



Tim in KY VaE Stage 15 is 190 kilometers looping through Andalusia from Palma del Río to Córdoba.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1788628194-stage-15-route.jpg>

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Tim in KY It's another lumpy day with 3,525 meters of climbing including three Cat 3 climbs. The last Cat 3 crests 35 kilometers from the finish but the lumps continue for another 20 km where the route descends to a flat finish.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1788628346-stage-15-profile.jpg>

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Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 12:46 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Forecast is for blistering sun at 40 degrees. Peacock stream starts at 14:30 CEST.

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Tim in KY Forget all that. The stage has been shortened and rerouted because of the heat. The last 5km are the same, though.

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Tim in KY I can find the new time schedule but I can't find a new map or profile yet. New Km0 is 15:00 CEST. The finish time and finish route map are unchanged.

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Tim in KY Stage 14 abandons: Mortiz Kretschy (NSN) - DNS, Jordan Labrosse (Decath), Oliver Peace (Picnic Post), Christophe Laporte (Visma), Hugo Houle (Alpecin) - DNF

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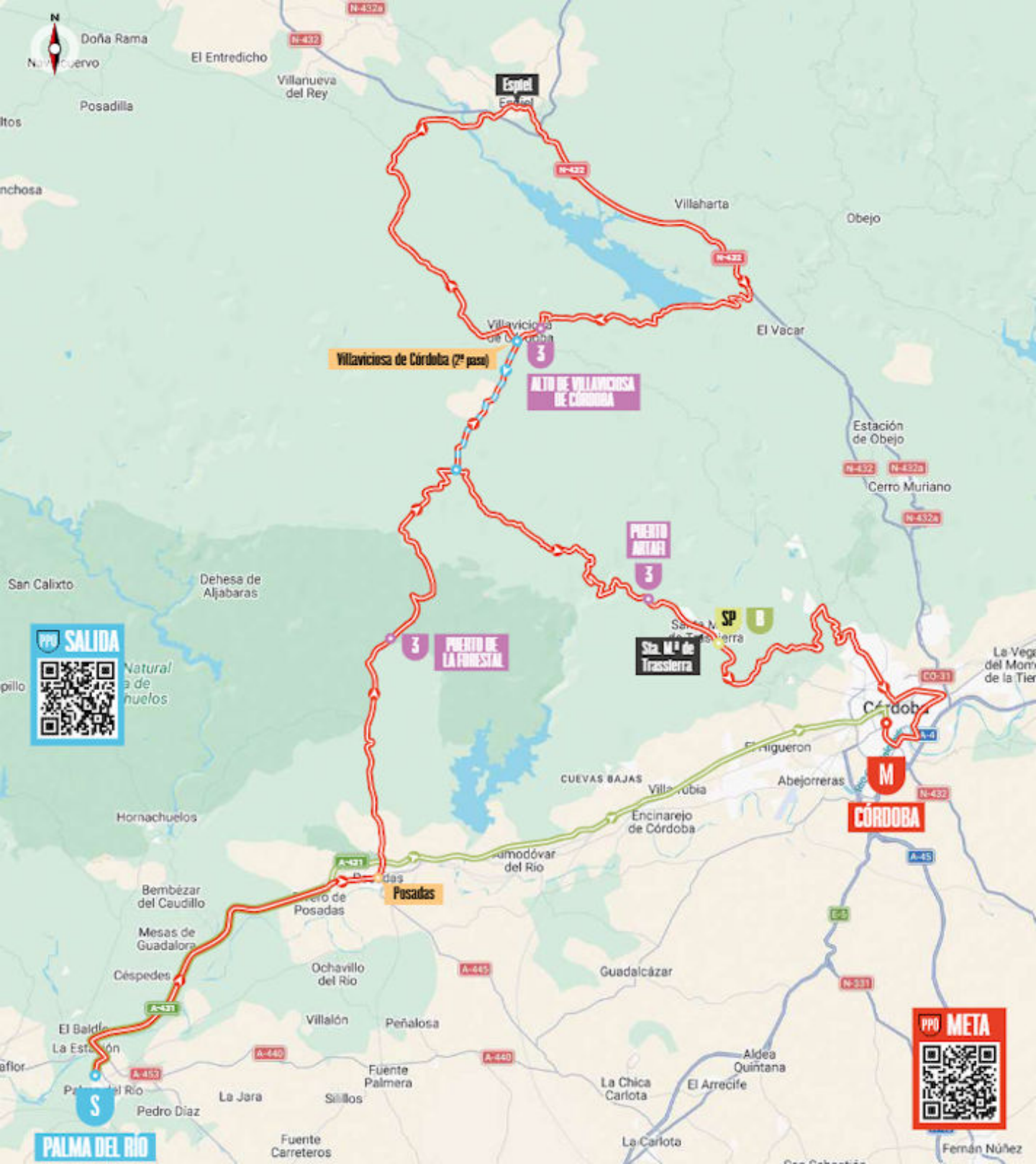


Tim in KY I still can't find a .jpg of the new route or profile. But you can see the route in the first picture above if you ignore the red and blue dots and the loop above them. The middle Cat 3 is eliminated.

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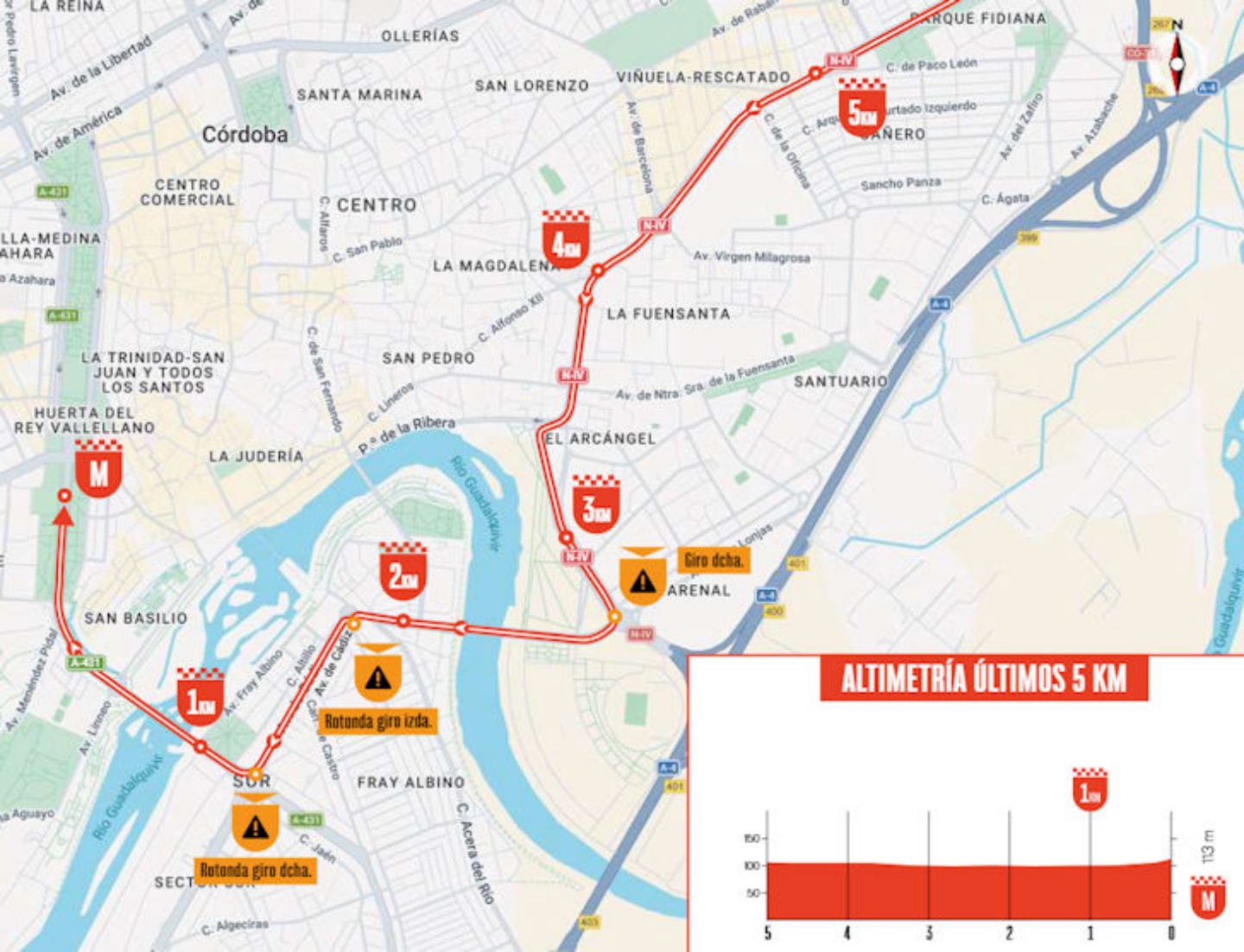
Tim in KY New profile:

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PALMA DEL RÍO / 58 m





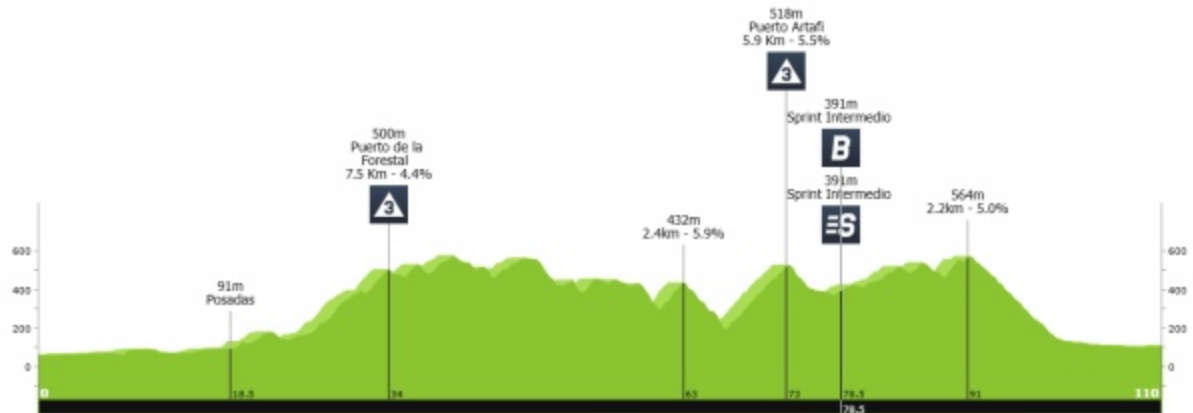


58 m

Palma del Rio

107 m

Cordoba





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Tim in KY Forecast is still for upper-30s for the entire race.

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Tim in KY Only five teams still have all 8 riders. Alpecin only has 3, NSN has 4.

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Rocket City Gal And UAE down to 4 also.

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Tim in KY Neutral.

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Katie S Good morning. That's crazy hot. It was still 90 degrees here in SLC at 5 p.m. yesterday, with a hot breeze. I felt for the boyos in lycra (or whatever material it is these days).

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Katie S Your family is with you now, Tim?

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Tim in KY The three out of towners got in last night but we haven't seen them yet. Probably won't until church.

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08:56:36 am



Tim in KY Interestin bridge.

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Rocket City Gal Riley Sheehan is griping that he wasn't selected for Worlds.... "Let's not select the guys who have been winning races."

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Ummmm..... Let's look at who has been selected for the elite men's road race. The US has been allotted an astounding number of 8 riders this year: Jorgenson, McNulty, Powless, Sean Quinn, Artem Schmidt, Quinn Simmons, Vermareke, and Warbasse. 7 of those have raced in grand tours, and Artem has raced in World Tour races like ToB, Renewi tour, Tour of Poland, with some top 10 results. Riley has had some racing success this year and has raced some at the World Tour level, but without results. Plus, a team needs some road captain / domestique types (I'm thinking Warbasse might fit that bill, and he has tons of GT experience).



Trish in MA Good morning from flat and cold Edmonton, where it is cloudy and 52. We had quite the weather shock when we got off the plane yesterday. We're catching our bus to Jasper in about an hour. The landscape will be decidedly less flat when we get off the bus 4 hours later. I feel for the riders.

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Rocket City Gal The paracyclists racing locally at Worlds had 100 degree weather. I'm sure the road temp was along the lines of 130-140, and many of them are lower to the ground on handbikes.

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Rocket City Gal And it's set to be another scorching day here today.

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Trish in MA RCG, I think you're correct about Lucky Larry's role. Has he ever done the Montreal GP?

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Tim in KY Km0

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Rocket City Gal Warbasse was 2nd in US Championships in the ITT and 3rd in the Road Race.

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Rocket City Gal (Recall that Quinn Simmons won the RR with Vermaerke 2nd). Artem won the ITT.

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Rocket City Gal I don't see that he's raced in any Canadian races at least since 2020, but he has been doing at least 1 GT a year and lately has done the Giro/Vuelta combo, with other prestigious stage races thrown in for good measure.

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Tim in KY I don't think of Vito as a Belgian first name.

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Rocket City Gal He may not have been doing the Canadian races because he's at the Vuelta (or prepping for Worlds)....

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Rocket City Gal Today's favorites per PCS: BRENNAN Matthew, VAN AERT Wout, MEEUS Jordi, COQUARD Bryan, CORT Magnus, ROMELE Alessandro, AULAR Orluis, FISHER-BLACK Finn, NYS Thibau, LAURANCE Axel.

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Rocket City Gal I think you've gotta throw Tronchon in there also.

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Katie S Headed out for a walk before it heats up...

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Tim in KY Crapass has been spending more time at the team car than in the peloton since neutral.

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Rocket City Gal We're supposed to cool down by 5-10 degrees starting tomorrow.

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Rocket City Gal But "cooling down" is relative.

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John He was there a lot before they started too. Wonder what's wrong with him.

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Tim in KY Visma appears unhappy with the break.

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Tim in KY Ethan is at it again today.

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Trish in MA I wonder if I could pick a team where every rider drops out for some reason or other. I lost La Porte yesterday and if something is wrong with Richie, there goes another one

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John I've always thought we should have a league one time where we have to use all 100 points in the aim of getting the lowest scoring team possible

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Tim in KY Aspirin is in the break. That will get me 20 points.

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Trish in MA Lucky Larry remarked once that he and a bunch of other riders did that for one of the GTs. There was some other criteria like TV time

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Tim in KY Cofidis seems too want to bring back the break.

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Trish in MA I once aimed for the Lantern Rouge and didn't make it

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Tim in KY Not much cohesion in the break.

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Tim in KY Team cars out of the gap.

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Rocket City Gal : Pidcock has just won the GP Industria & Artigianato -- solo by 16 seconds over everyone else. Just a week or so after winning the cross country mountain bike worlds.

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Rocket City Gal Nils Politt has won the final stage of the Tour of Britain, with Tim Wellens taking the overall GC win.

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Rocket City Gal I have finished messy soap stuff and cat duties, and hubby finally got up so I guess I'll make breakfast. I'm trying to psych myself up to go out and weed for an hour or so before it goes from "hot" to "burning blazes of hell".

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Tim in KY 2 KU.

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Katie S back from the walk, along a canal in the neighborhood. Spied a black-crowned night heron staring at the water, hoping for breakfast to swim by.

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Katie S Tim, I read over yesterday's pub chatter and loved your observation "Crapass has delusions of adequacy"

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Tim in KY Rog OTB with a Mech.

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Tim in KY I think I stole that from Dorothy Parker or the like.

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Tim in KY " The phrase was coined in 1951 by Pulitzer-winning drama critic Walter F. Kerr writing for the New York Herald Tribune".

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Katie S It's a good 'un. And well applied.

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10:19:23 am



Mikey Good Morning I too have DOA Tim / Katie

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Katie S Hi Mikey!

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Mikey Finally a break from the heat!

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Katie S what's the temp now?

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Mikey I think we are 73 headed to 83

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10:31:51 am



Katie S that's downright comfortable

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Mikey Cloudy and overcast

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Rocket City Gal 84 here headed to 98

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Mikey I have to say my tomatoes love this heat and humidity. Best year ever

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Katie S yum

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Mikey We have been beastly hot and humid for over two weeks. Grass went dormant and crunches when you walk on it

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Mikey Norman not happy about it

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Katie S I bet not

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Katie S I love today's route - it's very pretty, if arid. rolling hills, dotted with dark green trees. It'd be lovely at 20C

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Rocket City Gal It's 101 degrees there in the finish city of Cordoba, Spain

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Rocket City Gal Predicted high there tomorrow 104 and Tuesday 102.

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Mikey I have had so many tomatoes that I have had to cut them up in pieces and eat with zesty Italian dressing

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Rocket City Gal Mikey, our tomatoes are cooking on the vine.

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Katie S gosh, that's terrible. i'm sorry, Mikey

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Mikey Every meal includes tomatoes!

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Katie S Mine are still bright green. And they are starting to rot at the stem end. I have no idea if I'll actually end up with any red ones. It may be a fried green tomatoes and making green tomato relish. I also have a recipe for a green tomato curry.

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Rocket City Gal Actually, the squirrels have found out how to get through our garden fencing (even the top is fenced! Yes, things got THAT bad). For 5 years they left things alone. Now they've discovered an area where the fencing has holes large enough for them to get through. As soon as they find a tomato with even a blush of pink on it they take a bite, so it's hanging there going bad with a squirrel divot out of it.

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Mikey I am going to make salsa

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Rocket City Gal When it's cool enough, that area will be covered over again with chickenwire.

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Mikey Norman takes care of the squirrel issue

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Katie S Starting the next cat 3.

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Mikey We finally fenced in a piece of the yard and

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Mikey norman sits at the door salivating

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Rocket City Gal Our neighbors cats help (ours are useless indoor cats), but they only patrol intermittently. They have done a fabulous job

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with decimating the chipmunk population. The chipmunks were causing damage to sidewalk / foundation / retaining wall.



Rocket City Gal But the squirrels are too fast for them, I think.

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Mikey Just hoping a squirrel will dare come by

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Trish in MA Well that was exciting. At 7:39, just before we were about to leave to catch our bus we got a text message that it had been cancelled! Luckily, the front desk was able to direct us to another bus service which was 2 blocks away and leaving at 8:30. We raced out of the hotel, bought our tickets and are now comfortably rolling out of Edmonton. From panic to serenity in the space of an hour. What will go wrong next?

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Katie S Peloton is now 35 seconds back. Wasn't it about 50 seconds not long ago? Are the breaks doomed?

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Mikey Is there a race or tomato talk? Good for you Trish. I just feels good to know you made it!

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Rocket City Gal Break on a short leash, race about 15 minutes slower than the slowest.

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Katie S Good lord, Trish. You are on quite a journey. I hope there is a soft bed and a good meal, and perhaps a bit of rum, when you get to your destination.

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Rocket City Gal Nice scenery, but the racing isn't very exciting today. The guys are just trying to survive the heat and get to rest day.

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Katie S Leknuessen (or however you spell it) is off the front

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Rocket City Gal Trish, when we were hiking around the various lakes /mountains in areas that were more remote, our rental cabin lost power for a day. We'd specifically sprung for a cabin because we could cook there. HA. It was pretty remote, so there weren't really places to eat out, and the whole area was without power. The owners of the place did put out canned / bottled drinks and snacky things, which was nice.

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Trish in MA There will definitely be rum. Right now, I am eating Goldfish for breakfast followed by an Oreo chasers (only snacks available on the bus). But there's WiFi and a restroom as well. I suspect our original bus would not have been so posh

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Mikey MmmmmmmGoldfish Oreos

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Katie S Over the top.

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Katie S Leknessund, that is. Not the Goldfish Oreos.

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Trish in MA What are the GTs going to do about the heat? It's as unsafe as snow, rain and hail

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Toulouse I don't know why they don't start earlier in the day.

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Katie S This is the question I keep asking. It would be massive cultural shift, I think.

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Toulouse I'm a little late for the tomato discussion, but I have friends who once upon a time had a dog who liked to eat tomatoes off the vine. Judy would look at a tomato and think, "I'll harvest it tomorrow," only to discover the next day that Bingo had beaten her to it. He only ate them just as they hit ripeness.

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Katie S ha! One day I discovered a ripe tomato on our kitchen cabinet that had little teeth marks ... that fit the dental structure of one gray feline named Eponine...

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Toulouse Apparently, ultimately not her taste. She left you the rest, after all.

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Trish in MA I gave up on tomatoes ne cuz of squirrels and chipmunks. However, they would not eat the ground cherries or tomatillos which spread everywhere

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Katie S Wout and others have caught Leknessund.

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Katie S My guy, Fisher-Black did not make the jump. of course.

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Trish in MA Apparently, billboards are banned in Edmonton or Alberta. So folks park old containers in the fields with signs painted on their sides

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Katie S Because that is so much more aesthetically pleasing

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Tim in KY Way, way slower than the slowest imaginable.

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Katie S Heat effect?

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Rocket City Gal It was over 15 minutes slower than the slowest at the point where I could actually figure out their position relative to the timetable.

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Rocket City Gal Trailing ride until the finish. They're close enough that now the positions are jostling so the teams can get their guys up front.

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Rocket City Gal Poor Ramses Debruyne.... he has only 2 teammates left (Glivar and Gogl). He's done well all things considered.

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Trish in MA I ran an afternoon 5k race in August 2025. Slowest time ever, mainly because I stopped at every water station and poured water over me and stood in every shower people had going from their garden hoses. By the time I finished, I looked like a hot drowned rat who squelched with every step. Luckily I had had the foresight to bring a complete change of clothes with me

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Katie S Bless those folks with garden hoses

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Rocket City Gal I did a couple of very hot century rides when I was much, much younger. It was super hard to stay hydrated. And I was on many rides where people I was with had heat / dehydration issues.

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Rocket City Gal One of those century rides on a quite warm North Carolina day I learned why you don't keep a 12 pack of Diet Coke inside the car unless it's iced in a cooler. You only do something like that once.

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Rocket City Gal I can't imagine trying to stay hydrated day after day after day in unrelenting heat when you're out there for 4 or 5 hours at race pace.

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Mikey The wif and I walked 8 miles of the camino in crazy Portugal heat. Best part was dumping water on the wifs head. She was the drowned rat. She said the beer at the end was the best beer ever

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Katie S did she pour it over your head?

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Mikey Did a super hot century in the olden days and the blacktop had your tire marks in it

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John One of the things I enjoy the most when we cycle through northern Europe every year is the abundance of alpine streams and lakes. We stop every few hours to jump in and cool off.

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Mikey Diane the wif was thrilled with the water and later beer but I did not indulge

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Trish in MA On the other extreme, I had a friend who ran the Boston Marathon the year it was 30f and freezing rain. Many of the top runners dropped out because they had no body fat. Tom said it took close to an hour to get warm again

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Rocket City Gal I have been saved by roadside springs in Virginia. Sometimes you can find a pipe running out of a hillside with cold clear running water.

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Rocket City Gal Down, down, downhill....

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Mikey RCG best water ever off a hillside

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Rocket City Gal Absolutely.

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Katie S after a long hot day on a Colorado weeklong ride, a friend submerged herself, still in her kit, in a green river. She could not get the

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river smell out of those shorts and jersey, no matter how much Woolite/camp bucket she tried.



Trish in MA Gack. I'll bet everyone made her ride in the back

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Rocket City Gal Flat run-in after this long downhill. Van Aert, Nys, Debruyne, Leknessund, Romele still 45 sec ahead of the persegadors per PCS

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Rocket City Gal TV says it's 52 sec

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Rocket City Gal The lead reiders aer on a flat road back in civilization now.

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Katie S i think this has to be Wout's stage

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Rocket City Gal Over 1/2 km to the chasers with 8.5 km to go. My money's on Wout, with Nys and Romele the other podium dudes.

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Mikey The lovely wif

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Katie S that's a happy post-cyclist right there

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Mikey Hot hot hot day on the camino

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Katie S post-camino, sorry, yes!

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Mikey Not hot

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Mikey Is there a race going on?

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Mikey Wouts day?

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Rocket City Gal For sure.... In today's Italian race, there were 82 finishers and 79 nonfinishers.

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Rocket City Gal So far no DNFs in Spain

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Katie S last splash of water, tosses the bison, Wout's ready to roll

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Tim in KY Cat and mousing in the front group. Tisk.

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Rocket City Gal Guys looking around at each other and starting to cat-and-mouse.

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Rocket City Gal Red kite!

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Katie S kite

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Rocket City Gal Slow-pedaling and looking around.

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Rocket City Gal Timing is everything....

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Rocket City Gal Nys jumps and Wout follows

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Rocket City Gal WOUTH

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Mikey Woo wouth

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Rocket City Gal Wow Wout

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Trish in MA Woohoo! Points for me.

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Rocket City Gal Then Romele, Nys, Debruyne and Leknessund

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Mikey Celebration oreo!

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Mikey Chhers!

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Trish in MA Good point!

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Mikey errrr cheers

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Mikey How on earth does the stupid spellcheck not fix that?

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Rocket City Gal Tronchon 7th, Flsher Black 11th.

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Mikey Fanta orange

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Trish in MA Have a great day everyone. We get on the train Tuesday am, so I may miss everything until next Saturday. Have a great last week

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Mikey Is cherry juice still a thing at race end?

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Katie S Not sure, but apparently Fanta is

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Katie S Have a great time in Canada, Trish. See everyone else on Tuesday. Er, I may miss Tuesday, actually. Flying back to SFO that morning.

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Mikey Enjoy all your day Trish and everyone else as well

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Mikey Ba

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Rocket City Gal Happy rest day all. Lots of Superclasico races -- some this week, so if you're participating keep track. Then there are all those one-day Italian races for which George has created another "limited transfers" league....

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