



**Tim in KY** VaE Stage 21 is the usual ceremonial parade into Madrid followed by the Y-shaped sprint stage in center of the city. This year's start point is a horse racing track in the northwest suburbs.

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1694898271-stage-21-route.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1694898281-stage-21-profile.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1694898291-stage-21-finish.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 17:19 CEST. Actual racing will begin around 18:35. Finish is imagined either side of 20:00. Current forecast is for showers early then cloudy during the actual racing with temps in the low-20s.

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**Joanna in Virginia** Hi Folks! Sorry I missed the day, but then again, wouldn't be the first time I skipped out because of math. LOL Huge Thank You to Katie S for the generous Tip Jar Donation - it is greatly appreciated. A Thank You in advance to anyone who opts to donate today. Good news, the Pub is fully funded for 2024! Thank you for all the wonderful support. Sorry I will miss the Finale - and Mikey, whichever way the podium finishes, it has been a great close game! Congrats! The Official Hanoverian Stallion of the LUGNuts earned his final, and most important, breeding distinction Saturday. He is now fully Approved and Licensed for breeding with his home registry. While he has many other Approvals, Hanoverian is very, very picky - to have him achieve this honor is incredibly rewarding. Enjoy today's race! See you soon! Jo

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**Charlie in Tenn** Thanks Joanna for hosting the chat. Congrats to you and Artie.

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**Joanna in Virginia** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1694943958-RT.jpeg>

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**Joanna in Virginia** Thank you, Charlie!

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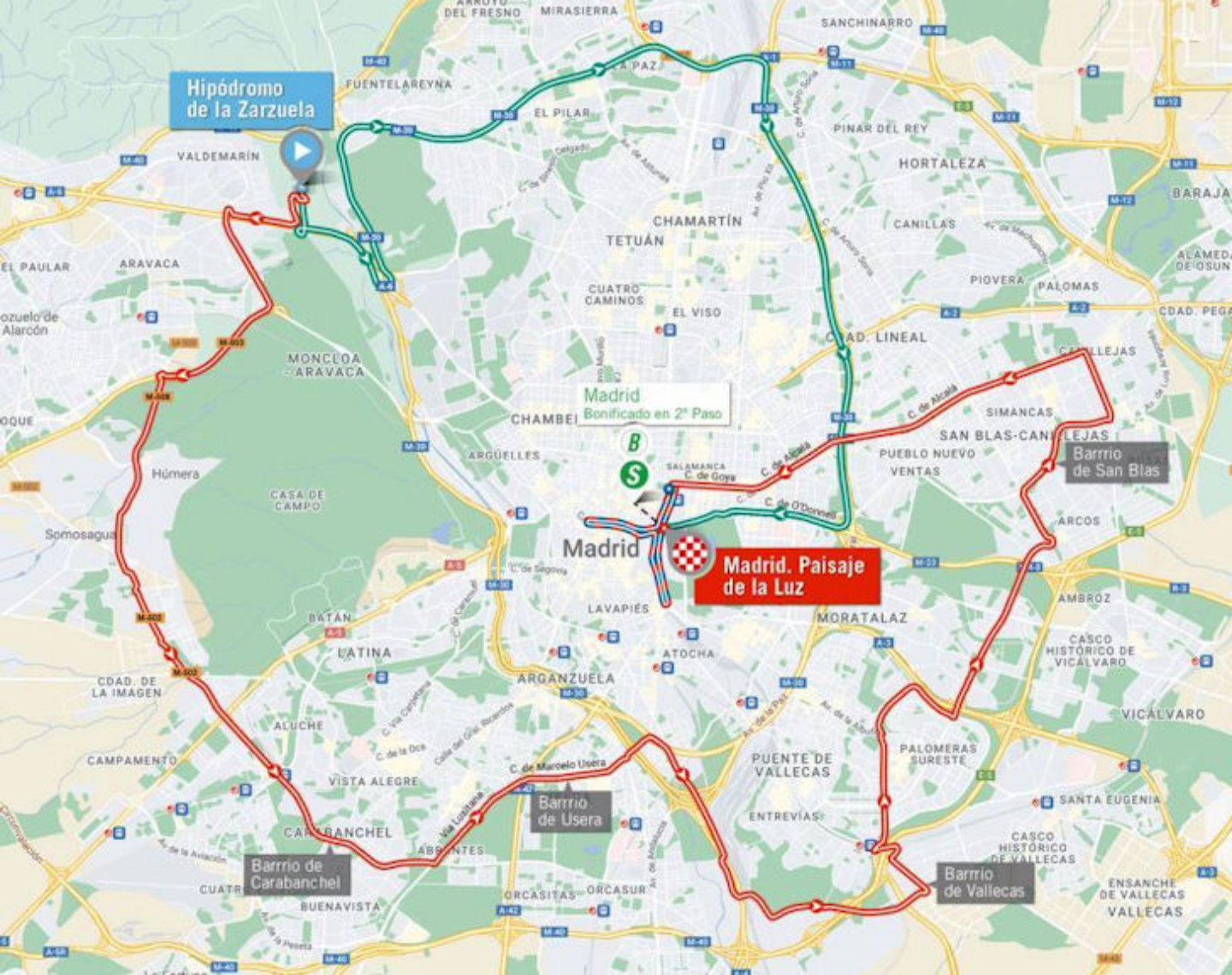
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# HIPÓDROMO DE LA ZARZUELA / 624 m



# MADRID. PAISAJE DE LA LUZ / 642 m









**Katie Lane** Start time in 'Murican:Â 10:19 central time with a finish around 1 pm. 09-17-2023 08:38:08 am



**Katie Lane** Congrats on your studly stud's most recent breeding status upgrade.Â I love seeing pictures of the foals -- how many of them are there now? 09-17-2023 08:40:01 am



**Katie Lane** There is a short break in the Superclasico races -- the next one is September 24, the European road racing championships.Â Then there's a race about every two or three or 4 days, sometimes back to back days, until the last one in mid-October. 09-17-2023 08:47:21 am



**Katie Lane** Congratulations to Tim for the top LUGnut score in the Super8 Classic yesterday.Â (top 6.9 percent of all VG Superclasico teams). 09-17-2023 08:48:46 am



**Katie Lane** PasadenaK8:Â Did you find the answer to the monkey math problem? 09-17-2023 08:49:18 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Hi, I will check back sometime before the finish, I hope. 09-17-2023 09:13:04 am



**Charlie in Tenn** For those dying to know, the star trek model did sell for \$75. My personal best buy was a like new Dymo label maker with an extra role of tape for \$6. Retail about \$35. Oh boy, I can start labeling things. 09-17-2023 09:17:30 am



**Tim in KY** I know the equinox isn't until Saturday but it's been in the 50s the past several days so I'm going to declare it Fall and bake a ham for supper. 09-17-2023 09:30:33 am



**Tim in KY** Rain is gone from the Madrid forecast. Neutral start shortly. 09-17-2023 11:06:20 am



**PasadenaK8** Morning, Tim ~ 09-17-2023 11:14:35 am



**Tim in KY** Peacock has finally started working. 09-17-2023 11:16:01 am



**Tim in KY** Hi K8. 09-17-2023 11:16:04 am



**PasadenaK8** And Bobke is STOKED! 09-17-2023 11:16:21 am



**Tim in KY** Oh yuck. Remco is wearing polka dot shorts.

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11:17:21 am



**Mikey** Hi all

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**KimC** Morning all from the pacific time zone!

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**PasadenaK8** Twas nice to sleep in.

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**Tim in KY** Neutral.

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11:20:43 am



**PasadenaK8** For Katie Lane's Q :: I didn't find the answer - yet, but I am 99.99% sure that the 5.75 is the correct answer. I have had it on the post Vuelta agenda, to do a Katie S/Swedish Death Cleaning job on my office & files. (It surely got stashed away in some box, during one of my moves) Will post the finding when the Pub opens again.

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**Tim in KY** Thankfully, Sepp is not wearing red shorts.

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**PasadenaK8** I did find something else though! A most fitting and lovely Mons essay sitting in our archives that I you might enjoy reading today. It's from the last stage of the 2017 Vuelta, (which was his favorite GT race) The last day. The last day of the Vuelta, effectively of the cycling season, but not of our friendship! In it, he described the how and why he started writing his essays for us. He also talks about his time in Spain and love of that country. He coincidentally even touches upon the topic of the individual rider and team support in cycling. It truly is a lovely essay - especially the first 5-6 paragraphs. Here's a link to the 2017 Vuelta, Stage 21 essay, if you would like to read it: (pdf download)  
[https://www.jemgray.com/\\_files/ugd/7b1e16\\_5c39f2f4bcc244f7bf2a92132bc00d07.pdf](https://www.jemgray.com/_files/ugd/7b1e16_5c39f2f4bcc244f7bf2a92132bc00d07.pdf)

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**KimC** Freeway!?

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11:26:23 am



**PasadenaK8** A gazillion and one Swiss Francs fine for Remco for fashion violation. (But, I guess, if ya got it, flaunt it). Bonus points AND bonus time, though for Sepp \*;-)

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**Tim in KY** Supposedly the racing has begun. But it sure doesn't look like it.

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11:29:07 am



**PasadenaK8** Looks like there are still some photo ops to be done, and champagne to drink :W]

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**PasadenaK8** ... and commercials to be aired.

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**KimC** Pasadena- I skimmed the link and couldn't find Mons' essay! but did find references to covfefe that made me snort all over again!

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**PasadenaK8** Hmmm, lemme check that link again.

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**Tim in KY** Boy, LuLe sure looks beat-up.

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**Mikey** I looked as well no luck except for 1/2 price snark

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**Toulouse** I am checking in long enough to check out, which is pretty much how I've managed (or not) to fit this year's Vuelta into my schedule. Life has felt kind of hard lately. But I would like all of you to know how much I appreciate your efforts here in the Pub, especially since mine are rarely robust. I'm still not on Facebook, so hopefully I see you all here next May.

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**BusterSci** Try this link.

[https://www.jemgray.com/\\_files/ugd/7b1e16\\_1619e37c02f947aa8bc7d7a260f60b18.pdf](https://www.jemgray.com/_files/ugd/7b1e16_1619e37c02f947aa8bc7d7a260f60b18.pdf)

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**Tim in KY** Vingo really looks awkward trying to ride with no hands.

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**Trish in MA** I'm astounded a pro racer cannot ride no-hands. Not that I can.

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**SFinAus** Hi all. Take care, Toulouse. See you in May.

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**Trish in MA** I just printed out The Monkey Math Problem for my husband (who was away from home yesterday. We'll see how he does. The pencil is in his hand and he's reading intently.

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**SFinAus** Looked like I missed an HC day in the Pub yesterday. Loved all the topics and got lots of chuckles.

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**PasadenaK8** Ah, I see what happened. He used to post his essays in an image format, so the essay is the `â€œimagesâ€` link for that stage. Archive, though, chopped off the beginning of it. I have it in a text version here on my computer, so will dig that up (will be easier to read too)

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**Tim in KY** I want to know who has to stay up all night making those special jerseys.

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**BusterSci** There was a special about that during a GT a couple years ago.

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**Trish in MA** So Hubby gave the smart-ass answer: "0 - the monkey ate it".

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**PasadenaK8** Ha-ha! I've seen that answer online. Tell him to go sharpen his pencil.

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**BusterSci** The normal kit usually isn't that hard but TT skin suits are a real hassle. They said GT favorites will give up the jersey before the TT, or not take it before the TT, so they can wear their team skin suit instead of the leader's one.

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**BusterSci** Lots of special aero tech in the team kit

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**Katie Lane** Trish -- your husband and I think alike -- that was my first snark about it yesterday. It is doable (says the person who may or may not have come up with the answer). You've got to start with the ages, in that big run-on sentences. I think I ended up with an equation with 8 sets of parentheses around everything. But it was basically fairly simple math (mostly multiplication) to solve for monkey's age. Then everything else was pretty straightforward.

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**Katie Lane** Meanwhile, kids these days can't even make change.

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**SFinAus** 1 BU (banana unit). I mean, astronomers use AU for solar system stuff.

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11:53:06 am



**Mikey** Thanks for the link Buster. I remember that essay when I was lurking and did not participate in the thread. One of the reasons I am here is because Mons and I connected and he encouraged me to be involved.

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**Tim in KY** I wouldn't want to be at the top of that fire truck ladder.

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**Katie Lane** Morning chores are done.Â Hated to do it, but we pulled up all of the tomatoes, squash and cukes, bagged the plants and the mulch.Â Our tomatoes and curcurbits got hit with a late fungal blight of some sort.Â The plan is to spray with an antifungal, put black plastic over everything, and try to "solarize" the soil (heat it up to kill fungus as much as possible.)Â We have one tiny skinny area of the yard to garden in, so crop rotation isn't an option.

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**PasadenaK8** Okay, sorry for the comment space explosion thatâ€™s about to happen. Will actually be posting only an â€œexcerptâ€. There are a few more paragraphs and a poem at the end, so if you want to read the whole thing, click on the Archives for the 2017 Vuelta, Stage 21 images. Fasten your seat belts...

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**Trish in MA** I gotta say that LLS is one handsome dude.

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**Katie Lane** This is LLS's last GT

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**Trish in MA** Bringing the Handsome-ness Quotient of the Peloton down substantially.

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**PasadenaK8** Mons :: Stage 21 of the 2017 Vuelta â€™The last day. The last day of the Vuelta, effectively of the cycling season, but not of our friendship. A day to remember, as we move forward. A celebration for Alberto Contador, a pleasure, and some sadness, for having completed another year. Although we feel that we have accomplished something when we reach the final stage, we must remember it is the cyclists who have accomplished much more, and deserve their rest. Many of us have hung together for some years. We remember when news of cycling met a weekly wrap up on CBS, Sunday afternoons in July, of that weekâ€™s Tour de France stages. I suppose this started, per force, when Greg Lemond started to win. When stages of all the grand tours came onto OLN in the States, many of us were happy. Then, there were also daily newspaper notices, small notices on page 4 or 5 of the sports section, but at least for the Tour they were there, and sometimes for the Vuelta and Giro. I have to admit that those years, the late 1990s, I mostly followed the video feed, with occasional consultations with the Live Update Guy. Sometime in the early 2000s, I knew something about the places where the Tour was passing, so I posted a comment. LUG said something about it being cool that someone had been where the cyclists were going, so I put together a few paragraphs, and the essays were born. Early on, I did not prepare one every day, but when I knew something, or thought I knew something, I posted an essay. â€™. (thereâ€™s more)â€™

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**PasadenaK8** Charles was gracious enough to postÂ almost all of them, depending on time. When he started law school we would email, or I would light a candle when he had a tough exam. When he was let go and went, well, what can we call we lugnuts? When he went â€™erogueâ€™ and had the cancer scare, I promised a daily essay, and tried to fulfill that. In this wonderful, but poor stepchild of a nutpub, I do what I can!

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We are so lucky to maintain this friendship with each other, so great to talk about cycling, even as the media has regressed to early 1990s standards (thank goodness for the internet and live feeds.) I think I enjoy the Vuelta most. I have lived in Spain, studied the literature and culture, and can hold forth on almost any topic Spanish, with little compunction or worry that I might make a misstep. I also used to have a fairly good handle on the Spanish riders and teams, Roberto Heras was my favorite. I am not sure I could say that anymore, once Alberto Contador is gone. I always hope to bring something different to my essays, not always about cycling, that will enrich a life, or cause someone to think about something not in their normal perspective. (last part)



**Trish in MA** A friend of mine and I, when we'd go to a Red Sox game and the play was exceedingly slow, would play "Hot or Not?" with the player pictures on the giant scoreboard. It was a way to pass the time. 09-17-2023 11:59:25 am



**PasadenaK8** For a fan, cycling is an unusual sport. It is eminently a team sport, but eminently individual too. No one wins a Tour without the support of his entire team, or most of it. Cyclists, though, don't remain loyal to a team, nor do the team sponsors remain loyal. So, each year, some teams fade out of existence, some cyclists will switch from team to team. There have been a few teams based on local territory, such as the old Euskatel/Euskadi, but very few are. Fans of some countries cheer for the team sponsored by a local company, but other than that it is a shifting no man's land. I had great fun with the Cannondale team this year, but I only ride Trek, if I can help it, and I don't even know what a Drapac is. I am so glad they have survived, and have contributed to their Green Bay type project, but I will certainly follow some cyclists I know from there as they move along to other teams. (snip) Madrid is, as the Eurosport Italian commentator just said one of the most beautiful European Capitals. Enjoy the Vuelta. Enjoy the Winter! 09-17-2023 11:59:47 am



**Trish in MA** Thanks, K8! Such a pleasure to read Mons again. 09-17-2023 12:01:04 pm



**Tim in KY** We have a bottle of Cava in the fridge that will break out at the family dinner tonight to toast Sepp. 09-17-2023 12:01:21 pm



**Mikey** Nice Tim! 09-17-2023 12:02:53 pm



**BusterSci** Frau and the Talented Ms Ripley want to go walkies. I'm off. Likely won't be back for the finish. In the immortal words of Mikey ... "Bah" 09-17-2023 12:03:08 pm



**Tim in KY** Anybody have Weetabix on their VG team? 09-17-2023 12:03:15 pm



**Katie Lane** I was relieved that VDP changed to black shorts for the podium presentation at the Super8 race yesterday. It's bad enough to ride in white 09-17-2023 12:04:00 pm

shorts.Â But light-colored shorts on the podium are NOT GOOD.

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**KimC** Pasadena- Monsâ€™™ words are making me leak out my eyes!

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**Trish in MA** The Vuelta just announced that the first three stages of next year will be in Portugal - starting with Lisbon. Â A wonderful city, even if my husband had his pocket picked there.

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**Katie Lane** Wheatiesbox is on myÂ VG team.Â And my team-with-friends that's not a VG team.Â He cost 10 points and has thus far gotten 650ish points.Â Alas, I wasn't smart enough to pick Sepp.

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**SFinAus** Thank you, K8

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**Katie S** Good morning, all. \$75 for the USS Enterprise model! Great! Loved scrolling through to get here. Love having Mons here this morning. And Tim, yes to the ham! BUs, cleaning etc etc etc. and Artieâ€™™s studliness! I canâ€™™t stick with the Pub peloton through to the finish, but wanted to pop in to say how much I enjoyed these three weeks with you. Cheers!

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**PasadenaK8** KimC... I know. Made my heart ache too, but how enduring those thoughts are! Cling-cling & cheers to our beloved PubMate.

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**KimC** Years ago, I broke my spine, and thatâ€™™s when I found the LUGNUTS. Mons sent me a signed copy of his book, and it just survived the first round of Swedish Death Cleaning because Iâ€™™m going to enjoy re-reading it!

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**Katie Lane** Thanks for the Mons memory, K8.

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**Katie Lane** I have a copy of his book too...

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**PasadenaK8** Wow! So nice of him, and great that you both got a book of his!!

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**PasadenaK8** And morninâ€™™, Katie S ~ Iâ€™™ll be here thru the end, but will most likely be fading away during the last hour. Someone, on a Training Committee that Iâ€™™m on, had the audacity to schedule a meeting that will be colliding with the last hour of the race today. I, of course, have already filed my official complaint, and hopefully will be compensated for my injuries \*;-)

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**Tim in KY** Road narrows.

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**Trish in MA** I'm breaking a 50-year habit. Â I'm trying to become proficient in holding the yarn in my left hand when knitting. Â I'm so slow, I have to watch every stitch and my fingers cramp up because I'm just gripping the needles. Â But if I don't carry on, I'll never get comfortable with it.

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**Trish in MA** That's a pretty cool building

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**Tim in KY** First I've heard this: Sepp is set to be the second rider ever to ride all three Grand Tours in a season and win one of them, after Gastone Nencini won the Giro in 1957.

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**Trish in MA** That's a long time interval between the accomplishment.

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**Mikey** Hey Tim, are there unofficial official rules err traditions on a ceremonial stage like this about when the "race" actually begins?

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**Tim in KY** The Giro usually ends with an ITT. The "rule" for le Tour and la Vuelta is that racing starts when they reach the city center circuit.

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**SFinAus** Looking at Mas being interviewed... I know sponsors of sunglasses like to see their product on display, but I'd really rather see his face and those of other riders.

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**Trish in MA** Kuss is wearing a special red jersey today. Â Now I have to take a look when they next show him on the screen.

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**SFinAus** 2 KU

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**Katie Lane** Looking at the VG point totals so far (and this will probably change with the final standings), the best team will likely have Evenepoel, Roglic, Kuss, and Groves. I think the formula is 2 all-arounders, 2 climbers, 1 sprinter, 3 unclassified and one wildcard.Â So maybe the others to round out the team for max points would be Poels, Kron, van Eetvelt, Costa and Soler.Â That would give a team with 11047 points so far.

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**Tim in KY** They are actually slightly ahead of schedule.

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**PasadenaK8** Going to fun next year, when the last stage of the TdF will be ending with a ITT in Nice - nice, eh?

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**Mikey** Jo looks like a winner with the Jumbo triumphant

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**Tim in KY** I don't see how Jo can be beat.

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12:35:09 pm



**Mikey** Me either even if even wins today

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**Tim in KY** And it's a mountain ITT, too, K8.

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**Katie Lane** Mikey has Rog, Evenepoel, Kuss, Bardet, Ballerstedt, van den Berg, Soupe, van Baarle and Almeida. Â Jo has Kuss, Vingo, Almeida, Rog, Poels, Theuns, Arcas, van Poppel, and Oliviera.

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**Trish in MA** I have a co-worker who just competed in the Ironman Men's Worlds in Nice - 6 weeks after breaking his collarbone. Â He made it through the swimming and biking legs, but I'm guess the shoulder pain was too much, cuz he nearly completed the marathon portion but gave up with 6 miles to go. Â He rocade 110 miles on his trip bike (time trial position) on a very mountainous course, including a couple of Cat 1's. Â Wonder how much of next year's course will be on the Ironman course?

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**Tim in KY** The Tour route is Monte Carlo to Nice vis the Col d'Ez.

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**Tim in KY** via.

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**Trish in MA** Ah, the black JV jerseys have a pink, yellow and red stripe just below the team name. Â Not sure where the stripes are on the red jersey.

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**Tim in KY** I haven't seen stripes on Sepp.

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**PasadenaK8** Wooo, that's really going to be good, Tim!

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**Tim in KY** Sprint is on the second cross of the finish line.

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**Charlie in Tenn** I am back. Just reread today's stuff. Excellent work everyone.

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**Tim in KY** Remco not contesting the sprint.

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**Tim in KY** From the ASO ticker: "Evenepoel would need to win the stage with Groves not finishing inside the top-7 for the Belgian to take the green jersey."

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**PasadenaK8** Okay, time for me to sign into my meeting (grumble, grumble) Will be keeping an eye on the PUB with one of my devices, but, just in case, I want to say that it was really nice hanging with you all this Tour. Gave me a few fun hours of reprieve from the reality of living and trying to survive through this long work strike. Big and many thanks to Joanna for keeping the Pub alive and kickin'™ for us all. Also, many big thanks to Tim, Buster & Charlie for all your Mod work. And to ALL the PUB Nuts, enjoyed the Chat, 'cause you're all so much fun, creative and talented people. Wishing you all! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXFil77aj1o>

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**Trish in MA** Thanks, K8. We're rootin' for you.

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**Tim in KY** Nico Denz, Lennard Kämna (Bora-Hansgrohe) and Rui Costa (Intermarché-Circus-Wanty) have a small gap.

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**Trish in MA** So, will Costa do any work?

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**PasadenaK8** Thanks, Trish. Much appreciated. And one last note, Charlie - LOVED your Labor sermon. Okay, meeting is starting (hope it's a short one)

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**Charlie in Tenn** The fund raiser rummage sale raised approximately \$12,500 (\$790 goes to the church youth group that put in 79 hours of work). The stuff left over was distributed to various charities such as, books to Central America, better furniture to a local Church storehouse to help those in need, 3 thrift stores, a children's holiday repair shop (used toys for Christmas), women's shelter, etc. To top it all off, the church looked like a church again this morning.

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**Charlie in Tenn** For those that never scroll down or have forgotten or both, there are photos of Mons and the memorial at the bottom of this page.

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**Mikey** Nice dredging Trish

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**Charlie in Tenn** For those of you on FB, Mons has a remembrance page. I just posted a thing from "us".

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**Trish in MA** The break has 8 stage wins in this Vuelta. Â Yowzah!

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**Trish in MA** Geez, they're going 40 mph on this course.

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**Tim in KY** Break has 25 grand tour stage wins.

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**Tim in KY** They are right at the imagined time now.

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01:24:02 pm



**bikerabe** Excitement !

09-17-2023  
01:24:36 pm



**RCG** Another "first" - Sepp is the only rider to ever complete all three GTs in a year and win the final one (the Vuelta).

09-17-2023  
01:26:42 pm



**Tim in KY** He's not the first. It was done once before in 1957.

09-17-2023  
01:27:58 pm



**Tim in KY** Sepp is set to be the second rider ever to ride all three Grand Tours in a season and win one of them, after Gastone Nencini won the Giro in 1957.

09-17-2023  
01:28:49 pm



**RCG** The Jumbo shorts have pink-yellow-red bands at the bottom, and they have special helmets with accents in those 3 colors also. Â In addition to the stripes on the back of their jerseys.

09-17-2023  
01:28:51 pm



**RCG** I'm still not sure what Kuss jersey has " maybe the lettering and the rim around the Jumbo Visma wording box are pink and yellow?

09-17-2023  
01:30:02 pm



**RCG** He's the first ever to win the -final- of the three GTs in one year, Tim.

09-17-2023  
01:31:02 pm



**Charlie in Tenn** Go break.

09-17-2023  
01:31:57 pm





**Tim in KY** That seems like a distinction without a difference.

09-17-2023  
01:32:14 pm



**Mikey** Go break means no way

09-17-2023  
01:32:21 pm



**SFinAus** Carlton timed the break at only 17s

09-17-2023  
01:33:01 pm



**Mikey** Wondering if Even and Groves might try and go together

09-17-2023  
01:33:01 pm



**Charlie in Tenn** How many people have ridden 3 in a year?

09-17-2023  
01:39:22 pm



**Charlie in Tenn** GTs

09-17-2023  
01:39:29 pm



**Tim in KY** Sepp has the pink, yellow and red stripes on his shorts but I still haven't seen stripes on the jersey.

09-17-2023  
01:40:10 pm



**Trish in MA** 2 laps to go

09-17-2023  
01:40:43 pm



**SFinAus** Perhaps they couldn't or just wouldn't mess with the red jersey?

09-17-2023  
01:40:55 pm



**Tim in KY** That's my guess.

09-17-2023  
01:41:36 pm



**Charlie in Tenn** Me too.

09-17-2023  
01:42:16 pm



**SFinAus** I'm glad Remco isn't in green too.Â I'd hate to see those blue dots on top of that skoda green.Â :P

09-17-2023  
01:42:19 pm



**Charlie in Tenn** Do any teams with guys in the break, go to the front before one of the turns and slow the peleton .

09-17-2023  
01:43:00 pm



**Mikey** Absolutely blocking

09-17-2023  
01:43:25 pm



**Trish in MA** I went back and looked at the post on the jersey. Å Kuss mentions the new JV jersey, but doesn't say anything about the red, so my guess is that they didn't mess with the red.

09-17-2023  
01:43:33 pm



**RCG** œœOver the years, 34 riders have completed all three Grand Tours in one year:Å Adam HansenÅ did so six years in a row. The only riders to have finished in the top 10 in each of the three tours during the same year areÅ RaphaÅ«l GÅ©minianiÅ in 1955 andÅ Gastone NenciniÅ in 1957.âœœ

09-17-2023  
01:43:36 pm



**RCG** So now itâ€™s at least 35â€™!..

09-17-2023  
01:43:50 pm



**RCG** [https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Grand\\_Tour\\_\(cycling\)](https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Grand_Tour_(cycling))

09-17-2023  
01:44:34 pm



**Mikey** SBS said something about a fine for messing with the final day jersey

09-17-2023  
01:44:49 pm



**Tim in KY** Last lap.

09-17-2023  
01:45:11 pm



**Mikey** Bell baby

09-17-2023  
01:45:11 pm



**SFinAus** 15 seconds

09-17-2023  
01:45:21 pm



**Charlie in Tenn** This is fun, no matter what happens.

09-17-2023  
01:45:28 pm



**Mikey** Come on break

09-17-2023  
01:45:36 pm



**Tim in KY** I expect that's true, Mikey.

09-17-2023  
01:45:52 pm



**Trish in MA** I know you have to get jersey changes approved.

09-17-2023  
01:46:35 pm



**Tim in KY** EFE has given up the chase.

09-17-2023  
01:46:56 pm



**Mikey** So did Trek

09-17-2023  
01:47:09 pm



**Mikey** Come on break

09-17-2023  
01:47:25 pm



**Trish in MA** Bell lap

09-17-2023  
01:47:38 pm



**SFinAus** No screwing around within the break.

09-17-2023  
01:47:45 pm



**RCG** You know their legs are absolutely screamingâ€™. But this the best GT finale ever!

09-17-2023  
01:47:58 pm



**Tim in KY** Getting close.

09-17-2023  
01:48:39 pm



**RCG** Probably 10â€™ now and shrinking

09-17-2023  
01:48:49 pm



**SFinAus** I count 7s

09-17-2023  
01:49:15 pm



**RCG** 6 or 7

09-17-2023  
01:49:23 pm



**SFinAus** Is the chase bickering?

09-17-2023  
01:50:02 pm



**SFinAus** Breaks breaks up at the last.

09-17-2023  
01:50:45 pm



**RCG** Cat an mouse dooms it

09-17-2023  
01:51:08 pm



**SFinAus** WOW!

09-17-2023  
01:51:31 pm



**RCG** Groves !!!!â€™™

09-17-2023  
01:51:46 pm



**BusterSci** Much harder to ride 3 GTs and win the last than ride three and win the first.

09-17-2023  
01:51:58 pm



**Tim in KY** FUN!

09-17-2023  
01:52:02 pm



**RCG** Wow!

09-17-2023  
01:52:02 pm



**SFinAus** That was something to see the break get caught but stay at the front.

09-17-2023  
01:52:14 pm



**Trish in MA** you'll are way ahead

09-17-2023  
01:52:17 pm



**Trish in MA** I still have a k to go.

09-17-2023  
01:52:33 pm



**SFinAus** I agree, Buster

09-17-2023  
01:52:46 pm



**BusterSci** RCG, A Mr Lemond is on the line regarding best GT final ever.

09-17-2023  
01:54:09 pm



**Trish in MA** OMG! Â Insane!

09-17-2023  
01:54:18 pm



**RCG** Yeah, but that was an ITT. Â Thatâ€™s in a category of its own.

09-17-2023  
01:55:11 pm



**Charlie in Tenn** I thought the same Buster, but if you are not riding hard the first 2, maybe stages only, it could be about the same. But Sepp pulled guys to the win and then won himself. Good work.

09-17-2023  
01:55:17 pm



**SFinAus** The last 500 m seemed to go on forever, even though it wasÂ a full on sprint

09-17-2023  
01:55:19 pm



**RCG** Jumbo finished with all 8 riders also.

09-17-2023  
01:56:11 pm



**Mikey** Even was really gassed at the very end and ended up 8th I think

09-17-2023  
01:57:37 pm



**RCG** Guys in the break finished 1-2-3-6-8-10

09-17-2023  
01:58:03 pm





**Tim in KY** Three guys from the break 1-2-3

09-17-2023  
01:58:05 pm



**Tim in KY** 1. Kaden Groves (Alpecin-Deceuninck) 2. Filippo Ganna (Ineos Grenadiers) 3. Nico Denz (Bora-Hansgrohe) 4. Hugo Page (Intermarché-Circus-Wanty) 5. Ivan Garcia Cortina (Movistar)

09-17-2023  
01:58:06 pm



**Charlie in Tenn** The break all finished in the top ten. That is crazy good.

09-17-2023  
01:58:36 pm



**RCG** Costa 6th, Evenepoel 8th, K&uuml;mna 10th

09-17-2023  
01:59:03 pm



**Trish in MA** Wow, wow, wow. &#x26A; &#x26A; Just crazy

09-17-2023  
01:59:23 pm



**Trish in MA** Feel bad for Ganna. &#x26A; How many times did he come in 2nd during this Vuelta?

09-17-2023  
01:59:52 pm



**Charlie in Tenn** O'Ganna says, "a win at the end could be better." &#x26A; &#x26A; Well said.

09-17-2023  
02:00:12 pm



**SFinAus** Top notch finale.

09-17-2023  
02:00:13 pm



**Charlie in Tenn** 3 but he also got a win in the TT.

09-17-2023  
02:00:44 pm



**Tim in KY** Bye, all.

09-17-2023  
02:01:54 pm



**RCG** Thanks for doing all the hard work, Tim!

09-17-2023  
02:02:26 pm



**Mikey** thanks Tim Hope to see you soon

09-17-2023  
02:02:43 pm



**Mikey** Ba

09-17-2023  
02:02:46 pm



**SFinAus** Time for me to go.&#x26A; Alas, it's the end of the GTs for this year.&#x26A; My sincere thanks to Tim, Charlie, Buster for stocking and opening the Pub every day, so to speak.&#x26A; Thanks oc to Jo as well.&#x26A; If anything gets me on FB someday it will be

09-17-2023  
02:02:53 pm

this gang of folks.Â Cheers, health, and good days to all!

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**Charlie in Tenn** The pack got tired. I am amazed that no more of the pack caught up.

09-17-2023  
02:03:09 pm

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**Trish in MA** It was a great Vuelta. Â Thanks, everyone. Â I guess it's time to go do chores...Looking forward to the spring.

09-17-2023  
02:03:42 pm

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**Charlie in Tenn** Thanks to everyone that participates or lurks. You are appreciated.

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02:04:47 pm

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