




 **Tim in Ky** La Vuelta stage 8 is 200 kilometers from central Spain back toward the Mediterranean coast. But to get to the start town of Hellin the riders had to endure a 273 km transfer due south from the stage 7 finish town. The stage 8 finish is on a mountain top northwest of Alicante. 08-25 15:17


 **Tim in Ky** //rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1503688936-VaE%20stage-8-route.jpg 08-25 15:17

 **Tim in Ky** Before the mountain top there are the lumps. The stage starts with a 40 km uncategorized climb. Mid-stage are two consecutive Cat 3s. The final climb is a Cat 1. 08-25 15:22


 **Tim in Ky** //rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1503689291-VaE%20stage-8-profile.png 08-25 15:23

 **Tim in Ky** Alto Xorret de Catí is 5 km long and averages 9%. But that 9% is misleading because the first 2 kms are just 2%, the rest is all double digits maxing at 18% halfway up. 08-25 15:26


 **Tim in Ky** //rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1503689508-VaE%20stage-8-Alto-Xorret-de-Cati.png 08-25 15:26

 **Tim in Ky** The climb actually crests 3 km before the finish line. There is 1 km so flight downhill, 1 km of steep downhill, and a final km of slight uphill. 08-25 15:33


 **Tim in Ky** //rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1503689923-VaE%20stage-8-finish.jpg 08-25 15:33

 **Tim in Ky** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 12:34 CET (06:34 EDT). Finish is expected in the usual 17: to 18:00 CET time frame (11:30-noon EDT). Live video begins at 14:00 CET (8:00 EDT) 08-25 15:36

 **Tim in Ky** In the neutral zone. 08-26 06:13


 **donny** Let's get ready to Rumble!!!!!! talk about cycling on a very hard stage in the Vuelta!!!!!! 08-26 06:27


 **donny** back later, my youngest has his 4th Birthday today so it is party time! 08-26 06:28


 **Tim in Ky** Well, my fantasy team is down to 7 riders with Warbasse's injury yesterday 08-26 06:29

and Barguil's dismissal today. I suspect that had as much to do with his decision to leave the team as with disagreement over tactics.


 **Tim in Ky** Happy birthday to him, Donny. 08-26 06:29


 **Tim in Ky** Start was supposed to be 6 minutes ago but no word of it yet. 08-26 06:30


 **Tim in Ky** Another crash in the neutral zone delayed the start. They're off now. 08-26 06:32

 **Tim in Ky** Sven Erik Bystrom (Katusha-Alpecin) has abandoned. He finished yesterday with a broken scapula. 08-26 06:37

 **Tim in Ky** Report of another crash. 08-26 06:39


 **Tim in Ky** The last time the Vuelta finished on this mountain (in 2010) David Moncoutié won the stage solo. He also won the overall KOM that year. 08-26 06:44

 **Tim in Ky** They have started that long drag up to the early uncategorized lump. 08-26 06:48


 **Joanna in New York** Good morning, I'm back amongst the living with an actual morning free. Happy Birthday to your son, Donny! 08-26 06:52


 **Tim in Ky** Good morning Jo. 08-26 06:53















 **Tim in Ky** Glad you're feeling better. 08-26 06:53

 **Tim in Ky** De Marchi is off the front by himself. Not a good idea. 08-26 06:55


 **Tim in Ky** Caught. Still no break. 08-26 06:59


 **Joanna in New York** Sorry, had to restart, everything had gone...well, you know... 08-26 07:09


 **Joanna in New York** //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1503746087- 08-26 07:09


-  **Tim in Ky** I have a brief chore to do. May ther will be a break when I get back. 08-26 07:11
-  **Joanna in New York** Sorry about your Fantasy Team, Tim... 08-26 07:11
-  **Tim in Ky** Break of 21 have 1:25 on the peloton: Jesus Hernandez (Trek-Segafredo), 08-26 07:27  
Julian Alaphilippe (Quick Step), Loic Vliegen (BMC), Nelson Oliveira (Movistar), Rafal Majka, Emanuel Buchmann, Christoph Pfingsten (Bora-Hansgrohe), Clément Chevrier (AG2R-La Mondiale), Brendan Canty (Cannondale-Drpac), Alberto Losada (Katusha-Alpecin), Daan Olivier (Team Sunweb), Przemyslaw Niemiec, Jan Polanc (UAE Team Emirates), Sergei Chernetski, Laurens De Vreese (Astana), Bart De Clercq, Maxime Monfort (Lotto-Soudal), Domen Novak (Bahrain-Merida), Serge Pauwels (Dimension Data), Guillaume Bonnafond (Cofidis) and Michel Kreder (Aqua Blue Sport).
-  **Tim in Ky** Olliveria is only +3:02 and Polanc is +4:00 so this bunch won't get much 08-26 07:28  
leash.
-  **Tim in Ky** With 150 km to go gap is 2:50. 08-26 07:31
-  **Tim in Ky** Right now it's 32 C with a crossheadwind of 18 km/hr. 08-26 07:32
-  **Tim in Ky** Oh look, Preswick Nimrod managed to make it into the break today. 08-26 07:34
-  **Tim in Ky** Tte average speed for the first hour was 49.8 km/hr. 08-26 07:35
-  **Tim in Ky** The gap is out to 3:03. 08-26 07:41
-  **Joanna in New York** The only Nut I know living in Texas is John Senger, hoping he's 08-26 07:44  
alright. Anyone else we know dealing with Harvey?
-  **BusterSci** Gilliemarie and SF are in Texas as well. 08-26 07:45
-  **BusterSci** Neither expected major effects yesterday. 08-26 07:45
-  **Tim in Ky** Oliveria is now in Red on the road. Gap is 3:15. 08-26 07:47
-  **Tim in Ky** In an interview after yesterday's stage, Froome suggested he might like to 08-26 07:49


give up the jersey to a non-GC contender. Maybe Oliveria is that guy.


 **Joanna in New York** Of course, GM and SF, my brain is not completely out of its fog 08-26 07:50  
yet. I've missed a lot this week.


 **BusterSci** I get it, Jo. I'm having a hard time connecting with this race, just because of 08-26 07:54  
pup, work, shop projects, not to mention the embarrassment of the national political situation. I'm trying to  
engage here, but it's been a struggle. I'm glad Tim is carrying on because I haven't been much help.


 **Tim in Ky** Gap is out to 3:42. I need to go away again for a little while. I don't expect 08-26 07:56  
much will happen for now except maybe a crash or two.

 **Joanna in New York** I've been battling bronchitis for weeks, it just kicked my butt. I 08-26 07:56  
have so many projects going on, many reaching critical mass, so I've been overwhelmed and at half power.  
Yes, Major Thanks to Tim!!

 **BusterSci** Yeah, unlike you, Jo, I have nothing negative in my personal life. Just too 08-26 08:01  
any distractions. For instance, today I'll be gone at 8CDT to buy snacks and head to an all day D&D  
session with my two best friends and their kids. But not before Frau makes me pancakes. SO let me  
reiterate: Life is great.















 **Joanna in New York** I am off to visit Artie on Tuesday and it will be our first attempt 08-26 08:02  
at letting him explore (in a controlled way, as much as possible) a gait other than the walk. He has 10+  
months of energy stored up and is really ready to go. I am both excited and terrified with every new step in  
his recovery - these months of intense worry are catching up on me, I'm not ashamed to admit.

 **BusterSci** Jo, is there a point in the recovery where it shouldn't be stressful any more, 08-26 08:05  
or is every milestone high risk? I'm used to dogs, who have incredible recuperative powers and if they get  
through the first couple days will generally soldier on and improve. I have no idea how horses do.

 **Joanna in New York** This entire time has been about re-growing his hoof - which, 08-26 08:12  
after the intensity of the injury, was a miracle in itself. Because we had to wait so long, we had no way of  
assessing if he had any other injuries (muscles, ligaments, tendons) elsewhere in his body. We know his  
leg is fine, but do not know how much he may have torqued (for lack of a better word) his body.  
Additionally, he spent so much time non-weight-bearing the injured leg, we're not entire sure how the  
other hind leg is going to be. He has been sound at the walk, albeit with a bit of a wider stance than normal  
(no airport restroom jokes, thank you). This is our next hurdle. If he moves completely sound in all three  
gaits, we can exhale and begin getting him strong and flexible again. He is a very strong horse, and  
extremely powerful, so explosive movements can cause other injuries to a 10 month rested body - we are  
hoping to bleed off some of his energy and not cause additional injury. It will take a few months.


 **Joanna in New York** BTW - NBC Sports Gold doesn't seem to have Stage 8 listed. 08-26 08:16


Anyone else see it?


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|    | <b>BusterSci</b> Yup. Got it playing.   | 08-26 08:17 |
|    | <b>BusterSci</b> Or at least Beginning Shortly  | 08-26 08:18 |
|    | <b>Joanna in New York</b> I'll restart my iPad - no mention of it anywhere for me. I see Stage 7 replay, and stage 9 upcoming. I filter by cycling - absolutely no mention of it anywhere. I'm in the Twilight Zone.  | 08-26 08:19 |
|    | <b>BusterSci</b> I think I get it on Artie. So this is a Big Hurdle and the stress starts subsiding from here? Well, hoping for the best. We had about 10 months of cancer, surgery, recover and return with the beagle a few years ago. It was awful stresswise. | 08-26 08:25 |
|    | <b>BusterSci</b> 5 minute gap and about 110km to go.  | 08-26 08:26 |
|    | <b>BusterSci</b> Sky on the front.  | 08-26 08:27 |
|   | <b>Joanna in New York</b> Yes, just no release from the worry - hoping that starts soon. And, I have no Stage 8 - unbelievable. It doesn't exist for me...  | 08-26 08:27 |
|  | <b>BusterSci</b> I'll check my pad and see what I get.  | 08-26 08:28 |
|  | <b>Tim in Ky</b> Gold did that for awhile last Saturday, too. It finally showed up. But not yet today.  | 08-26 08:28 |
|  | <b>Charles Davis</b> Morning All.   | 08-26 08:29 |
|  | <b>Joanna in New York</b> Thanks, Tim! Good morning, Charles!   | 08-26 08:30 |
|  | <b>BusterSci</b> Got it both on the web and on my iPad.   | 08-26 08:31 |
|  | <b>Tim in Ky</b> I just got 8 showing, but no stream.   | 08-26 08:31 |
|  | <b>BusterSci</b> No stream, just "Stage to begin shortly"   | 08-26 08:31 |

 **BusterSci** Or whatever 08-26 08:32

 **Tim in Ky** With 102 km to go the gap is out to 5:10. 08-26 08:32

 **Joanna in New York** Now I don't feel crazy, opened up a window on my laptop and Stage 8 does exist. ;-) 08-26 08:32


 **Joanna in New York** Still hasn't shown up on my iPad... 08-26 08:33


 **BusterSci** If that's all it takes, Jo, you're more stable than I am. 08-26 08:33


 **Joanna in New York** I'm compartmentalizing my craziness. 08-26 08:33

 **Tim in Ky** I did a hard reboot on my iPad to get it to show. 08-26 08:33


 **BusterSci** Jo isn't crazy, but Sybil in New York, on the other hand...look out! 08-26 08:34


 **Joanna in New York** I restarted my iPad, and logged out and back in to NBCSG - still nothing. Bizarre. 08-26 08:34


 **Joanna in New York** Do I need to crash the iPad, do you think? Or, just toss it off my roof? 08-26 08:34

 **BusterSci** Check the last time the app was updated. Instead of rebooting, force quit the app and restart. Or try deleting the app and reinstalling. Thank you for calling tech support. 08-26 08:36


 **BusterSci** 37C, says CN. 08-26 08:37


 **Joanna in New York** Do you need my credit card? 08-26 08:37

 **Tim in Ky** It's up to 37 C for the riders. It's in the mid-50s here. Very strange for August. 08-26 08:37


 **BusterSci** Not for support, but I will sell you a nice curry recipe. 08-26 08:37


 **Gilliemarie** Morning all 08-26 08:38

 **BusterSci** Same here, Tim. The whole midsection of the country (US) is expected to stay cool through September. 08-26 08:38


 **BusterSci** Hi, GM! How do your skies look? 08-26 08:39

 **Joanna in New York** Morning, GM! 08-26 08:39


 **BusterSci** Do you see the apocalypse to the southeast? 08-26 08:39

 **Gilliemarie** The hurricane should have little effect here on the High Plains of the Llano Estacado! 08-26 08:39


 **Joanna in New York** Yummmm, curry... 08-26 08:40


 **Gilliemarie** Yeah, south doesn't look very nice! The last projection i saw also included Austin. SF said he is on a hill so we'll have to wait to hear from him 08-26 08:41


 **Tim in Ky** SF may not have electricity. 08-26 08:42

 **BusterSci** Thinking about a Beatles song, but I really shouldn't make that joke if he isn't here to join in the fun. 08-26 08:42


 **Joanna in New York** Restrained, Buster. 08-26 08:42

 **Gilliemarie** It's hard to know, he said he was 200 miles inland but the devastation appears pretty widespread! 08-26 08:43


 **Joanna in New York** Okay, App updated, hard-restart completed, no Stage 8. I have one more option, I doubt my truck will even feel the small bump as I drive over... 08-26 08:45


 **Tim in Ky** Break is on the first Cat 3. Gap is 5:00. 08-26 08:45


 **Charles Davis** Hi GM, 08-26 08:46

 **Gilliemarie** My car spent yesterday with the mechanic and performed just fine all day08-26 08:46  
so is back in my garage!


 **Gilliemarie** Hi Charles 08-26 08:47


 **Charles Davis** Joanna, good luck with Artie. Happy 4th birthday to Donny's kid. Have 08-26 08:49  
fun with the D&D Buster. Have not played in many years but always had fun. Now into board games.  
Geeks are us..


 **BusterSci** Well, I'm packing up. When we last left our intrepid adventurers, they'd 08-26 08:49  
been attacked by large animal headed humanoids and two had taken poisoned wounds. Will they realize  
that the waterskin full of black ooze they found on one of the creatures serves as an antidote to the poison?  
Then, what will they do when the realize they are growing tusks and horns, and turning into the creatures  
they just defeated? Tune in tomorrow to hear what happened on the next episode of "ROLE PLAYING  
DORKS!"


 **Tim in Ky** I think Gold must but is the third string tech team on weekends. 08-26 08:50


 **Joanna in New York** For Buster... 08-26 08:50


 **Joanna in New York** //rumbletalk-images- 08-26 08:50  
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 **Charles Davis** I will be listening at the door. 08-26 08:50

 **Joanna in New York** In their defense, Tim - "Shortly" can be widely interpreted...no? 08-26 08:51  
;-)


 **Gilliemarie** Trying to keep track of the weather here. They are evacuating to Austin so 08-26 08:52  
they might bd ok

 **Charles Davis** Tiz cycling turned out to be the best free feed that I found yesterday. It 08-26 08:52  
is supposed to start in less than 8 min.

 **Charles Davis** Thanks to whomever suggested it, yesterday. 08-26 08:53


 **Tim in Ky** What's the Tiz url? 08-26 08:53





 **Charles Davis** I am going to go make breakfast. <http://tiz-cycling.stream/> 08-26 08:53


 **donny** I just type T in the search bar and tiz-cycling comes up ;) 08-26 08:54


 **BusterSci** Yup. 08-26 08:55


 **donny** Eurosport still has tour de L'Avenir on for the moment but they are teasing me with the Vuelta 08-26 08:55

 **Tim in Ky** Maybe it doesn't start until 15:00 after all. Gold has been saying 14:00. 08-26 08:55


 **BusterSci** If you get the Olympic Channel, coverage starts at 9CDT. 08-26 08:55


 **Tim in Ky** Cesare Benedetti (Bora-Hansgrohe) has abandoned. Gap is down to 4:25. 08-26 08:56

 **donny** Fletcha is now on trying to describe what it feels like when you are on your bike and you see a sign that says 20% grade. He is having a hard time doing so without using words that would be bleeped in the US 08-26 08:57


 **Tim in Ky** Bresk is over the first climb. No results yet. 08-26 08:57


 **Tim in Ky** Break. 08-26 08:57

 **Tim in Ky** Here we go: 1. Laurens De Vreese (Astana), 3 pts 2. Przemyslaw Niemiec (UAE Team Emirates), 2 pts 3. Brendan Canty (Cannondale-Drapac), 1 pt. Who the hell is Brendan Canty? Yea Nimrod. 08-26 08:59


 **Tim in Ky** FINALLY! Live. 08-26 09:01

 **Tim in Ky** No commentary, though. 08-26 09:02

 **Joanna in New York** Now, an embarrassment of riches - TWO live feeds! 08-26 09:02


 **donny** Happy you are feeling better Jo. All my best to his Artie-ness. GM happy to hear about the auto. Hope it stays that way. D&D for the penguin today, have fun. I have no news from the 08-26 09:02

folks I know in Austin, SA, or Houston. In this case I am thinking no news is not good news.


 **Charles Davis** Breakfast is done. What did I miss? 08-26 09:02


 **Joanna in New York** Thanks, Donny! 08-26 09:03

 **Tim in Ky** Not a thing, Charle. 08-26 09:03

 **donny** 83km to go with 4:32 in hand over the bunch. Now you are all caught up Charles 08-26 09:03

 **Joanna in New York** Dudes on bikes... 08-26 09:03

 **Joanna in New York** Hey Shawn! How's it going? 08-26 09:04


 **donny** There he is our intrepid SFinAusTx here to give us a weather update 08-26 09:05

 **Gilliemarie** Morning SF! 08-26 09:05


 **donny** there is a Move on the deck 08-26 09:06

 **Tim in Ky** Ruben Fernandez crashed. 08-26 09:06


 **Joanna in New York** He's hurting, but walking around. 08-26 09:06


 **donny** not sure what happened, maybe just a touch of wheels but he is not looking like 08-26 09:06  
he will be getting back on that bike they brought him

 **Tim in Ky** You found 8, Jo? 08-26 09:06


 **Joanna in New York** On my computer - still not showing up on my iPad. 08-26 09:07


 **Tim in Ky** Weird. It's fine on my iPad. Even commentary now. 08-26 09:08

 **donny** Jo, sometimes I take an eagle feather and stroke my iPad from top to bottom 08-26 09:08  
while burning sage and chanting. Seems to fix it about 50% of the time

 **Joanna in New York** It is really weird. I can see the previous stage replays, and even 08-26 09:09

the up and coming stages. Stage 8 doesn't exist anywhere. No graphic to click, not in the list of events. No mention at all. It is truly strange.


 **Joanna in New York** I'll give that a try, Donny - :-)) 08-26 09:09

 **Tim in Ky** Did you delete the app and reload it? I had to do that once to get it to work. 08-26 09:10

 **Charles Davis** Tiz now says 11 minutes. Their feed must be like everyone else's. 08-26 09:11

 **Joanna in New York** I didn't delete, mainly because I can see every other stage. 08-26 09:13

Perhaps I will anyway. At least I can access it through my account on my laptop, no real understanding why it is missing from the iPad.


 **donny** Have you tried taking a bite out of a macintosh apple and putting the fear into 08-26 09:13


your machine? Might let it know your serious and what the consequence will be for continuing to act up.

 **Tim in Ky** On the second climb. 08-26 09:14


 **Gilliemarie** Hmmm . . . I'm wondering about SF! He logged in but not hearing 08-26 09:14

anything from him yet


 **Tim in Ky** Too damn much ambient on Gold. 08-26 09:14

 **Joanna in New York** Methinks Apple doesn't consider me much of a threat, seeing as 08-26 09:15

I regularly toss them plenty of my hard-earned cash...

 **SfinAusTx** Hi GM, Jo and all. I jumped to the top of the page right away to catch up. 08-26 09:16


Jo, so glad to see you here and most all here that thing you and Artie continue to be on the mend. A happy birthday for Donny's son too.


 **Joanna in New York** Thanks, SF! Glad to see you here, too! 08-26 09:17


 **Gilliemarie** Any weather report SF? 08-26 09:17


 **SfinAusTx** Weather report: Here in north Austin its..... raining. So far it's just been off 08-26 09:17


and on periods of easy rain. Winds have been fairly light too.


 **Tim in Ky** Nimrod gets top points over the second Cat 3. 08-26 09:20


 **Joanna in New York** Okay, last attempt at making Stage 8 materialize on my iPad attempted (deleted and re-added app), no go. One of life's mysteries never to be solved. 08-26 09:20

 **SfinAusTx** The radio announcer just said there have been gusts to 28mph at that big school in town. Haven't seen anything dramatic here. Blessings count in progress. 08-26 09:21

 **Joanna in New York** Wow, this descent is not only windy, but bumpy - very difficult for me to watch. 08-26 09:21


 **Katie** Good morning! You're ahead of me, Jo. I started watching Stage 7 this morning till I realized oops 08-26 09:22


 **Joanna in New York** Do you have ANY mention of Stage 8 on your iPad, Katie? I don't - am now watching on my laptop. 08-26 09:23


 **donny** Just about 2ku to go. The gap is out to 5:27 now. 08-26 09:25


 **Tim in Ky** 2 KU to go gap is 5:25. 08-26 09:26


 **donny** for those without live coverage 08-26 09:26


 **donny** Happy to hear that Harvey is leaving your relatively unharmed SF 08-26 09:27
















 **Tim in Ky** Harvey isn't a proper name for a hurricane, it's a name for a giant rabbit. 08-26 09:28

 **donny** beats the name for the last one, Gert. That has to be the worst hurricane name I ever heard. 08-26 09:29


 **Katie** Jo, I have it on the TV (Apple TV). I'll go check the other device. 08-26 09:30

 **Tim in Ky** Second climb results: 1. Przemyslaw Niemiec (UAE Team Emirates), 3 pts 2. Brendan Canty (Cannondale-Drpac), 2 pts 3. Laurens De Vreese (Astana), 1 pt. 08-26 09:31

 **Katie** Yep, it's there under the LIVE tab, under some soccer game 08-26 09:31


-  **Tim in Ky** Zakarin is OTB with a bunch of teammates. Mechanical, I guess. 08-26 09:32
-  **SfinAusTx** //rumbletalk-images- 08-26 09:34  
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-  **Joanna in New York** //rumbletalk-images- 08-26 09:34  
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-  **SfinAusTx** Thanks Donny. Just had really big gust that got my attention. What weather report is complete these days without a radar image: 08-26 09:34
-  **Katie** And, where are my manners? Happy Birthday to the 4-year-old of Donny ... 08-26 09:34  
good luck to Buster and the D&D session. And GO, ARTIE! And GM, glad your car is home.
-  **SfinAusTx** I'm at the center of the image... not the storm. I promise to be quiet about this now and not bore you all. 08-26 09:35
-  **Joanna in New York** No boring, SF, we are truly interested and concerned. 08-26 09:35
-  **Katie** Tell us everything, SF. Ditto what Jo said. 08-26 09:36
-  **Tim in Ky** Zakarin group is back in the peloton. 08-26 09:36
-  **Joanna in New York** Goats! 08-26 09:36
-  **Joanna in New York** Well "ditto what I said", except change "no" to "not". :-)) 08-26 09:37
-  **Gilliemarie** Where in Texas is John Senger? Do you know Jo? 08-26 09:37
-  **Tim in Ky** But they don't do field art at the Vuelta. 08-26 09:37
-  **Joanna in New York** I'll have to go search. I thought they relocated to somewhere 08-26 09:38


near the coast.


 **donny** Perhaps you could make a video and yell everything that is happening just like the news stations coverage of anything. If not much is going on just yell louder so we all think its really dramatic. 08-26 09:38

 **donny** John is in the Houston area, gm 08-26 09:38


 **Gilliemarie** Oh oh! 08-26 09:38

 **Gilliemarie** I hadn't realized there were 4 Texans on here Donny! 08-26 09:39

 **Joanna in New York** And just like that...my iPad bows to the threat of being crushed under the truck, and is showing Stage 8. Good grief! 08-26 09:40


 **donny** I might be the only native born Texan, but with that said I have not really lived there for the past 22 years sooooo 08-26 09:41


 **Trish in MA** Hola, all! 08-26 09:42

 **Joanna in New York** Okay, a bunch of green bollards in the middle of the road...what could go wrong? 08-26 09:42

 **Joanna in New York** Hi Trish! 08-26 09:42


 **Tim in Ky** How is Spain today Trish? 08-26 09:42

 **donny** I will try that next time I have apple issues Jo. As my previous help tips show, I am up for trying just about anything to fix these technical issues 08-26 09:43

 **Gilliemarie** Yeah i know Donny, but you were the one who wanted to go to the restaurant 'Texas to the bone'!! 08-26 09:43

 **Tim in Ky** Break is on another uncategorized climb. 08-26 09:43


 **donny** Texas forever GM. 08-26 09:43


 **Trish in MA** Hot. Even hotter than yesterday. Just drove the entire route from Calpe to the Columbe de Sol. I took no pictures on the drive up because I was gripped by The Fear. That is one steep climb. 08-26 09:43

 **donny** clear eyes full hearts, can't loose 08-26 09:44


 **donny** Don't mess with Texas 08-26 09:44


 **donny** The lone star State! 08-26 09:45

 **Trish in MA** Traffic furniture of all types litters the roads here. Just out of Calpe there is a little drop with narrow concrete medians in the middle, and the cyclists will have to make a sharp left hand turn and immediately go "up" while contending with more furniture. 08-26 09:45


 **donny** Drive Friendly, the Texas way. (or we will shoot you, not actually on the sign when you enter Texas but I feel like it is implied). 08-26 09:46

 **donny** Thanks Trish, nice to have a real "hands on" idea of what they will be contending with out there. 08-26 09:47


 **Gilliemarie** That's like the sign asking burglars to carry id so we can id the bodies! 08-26 09:47


 **Joanna in New York** That makes Trish WOTS! :) 08-26 09:48
















 **Tim in Ky** Trish's climb: 08-26 09:48

 **Tim in Ky** //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1503755650-VaE%20stage-9-Alto-de-Puig-Llorenca.jpg 08-26 09:49


 **Gilliemarie** Maybe WOTS can post pics 08-26 09:49


 **SfinAusTx** Go WOTS! 08-26 09:49


 **donny** Morning Steve in CO, whats the saying up there? Red eyes, I'm hungry. who won? 08-26 09:51

	<b>donny</b> gap is 4:20 btw	08-26 09:51
	<b>Steve in CO</b> WOTS, can you tell us about the watts these riders are putting out?	08-26 09:52
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> The rest of us Nuts are NOTS (not on the scene).	08-26 09:53
	<b>Steve in CO</b> Good morning all! Donny, no red eys for me this morning but I am hungry	08-26 09:53
	<b>donny</b> buster is here what about a little jingle to go with the WOTS NUTS and NOTS	08-26 09:54
	<b>Trish in MA</b> We couldn't even drive up the final climb. The road was closed. We weren't sure our rental VW Polo would even make it.	08-26 09:54
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> 48 km, 4:26.	08-26 09:55
	<b>Steve in CO</b> Its the age old have-WOTS vs. the have-NOTS.....	08-26 09:55
	<b>donny</b> When you have the WOTS, you win	08-26 09:56
	<b>donny</b> When you have NOTS, you sit in	08-26 09:57
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> About 4 km to the intermediate sprint.	08-26 09:57
	<b>donny</b> When your are NUTS, you watch	08-26 09:57
	<b>donny</b> bet that sprint point brings out the big guns. or NOTS	08-26 09:58
	<b>Charles Davis</b> The TIZ backup is showing the race. Stupid me did not scroll down to realize this.	08-26 09:58
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> NRRBBB - yesterday morning, on my way home from teaching, I turned onto a small street and was met with a semi-truck stuck in the middle of the road, tangled up in a telephone/power pole, with wires everywhere. Not a common scene. Last night, as we were driving down to the beach for dinner, we encountered a large tree down across power lines. Twice in one day.	08-26 10:03



 **Tim in Ky** Sprint was uncontested. Probably unnoticed. 08-26 10:04

 **Tim in Ky** Jesper Hansen (Astana) has abandoned. He spent some time at the DocMobile yesterday. 08-26 10:06

 **Tim in Ky** Irrelevant sprint results: 1. Serge Pauwels (Dimension Data) 2. Emanuel Buchmann (Bora-Hansgrohe) 3. Christoph Pfingsten (Bora-Hansgrohe). 08-26 10:09

 **Gilliemarie** How many clicks left? 08-26 10:09


 **Tim in Ky** 36, GM. 08-26 10:10


 **Gilliemarie** All uphill? 08-26 10:10


 **Tim in Ky** No. It's lumpy to the last 7 km. 08-26 10:10


 **Gilliemarie** Ah, couldn't remember 08-26 10:11


 **Tim in Ky** Then it's 5 up, 3 down. 08-26 10:11

 **Steve in CO** Jo, the tangled wires were a premonition of the problems you were to have getting connected to Stage 8 this morning 08-26 10:11

 **Gilliemarie** I thought there was a hill very close to the end! 08-26 10:11

 **Trish in MA** I don't get any live feed on NL Eurosport today. The replay starts at 17:00, 08-26 10:11 just when we are leaving to tour some Roman baths.


 **Charles Davis** What did Barguil do yesterday? 08-26 10:12


 **Tim in Ky** //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1503757035-VaE%20stage-8-profile.png 08-26 10:12


 **Joanna in New York** It's what he didn't do, Charles. He didn't follow team instructions 08-26 10:12


to support his leader.


 **Gilliemarie** Thanks Tim 08-26 10:12

 **Joanna in New York** You may be right, Steve. We had dinner at the Mt. Sinai Yacht Club, arriving around 7pm, while it was still light out. As the evening went on, the room got darker and darker. The server pointed out that there was no power, and they were operating under generator. We told her why...


 **Trish in MA** The Cycling Podcast did a long story on Barguil during the Tour. He's a puzzle was their ultimate conclusion. 08-26 10:14

 **donny** Charles, he allowed his DS the opportunity to remind everyone that this is in fact a team sport. 08-26 10:14


 **donny** especially if you are riding for a team but have already signed a contract with another team for next season. 08-26 10:15

 **Charles Davis** I see. He probably knew he was on my fantasy team as well. 08-26 10:15

 **bikerabe** NBCSN extremely delayed, not live Go for Gold Go Robbie! 08-26 10:15

 **Joanna in New York** Barguil is leaving Sunweb, but the back story presented today on NBCSG was that he and Kelderman hate each other, and may have even had words (or more) after the stage. 08-26 10:16


 **bikerabe** I mean NBC Olympic channel 08-26 10:16


 **donny** That would be a pay per view fight I would pony up for Jo, Barguil vs. Kelderman HA 08-26 10:17


 **Joanna in New York** Vegas odds? 08-26 10:17


 **donny** Odds are even that neither could land a proper punch. 08-26 10:18


 **Joanna in New York** I'll take that bet. :) 08-26 10:18


 **donny** Though it seems that you would have to win by knock out, as broken bones don't seem to stop these guys. 08-26 10:19


 **Joanna in New York** Brazen sticky hand-off directly behind the race official. 08-26 10:19


 **donny** It always hurts me so much to see these guys finish stages and then later find out that they did so with a broken bone. 08-26 10:21

 **SFinAusTx** If Bouhani (sp?) were involved there wouldn't have been time to place a bet 08-26 10:21


 **Joanna in New York** For no reason whatsoever (except perhaps it is my website), here is your Vuelta Artie Photo. 08-26 10:23


 **Joanna in New York** //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1503757735-20989014\_10209531425938651\_4196300243389750843\_o.jpg 08-26 10:23

 **donny** The fight would have to have a special climbers weight division, sprinters would have to be in a separate division. 08-26 10:23


 **Tim in Ky** 26 km, 4:42. Sky is either confident Froome can get two minutes back on Oliveira on the climb or they're looking to loan out the jersey. 08-26 10:24


 **Gilliemarie** Nice, Jo! 08-26 10:24

















 **Joanna in New York** Artie pics make me smile. 08-26 10:25


 **donny** Froome did mention that the jersey could be loaned out to the right person so long as it plays into his hands and he is still gaining time on his true rivals. 08-26 10:26


 **donny** gap back at 4:20 just so you know 08-26 10:27

 **donny** 23 left in the race 08-26 10:27


 **SFinAusTx** Artue is a magnificent horse. He always looks regal. Even when rolling in the dirt! 08-26 10:28


	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Peloton splitting up on a little lump.	08-26 10:29
	<b>donny</b> Knees is off the back now.	08-26 10:29
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Knees pops off.	08-26 10:29
	<b>donny</b> the rest of the Froome-ies are setting the pace still at the point of the peloton	08-26 10:29
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> Knees Capped! Er, gapped...	08-26 10:30
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> I agree, SF!	08-26 10:30
	<b>BusterSci</b> My knee popped off once. Couldn't walk on that leg for three weeks.	08-26 10:30
	<b>donny</b> There are some attacks trying to go off the front of the race. Nothing sticking yet but.....	08-26 10:30
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Bora attacks the break with an Astana.	08-26 10:30
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> No joy.	08-26 10:31
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> 20 km, 4:11.	08-26 10:31
	<b>donny</b> anyone have an opinion on the best looking bike in the pro tour?	08-26 10:31
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> Sagan! Oh...bike, not bicyclist.	08-26 10:32
	<b>Joanna in New York</b>	08-26 10:33
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> BMC moves the whole team up next to Sky.	08-26 10:33
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> As does CDT.	08-26 10:33


 **Joanna in New York** Average speed after 4 hours of racing, 43.5 km/hr. 08-26 10:35


 **BusterSci** I'm not a bike geek and for the most part their all the same to me. But those blue things are fugly. 08-26 10:36


 **Tim in Ky** They are WAY ahead of the fastest expected time. 08-26 10:37


 **Joanna in New York** They may be slowing down a bit soon... 08-26 10:37

 **SFinAusTx** Pinarrelos always look good, but they're so ungodly expensive i dare not gaze for long. I'm always a sucker for a celeste Bianchi too for no technical reason 08-26 10:38

 **Tim in Ky** The fastest expected climb time is 11:00. 08-26 10:38

 **bikerabe** IMHO with the end of steel/titanium bikes in racing, there are no beautiful bikes in the peloton 08-26 10:38


 **Steve in CO** I do think the basic red with white letter Trek team bikes look good. I'm a fan of less is more when it comes to paint 08-26 10:41

 **SFinAusTx** I do agree with bikerabe. It aint like it used to be. 08-26 10:41


 **Joanna in New York** Peloton under the 15k banner. Break at 12k to go 08-26 10:42


 **Joanna in New York** 4.01 the gap 08-26 10:42


 **Tim in Ky** Gap is under 4:00 now. 08-26 10:43

 **bikerabe** I adapted a song: Just take that old bike outa the shed, I'm gonna ride it, Don't call me a Fred, Today's carbon ain't got the same soul, I like that old steel ride and roll 08-26 10:43


 **donny** 11 min for the final climb of 5km so roughly 30km an hour up that wall. Holy H e double hockey sticks. 08-26 10:44

 **BusterSci** We want them on that wall. We need them on that wall. 08-26 10:45

 **Tim in Ky** Remember the "climb" incules 3 km down. 08-26 10:45

 **donny** Bouchmann and De Vrees have a gap off the front for now. just under the 10km to go sign 08-26 10:45


 **donny** peloton just under the 12km banner 08-26 10:46

 **Joanna in New York** Now I'm going to have to watch that movie today, Buster. 08-26 10:46  
Another couple hours of non-productivity. :)


 **Tim in Ky** Road narrows. A lot. 08-26 10:47

 **Tim in Ky** Trek at the front now. 08-26 10:48


 **Tim in Ky** Attackers being caught. 08-26 10:48

 **donny** The break is on the "easy" part of the climb 08-26 10:48

 **Joanna in New York** Hi Mons! 08-26 10:48


 **SFinAusTx** Today's stage is brought to you by the Spanish olive industry. Im always amazed at the extent of the groves, and we only see what is along a narrow race route. 08-26 10:48

 **Gilliemarie** Glad you made it here Mons! 08-26 10:49


 **donny** They do say all the best Italian olive oil comes from Spain. (well they say that in Spain anyway). 08-26 10:49

 **Tim in Ky** 7 km banner. 3:15. 08-26 10:49


 **Tim in Ky** I prefer Spanish olive oil. 08-26 10:50


 **Mons Soseman** much of what is sold elsewhere as French Wine and Italian Olive Oil is sneaked over the borders in the dead of night from Spain,and bottled in France or Italy 08-26 10:50


 **Mons Soseman** or at least relabeled 08-26 10:50

 **Mons Soseman** The host on the channel I am forced to watched just referred to 08-26 10:50

 **Mons Soseman** "das Movistar meinschaft" 08-26 10:51

 **donny** Majka, Alaphilip, and Buchman hammering up this thing 08-26 10:51

 **Tim in Ky** The two Boras and Allaphilippe are off the front. 08-26 10:52

 **BusterSci** What Mons says: same is true of lower end French wine. Often has Spanish wine mixed in. 08-26 10:52


 **Tim in Ky** Buchman drops off. 08-26 10:52


 **Tim in Ky** edjits. 08-26 10:53


 **Tim in Ky** Lots of 'em. 08-26 10:53


 **Tim in Ky** Majka goes. 08-26 10:54

















 **Tim in Ky** Allap with him still. 08-26 10:54

 **Joanna in New York** I have both of those boys on my team - I need some points, desperately... 08-26 10:54

















 **Tim in Ky** Two Sky at the front but I don't see Froome. 08-26 10:55


















 **Mons Soseman** My connection dropped and the pearls of wisdom I dropped have disappeared. Alas 08-26 10:57
















 **Joanna in New York** Wow, the security dudes, dressed in black, running up the hill, blowing their whistles. 08-26 10:57


	<b>Tim in Ky</b> STEEP!	08-26 10:57
	<b>SFinAusTx</b> Ole" for the roadside police	08-26 10:57
	<b>BusterSci</b> Tim is making tea	08-26 10:57
	<b>Marc @ Toad Hall</b> JOANNA: Thanks for the Artie photo; he showed up in a dream last night.	08-26 10:57
	<b>BusterSci</b> Er...um...bites tongue	08-26 10:57
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> What was he doing, Marc?	08-26 10:57
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> LOL, Buster!	08-26 10:58
	<b>donny</b> AC is leading out the bunch on the climb.	08-26 10:58
	<b>donny</b> everyone of note is still with him.	08-26 10:58
	<b>BusterSci</b> Go BERT!	08-26 10:58
	<b>Marc @ Toad Hall</b> Gamboling in the snow.	08-26 10:59
	<b>donny</b> Julien still leading the whole thing for the day	08-26 10:59
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> Awwww...	08-26 10:59
	<b>BusterSci</b> Love that word. Gamboling	08-26 10:59
	<b>SFinAusTx</b> Guardia Civil - the other GC dudes	08-26 11:00
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Polanc (UAE) has caught the lead two.	08-26 11:00





	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Briefly.	08-26 11:01
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> //rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1503759989-DSC03901.jpg	08-26 11:01
	<b>donny</b> Majka makes a dig but can't shake the little frenchy	08-26 11:01
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> 1 km to climb.	08-26 11:01
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> Image from a couple years ago.	08-26 11:01
	<b>donny</b> nice Jo	08-26 11:01
	<b>Marc @ Toad Hall</b> Precisely.	08-26 11:01
	<b>donny</b> Froome took off!	08-26 11:02
	<b>donny</b> joined by yates and AC	08-26 11:02
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> BMCs are not with Froome and Contador.	08-26 11:02
	<b>donny</b> and someone I did not see	08-26 11:02
	<b>donny</b> They are pedal for pedal nearing the top	08-26 11:02
	<b>donny</b> Froome takes another dig and ditches all but AC	08-26 11:03
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> Tandem.	08-26 11:03
	<b>donny</b> Majka and the frog are heading downhill now. not sure who make it over first	08-26 11:04
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Two leaders descending.	08-26 11:04


	<b>donny</b> Froome has now distanced all rivals	08-26 11:05
	<b>Mons Soseman</b> So did Froome get awa from Alberto?	08-26 11:05
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> So, perhaps Froome isn't really wanting to ditch the jersey...	08-26 11:05
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Yes, Mons.	08-26 11:05
	<b>donny</b> going over the top yes. though AC passes him going down	08-26 11:05
	<b>donny</b> only to get passed right back.	08-26 11:06
	<b>donny</b> I think AC did it just to show that he was right there with him	08-26 11:07
	<b>donny</b> Julien takes the stage! Majka second Poland third. I believe	08-26 11:07
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Alaphilippe wins.	08-26 11:07
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> Hey Jude!	08-26 11:07
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> 500m for Froome and Berto.	08-26 11:08
	<b>Trish in MA</b> Contador says, "Take that, Froome!"	08-26 11:09
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> Team Tourmalet J might stop descending today...	08-26 11:10
	<b>donny</b> That did not help my fantasy team points much at all.	08-26 11:10
	<b>BusterSci</b> Ala Peanut Butter Sandwiches takes the stage. Nice.	08-26 11:10
	<b>Gilliemarie</b> Thanks guys, see you in the am!	08-26 11:11
	<b>donny</b> later GM	08-26 11:11


	<b>Charles Davis</b> Berto has beaten Froome on all stages going up except the bad day where he lost minutes.	08-26 11:11
	<b>Charles Davis</b> BYe all, thanks for the comments.	08-26 11:11
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> That is Alaphilippe's first grand tour stage win. Hard to believe.	08-26 11:11
	<b>Trish in MA</b> No, no, Froome just let him win.	08-26 11:11
	<b>Steve in CO</b> good day all!	08-26 11:12
	<b>donny</b> It is indeed Tim. Alaphilippe is a force to be reckoned with and one of the current and future stars of the sport.	08-26 11:12
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Stage result: 1. Julia Alaphilippe (Quick-Step Floors) 2. Jan Polanc (UAE Team Emirates) 3. Rafal Majka (Bora-Hansgrohe) 4. Serge Pauwels (Dimension Data) 5. Nelson Oliveira (Movistar).	08-26 11:13
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> Froome still in Red. And my more than this morning.	08-26 11:14
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> "I don't have words" "It's unbelievable".	08-26 11:14
	<b>Marc @ Toad Hall</b> Like Juline's facial tan with pale helmet strap marks.	08-26 11:14
	<b>Trish in MA</b> I liked his quote when asked how it feels for QS to have 3 stage wins so far, "It's not finished yet."	08-26 11:14
	<b>donny</b> So tomorrow is an easy day for these guys right Tim?	08-26 11:16
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> Sadly, I will have to miss tomorrow - have to go to a show with clients.	08-26 11:16
	<b>Tim in Ky</b> I will be back for the start tomorrow, but not for the finish.	08-26 11:18
	<b>Trish in MA</b> Tomorrow, the first part is easy. The last part is not.	08-26 11:18

 **Trish in MA** Gotta go see how the Romans bathed. Pictures from WOTS tomorrow! 08-26 11:18


 **donny** Yeah, based on what we have seen so far, I think that after tomorrows summit 08-26 11:20  
finish the rest will be more or less a parade for Froome to the end in Madrid. Sigh.....See ya tomorrow everyone!

 **Marc @ Toad Hall** Hard to believe this is JA's first GT stage win. Waiting for GC 08-26 11:20  
standings.

 **Joanna in New York** //rumbletalk-images- 08-26 11:23  
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 **Marc @ Toad Hall** Thanks, Joanna. Good to know TJVG is 08-26 11:25

 **Joanna in New York** Have a great day!! 08-26 11:26

 **SFinAusTx** Thanks Joanna and all. See you tomorrow. 08-26 11:27