



Tim in Ky Two consecutive sprinters stages during the second week? I thought this 05-18 15:58

was the Giro! Stage 13 is 167 kilometers of frittata-flat Italy.



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Tim in Ky We do get to see Parma. Fond memories of a visit there about 10 years ago. 05-18 16:04

As Buster pointed out on Thursday, it is both delicious and picturesque.



Tim in Ky I have a profile of the last 5 km, but if you have a straight edge and a pencil, 05-18 16:09

you can replicate it for yourself. The route map is only slightly more exciting.



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Tim in Ky Because the stage is short and fast, it starts at 13:35 CET (7:35 EDT). Live 05-18 16:13

video from the get go. And bring plenty of No-Doz. Or Valspar.



BusterSci I sprayed primer on the walls of my refinished basement after the stage 05-19 06:01

yesterday. Unfortunately, it's already dry. But with all the rain we've had I suspect I might see a millimeter growth on the grass during the stage.



Tim in Ky Why are we here? 05-19 06:02



BusterSci Maybe we need Mons to answer that question. 05-19 06:02



Tim in Ky And, what is the PPO? 05-19 06:03



BusterSci It's the Parmigiano and Parma ham Outlet? 05-19 06:07



BusterSci Pasta and Prosecco Osteria? 05-19 06:12



BusterSci In seriousness, a little research shows that it would be, in English, a 05-19 06:17

mandatory passing point (punto di passaggio obbligatorio), where the buses have to go before they head to the finish area. Must have something to do with traffic control.



Tim in Ky Preventing counterfeit team buses. In other news, Geriant Thomas has

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abandon.



BusterSci From what I've seen in my trips there, Italians only try to prevent

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counterfeit food. All other items? meh.



BusterSci Sounds like G has a bum knee and wants to get it back in shape for the

05-19 06:22

Tour. Smart man.



BusterSci I really like Geraint Thomas. I'm not a Sky fan in any sense of the word, but

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G seems like a good dude.



BusterSci Donny, Tim is having an existential crisis. Can you explain to him why

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we're here?



donny um thought it was sort of clear, We are NUTS

05-19 06:45



BusterSci There you have it, Ladies and Gentleman.

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donny I am going to stay away from the PPO of either variety as well as the lead that I

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had for lunch the other day and skip this stage to go out on my bike. Don't worry, I am still a NUT, on tap today are a bunch of hill repeats and a few 1000 meters or up hill just for fun. I am sure that when that constitutes your idea of fun, you are NUTS



BusterSci Have fun, Donny. Your priorities seem to be in order.

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donny Though maybe not as NUTS as watching this stage, short, pan flat, will change

05-19 06:54

nothing in the race except the location of the hotel from the day before. Sprinters will say goodbye after today, if that's your thing. Enjoy the NRRBBB, doubt there will be much RRBBB going on to keep one awake.



BusterSci I suspect we'll get a surprise before the stage is done. Why? Because we

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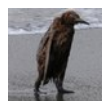
have no expectations.



donny I do in fact have expectations, I expect it to be boring and thankfully brief,

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ending in a sprint that is interesting for the last 3km or 6min. That is in fact what I expect.



BusterSci See what happens when one forgets that people interpret what you say 05-19 07:01

based on what the words actually mean instead of whatever point you were trying to make with hyperbole?



Tim in Ky I expect to be back 8:30-ish. 05-19 07:02



BusterSci TTFN. 05-19 07:04



BusterSci High risk of rain later in the stage. It's rained already today, but not 05-19 07:15

currently, as they get ready to roll out to the start.



BusterSci Now the wind is picking up. 05-19 07:24



BusterSci Mons, it was only coincidence that I said that right before you logged in... 05-19 07:31

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BusterSci There is a break away. 1:52 to pink at 161.3km 05-19 07:39



BusterSci Pavel Brutt again in the break 05-19 07:40



Charles Davis Good morning. 05-19 07:41



RSoseman Ha 05-19 07:44



Charles Davis I see he survived his TT crash. 05-19 07:44

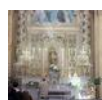


RSoseman I was putting together a trip up to Reggio Emilia today to see the start, and 05-19 07:45

then a quick train to Parma to see the race pass by, but plans change, and it is a work day, after all. These "flat stages" are in many ways great for experiencing the race firsthand, if you have a car or plan













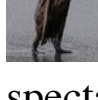



RSoseman Given the rain you reported, I am so glad I didn't go 05-19 07:45



RSoseman I have a great first few paragraphs, well I think they are great, but ran out 05-19 07:46

of free time, so I hope within a few hours to be able to finish that for you all, or you five. :)

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|  | BusterSci Donny and Tim are both ghosts right now. | 05-19 07:47 |
|  | BusterSci The avatar's logged in but nobody's on the keyboard. | 05-19 07:47 |
|  | Charles Davis Gavaria looked pretty good yesterday. Anyone see what happened to Ewan? Did he have a mechanical or just not go for it? | 05-19 07:50 |
|  | BusterSci Good question. He ended up in the GC group, 6s down on the sprinters. | 05-19 07:52 |
|  | Charles Davis My Fubo picture is crap at the moment. | 05-19 07:54 |
|  | BusterSci EuroHoody at VeloNews (my top candidate for LUG's MOTS) had a great interview with Tejay, where Tejay appears to admit that he's realizing that maybe he's not a GT rider. That would be great news, as he could find that niche that allows his talent to shine. | 05-19 07:55 |
|  | BusterSci The sprinter's teams are keeping the gap right around 2 minutes. This is really their last chance, so they appear to want to give it a good go. | 05-19 07:56 |
|  | Charles Davis That appears to be good self-reflection. | 05-19 07:56 |
|  | Charles Davis for TJ | 05-19 07:57 |
|  | BusterSci I think he could still get a number of podium finishes in his career if he made his main targets races like Paris-Nice, ToC, etc. | 05-19 07:58 |
|  | Charles Davis I agree. | 05-19 07:58 |
|  | BusterSci 1:53 at 147km | 05-19 07:59 |
|  | BusterSci Looking very Tour of Cali out there today. Wide roads, gas stations, few spectators. | 05-19 08:05 |
|  | BusterSci The break: Pavel Brutt (Gazprom - Rusvelo) Matej Mohoric (UAE Team Emirates) Vincenzo Albanese (Bardiani CSF) Johann Van Zyl (Dimension Data) | 05-19 08:07 |



Charles Davis Part of this tour's (#100) reason for using big roads is that they wanted 05-19 08:08

to reach so many different areas along the way. It is just easier to cover more territory along big straight roads.



BusterSci Some wet roads here. 05-19 08:09



Charles Davis Van Zyl appears to have dropped back to the pack. 05-19 08:10



Charles Davis Job opening - If you are following this the chances are you're either 05-19 08:15

pretending to work, you can't sleep or you're sat at home in your dressing gown, eating cereal for lunch and wondering where it all went wrong.. If it's the latter, don't worry I've the perfect solution. Pro Cycling, our sister publication are looking for a staff writer. So if you've got the skills, dust off that suit, update that CV, look yourself in the mirror and repeat after me 'you're a strong, confident, staff writer'. <https://careers-immediatemedi.icims.com/jobs/2021/writer-and-sub-editor%2cprocycling/job?mobile=false&width=847&height=500&bga=true&needsRedirect=false&jan1offset=-300&jun1offset=-240>



BusterSci It doesn't appear to be raining at the moment, but it has recently. Roads are 05-19 08:15

clearly wet.



Charles Davis That is from the Cycling News text updates 05-19 08:16



BusterSci The wet roads caused a bit of trouble in the break as one of them came into 05-19 08:17

a bit of road furniture a little hot. All good, though.



donny Darn, work! First it interrupts my Pub time, now interfering with my riding 05-19 08:18

time. I have had about enough of this whole work thing!



BusterSci In the Fantasy leagues, I'm happy that I've climbed my way up from the 05-19 08:20

bottom to 5th place. But I think DStan will take the Giro since he's the only one of the current top group with Dumoulin. In the ToC I took the risk of trying a Sagan-free team, which was obviously a bad idea.



Charles Davis I think I am still last in the Giro (of 25) so that is saying something. I 05-19 08:23

went with Nizzolo thinking that he was ready to shine again for the Giro. Bad decision.



BusterSci It isn't raining from the skies, but the vegetation at the side of the road is 05-19 08:23

being watered nonetheless.



Charles Davis I tend to water my garden right before it rains. 05-19 08:24



BusterSci I'm guessing not the way the peloton was "watering the garden." But who 05-19 08:25

knows? Nitrogen is good for plants.



Charles Davis That would be my 4 yr old son. Oops, my 5 yr son. 05-19 08:26



Charles Davis He had a birthday 05-19 08:26



BusterSci Gap down to 1:30 as they cross the Taro river. 05-19 08:27



Charles Davis Here is what kind of stage we are having. The CN text updates has not 05-19 08:28

updated for 19 minutes.



Charles Davis They are never going to have CNNuts. 05-19 08:29



BusterSci Try refreshing. My last update was 14:25 05-19 08:29



Charles Davis OK, never mind. 05-19 08:30



BusterSci It sticks sometimes. 05-19 08:30



Charles Davis Hi Katie. Pleas say something exciting. 05-19 08:31



BusterSci Any of the other early guys also think Katie logging in is like the sun 05-19 08:31

coming up?



Charles Davis It is always good. 05-19 08:32



BusterSci Eurovision having problems with the feed from the road, but the interview 05-19 08:33

with Griepel on the split screen is working.



Katie Uh... My Fubo Feed is stuttering like a 14-year-old boy on a first date? 05-19 08:33



BusterSci I wouldn't know. I was much older than that on my first date. See, I was a 05-19 08:34

dork.



BusterSci OK. before anyone else says it, "was" maybe isn't the best word to use in 05-19 08:35

the last sentence.



BusterSci 28s. With 120 to go. The sprinters are serious today. 05-19 08:36



BusterSci The feed is showing a labyrinth, claiming it's the world's largest. I say 05-19 08:38

PHOOEY. Every fall there are dozens of corn mazes in the Midwest that would put it to shame.



Charles Davis Sunweb left Simon Geschke at the hotel yesterday. Dumoulin said they 05-19 08:40

didn't need him anyway. They realized that he was not on the bus after about 10 minutes and went back and got him.



BusterSci Gap back up to 54s. 115.5km 05-19 08:42



Katie That happened to my best friend when she was 5. Family was on a vacation to a 05-19 08:42

national park. It was time to go, all the kids piled into the station wagon and they got several miles down the road before they realized they had left the fifth offspring back at the park. Sally didn't mind, she was looking at some exhibits. Grew up to write trail hiking books, she did.



BusterSci Now 1:40 05-19 08:47



BusterSci A large banner that says "Pinko Giro". 05-19 08:49



BusterSci Pinko is a fashion brand. The fans have not violated our voluntary ban on 05-19 08:50

political commentary.



Tim in Ky I guess pinko means something different in Italian. 05-19 08:51



Tim in Ky Despite the end of the drought, Italy is still greener than CA. 05-19 08:54



Katie We're not called the Golden State for nuthin' (doesn't just apply to the ore) 05-19 08:55



BusterSci It was Pinko headquarters where that banner was. 05-19 08:56



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|  | BusterSci C'mon, Elanzo! Don't let the elastic snap! | 05-19 09:44 |
|  | BusterSci I think Elanzo is toying with us. | 05-19 09:46 |
|  | Tim in Ky Too much tea for Elanzo. | 05-19 09:48 |
|  | Tim in Ky Crosswinds again. | 05-19 09:49 |
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|  | BusterSci Rarely is LOL literal. It is this time, SF. | 05-19 09:54 |
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|  | Katie Their NRBBB rivals ours... | 05-19 09:57 |
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Tim in Ky I'm rather fond of pickled beets. Not sure what Kirby's problem is.

05-19 09:58



BusterSci Why do they call it "beetroot?" They don't call it "carrotroot" or "onionroot".

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Tim in Ky I was wondering exactly that, Buster.

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Katie it's one of those quaint linguistic things of the Empire.

05-19 10:02



Katie known for its culinary prowess, of course

05-19 10:03



BusterSci Where's Mons when we have a linguistic dilemma?

05-19 10:03



Gilliemarie Maybe because they eat the leaves first?

05-19 10:03



Katie Greens? What are those? ;-)

05-19 10:03



BusterSci Is that stuff growing on the old meat and cheese in my fridge?

05-19 10:04



Gilliemarie Gag me, i have no idea!

05-19 10:04



Tim in Ky Beet greens are too bitter.

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Katie mmmm, i love me some beet greens sauteed in olive oil and dressed in nicely

05-19 10:05

aged, sweet balsamico.



BusterSci I'm with Tim on the beet greens. On the other hand, a salad of warm

05-19 10:10

Brussels sprout leaves with a bit of pancetta? Jummy!



Tim in Ky 50 km banner for the break.

05-19 10:10



SFinAusTx I have a veggie garden for the first time in decades and my green beans are

05-19 10:11

really coming in. I remember once with LUG we flooded the board with cooking ideas on a similar day at

the race. I saved those off to show a friend and now I'll pull it up for myself.



BusterSci Looks like skies are clearing rather than darkening, contrary to the early 05-19 10:13

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







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|  | BusterSci Donny, this isn't about you, OK? | 05-19 09:52 |
|  | Gilliemarie Now it's Donny's turn! ;) | 05-19 09:52 |
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|  | BusterSci Rarely is LOL literal. It is this time, SF. | 05-19 09:54 |
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Tim in Ky Kirby says this is "the most forgettable stage of this race".

05-19 09:56



Katie And now they're talking about "pickled beetroot"

05-19 09:57



Katie Their NRBBB rivals ours...

05-19 09:57



SFinAusTx They'd be jealous if they knew about us!

05-19 09:58



Tim in Ky I'm rather fond of pickled beets. Not sure what Kirby's problem is.

05-19 09:58



BusterSci Why do they call it "beetroot?" They don't call it "carrotroot" or "onionroot".

05-19 10:01



Tim in Ky I was wondering exactly that, Buster.

05-19 10:02



Katie it's one of those quaint linguistic things of the Empire.

05-19 10:02



Katie known for its culinary prowess, of course

05-19 10:03



BusterSci Where's Mons when we have a linguistic dilemma?

05-19 10:03



Gilliemarie Maybe because they eat the leaves first?

05-19 10:03



Katie Greens? What are those? ;-)

05-19 10:03



BusterSci Is that stuff growing on the old meat and cheese in my fridge?

05-19 10:04



Gilliemarie Gag me, i have no idea!

05-19 10:04



Tim in Ky Beet greens are too bitter.

05-19 10:05



Tim in Ky 53 km, 1:27.

05-19 10:05



Katie mmmm, i love me some beet greens sauteed in olive oil and dressed in nicely

05-19 10:05

aged, sweet balsamico.



BusterSci I'm with Tim on the beet greens. On the other hand, a salad of warm

05-19 10:10

Brussels sprout leaves with a bit of pancetta? Jummy!



Tim in Ky 50 km banner for the break.

05-19 10:10



SFinAusTx I have a veggie garden for the first time in decades and my green beans are

05-19 10:11

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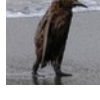





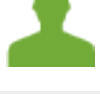
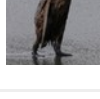
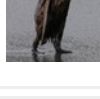
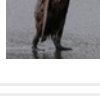















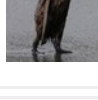


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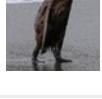
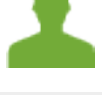
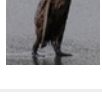
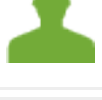


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BusterSci Cannondale with a flat

05-19 11:00



BusterSci Not Formolo, so no biggie

05-19 11:00

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|  | donny My hope is that there are at least no crashes, if it is going to be a boring stage lets let it be that way. | 05-19 11:00 |
|  | donny some excitement is just not needed | 05-19 11:00 |
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|  | BusterSci Everyone knows a sprint is coming, and everyone knows what comes tomorrow. No reason for people to get silly. | 05-19 11:02 |
|  | BusterSci Road narrows | 05-19 11:02 |
|  | BusterSci That would have been. great place to park a moto | 05-19 11:03 |
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|  | BusterSci A Gazprom needs a wheel. | 05-19 11:03 |
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Charles Davis Anyone want to guess who will win?

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Elanzo And then I got distracted looking up Weird Al songs in an effort to name my fave. Couldn't settle on one, but appreciate his overall oeuvre.

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Elanzo Yep!

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BusterSci Gaviria. Or Greipel. Or Bennett

05-19 11:06



Charles Davis More sage advice. Awesome!

05-19 11:06



Charles Davis What about the guy that came in second yesterday? M....

05-19 11:06



donny There is a nasty left hander in the last 500m could also be a good spot for a moto parking. Maybe a long camera lens and good hard lean

05-19 11:06



BusterSci "Constipated" is a good one. The first time I heard that one I was worried that the song title would be the last of my problems.

05-19 11:07



BusterSci That was a Weird Al comment.

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BusterSci 8.5km

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






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|  | BusterSci Katusha too | 05-19 10:59 |
|  | BusterSci Cannondale with a flat | 05-19 11:00 |
|  | BusterSci Not Formolo, so no biggie | 05-19 11:00 |
|  | BusterSci 13.6km | 05-19 11:00 |
|  | donny My hope is that there are at least no crashes, if it is going to be a boring stage lets let it be that way. | 05-19 11:00 |
|  | donny some excitement is just not needed | 05-19 11:00 |
|  | Katie ooh, a shoulder-lean. Dodgy! | 05-19 11:01 |
|  | BusterSci Maybe crash out some Bardianis, since the UCI won't do it's job and yank them. | 05-19 11:01 |
|  | BusterSci they aren't really driving hard yet | 05-19 11:02 |
|  | BusterSci All bunched up. | 05-19 11:02 |
|  | BusterSci Everyone knows a sprint is coming, and everyone knows what comes tomorrow. No reason for people to get silly. | 05-19 11:02 |
|  | BusterSci Road narrows | 05-19 11:02 |
|  | BusterSci That would have been. great place to park a moto | 05-19 11:03 |
|  | donny All hail the King of the Snark! | 05-19 11:03 |
|  | BusterSci A Gazprom needs a wheel. | 05-19 11:03 |
|  | Charles Davis Fraile needs something | 05-19 11:04 |

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|  | BusterSci No. It was Fraile in the blue jersey | 05-19 11:04 |
|  | BusterSci Stick around, Elanzo. 10.5km left | 05-19 11:04 |
|  | Elanzo Your Weird AI vid broke my phone! | 05-19 11:05 |
|  | Charles Davis Anyone want to guess who will win? | 05-19 11:05 |
|  | BusterSci So it's my fault. I get it. | 05-19 11:05 |
|  | Elanzo And then I got distracted looking up Weird AI songs in an effort to name my fave. Couldn't settle on one, but appreciate his overall oeuvre. | 05-19 11:05 |
|  | Elanzo Yep! | 05-19 11:05 |
|  | BusterSci Gaviria. Or Greipel. Or Bennett | 05-19 11:06 |
|  | Charles Davis More sage advice. Awesome! | 05-19 11:06 |
|  | Charles Davis What about the guy that came in second yesterday? M.... | 05-19 11:06 |
|  | donny There is a nasty left hander in the last 500m could also be a good spot for a moto parking. Maybe a long camera lens and good hard lean | 05-19 11:06 |
|  | BusterSci "Constipated" is a good one. The first time I heard that one I was worried that the song title would be the last of my problems. | 05-19 11:07 |
|  | BusterSci That was a Weird AI comment. | 05-19 11:07 |
|  | BusterSci 8.5km | 05-19 11:07 |
|  | BusterSci Really not pushing this one | 05-19 11:07 |
|  | BusterSci 4 Cannondales in the front. That should make the pacing clear. | 05-19 11:08 |



Charles Davis Greipel and Ewan are leaving after today.

05-19 11:08



BusterSci 7.8km

05-19 11:08



BusterSci Make's them hungry.

05-19 11:08



BusterSci Rob Hatch just used "blue touch paper." Doesn't he know that's a copyrighted cliché of P&P?

05-19 11:09



BusterSci 7km

05-19 11:09



Charles Davis The Bardani dopers failed the B sample. They are getting their pink slips today.

05-19 11:10



BusterSci The peloton is like a school of baby bullheads.

05-19 11:10



BusterSci Yes. But the UCI is supposed to suspend the team for that, too.

05-19 11:10



BusterSci 6km

05-19 11:11



BusterSci Trek pushing a bit

05-19 11:11



BusterSci FDJ, Astana, Sunweb and Bora in front

05-19 11:12



BusterSci QS comes up too

05-19 11:12



Charles Davis I think someone takes a flyer around that last curve and messes up some of the favorites. No idea who though.

05-19 11:12



BusterSci Nibali.

05-19 11:12



BusterSci Cannondale lead under the 5km flag

05-19 11:12



Charles Davis I would cheer for that.

05-19 11:12



donny Dumoulin? He has the TT legs to push off the front at this pace

05-19 11:13



BusterSci he doesn't need to take the risk, though.

05-19 11:13



donny That would in fact make up for the lack of excitement so far

05-19 11:13



Katie i am so puzzled why the stammering Fubo feed is still faster than the Tiz feed.

05-19 11:13

Making me crazy.



BusterSci But it would be a very Froome thing to do.

05-19 11:13



BusterSci 4km

05-19 11:13



BusterSci Cannondale still leading

05-19 11:13



BusterSci Bora as well

05-19 11:14



BusterSci Flier by Pozatto

05-19 11:14



BusterSci Pozzato

05-19 11:14



BusterSci I hat to fix Potato.

05-19 11:14



BusterSci Caught

05-19 11:14



BusterSci 3km

05-19 11:15



Katie He's stuffed

05-19 11:15



















BusterSci Baked









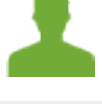
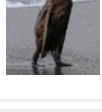
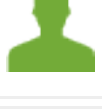
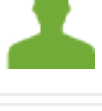


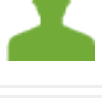
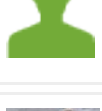

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BusterSci About to be mashed

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|  | BusterSci Bora still driving | 05-19 11:15 |
|  | donny and gobbled up by the bunch | 05-19 11:15 |
|  | BusterSci [burp] | 05-19 11:15 |
|  | BusterSci QS and Bora | 05-19 11:15 |
|  | BusterSci 2.2km | 05-19 11:16 |
|  | BusterSci Pace picking up | 05-19 11:16 |
|  | Elanzo "Amish Paradise" would have to be a top weird AI track for me. (definitely what everyone wants to hear about right now. but i'm pre-red kite at least!) | 05-19 11:16 |
|  | BusterSci 2km | 05-19 11:16 |
|  | BusterSci White and Nerdy. Yoda. | 05-19 11:16 |
|  | donny Katusha went to the front until he realized he was all alone on the front. | 05-19 11:16 |
|  | BusterSci 1.7km | 05-19 11:16 |
|  | BusterSci Greipel way back right now | 05-19 11:17 |
|  | BusterSci Here comes Greipel | 05-19 11:17 |
|  | BusterSci 1km | 05-19 11:17 |
|  | BusterSci Bora and QS | 05-19 11:17 |
|  | BusterSci .8 | 05-19 11:17 |


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|  | BusterSci Bora driving | 05-19 11:17 |
|  | BusterSci .6 | 05-19 11:17 |
|  | BusterSci Bora jumps | 05-19 11:17 |
|  | BusterSci QS follows | 05-19 11:18 |
|  | BusterSci Left | 05-19 11:18 |
|  | BusterSci 200m | 05-19 11:18 |
|  | donny Gaviria!! | 05-19 11:18 |
|  | BusterSci Sam goes | 05-19 11:18 |
|  | Katie FREEZE | 05-19 11:18 |
|  | BusterSci Gaviria | 05-19 11:18 |
|  | donny opps too soon | 05-19 11:18 |
|  | Katie WOW. | 05-19 11:18 |
|  | Charles Davis Bora blocked everyone but Gaveria | 05-19 11:18 |
|  | Katie who *IS* this guy? | 05-19 11:18 |
|  | donny He came from well back to across the line in a big damn hurry! | 05-19 11:19 |
|  | donny impressive sprint | 05-19 11:19 |
|  | BusterSci Cav tweeted earlier that it's good the Tour isn't on Gaviria's schedule | 05-19 11:19 |

because he would have made it tough for everyone

 **Gilliemarie** Thanks guys. Hope to see you in the am! 05-19 11:19

 **BusterSci** Bennett 2nd 05-19 11:19


 **BusterSci** Stuyven third 05-19 11:19

 **BusterSci** What a sprint by Gaviria. Puts me in the mind of McEwan. 05-19 11:20


 **Katie** Fabulous in fuchsia, he is 05-19 11:20

 **BusterSci** Up, around, through and past. 05-19 11:20


 **Elanzo** Thanks, all! 05-19 11:20

 **Charles Davis** Awesome win 05-19 11:20

 **donny** later 05-19 11:20

 **Katie** ciao! 05-19 11:21

 **BusterSci** I probably won't have the bandwidth to call the race tomorrow. I'll be logged
in, though. 05-19 11:21

 **BusterSci** //rumbletalk-images-
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 **BusterSci** Expecting no change in GC 05-19 11:22

 **BusterSci** That was one of the most astounding sprints I've seen in a long time. 05-19 11:23

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Charles Davis He came from way back. Well deserved win.

05-19 11:24