



Tim in KY VaE Stage 15 is 168 kilometers from Vegadeo, on the coast of western Spain, south to Monforte de Lemos. 09-06-2025 12:59:28 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1757178278-stage-15-route.jpg> 09-06-2025 12:59:40 pm



Tim in KY The profile is very lumpy with many small uncategorized climbs. The only categorized climbs come at the start of the stage. 09-06-2025 01:00:16 pm
 Kilometer zero is the start of a 16.5-kilometer Cat 1 climb averaging 5.1%. 25 km later is the start of a 12 km Cat 2 averaging 4%. The rest of the stage is a gradual but lumpy descent of 500 vertical meters to a flat finish.



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1757178337-stage-15-profile.jpg> 09-06-2025 01:00:39 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1757178351-stage-15-garganta.jpg> 09-06-2025 01:00:53 pm



Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:12 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Live video doesn't start until 14:50 which is after all the categorized climbing. Forecast is for clouds and sun with temps in the low to mid-20s. There is the possibility of rain near the coast. 09-06-2025 01:01:44 pm



Tim in KY There were only two fines on stage 14. Johannes Staune-Mittet (Decathlon) and his team car were fined 500CHF and 1000CHF, respectively, for "unauthorized feeding in a stage race, in the last 20 km of the stage." 09-06-2025 04:43:04 pm



Tim in KY No DNF or OTL yesterday. No DNS reported so far today. 09-07-2025 07:06:47 am



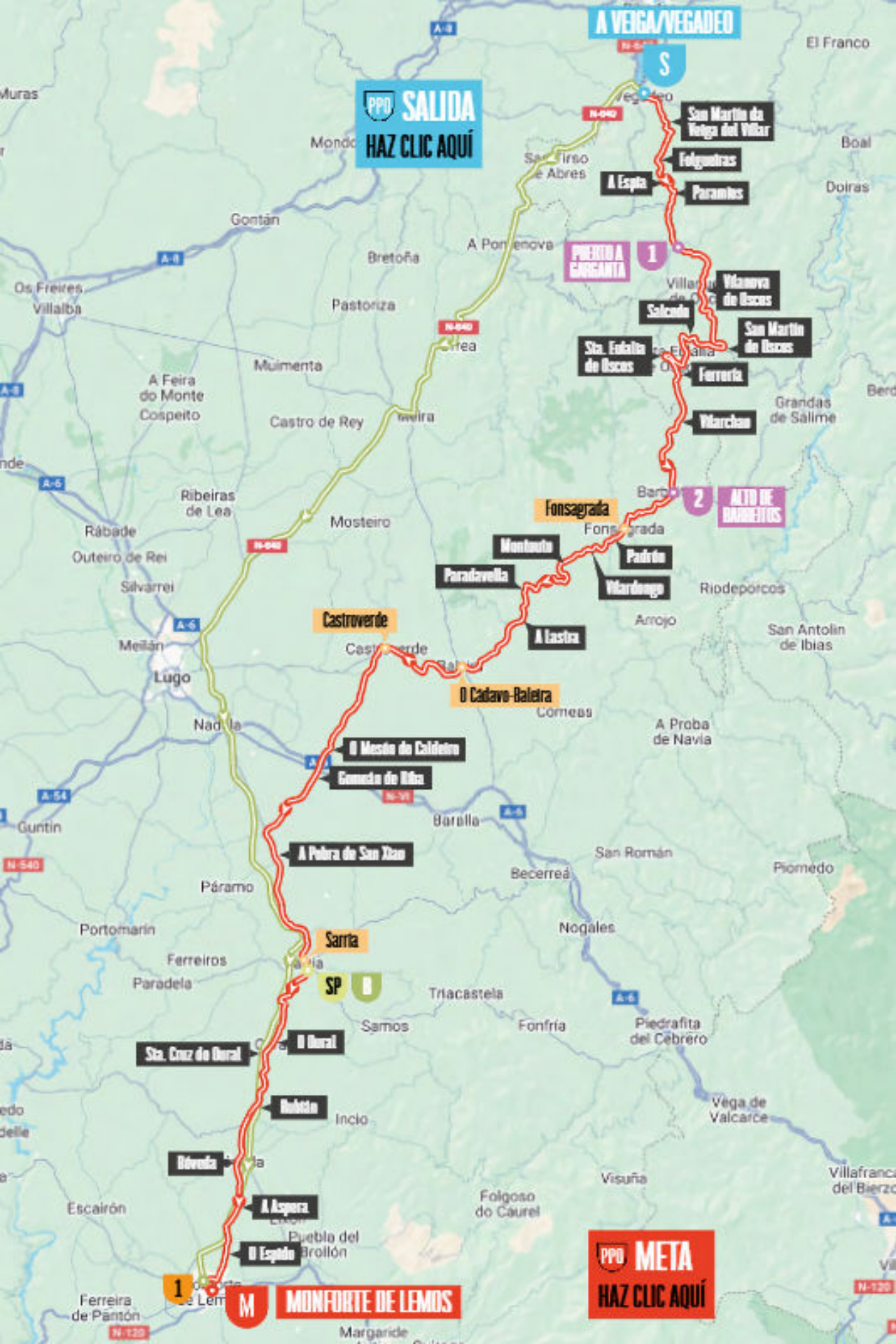
Tim in KY The weather forecast is unchanged except there will be no rain early in the stage. 09-07-2025 07:09:01 am



Tim in KY Late neutral start as usual in Spain. 09-07-2025 07:10:18 am



Tim in KY But very short neutral so Km0 was on schedule. 09-07-2025 07:13:05 am



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A VEIGA/VEGADEO

PUERTO A GARGANTA

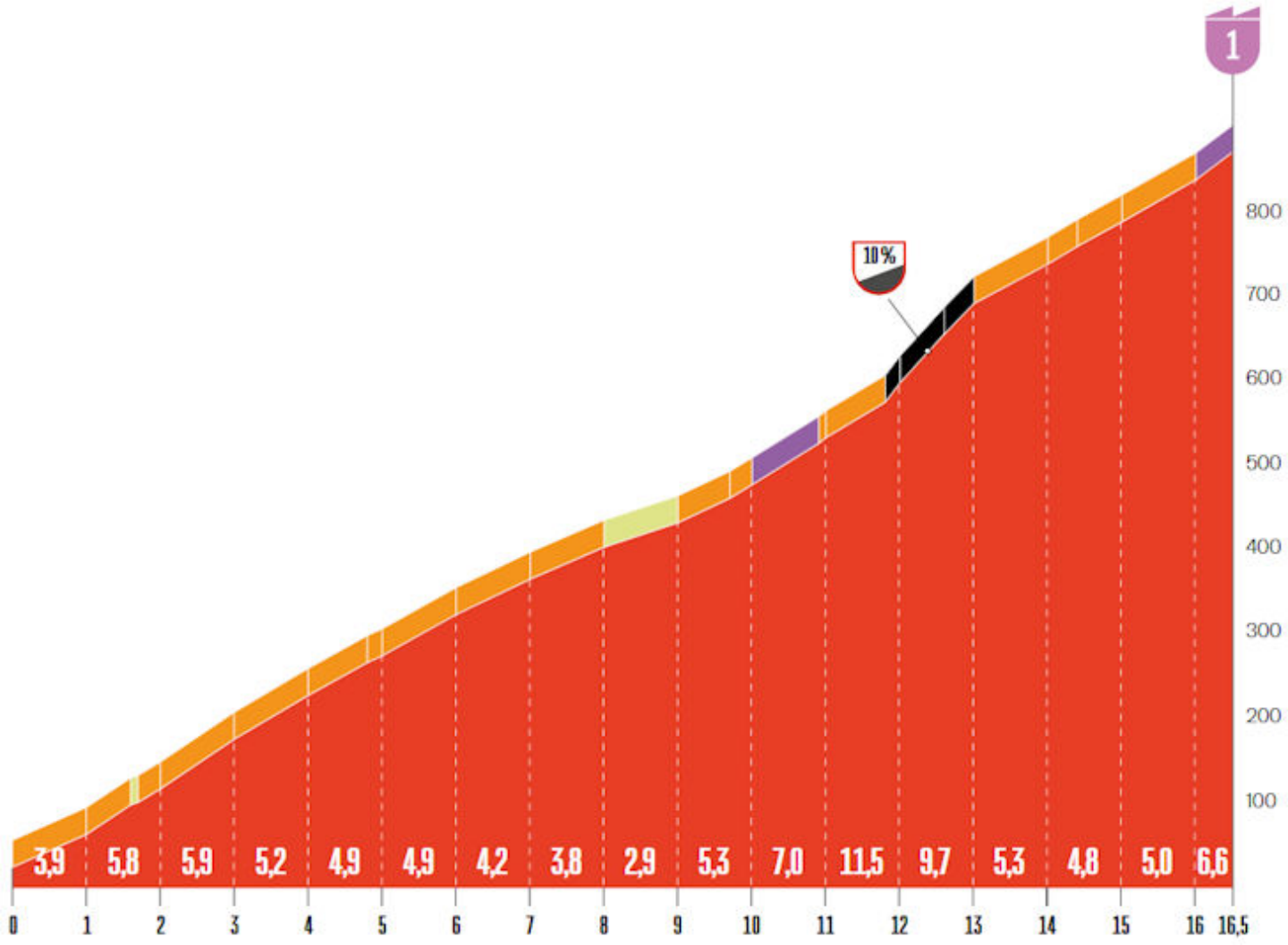
ALTO DE BARRILETOS

PPD **META**
HAZ CLIC AQUÍ

MONFORTE DE LEMOS

A VEIGA/VEGADEO / 26 m







Tim in KY While the break sorts out and before live video, I will do chores.

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07:28:55 am



bikerabe Yine out front getting KOM points

09-07-2025
07:50:31 am



Tim in KY Front group has 35 riders including Mads, but they only have 1:35 on the peloton. About to start the Cat 2.

09-07-2025
08:17:14 am



Tim in KY PCS says the gap is now 2:10, ASO ticker says 3:10.

09-07-2025
08:19:37 am



Rocket City Gal TOB briefly stopped b/c of cattle in the road

09-07-2025
08:26:39 am



Rocket City Gal Fetchez la vache!

09-07-2025
08:27:04 am



Rocket City Gal The intermediate sprint is far, far away... about 120-125 km away

09-07-2025
08:29:05 am



Tim in KY The sprinters who are not in group one are trying to bridge.

09-07-2025
08:30:46 am



Tim in KY Not having much luck.

09-07-2025
08:32:21 am



Tim in KY GC group is now 5:05 back.

09-07-2025
08:32:43 am



Tim in KY Now 7:00. Rolling rest day for the GC.

09-07-2025
08:36:37 am



Carlene in NH Morning all! Watching Garaint's swan song on HBO Max while waiting for Peacock to start. They're suffering in the English rain.

09-07-2025
08:39:18 am



KatieS Good morning, all. I won't be here for today's stage. We are going to drive up into the mountains above Salt Lake, to Brighton, to do a short hike around a small lake and to have breakfast. I'll check in, I hope, to see how things pan out today.

09-07-2025
08:45:04 am



Charlie in Tenn Hey to everyone.

09-07-2025
08:47:00 am



Tim in KY Vine got max points on both climbs.

09-07-2025
08:52:00 am



bikerabe Vine out ahead of break which will win srage

09-07-2025
08:52:55 am



bikerabe peloton taking a folling pre-rest day ride

09-07-2025
08:59:41 am



Charlie in Tenn Every expert asked on eurosport picked one guy for the win today...Mads.

09-07-2025
09:00:06 am



Rocket City Gal Today is the final day of the ladies' Simac Tour and the Tour of Britain, which will probably both end a sprint finish today. The GP Industria & Artigianato is also nearing its conclusion.

09-07-2025
09:01:51 am



Tim in KY Not sure why Vine and friend want to stay out front by a minute. Waste of energy.

09-07-2025
09:03:03 am



Rocket City Gal The break is now over 9 minutes ahead of the peloton. Best-placed rider in the break is Junior Lecerf at +18:57. Cicconi, Bernal and Buitrago are also in there.

09-07-2025
09:05:16 am



Carlene in NH 27k left for Geraint Thomas' pro career. Chapeau to him!

09-07-2025
09:05:58 am



Rocket City Gal When I picked Torsten Træen for my Velogames team, the name seemed familiar to me. I finally figured out why... I did post a short thing on The LUGnut FB page. Several years ago he failed a doping control because of a high hCG blood level. This is a hormone associated with pregnancy and I guess dopers must use it for some sort of advantage. He wasn't doping – he had a testicular cancer that was producing the hormone, and the doping control probably led to the tumor being detected earlier than it would have been. Not only that, but he was out for five weeks early this season for concussion, which he actually said was harder for him to deal with than the whole cancer thing. He is a good climber, and he seems like a nice guy. I really hope he can finish in the top 10 this Vuelta.

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09:11:31 am



Charlie in Tenn I did not really follow G early in his career but really liked him after he won the tour.

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09:11:47 am



Rocket City Gal After his Tour win, G was plagued with bad wrecks. He and Roglic just seem to have the worst luck....

09-07-2025
09:13:21 am



Carlene in NH I always thought he was a great straight-up guy when supporting Wiggo and Froome for Sky. I was glad to see him at the Tour on the podium a couple of years ago.

09-07-2025
09:15:25 am



Charlie in Tenn This huge break is going to be hard on Mads. Lidl-Trek is going to pull all day and 43 others are just following. They might let him have the sprint but then 10-15 take off on the hill just past and go for the win. Mads has to chase them and then at the finish 10-15 different guys try for the win.

09-07-2025
09:20:48 am



Tim in KY First Lidl has to catch the front 2.

09-07-2025
09:24:29 am



Tim in KY Speaking of whom, they are currently at the slowest imaginable.

09-07-2025
09:25:13 am



PasadenaK8 Mornin' ~

09-07-2025
09:31:28 am



PasadenaK8 Seems like the race has been successful, (so far), in avoiding the fires that have plagued the north of Spain. They were kind of close to one yesterday. Today they're finishing north of a different one.

09-07-2025
09:35:21 am



Tim in KY Interesting that you track that, K8.

09-07-2025
09:36:27 am



Tim in KY I think Lidl is being too generous with that gap.

09-07-2025
09:37:22 am



PasadenaK8 I checked it out before the race started, since it was in the news. Just looked at the google maps last night to see what's what. (I'm also a little on edge when it comes to fires)

09-07-2025
09:38:30 am



Tim in KY Understandable, K8.

09-07-2025
09:43:22 am



bikerabe coming to uno KU Vine almost 3 min, dap

09-07-2025
09:48:06 am



PasadenaK8 I've always wondered if they keep track of how much pollution (and other things, like sun damage, etc,) affects the riders.

09-07-2025
09:51:10 am

They ride for so long behind cars & motorcycles, and when they do races like the Strade Bianche, they breathe in a ton of dust and dirt. It's all gotta take quite a toll.



Tim in KY I'm sure someone keeps track of that.

09-07-2025
09:52:51 am



Tim in KY 13 minutes just seems lazy.

09-07-2025
09:53:15 am



PasadenaK8 You would think they would want to get to the finish line asap, so they could get starred on their rest day *;-)

09-07-2025
09:56:06 am



Tim in KY True, K8.

09-07-2025
09:56:29 am



Tim in KY Vine and friend are at about the imagined time now.

09-07-2025
09:57:01 am



PasadenaK8 Oh wow. What was that!?? Looks like a spectator fell into the route! Or sumthin' (??)

09-07-2025
10:02:21 am



Tim in KY No DNS or DNF so far today.

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10:02:22 am



Tim in KY That's what it looked like.

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10:02:44 am



PasadenaK8 Romo down too.

09-07-2025
10:03:08 am



SFinAus I think it was a protester that was trying to surprise and jump out from the side.

09-07-2025
10:03:10 am



SFinAus Good morning, btw.

09-07-2025
10:03:31 am



PasadenaK8 Hi SF 🙌

09-07-2025
10:03:34 am



Trish in MA Looked like the spectator slipped, tried to jump into the peloton, threw something on the road, unsafe for the rider and themselves.

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bikerabe under 45 km 2 min. gap will Vine do it"

09-07-2025
10:16:16 am



Tim in KY The design of the finish route did not imaging a big group at the finish. 09-07-2025 10:18:06 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1757254996-stage-15-route-finale.jpg> 09-07-2025 10:18:17 am



PasadenaK8 No es bueno 09-07-2025 10:19:14 am



Tim in KY I don't think Lidl can get Mads in the lead at the sprint. 09-07-2025 10:22:29 am



Alaska Dave Shark fin at finish? 09-07-2025 10:22:57 am



Tim in KY Didn't know it was a Rorschach test. 09-07-2025 10:23:53 am



Alaska Dave Good morning. For the first time in three weeks it is raining in the rainforest. 09-07-2025 10:24:14 am



SFinAus Does that constitute a drought up there? :). 09-07-2025 10:25:18 am



PasadenaK8 Hey Dave! My Rorschach test.... I see the Little Dipper. 09-07-2025 10:26:30 am



bikerabe break is catching Vine 09-07-2025 10:26:51 am



PasadenaK8 Oooof, Romo's leg. 09-07-2025 10:30:24 am



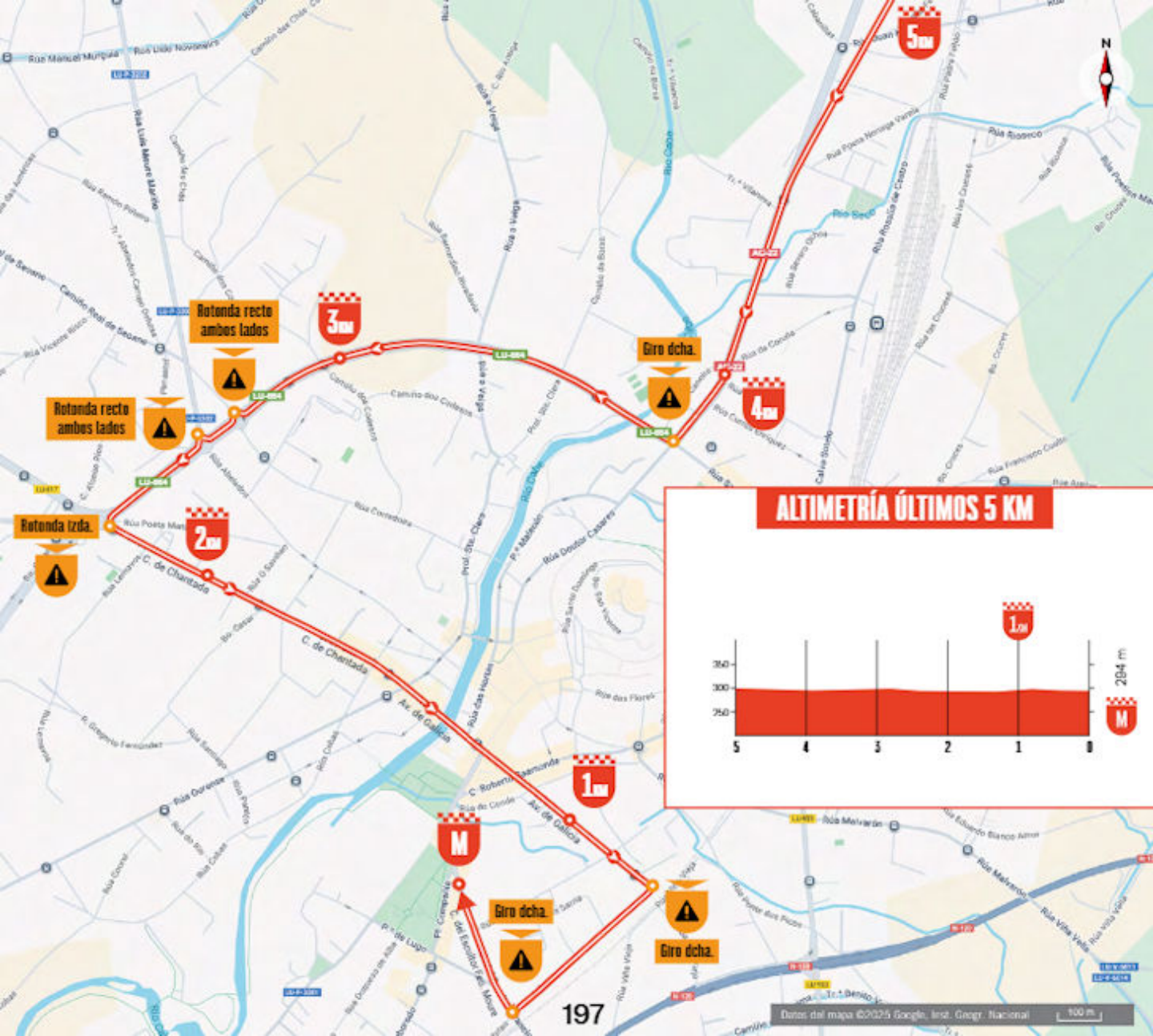
bikerabe uno km 09-07-2025 10:31:05 am



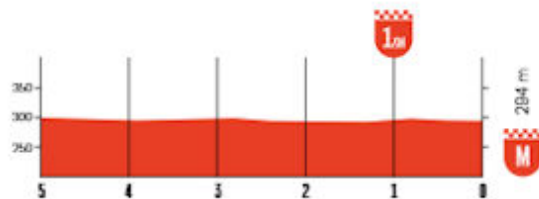
Alaska Dave I'm recovering from a broken foot. It's another week before the doctor says I can put weight on it. 09-07-2025 10:32:49 am



Alaska Dave Water is needed to wash spawned out salmon away. 09-07-2025 10:33:24 am



ALTIMETRÍA ÚLTIMOS 5 KM





PasadenaK8 Ouch, sorry to hear that Dave. Hope it heals quickly.

09-07-2025
10:34:55 am



Tim in KY Break has broken on this little climb.

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10:36:20 am



Trish in MA Dave, I hope they gave you a walking boot, or are you still on crutches or the wheeled scooter?

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10:37:43 am



Alaska Dave I'm in a walking boot. Mostly pain free. My wife says my scooter use is scary, but I get through airports quickly.

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10:42:40 am



SFinAus A friend of a friend broke her foot. The former found something called an iWalk. It's essentially a strapped on peg leg which keeps hands free and is more maneuverable than the scooters. Prolly not ideal for everyone but looked interesting and like a good option for some.

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Alaska Dave I'm hoping there is not a next time to try that out.

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10:43:43 am



Trish in MA On another note, I have now entered all my yarn, along with pictures, into the Ravelry database and sorted into storage bags and drawers. 267 entries. Including the pomegranate seed-dyed yarn from Iran my husband's aunt sent to his mother back in the 60s. Now, I have to neatly store all of it in the "yarn loft" and then use it or give it away.

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10:44:01 am



PasadenaK8 Brava, Trish! What's your next Vuelta watching project?

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10:45:52 am



SFinAus :S- That's quite a collection and a big job done.

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10:46:04 am



Toulouse One of our vets (we have several) had surgery and used one of those peg-leg things, but with crutches. She said she kept catching the front of it on things and fell once or twice, so I'm not sure she'd recommend it.

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PasadenaK8 20k left...

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10:47:55 am



Trish in MA I have a friend who used the scooter thingie. But she lives in a single floor house.

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Trish in MA And Carlene had to use crutches with her walking boot after foot surgery.

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Toulouse On the parent front, one week ago my mom had decided they were staying in place. Wednesday she announced they were going to look at moving; Friday they got themselves on the wait list at an independent living facility. Friday night she started parceling out all their belongings to her children.

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Tim in KY Front two are at the fastest imaginable time now.

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10:50:49 am



PasadenaK8 Good to hear, Toulouse! When they decide, they really decide. My Mom did the same thing.

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10:52:07 am



Toulouse I believe there are at least eight people on the list ahead of them, so who knows when a move might actually happen. But I am happy they made this decision. And my sister about fell over when my stepdad asked if she would go with him to his orthopedic appointment tomorrow. All good moves, I think.

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Trish in MA Wow, Toulouse, that's an astounding turn of events. And, now, you just take the things they parcel out to you with grace, and do something with it later if you don't really want it.

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Toulouse We've always figured we'd be one of those families that fights over who HAS to take things.

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10:55:18 am



Alaska Dave Such good news. I hope they don't change their mind. Of course every sibling contact can support them. When my parents died, we brought in an eight yard dumpster. They held on for too long and the house issues damaged everything of value.

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10:57:03 am



Alaska Dave Finish will be interesting.

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10:58:08 am



Toulouse Oh, right. A race.

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10:58:19 am



Trish in MA When we had to clean out my folks' house after my mother moved into assisted living, Mom was most upset when she found me pouring out half empty bottles of soy sauce or vinegar. Volunteering in a food kitchen (and being a child of the Depression) gave her an acute sense of you use it up. So, I

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packed up all the bottles, spices, opened groceries, etc. and took them to a friend's house, who told Mom she'd be happy to take them. However much Maura kept, I don't know and she never told me, so that I didn't have to lie to Mom about what happened to it.



Tim in KY Not much gap now.

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11:01:48 am



Tim in KY Caught.

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bikerabe 7 km still 20 secs

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11:03:44 am



Tim in KY 6 minutes faster than the fastest now.

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11:05:26 am



bikerabe Go Max !

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11:05:44 am



Toulouse It's much more convenient for my schedule when they finish well before 9:30 MDT.

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11:06:05 am



Alaska Dave 41 seconds to the chase group.

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11:06:10 am



Alaska Dave I actually like the race finishing before the active portion of the day begins.

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11:07:06 am



Tim in KY This size group won't be a problem on the finish route.

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11:08:49 am



SFinAus Mads trying to manage the situation. 3k, 30 seconds.

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Rocket City Gal Mads working to thin out the group

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Rocket City Gal That didn't work

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Rocket City Gal Vine and Bernal jump

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11:10:13 am

Trish in MA Cmon Mads

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11:10:36 am



Rocket City Gal Nope

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11:10:39 am



Trish in MA Kite

09-07-2025
11:10:41 am



SFinAus I'll root for Sheffield

09-07-2025
11:10:50 am



PasadenaK8 oof

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11:11:10 am



SFinAus and look what that did for him!

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Toulouse That's your fault, Shawn.

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11:11:13 am



Rocket City Gal Sheffield overcooks the corner

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11:11:17 am



Rocket City Gal Mads!!!!

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11:11:25 am



Tim in KY YEA!

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11:11:42 am



Trish in MA Yes!

09-07-2025
11:11:54 am



Trish in MA He's a monster!

09-07-2025
11:12:03 am



SFinAus Channeling my inner McCrossan: "Mads the Magnificent "

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11:12:06 am



Alaska Dave Well deserved

09-07-2025
11:12:12 am



PasadenaK8 Gotta run. Enjoy your rest day, everyone...

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Toulouse You too.

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SFinAus I need to msg an apology to Sheffield.

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Rocket City Gal https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1757258310-IMG_8565.jpeg

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Trish in MA And he did it from mainly the front.

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11:13:40 am



Toulouse Better not to confess. For a dollar, we won't say anything either.

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11:13:46 am



Rocket City Gal Happy rest day mañana, everyone!

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11:14:37 am



Trish in MA And there've been no shots of the red jersey today. Wonder why?

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11:16:09 am



SFinAus Who says a dollar doesn't go far any more? Thanks all. Have a nice couple of days.

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11:16:11 am



Trish in MA The peloton is 6.8 km away

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11:19:51 am



Trish in MA Peleton under the kite

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11:26:56 am



Trish in MA Peloton finishes 13'30" behind.

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11:27:53 am



Trish in MA With that, I'm out, too.

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11:28:17 am



Carlene in NH Kind of anticlimactic.

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bikerabe Jonas still at 48 secx to Almeida

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11:31:36 am



Carlene in NH I'm really happy for Mads and the Lidl-Trek team!

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11:33:12 am

RANK	RIDER	UCI	PNT	TIME
1	 PEDERSEN Mads   Lidl - Trek	180	80	4:02:13
2	 AULAR Orluis  Movistar Team	130	50	"
3	 FRIGO Marco  Israel - Premier Tech	95	35	"
4	 BUITRAGO Santiago  Bahrain - Victorious	80	25	"
5	 DUNBAR Eddie  Team Jayco AlUla	60	18	"
6	 BERNAL Egan  INEOS Grenadiers	45	15	"
7	 VERVAEKE Louis  Soudal Quick-Step	40	12	"
8	 VINE Jay   UAE Team Emirates - XRG	35	10	0:08
9	 SHEFFIELD Magnus  INEOS Grenadiers	30	8	0:23
10	 SEGAERT Alec  Lotto	25	6	"



Charlie in Tenn Way to go Shawn.

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