



**Tim in KY**

03-06-2018 05:18:05

P-N Stage 4 is very lumpy 18.4 kilometer individual time trial. Preview with maps and profiles is here: <http://www.ciclismointernacional.com/paris-nice-2018-stage-4-preview/> First rider is off at 13:32 CET and finish expected by 16:30 CET. Live video at 15:15 CET. Intermittent rain adds to the fun.



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 05:39:19

Tirreno Adriatico stage one TTT video coverage starts at 7:45EST on Fubo and you favorite pirate feed. Hiya, Jo



**Joanna in New York**

03-07-2018 06:07:16

Morning! I'm too busy watching this, cannot tear myself away...<https://www.ventusky.com/?p=40.7;-73.6;5&l=temperature-2m>



**Tim in KY**

03-07-2018 06:09:43

I can't find list of start times for the ITT.



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 06:10:49

Me neither.



**Joanna in New York**

03-07-2018 06:11:43

Maybe they all went home...



**Tim in KY**

03-07-2018 06:12:59

About Jo's map, the North Atlantic winds have been blowing in the "wrong" direction for almost a week now. Been messing up flight times.



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 06:15:10

Nothing happening here / Why I stay ain't exactly clear / There's a race to the sun 'over there' / and Team Sky's caught up in a doping affair



**Tim in KY**

03-07-2018 06:16:31

Quite scans better than exactly.



**Joanna in New York**

03-07-2018 06:18:25

Ahhh, the lilting sound of the snow plow.



**Tim in KY**

03-07-2018 06:19:09

We got unexpected snow overnight. It's almost three flakes deep.



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 06:19:09

How did your storm turn out?  
We've got a couple days sub freezing then it looks like the spring thaw begins in earnest.



**Joanna in New York**

03-07-2018 06:22:00

Just starting, forecast has been all over the place. Now looks to be mainly a snow event for us, should be ramping up during the day.



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 06:23:27

Love that site. You can certainly see why our temps have dropped, and why we call this sort of system an Alberta Clipper here in Minnesota.



**Joanna in New York**

03-07-2018 06:25:03

I had never seen it before, I truly find it memorizing. Guess I'm easily entertained...



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 06:25:37

You'll never forget it (hee hee)



**Joanna in New York**

03-07-2018 06:26:08

:P



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 06:28:01

I don't know about you, but it seems to me the Apple auto-correct system has gotten far stupider over time. It now insists on changing perfectly cromulent words to things that don't fit the context at all.



**Joanna in New York**

03-07-2018 06:30:36

It does make some interesting suggestions at times, but it also freaks me out how it KNOWS I want to type Artie every time I start a word with a capital A.



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 06:32:15

It knows this is what the inside of your head looks like: <https://youtu.be/il2GmmWYcxs>



**Joanna in New York**

03-07-2018 06:32:36

LOL!



**Tim in KY**

03-07-2018 06:55:16

Weather forecast is it might rain and it might not. Still can't find a start order.  
Start order: <http://racecenter.paris-nice.fr/#/stageprofile>



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 07:32:09

Start list on the official page now.  
Sorry, your update came through right as I hit return





**Tim in KY**

03-07-2018 07:36:21


Should be starting about now.

**BusterSci**

 Konovalovas has started, and half a dozen more. De Gendt coming up. 03-07-2018 07:43:25

 **Tim in KY** 03-07-2018 07:44:07  
Riders start at one minute intervals all the way to the end. LuLe starts at 16:02.

 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 07:44:37  
That's unusual.


 **Tim in KY** 03-07-2018 07:45:03  
Short course. It's amazing how much time some of these guys have already lost.

 **Joanna in New York** 03-07-2018 07:49:20  
Who are your picks for stage winner?

 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 07:49:39  
Ruglick has a shot.


 **Tim in KY** 03-07-2018 07:51:14  
The ace TTers are all in Italy.


 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 07:51:20  
If he was here instead of T-A Stannard?

 **Tim in KY** 03-07-2018 07:52:39  
That's a possibility.  
I just scanned down the list and nobody really stands out.

 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 07:54:18  
Poels. Wellens. Either Izagirre. Gallopin.

 **Tim in KY** 03-07-2018 07:54:47  
The guy at standings picked Poels.

 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 07:54:48  
Not my picks. Searching to see who others are mentioning.

 **Joanna in New York** 03-07-2018 07:54:57  
The Dude writing for Steephill lists those Dudes, along with De La Cruz, LuLu, Lampaert and Soler.

 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 07:55:20  
LuLa is a decent choice.



**Tim in KY**

Such long lists suggests no favorite.

03-07-2018 07:55:51



**Joanna in New York**

I need some Fantasy Team points, so I'm going with Julian.

03-07-2018 07:55:54



**BusterSci**

Official site has no time checks yet.

03-07-2018 07:55:59



**Tim in KY**

ASO has never been prompt with time checks.

03-07-2018 07:56:27



**BusterSci**

As we comment...  
;50 for Lopez is best at the first check14  
Not sure how that happened. 14:50

03-07-2018 07:56:48



**Joanna in New York**

Boy, this storm is confounding. Almost all the snow (which wasn't much, mind you) we received overnight is almost gone. Not a flake falling from the sky, but the radar looks to show precipitation headed our way, the the freeze line dropping. No idea how this will pan out.

03-07-2018 07:58:51



**BusterSci**

DeGendt now at 13:50

03-07-2018 08:00:43



**Tim in KY**

De Gendt now at 13:50.  
Spooky.

03-07-2018 08:00:49



**Joanna in New York**

Here is the latest forecast:  
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**BusterSci**

Movistar off at T-A

03-07-2018 08:01:54



**Tim in KY**

I have errands to run. I should be back before the video starts.

03-07-2018 08:02:23



**Joanna in New York**

Boss away again today, Maite?

03-07-2018 08:02:33



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:03:26

Froome looks tranquilo in his-sign-on interview.



**memb54**

03-07-2018 08:03:56

Good morning! First day at Uni so it's been a busy morning. No, he got to the office before me but I've scheduled meetings for the morning so I should be able to watch today's stage. My priorities haven't changed.



**Joanna in New York**

03-07-2018 08:04:09

Doom looms over Froome?



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:05:26

Van Baarle at 13:35 is the leader at the first check  
Sky off at TA  
Boom leads at the finish with 5 riders in.  
AG2R starts in TA  
Lopez leads at the finish. Not Boom



**memb54**

03-07-2018 08:11:57

I see from your map that I'd better take my wellies with me!!!  
What race are we following? I'm confused.



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:12:21

Both.



**memb54**

03-07-2018 08:12:28

Hi, Slaughter.



**Slaughter MacDuff**

03-07-2018 08:12:30

Morning guys!



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:12:58

If I report team names I'm reporting TA. Individual names for PN.



**memb54**

03-07-2018 08:13:05

Ah, ok. With Froome looking tranquilo, I got confused.



**Slaughter MacDuff**

03-07-2018 08:13:15

I have snow day, the cancelled school for the kid, and there's been a state of emergency issued in NJ so the nanny isn't coming in



**memb54**

03-07-2018 08:13:26

Very well organised as usual.



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:13:44

Right. Sorry, that was not a road report.



**memb54**

03-07-2018 08:14:15

No!!!! Slaughter, say it's not true! My brother is driving down from NJ today!



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:14:43

J Cousin pips Baarle by 2s at the intermediate.



**Slaughter MacDuff**

03-07-2018 08:15:32

Maite, I can't speak for the entire state, but there's absolutely nothing going on right now in NYC. The ground is wet from rain and that's all.



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:15:43

De Gendt best at the finish with 8 riders reported in.



**Alison Quarles**

03-07-2018 08:16:25

Morning! I hear Maine is expecting 20 inches.



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:16:39

Nipo Vini Fantini yaddi yaddi yaddi starts.  
Van Baarle best at finish with 13 riders in.



**Slaughter MacDuff**

03-07-2018 08:17:28

T-A just started and I'm already down a rider before the thing started.



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:20:58

Katusha off  
Official PN page hasn't updated in about 5 minutes  
They went on strike, I guess.



**Donny**

03-07-2018 08:22:00

Hello, all.



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:22:19

Hey, D-Man



**Donny**

03-07-2018 08:22:33

Strike for you! strike for the nanny, the MTA, Strikes for everyone! Yeah



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:23:15

As Homer says, in America, if we're unhappy with our job we don't go on strike. We go to work every day

and do it really half-assed.  
Movistar crosses with 23:09

 **Donny**

03-07-2018 08:24:15

Froome looking relaxed may be his greatest effort thus far in his career.

 **RSoseman**

03-07-2018 08:24:20

Is the Lugnut on Strike?

 **Donny**

03-07-2018 08:25:07

Boss LUG has been on strike for years now Mons.

 **BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:25:28

DiData starts

 **Donny**

03-07-2018 08:25:44

Which Lugnut would you be referring?

 **BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:25:58

21 have finished in PN

 **RSoseman**

03-07-2018 08:26:06

So, with the TTT, I am assuming in the PN, is there anything going on in the TA?

 **BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:26:07

Van Baarle still leads  
TTT is TA  
Individuals are PN

 **RSoseman**

03-07-2018 08:26:35

OH, those crafty Italians, start a week race with a TTT

 **BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:26:42

Sky is next to finish in TA  
Sky should take 30s or so out of Movistar here.  
1.2km to go  
Kite, and they're 1:30 behind  
(behind Movi's final time, that is.)

 **Donny**

03-07-2018 08:27:51

ITT in PN TTT in TA "select", all ITT PN > 1:30

 **BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:27:56

Driving hard  
Froome to finish first?  
They all raced for the line with no organization  
Froome puffs on his inhaler as he crosses, and raises a finger to the cameras.



**memb54**

03-07-2018 08:29:10

:D



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:29:15

(Not really, but hey.)



**Donny**

03-07-2018 08:29:17

They must have heard they were giving out goodies in Jiffy bags at the end to first 2 across the line



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:29:51

They're sorted, that's for sure.

Van Baarle best time with 23 in, and he's 23s ahead of De Gendt and 37 ahead of Cousin, who had him by 2s at the intermediate.



**RSoseman**

03-07-2018 08:31:07

I know him, and have him on my team, I think



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:31:09

Bahrain is off

Seems they've imported all their riders.

Hard to break a habit, I guess

Perhaps Thomas crossed first for Sky.

Wants his yellow jersey in real time instead of in a couple months after Froome gets banned.

57 have started, 41 passed the intermediate, 28 have finished in PN.

The way to make TT day exciting is to have two going on at the same time

AG2R coming in

54s behind sky and 14 behind Movi. Not bad

Ben King in at the intermediate, 30s behind Van Baarle.

Watermelons on the start line

They're off

I suspect Phinney will spend a lot of time pulling that group

60/45/31 starts/intermediate/finishes in PN and no changes to the top 3

Cav putting out over 800 watts as he pulls his train.



**RSoseman**

03-07-2018 08:38:22

I was sad van Baarle went from Drapac/Cannondale to Team Sky, as I have always mistrusted that kind of money



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 08:38:31

Edmondson (MTS) slots into second behind Van Baarle in PN

21s back





**Donny**

Sutton-ly me too Mons

03-07-2018 08:39:05



**BusterSci**

A freeman can do what he wishes.

Nippo heading in

Way off the pace

Israel Cycling Academy starts

03-07-2018 08:39:39



**RSoseman**

True. Regarding Sky, though, so many fans are crushed, and angry, it seems. Not me, sadly, as I was not surprised. What was that other team a few years back that touted themselves as the drug free alternative? Then it turned out they actually had free drugs?

Was that Phonak?

03-07-2018 08:41:08



**BusterSci**

My rules for cycling are: 1) have no heroes. Mild favorites are OK. 2) Believe they all cheat. 3) Act as though they are innocent until caught. 4) Caught is proven guilty. Everything they say after getting caught is a lie. 5) Laugh

Katusha comes in 2nd, 19s back

67/52/38 Start/Intermediate/Finish at PN

03-07-2018 08:43:31



**Donny**

My biggest problem, it seems, is that my wish to believe in clean sport is greater than my belief that they all cheat.

03-07-2018 08:44:42



**BusterSci**

I left that wish long ago

Optimists are never pleasantly surprised. Pessimists never disappointed.

UAE in the start house

03-07-2018 08:44:58



**Donny**

Buster I also wish I had a goose that laid golden eggs.

03-07-2018 08:45:51



**BusterSci**

Erviti (MOV) and Vervaeke (SUN) are within spitting distance at the intermediate.

A somewhat relevant quote from my current favorite fantasy book. 3 male friends trying to understand women: "All I want is someone who likes me." "All I want is a clear sign," I said. "All I want is a magical horse that fits in my pocket," Wil said. "And a ring of red amber that gives me power over demons. And an endless supply of cake."

03-07-2018 08:46:02




**Charles Davis**

Hi everyone. Very slow start for me today. Cold but no precip on the way to the school bus this morning. Then I just zoned out. Coffee is now on so things should clear up. Thanks for the updates on the races.


03-07-2018 08:47:48


**RSoseman**


 Cheat is such a harsh word. After living in Italy, I can say again, cheat is such a harsh word. Most athletes are probably within the bounds of abundant exceptions, anyway... Ah, Cake... 03-07-2018 08:47:54


 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 08:49:04  
DiData coming in.

Not good  
23:35. 1:07 back  
Bahrain on their way in.  
Michelson Scott in the house  
Mitchelton  
They  
're  
off  
I'm still processing the padre supporting moral relativism, but...  
Cav hasn't finished yet and was just passed by Bahrain  
Ben King finishes 52s back  
Here comes Bahrain  
3rd at 40s  
I'm at 78/64/48 started/intermediate/finished at PN


 **Donny** 03-07-2018 08:55:22  
Mons, the Italian definition of cheating is the same as saying, "One has a lot of integrity as long as someone is watching."


 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 08:55:46  
Oh, crepes! That's ugly kit.  
Wilier Triestina-Selle Italia  
Take the ED colors and then adjust them slightly until the clash as much as possible with each other.  
You'd think an Italian team could cheat it's way to good design ;)  
Cav fell  
Face is beat up bad  
Quite bad  
Knees are skinned, too.  
The boy can't seem to stay on his bike anymore  
Sorry, Maite.  
Those gents who challenged Van Baarle at the intermediate seem to have faded more in the back half.  
Erveti is our new second, 20s back

 **Charles Davis** 03-07-2018 08:59:10  
Last year T-A was where the Sky wheels exploded, right?

 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 08:59:27  
Here comes ED  
3rd  
20ish seconds back  
Lampaert through the intermediate just 9s back. And he knows enough about the TT that he could make that up on the back end.  
Gazprom in the house  
They're off, as an assortment of their competitors drop from mystery disease.  
Rosa (Sky) and Hamilton (SUN) are within 10s at the intermediate.

86 starts, 64 to go at PN  
Charles, are you streaming TA?  
Mitchelton Scott a close 3rd at the intermediate.


 **memb54** 03-07-2018 09:04:38  
Yeah, Buster. I don't have my man Cav on my team this time. I felt such a traitor but I don't think he's in any shape at the mo.

 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 09:04:43  
Here comes the israelis  
They beat Nippo!  
1:38 back in 8th  
He certainly isn't now.  
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Astana is off


 **Joanna in New York** 03-07-2018 09:06:05  
OUCH!


 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 09:06:20  
UAE about 2.5km out


 **Charles Davis** 03-07-2018 09:06:51  
yes streaming TA following PN here and on the ASO web site

 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 09:08:45  
OK. I may ask you to cover TA when Tim returns.  
UAE ties for 3rd

 **Charles Davis** 03-07-2018 09:09:34  
Sure

 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 09:10:12  
Politt (TKA) is our new second, 16s back  
Lampaert 5th  
BMC in the house  
This is a team that could win, even without Porte in the lineup  
Mitchelton Scott coming in and looking good

 **Charles Davis** 03-07-2018 09:12:58  
BMC on the road. The favorite team, I think.

 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 09:13:36  
They've decided to not give a time and scroll their credits instead



**Donny**

who did BMC replace porte with?

03-07-2018 09:13:37



**BusterSci**

What a bunch of idiots!

03-07-2018 09:13:43



**Charles Davis**

M-Scott 22:23 1st place

03-07-2018 09:14:06



**BusterSci**

They beat Sky by 5s!

03-07-2018 09:14:09



**Charles Davis**

Not sure which 4 were at that time.

03-07-2018 09:14:43



**BusterSci**

Man, the Willers kit gives me the Williers.

03-07-2018 09:14:46



**Charles Davis**

I like them.

03-07-2018 09:15:09



**Joanna in New York**

Those that suffer from migraines need a warning...

03-07-2018 09:15:14



**BusterSci**

And their flashing wheels might require an epilepsy warning

03-07-2018 09:15:22



**Joanna in New York**

That, too.

03-07-2018 09:15:40



**BusterSci**

99/84/71 Start/Inter/Finish at PN

03-07-2018 09:15:54



**Joanna in New York**

My eyes are gone from that brief visual.

03-07-2018 09:16:00



**BusterSci**

51 to go

03-07-2018 09:16:01



**Tim in KY**

Gold is streaming.

03-07-2018 09:16:08



**Joanna in New York**

03-07-2018 09:16:30

Yup, now I have to watch two iPads, talk about your first world problems. Good grief!



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 09:17:36

I have to get the doggy to daycare. I'm going to hand off P-N to Tim and T-A to Charles and disappear for a half hour to get Ms.Bitey McBiteface to doggy daycare.



**Charles Davis**

03-07-2018 09:17:59

Okey Dokey



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 09:17:59

And I'll say things twice



**Tim in KY**

03-07-2018 09:19:20

Van Baarle still leads at PN.



**Charles Davis**

03-07-2018 09:20:33

Cav probably hit a pothole. He was near the back of the line and the others got around him. No word on the injuries.

Quick step Floors on the road. Could be a good team.



**Donny**

03-07-2018 09:25:36

Ilnur has not been mentioned as a favorite for the TT today but seems that he has posted some good TT results in the past.



**Tim in KY**

03-07-2018 09:26:21

Fuglsang now first at the time check. By 0:01.



**Charles Davis**

03-07-2018 09:26:29

BMC 2 sec down to Sky at intermediate

Astana in at 8th 23 sec down

Trek is on the road

Lotto Soudal and Strade Bianche winner BENOOT, Tiesj on the road

BMC 22:19 into the lead



**Tim in KY**

03-07-2018 09:34:43

Waiting for Fuglsang to finish.



**Donny**

03-07-2018 09:35:01

So the team hoping to survive if they can find another sponsor knocked off the Sky team that may also have trouble existing past this year, for other reasons.

**Charles Davis**



Sounds right

03-07-2018 09:35:18



**Donny**

what a sport!

03-07-2018 09:35:18



**memb54**

Exciting times!

03-07-2018 09:35:49



**Tim in KY**

So far the course in France is staying dry.

03-07-2018 09:36:34



**Donny**

Fuglsang 7 seconds off the lead

03-07-2018 09:37:00



**Tim in KY**

Never thought of Van Baarle as a TTer.

03-07-2018 09:38:17



**Donny**

Me either, Tim.

Yates, Simon is on the road in PN

03-07-2018 09:38:48



**Charles Davis**

Lotto NL Jumbo well down the list

03-07-2018 09:40:08



**Donny**

Zakarín comes in down 21seconds on Van Baarle

03-07-2018 09:41:07



**Charles Davis**

top ten before NL Jumbo who is now 8th

03-07-2018 09:41:09



**Tim in KY**

Barguill still sucks at TT.

03-07-2018 09:41:13



**Donny**

I like his consistency, impressive.

03-07-2018 09:41:48



**Tim in KY**

De La Cruz now leads at the time check.

03-07-2018 09:43:28



**Donny**

SAGAN and six other skinny dudes take off in TA

03-07-2018 09:43:37



**Tim in KY**

Only one team left to start at TA.

03-07-2018 09:44:40



**BusterSci**

Apple TV Gold app doesn't show today's stage.  
Slow refresh. 5 minutes later...

03-07-2018 09:44:44



**Charles Davis**

Quick step into 4th at TA

03-07-2018 09:45:32



**Tim in KY**

De La Cruz was 0:15 faster than Fuglsang.

03-07-2018 09:45:48



**Donny**

calmejane on the road

03-07-2018 09:46:35



**Charles Davis**

Sunweb on the road Current World Champions

03-07-2018 09:46:37



**Tim in KY**

Calamity Jane on the road.  
Pantano into third at the finish.

03-07-2018 09:46:46



**Charles Davis**

Domoulin may be not feeling well for Sunweb.

03-07-2018 09:47:57



**Tim in KY**

He has a cold.

03-07-2018 09:48:29



**BusterSci**

Re: Van Baarle. I think moving to Sky automatically improves your time trialing. Causes asthma, too.

03-07-2018 09:48:38



**Donny**

Now the rain starts in PN

03-07-2018 09:48:47



**Joanna in New York**

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**Charles Davis**

Trek into 6th 39 sec down

03-07-2018 09:49:12



**Tim in KY**

That's good for Van Baarle.

03-07-2018 09:49:19



**Donny**

Wout Wout on the road  
in the hail  
how much protection do those skin suits provide?  
Thats dedication jo, Bravo

03-07-2018 09:49:29



**Charles Davis**

Buster, well done.

03-07-2018 09:50:37



**Tim in KY**

Gesink can still his shadow out on the road.

03-07-2018 09:50:42



**Joanna in New York**

Yet, I still have nothing of value to add... :P

03-07-2018 09:51:41



**Donny**

Me either, but you don't see that stopping me now do you?

03-07-2018 09:51:45



**BusterSci**

Asthma is so prevalent at Sky that even if someone there wanted to they couldn't manage to be a  
whistleblower.

03-07-2018 09:52:47



**Joanna in New York**

Buster for the Win!

03-07-2018 09:53:00



**BusterSci**

I stole that from someone on Twitter.

03-07-2018 09:53:11



**Joanna in New York**

Well then, well stolen.

03-07-2018 09:53:24



**BusterSci**

I have enough Italian in me that it isn't really stealing.

03-07-2018 09:54:04



**Tim in KY**

De La Cruz has worse asthma than Van Baarle, apparently.

03-07-2018 09:54:52



**Charles Davis**

Lotto soudal down 58 sec.

03-07-2018 09:54:56





**Joanna in New York**

03-07-2018 09:55:47

They blame it on the low oxygen levels in the Sky's upper atmosphere.



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 09:58:35

That's at Sky's satellite training camp.



**memb54**

03-07-2018 09:59:40

Hey! Stop with that oxygen/asthma thing!! I've never been asthmatic, yet last year spent 4 months on oxygen, and now need two different inhalers, and one is a no-no on the UCI banned list, yet lets me go out on my rides. It came on suddenly and left me falling off my bike after a mere 5 kms, so I really feel for these guys. By the way, the banned substance I use was also used by David Beckham he of footy fame, which he'd use while on the field.



**Charles Davis**

03-07-2018 09:59:44

G FDJ down 53 sec



**Marc @ Toad Hall**

03-07-2018 10:00:43

I see the snark level is rising. Joanna, is Artie's hoof/toe back to 100%? I note his namesake mountain is in the TdF again this year. There should be an Artie prize for the LUGnut who first guesses the the winner on that climb.



**Tim in KY**

03-07-2018 10:01:05

Calamity Jane only 0:04 down at the time check.  
Alphabet in the start house.



**RSoseman**

03-07-2018 10:03:05

Is it over?



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 10:03:18

For whom?



**Donny**

03-07-2018 10:03:36

Allez Julian! I like him not only because he is a great cyclist but also because he appears to be the happiest Frenchman on the planet. Granted its a pretty small field in that competition.



**Marc @ Toad Hall**

03-07-2018 10:03:53

Cavendish off to the hospital.



**Tim in KY**

03-07-2018 10:03:53

Poels' asthma is 0:19 seconds worse than De La Cruz' at the time check.



**Charles Davis**

03-07-2018 10:03:56

Cav has gone to the hospital. nothing else



**RSoseman**

03-07-2018 10:04:03

40 at Mass this morning, not bad for a Wednesday. Now I am tucking into an American breakfast, bacon, eggs, hashbrown patties, thank goodness my flu doesn't include nausea, and Viva I States!



**Joanna in New York**

03-07-2018 10:04:04

Artie is still in rehab-mode. The hoof will likely need to go through a few growth cycles before it is as back to normal as possible. We are taking his progress slowly, and keeping our fingers crossed for a return (at a much later date) to the competition arena. If he never competes again, I will not mind. He has survived and is rideable, and can continue as a breeding stallion.



**Charles Davis**

03-07-2018 10:04:23

Bora down 30 sec only sunweb left



**RSoseman**

03-07-2018 10:04:33

Cav at hospital? Zut Alors!



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 10:04:45

Donny, ++ for that frenchman joke



**Donny**

03-07-2018 10:05:41

Yikes! Yates! wow



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 10:05:41

Scroll up for a look at his injuries



**RSoseman**

03-07-2018 10:05:48

It was great meeting Julian, wasn't it Donny?



**BusterSci**

03-07-2018 10:06:03

That's a wakeup call to GC riders



**Tim in KY**

03-07-2018 10:06:22

Simon Yates now on the hot seat. LuLe on the road.



**Marc @ Toad Hall**

03-07-2018 10:06:27

"There's something you don't see every day, Chauncey." "What is it, Edgar?" "A happy frenchman."



**Donny**

03-07-2018 10:06:51

Very cool Mons. Though the highlight of the day of course was having the chance to meet you in person. I was trying to find my picture of him.

**RSoseman**



Likewise

03-07-2018 10:07:28



**Charles Davis**

sunweb loses 25 sec to the leader.

03-07-2018 10:09:03



**BusterSci**

Big Tam is sick

03-07-2018 10:09:24



**Tim in KY**

Three Skys in the top four at the finish. Ummmm.

03-07-2018 10:10:11



**Joanna in New York**

That's not at all suspicious...

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**RSoseman**

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**Charles Davis**

Damiano Caruso will wear the leader jersey for BMC tomorrow at TA.

03-07-2018 10:11:21



**BusterSci**

Much as I hate being fair to Sky, there aren't a lot of high-end TTers at this race this year, and Sky does work on the discipline more than most.

03-07-2018 10:11:24



**RSoseman**

Donny and I met up for the Milano-San Remo last October

03-07-2018 10:12:15



**Tim in KY**

Calamity Jane in 8 seconds down.

03-07-2018 10:13:12



**Charles Davis**

Now only 3 in the top 5. Teuns moved into 4th.

03-07-2018 10:13:19



**Tim in KY**

Didn't actually rain much.

03-07-2018 10:13:49




**RSoseman**

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**BusterSci**


 Wout is hammering  
Drafting his minute man  
22 seconds 03-07-2018 10:15:02


 **Donny** 03-07-2018 10:15:17  
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 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 10:15:35  
Dang! He's so good he can ride vertically!

 **Joanna in New York** 03-07-2018 10:15:37  
T/A Results. Sadly, I missed the team placings.  
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 **RSoseman** 03-07-2018 10:15:51  
the ascents were really steep that race


 **Donny** 03-07-2018 10:15:52  
Might be why he is so happy


 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 10:16:05  
I'm guessing the top 3 were BMC, Mitchelton and Sky.

 **RSoseman** 03-07-2018 10:16:21  
I think that is BMC MTS and Sky in the top three, is my guess.  
What is Mitchelton? Aussie?

 **Donny** 03-07-2018 10:16:52  
The power of deduction at work. amazing

 **Joanna in New York** 03-07-2018 10:17:02  
Yes, but I had hoped to get ALL of the teams, my phone (or I) just wasn't quick enough.

 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 10:17:26  
Now the question is how Mons deals with the shame of thinking so much like me but being slower on the return.

 **Joanna in New York** 03-07-2018 10:19:30  
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Sorry for the quality, best I could do.



**BusterSci**

I need to see an ophthalmologist.

03-07-2018 10:19:45



**Donny**

Julian has passed his min man

03-07-2018 10:19:53



**Tim in KY**

If you Google Mitchelton, all that comes up is the team and a city in Queensland.

03-07-2018 10:19:58



**Marc @ Toad Hall**

Buster, you need an optimist.

03-07-2018 10:20:34



**BusterSci**

Mitchelton is wines  
<https://mitchelton.com.au>

03-07-2018 10:21:09



**RSoseman**

By the time stamp I am guessing we were tied, Buster, with the computer posting our responses alphabetically and by species order, lesser to greater

03-07-2018 10:21:40



**Donny**

Cycling and Wine, does that make them the defacto team of the Lugnuts

03-07-2018 10:21:55



**BusterSci**

I'll wait until I taste their wines

03-07-2018 10:22:16



**Joanna in New York**

It does, Donny!

03-07-2018 10:22:16



**Donny**

picky penguin

03-07-2018 10:22:34



**BusterSci**

Izy did well

03-07-2018 10:22:40



**RSoseman**

Well their name does not exactly speak cabernet sauvignon


03-07-2018 10:22:41



**Marc @ Toad Hall**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cozw088w44Q>

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 **Joanna in New York** 03-07-2018 10:23:18  
This is not a wine for drinking, this is a wine for laying down and avoiding. Another good fighting wine...


 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 10:24:00  
Julian had an issue

 **Tim in KY** 03-07-2018 10:24:11  
Grosssssssscharter puts in a good time.


 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 10:24:35  
Truly opens up the sluices at both ends  
Wellens does well


 **Joanna in New York** 03-07-2018 10:27:03  
Are their wines developed "for those keen on regurgitation"?

 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 10:27:54  
Funny how dated that is.  
Oz produces some really nice wines


 **Donny** 03-07-2018 10:28:23  
16 seconds down for Julian, bet he is happy with that

 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 10:28:30  
Nice job, Juli!

 **Marc @ Toad Hall** 03-07-2018 10:28:33  
There are some damned fine tipples from Australia and New Zealand.

 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 10:28:46  
Probably lost a handful of seconds with his little slip, too.

 **Tim in KY** 03-07-2018 10:28:56  
Only onw Sky left in the top ten.

 **BusterSci** 03-07-2018 10:29:51  
Yes, NZ does well. And they are into unoaked wines there, too.  
LuLe won't keep yellow

 **Donny** 03-07-2018 10:30:13  
and I believe his spot is on the hot seat, how appropriate. He is likely to remain there, aswell.



**BusterSci**

From Lule to Juli?

03-07-2018 10:30:18



**Joanna in New York**

Hey, it is finally snowing!

03-07-2018 10:30:45



**BusterSci**

No, he might keep it.  
I think that's enough

03-07-2018 10:31:29



**Tim in KY**

0:25 to the good for LuLe.

03-07-2018 10:32:14



**Marc @ Toad Hall**

Joanna, my snow started about 3AM, but accumulation is < 1". I'm about 60-70 miles north of you.

03-07-2018 10:33:07



**Joanna in New York**

Yeah, we woke up to a dusting, but it has already disappeared. Just now seeing a little wet snow.

03-07-2018 10:34:07



**Donny**

Lets see that top ten and then see ya tomorrow.

03-07-2018 10:34:25



**RSoseman**

Until tomorrow, mes amies

03-07-2018 10:35:05



**BusterSci**

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Stage  
Sorry, Not stage. Overall

03-07-2018 10:35:52



**Joanna in New York**

Thanks to everyone! Lots of work with both races, I'm very impressed!

03-07-2018 10:36:26



**Marc @ Toad Hall**

Gotta hand it to our Beloved Leaders, covering two races simultaneously without confusion. Tomorrow may be more challenging.

03-07-2018 10:36:34



**Tim in KY**

A demain.

03-07-2018 10:36:41

**Donny**



Thank you guys, was fun as always.

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**BusterSci**

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Buh bye



**Charles Davis**

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Thanks all.