSO Juan UAE Team Emirates - XRG	35	10	''
9	 JORGENSEN Matteo Team Visma Lease a Bike	30	8	''
10	 PIDCOCK Thomas Q36.5 Pro Cycling Team	25	6	''

**Katie S** wow08-24-2025
11:36:08 am**Alaska Dave** Vingo pips at finish, photo will tell08-24-2025
11:36:12 am**bikerabe** inego08-24-2025
11:36:16 am**Rocket City Gal** Vingo pops Ciccone at the line08-24-2025
11:36:20 am**Rocket City Gal** Pips08-24-2025
11:36:26 am**Katie S** looked like Ciccone didn't see him coming08-24-2025
11:37:19 am**Alaska Dave** Sepp gets teammate award, dragged Vingo to front after attack.08-24-2025
11:38:33 am**Katie S** or, maybe that was the problem ... he did look08-24-2025
11:38:59 am**Rocket City Gal** https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1756050282-IMG_8448.jpeg08-24-2025
11:39:45 am**Rocket City Gal** Mildly uphill sprint stage tomorrow08-24-2025
11:42:12 am**Rocket City Gal** Ciao, tutti!08-24-2025
11:42:36 am**Katie S** Ciao!08-24-2025
11:42:46 am**bikerabe** lumpy stage tomorrow with ascending finish08-24-2025
12:02:19 pm