



**Tim in KY** GdI Stage 5 is 177 kilometers in a straight southeast from Modena to Cattolica on the Adriatic coast.

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**Tim in KY** [https://rumbletalk-images-](https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1620758073-stage-5-route.jpg)

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**Tim in KY** At least itâ€™s straight until the final three kilometers inside which there are five 90 degree turns including one just past the red kite.

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**Tim in KY** In addition to being straight, the route is dead flat. Baring some strange occurrence, the finish will be a bunch sprint.

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**Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:20. GCN+ streams from 12:50. Finish is again imagined either side of 17:15. Forecast is for moderate crosswinds from the left with temps around 20. There is a chance of showers near the coast.

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**Tim in KY** Neutral. Wind talk.

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**BusterSci** Are the break riders looking for mountain points? (sarcasm)

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**Tim in KY** As usual on flat stages, easy break for two riders.Â They will definately score all the KOM points available today.

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**BusterSci** Yup. Â The only way this becomes interesting is if there are echelons.

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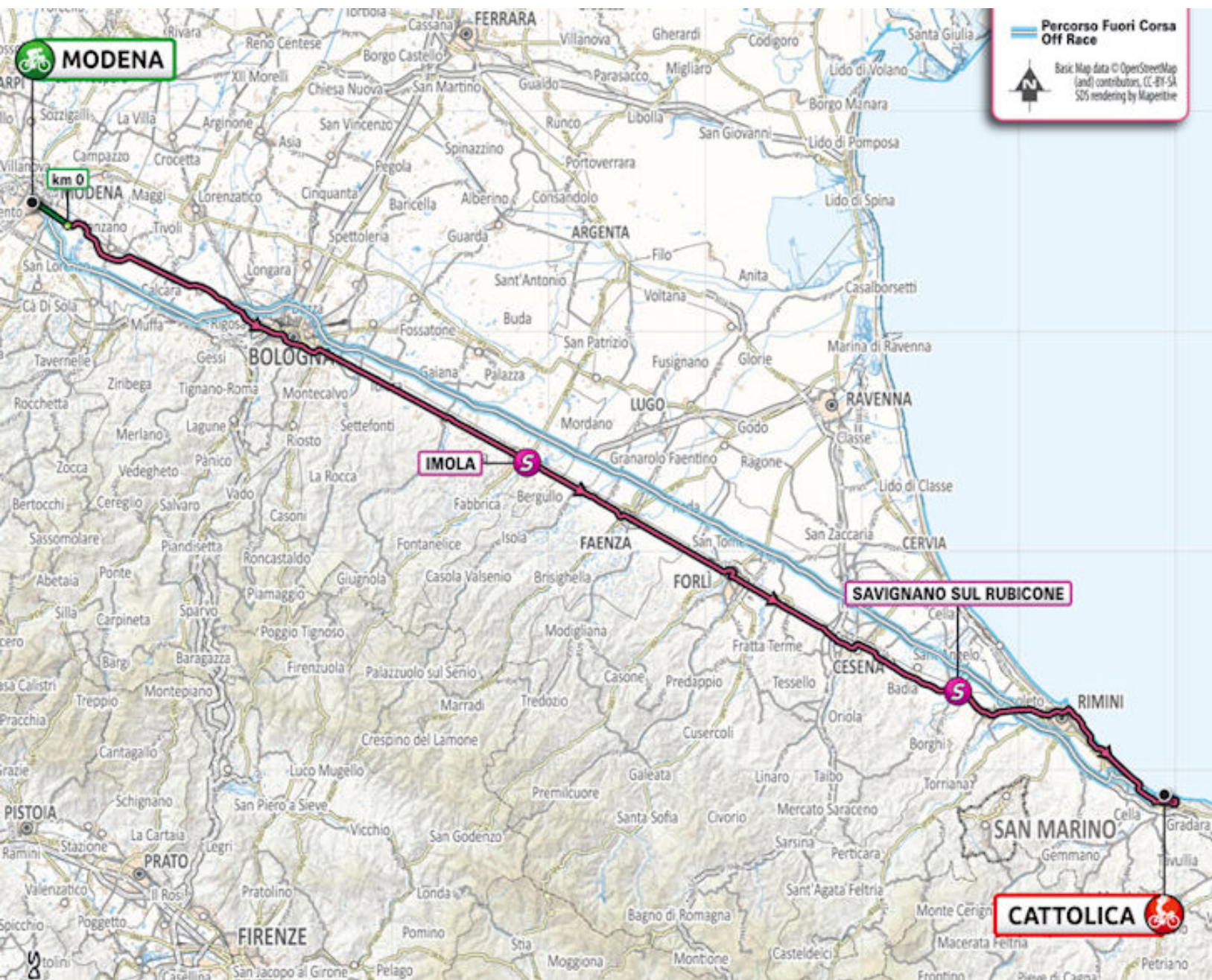


**BusterSci** And Sean says the same

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**Tim in KY** I think a lot of the wind talk is for something to talk about. Right now it's a 12kph tail wind.Â If there are, in fact 40kph winds on the coast, that's just the last 25 km.

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**Tim in KY** Right now on the coast there's a 21 kph crosswind from the right.

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**Tim in KY** Sprinters' teams on the front of the peloton.

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**BusterSci** Just read about the Pacific Football Fish that washed up in Cali. Â They reproduce by the male latching onto the female with its teeth and then slowly being absorbed into the female's body until only its testes remain. Some things are stunningly weird.

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**Charlie in Tenn** On that note, Good morning.

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**Tim in KY** ISN now at the front. Gap is up to 3:43.

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**Tim in KY** I will be out of touch for about half an hour.Â Watching but not in the Pub.

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**Maite** Morning, All.

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**BusterSci** Hi, Maite

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**Charlie in Tenn** Hi

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**Maite** I see its an NRRRBBB stage today.

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**BusterSci** Unless the wind does something.

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08:02:28 am



**BusterSci** You known a day like this DQS is just waiting to pounce.

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**Maite** Buster, read yesterday about a parasite that eats the fish's tongue and then replaces it, living the life.

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08:03:20 am



**Charlie in Tenn** You guys read interesting stuff.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Notice I used "you guys" to mean y'all. No disrespect to Maite. That came up on another international board a few weeks ago.

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Argument on "guys" meaning everyone male or female vs. guys meaning males. Different folks had different thoughts. One female was decidedly not a guy. I can understand that.



**BusterSci** "All y'all read interesting stuff." That works.

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**BusterSci** Nature's weirdness has especially fascinated me since reading a story about people infecting themselves with hookworms in order to cure

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allergies. After that I discovered the fascinating effects of toxoplasma gondii on mice and potentially on humans. Then I got into the weird stuff.



**BusterSci** 4 minute gap

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**Tim in KY** That seems to be the length of the leash for now.

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**BusterSci** They're full of Bologna right now.

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**Tim in KY** Seems an odd place to have a litter zone.

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**Mikey** Good Morning

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**BusterSci** Howdy

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**Charlie in Tenn** Hello

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08:27:57 am



**Mikey** Interesting fish talk

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**Charlie in Tenn** I am so unexcited about this start that I forgot to turn on GCN+.

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**Tim in KY** You missed nothing, Charlie.

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**BusterSci** Anybody in the group in a gas shortage area?

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**BusterSci** gasoline, that is

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**Tim in KY** No shortage, but the price has shot up.

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**Mikey** Price went up here too and we were not in the affected area

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**Maite** Charlie, no offence taken.

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**BusterSci** We're steady in the \$2.75 range (+/- .10)

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08:38:07 am



**Maite** Is that all? Wish we had those prices.

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08:39:39 am



**SFinAus** Howdy.Â Was about to wisecrack and asked if I missed anything, but Charlie beat me to it.Â Gasoline shortage?Â Surprisingly no, and Austin rarely misses a chance to go on a panic buying spree.Â Price ranges from 2.49-2.79.Â There was a massive, totally unwarranted gas panic a couple of years ago where people lost their freakin' minds.Â It was a textbook case of mass hysteria.Â On one level it was interesting and amazing to watch.

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**BusterSci** I very much enjoy seeing Attila Valter onscreen with his nationality abbreviation (HUN)

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**Tim in KY** I missed that.Â Funny.

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**Mikey** Hi Shawn We made our first trek out into the real world a month ago and visited our son in San Antonio. He is moving to Austin in July. We got to experience the famous Austin traffic.

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**Charlie in Tenn** East Tenn is on the pipeline that was hacked but there is a second pipeline that parallels it so it should only be a few days at most. I have not heard of any problems but I have half a tank and that usually last me weeks.

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**BusterSci** Frau and I decided that through the summer, at least, we'd spend our leisure time and money locally as much as possible. Neither of us fears travel at this point, but MSP has more than Covid effects to overcome and money in the economy is always helpful. ^ Our first long jaunt is scheduled for October and Quebec City with my younger brother and wife. ^ We'll consider Europe again in 2022.

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**SFinAus** You have my sympathy even after the fact, Mikey. :) ^ I live near work to mitigate my exposure. ^ Population is supposed to double in ~20 some years. ^ I'll do my part to help though and move away in a few years!

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**Tim in KY** Gap has eased out to 5:00.

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**Mikey** There is a bicycle race on?

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08:56:20 am



**BusterSci** No. ^ Just a televised club ride

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**Tim in KY** PCS has an interesting chart showing how much prize money each rider has won so far.

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**SFinAus** In the before times, I was thinking of ^ going to the cobble classics last year, then this year, and am now undecided about '22. I'm wondering if the "pent up demand" is going to make finding accommodations harder and what the prices will be. ^ Plus there are priorities here. Hate to think it won't be until '23 though.

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**BusterSci** I'm ready for that, SF.

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**BusterSci** I also wonder about the north south divide in Europe. I suspect vaccination and control will be much better in northern countries and worse in southern. ^ Plus, the southern countries/areas may be dealing with much more migration from African and eastern countries that are being left behind in vaccination.

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**Mikey** I just heard yesterday the Greece and Croatia are 100% open for tourists!

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**Tim in KY** Who's brining the gap down? 3:42.

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**BusterSci** I suspect we're nowhere near done with Covid on a global basis. Å Of course, I've also been reading too much pandemic related apocalyptic fiction recently--and not even with intent. Å Most of the stuff is a decade or more old.

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**BusterSci** Tim, I'd really like to see some sort of analysis of whether the gap is fluctuating due to the peloton or the break altering their riding.

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**Charlie in Tenn** We have plans to go to California to visit the Redwoods and then over to Utah to visit family in June. A tentative plan (probably won't go) to visit friends near Williamsburg VA in July, and Hawaii in October.

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**SFinAus** I wonder about vaccination and controls too, Buster.Å Interesting and good point on a possible demarcations.Å For me I'd be focussing on Belgium and France.

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**Mikey** The wif just asked me the other day if we could head off to Colorado and then the Grand Canyon. I think that might be doable, but we will stay in country and I'm sure she's not ready for a cruise

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**BusterSci** I suspect France will be a long term problem.

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**SFinAus** Regardless of how much you do, Charlie, that's an impressive set of plans.

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**BusterSci** Mikey, we will NEVER be ready for a cruise.

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**Mikey** I'm surprised Buster. I thought you might be cruise people

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**Tim in KY** Fighting for sprint points is wiping out the gap.

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**Tim in KY** 1:23

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**BusterSci** Everybody has their tastes. I won't go camping in the BWCA when there are half as many people as on a cruise ship spread out over a million acres.

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**SFinAus** We're cruise-adverse as well, despite hearing how many people have a great time on them.

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**BusterSci** Frau and I are inveterate introverts.

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**Mikey** I went kicking and screaming but changed my mind and really had a good time. Plenty of wine Buster

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**BusterSci** I have plenty of wine at home.

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**Mikey** I was really surprised. I planned on hating it but had to admit that it was great. We will wait a couple of years and then go again.

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**BusterSci** The closest we've come to considering a cruise would be chartering a French canal boat or a small sailing vessel around Greece.

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**Tim in KY** Break is caught with 106 km to go.

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**Tim in KY** Stupid.

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**Mikey** I went down the Rhine in a small boat but the larger cruise ship was better. And our wait staff left towel animals for us every day! How can you pass that up?

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**BusterSci** Easy.

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**Mikey** Stupid is as stupid does

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**Charlie in Tenn** We had a cruise to Italy, Greece and Turkey planned for last fall. Of course that fell through so the Hawaii trip is replacing it. I was never thrilled about a cruise but was going to give it a go. I get seasick on a merry-go-round so lots of patches and dramamine were to be ordered. COVID throws another wrench in the works.

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**SFinAus** Even before the pandemic we've packed food and a small grill for some road trips. We've grilled steaks, salmon, burgers in many a hotel parking lot. Although I too am an inveterate introvert, but we are not recluses and we

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enjoy a good restaurant as much as anyone. After a full day though sometimes we don't want to be around a crowd and do the whole drawn out dining routine. We can have wine, eat a great dinner, and be relaxing in less time than it takes to meet our server. :)



**Tim in KY** Sprinters' teams on the front with ISN. No tries for a new break yet.

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**Mikey** Turkey was the highlight of one of our trips Charlie. I hope you get to reschedule

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**Tim in KY** Now the GC teams are at the front.

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**BusterSci** We almost always rent apartments or houses now. Frau loves cooking, and really enjoys shopping at local markets and making food with local ingredients. Even local junk food is fun. We also eat out, but simple home made stuff is often healthier, lighter, and always cheaper.

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**Mikey** How do you find the places to stay?

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**Tim in KY** WAAAAAY slower that the slowest imaginable...

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**BusterSci** VRBO and AirBNB, Trip Advisor, Gites de France, Paris Perfect and Italy Perfect, others that Frau knows better than I do because they aren't in English. We've never been disappointed.

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**Mikey** You don't like cruises and I don't like to stay at other peoples houses I don't know

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**BusterSci** De gustibus non est disputandum

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**Maite** I won't go on cruises. Being locked up in a tin can gives me the shivers.

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**Mikey** Well I'm off to assist my mom. Enjoy the paint drying

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**BusterSci** Airplanes, Maite?

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**SFinAus** Ditto for us on your last two posts when we're staying more than one night. Sometimes the kitchens are not really fully equipped. If we're driving we bring our "Condo box" which we've equipped with things we've often found to missing. We used VRBO/AirBnB to find a nice apartment in Innsbruck for the Worlds. Had wonderful grocer next door, the bus stop to the inner city finish area was in front of the place, and a even had a pleasant coin laundry across the street.

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**Maite** That's a necessity and a short ride. Cruises aren't. I enjoyed the house we rented in Crystel River, FL. I'm not a kitchen person, so it was eating out or a can of baked beans and meat balls. That's ok with me. Looking into a trip to the US late May/early June.

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**BusterSci** Ripley is having a tail wagging dream. Always had dogs that twitched their tails during dreams, but she wags it full motion. Really cute.

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**Tim in KY** Getting slower and slower. This may not finish until 18:00.

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**BusterSci** SF, when we're sick of fast food on road trips we find that a decent grocery almost always has a deli selection worth a meal, and usually will heat things up.

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**BusterSci** Makes sense, Maite. It was just the "tin can" that made me ask the question. I feel exactly as you do on the two means of travel.

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**SFinAus** That a good point. Don't know why we never thought of that. Thanks for the pro tip.

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**BusterSci** I like your idea, too. We would have done that in our younger years had we thought of it. Now we like the convenience of having our food made for us--especially if it comes cheaply and without a long wait.

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**Charlie in Tenn** We enjoy trying the local restaurants. We always ask our hosts where they suggest.

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**Tim in KY** Peloton has sped up a little. Now only 13 minutes slower than the slowest imaginable...

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**BusterSci** Agree, Charlie. Our issue is eating out for every meal is worth 5 pounds in a week, and I, at least, always feel bloated.

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**Tim in KY** Boy, this is more boring than most paint-drying stages.

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**BusterSci** Tim, is tomorrow a big day?

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**Tim in KY** Two huge climbs back to back, the second one being a summit finish.

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**BusterSci** Ok, that's the explanation

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**SFinAus** All in 150km

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1620828708-stage-6-profile.jpg>

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**Charlie in Tenn** My wife is a planner. However, her transfers always seem to be tight on time so we generally eat a lighter, quicker lunch and sometimes don't get a great dinner. However, we see some beautiful country every day.

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**BusterSci** So it's wash, rinse, repeat with this attack.

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**Charlie in Tenn** That seems like a big day for sure.

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**Tim in KY** For some reason your a few seconds ahead of me Buster.

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10:08:06 am



**BusterSci** Bardiani and Androni again.

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**Tim in KY** The 44 km descent could be interesting.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Nibs could gain an hour on some.

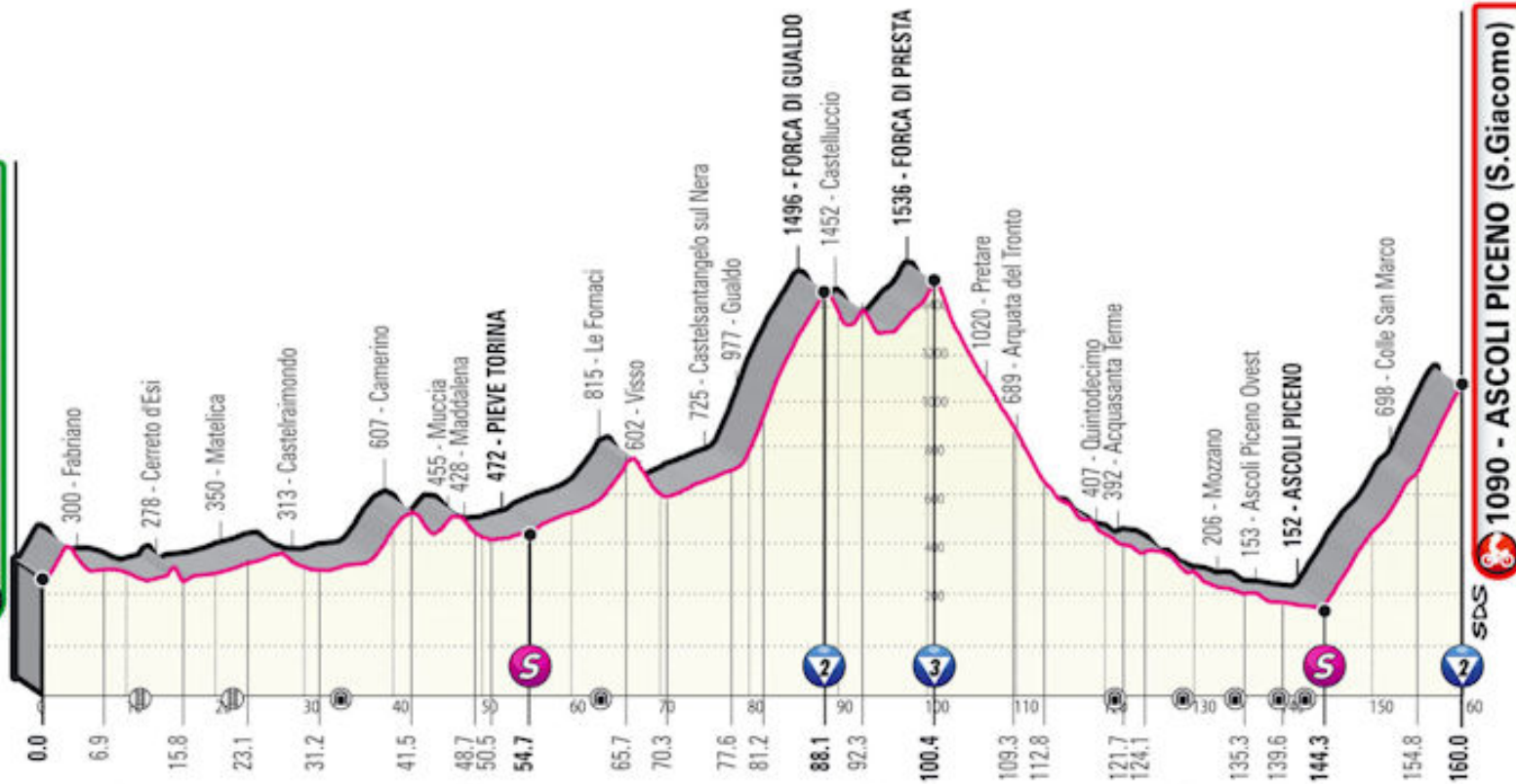
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**BusterSci** Charlie, we've finally gotten over our "rush from site to site" travel strategy. We really need to take the next step and stop in unexpected places more.

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**BusterSci** I was thinking about Nibali descending recently. Â For as much as he's done wonders with it in his career, he hasn't really gotten away with anything n the last few years. Â Is he taking fewer risks or is the overall descending talent better?

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**Maite** My brother does that.Â He roams the States, camps and rides his bike or motorbike around.Â He did the French Creek MTB race last weekend.

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**Tim in KY** New break has 1:07.

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**Charlie in Tenn** The best descenders are probably still better than the pack. There are probably a different group now. Nibs has also not really been in position to maximize that much recently. I really am just babbling. I have no idea.

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**Tim in KY** Litter zone.

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**BusterSci** So I've lost my monopoly on that strategy, Charlie?

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**Charlie in Tenn** Dammit, my wife says I am to honest.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Speaking of her, my wife is still in her 40s and she still wants to see everything, It is go, go, go between sites.

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**BusterSci** Mine says I'm full of shit.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Mine is way to nice to say that to my face. I am sure she knows it.

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**Charlie in Tenn** I missed the litter zone. Dang.

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**BusterSci** Frau isn't a rusher. Â But she's quite risk averse so she isn't comfortable without a reserved place to stay every night. Â Our last Europe trip I tried to break her in by not making any car or train reservations, and all went without a hitch. I even made two overnight reservations only 3 days in advance. Â I want to get her to the point where we can just go rather than having a plan.

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**BusterSci** What is in that guy's jersey?

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**Tim in KY** 50 km banner.

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**SFinAus** I didn't see anything except for the print of a bottled water above a pocket.Â Reminded me of the burrito sponsor JV had on an early incarnation of his team back when argyle was dominant.

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**BusterSci** The Androni guy in the break has something sticking out from his gut. Â It's quite a bit higher up than you'd expect anything to be sticking out--at least with my anatomy to go by. Â Maybe I should just be silent in my shame?

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**SFinAus** Alien?

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**BusterSci** A bit lower than that. Â They usually come out of the chest, don't they?

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**Tim in KY** Banana?

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**Charlie in Tenn** That is not happening for an international trip. On our drives from Tenn to Utah, we just drive until someone says let's stop soon. At that point, my wife gets on her hotel finding apps and picks one. We have stayed at this place 3 times, without know which hotel we are actually picking. Capitol Plaza Hotel & Convention Center Topeka

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**SFinAus** I see it, but don't know what it would be.Â Pockets too inconvenient?

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**Tim in KY** Radio?

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**Charlie in Tenn** Now I have to watch the race again.

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**SFinAus** Marketing tactic to get people to talk about Androni?

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**Tim in KY** There's no radio visible on his back, so I think that's what it is.

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**BusterSci** It's not a bad thought

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**Tim in KY** 45 km banner.

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**Alaska News** Good morning. 43 and threatening to rain. All this talk About tourism. Juneau put its eggs in the cruise ship basket which appears to be empty for a second year. Great time to independently tour.

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**Tim in KY** Second sprint done to no effect.

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**Tim in KY** The towns they've been through have been picturesque but the countryside is not much to look at.

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**BusterSci** As someone who grew up on the last miles before the southern plains of Glacial Lake Aggasiz, I can assure you there is nothing picturesque about flat land.

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**SFinAus** I'm not a fan of north-south trans-Illinois drives

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**Tim in KY** 35 km banner.

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**SFinAus** So far this stage must be what NASCAR is like - without all the left turns.

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**Tim in KY** 1 KU to go.

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10:51:21 am



**Tim in KY** 30 km banner.

05-12-2021  
10:54:39 am



**BusterSci** I think his radio is on his left side back.

05-12-2021  
10:55:08 am



**Bill Wilkinson** So, not having video...ze paint, she is drying? ze tension, she mounts then thinks better of it?

05-12-2021  
10:56:15 am



**BusterSci** A bardiani and an Androni attack. Â Caught before 100km to go.

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10:57:30 am

About 50km later a Bardiani and Androni attack. Â They have 40s. Â One of them has a lump sticking out of his gut. Â We don't know what it is.



**BusterSci** That about settles it.

05-12-2021  
10:57:35 am



**Tim in KY** Actually it wasn't as exciting as Buster makes it sound.

05-12-2021  
10:58:14 am



**BusterSci** Tim speaks the truth.

05-12-2021  
10:58:36 am



**Charlie in Tenn** 54 and the wind is blowing here. i am not getting my 25 ladder out until it calms down a lot.

05-12-2021  
10:59:24 am



**Alaska Dave** Saskatchewan stage: your dog can run away, and you can watch it run all day.

05-12-2021  
11:00:32 am



**Tim in KY** 25 km banner.

05-12-2021  
11:01:26 am



**Tim in KY** An AG2R attacks.Â Nobody cares.

05-12-2021  
11:03:21 am



**Maite** :D

05-12-2021  
11:03:33 am



**Charlie in Tenn** My man Gougéard

05-12-2021  
11:04:13 am



**BusterSci** Tejay with an issue? Â Who would have thought it.

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11:04:38 am



**Tim in KY** [https://rumbletalk-images-](https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1620832424-stage-5-finish-route.jpg)

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11:08:46 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Bernie said full speed a lot. I think it has to string out and who knows what happens.

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11:09:53 am



**Alaska Dave** Usual straightforward giro finale.

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11:09:58 am





**SFinAus** So Grio-y at first glance but at least it is a long final straight - almost a km.

05-12-2021  
11:10:02 am



**BusterSci** Sivakov down hard

05-12-2021  
11:13:27 am



**Tim in KY** Treed.

05-12-2021  
11:13:42 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Is it just me or does the bike for the finish line look like it's popping a wheelie? Prediction for Sagan? Way to add a little interest to the stage?

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11:13:47 am



**SFinAus** ouch

05-12-2021  
11:13:57 am



**BusterSci** Bill, it looks to me like a young girl with a basket on the front

05-12-2021  
11:14:28 am



**Alaska Dave** Bike too small for the rider, Sasquatch?

05-12-2021  
11:15:22 am



**BusterSci** Dey're foightin' for every place, says Kink Kelly

05-12-2021  
11:17:23 am



**Tim in KY** Sivakov looks wobbly.

05-12-2021  
11:17:29 am



**BusterSci** Thats a "Race is over, just get across and see if you can get to the rest day and help Egan" ride

05-12-2021  
11:18:32 am



**Tim in KY** Last litter zone.

05-12-2021  
11:19:14 am



**Tim in KY** 10 km banner.

05-12-2021  
11:19:28 am



**Alaska Dave** ejecting bisons

05-12-2021  
11:19:29 am



**Bill Wilkinson** I know that's autocorrect, but carrying bisons could explain the languid pace....

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11:20:13 am





**BusterSci** It's not autocorrect anymore. Â Some of us do it on purpose since we gave up fighting the man. Or Siri, as the case may be.

05-12-2021  
11:21:36 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Turns ahead.

05-12-2021  
11:25:21 am



**BusterSci** Dombro down hard

05-12-2021  
11:26:05 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Joe Dom down, Landa down

05-12-2021  
11:26:14 am



**BusterSci** Landa down hard

05-12-2021  
11:26:19 am



**Tim in KY** As is Joe D.

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11:26:28 am



**bikerabe** outside 3 km

05-12-2021  
11:27:06 am



**Tim in KY** 3 km now.

05-12-2021  
11:27:38 am



**SFinAus** :(

05-12-2021  
11:28:15 am



**Tim in KY** 2 km.

05-12-2021  
11:28:41 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Ewan has one guy

05-12-2021  
11:28:48 am



**BusterSci** Bora leading

05-12-2021  
11:29:33 am



**bikerabe** Ultimo Kilometer

05-12-2021  
11:29:42 am



**BusterSci** Should be safe now

05-12-2021  
11:30:07 am



**BusterSci** Lined out

05-12-2021  
11:30:19 am



**BusterSci** Ewan

05-12-2021  
11:30:47 am



**Tim in KY** What happened to JuVi?

05-12-2021  
11:31:17 am



**BusterSci** Groanwagen just didn't position well

05-12-2021  
11:31:34 am



**Tim in KY** Zolo looked like he had it.

05-12-2021  
11:31:48 am



**bikerabe** Caleb only had 1 leadout man

05-12-2021  
11:32:00 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Merlier slowed and seemed to lose a gear

05-12-2021  
11:32:05 am



**BusterSci** Yes

05-12-2021  
11:32:12 am



**BusterSci** Caleb is so dang fast in a straight out sprint

05-12-2021  
11:32:45 am



**Tim in KY** He almost took Ewan into the barriers, too.

05-12-2021  
11:33:05 am



**BusterSci** Dombrowski look horrific but will finish

05-12-2021  
11:35:04 am



**BusterSci** 4 Bahraains come in without Landa

05-12-2021  
11:35:12 am



**Tim in KY** Ended up just 3:00 slower than the slowest..

05-12-2021  
11:35:13 am



**BusterSci** The crashed Lotto also finishes

05-12-2021  
11:35:48 am



**SFinAus** Perfectly-timed-to-miss-the-finale meeting over.Â Poor Siva,

05-12-2021  
11:36:05 am

Landa, and Dombro.



**SFinAus** I just noticed the zipper pull on the pink jersey.Â Nice touch

05-12-2021  
11:38:10 am



**BusterSci** It was asked before: Sean Kelly is clearly not at the race. Â he's in studio. Â Don't know about Rob Hatch.

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11:40:58 am



**BusterSci** <https://rumbletalk-images->

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**SFinAus** Thanks all.Â Tomorrow should be fun to watch.

05-12-2021  
11:45:15 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Got to homeschool. See ya tomorrow.

05-12-2021  
11:46:02 am



**bikerabe** Climbing finish tomorrow after 2 KOM summits Whoop Whoop!

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11:51:34 am

- 1 Caleb Ewan (Aus) Lotto Soudal 4:07:01
- 2 Giacomo Nizzolo (Ita) Team Qhubeka Assos
- 3 Elia Viviani (Ita) Cofidis
- 4 Peter Sagan (Svk) Bora-Hansgrohe
- 5 Fernando Gaviria Rendon (Col) UAE Team Emirates
- 6 Matteo Moschetti (Ita) Trek-Segafredo
- 7 Andrea Pasqualon (Ita) Intermarché-Wanty-Gobert Matériaux
- 8 Dylan Groenewegen (Ned) Jumbo-Visma
- 9 Manuel Belletti (Ita) Eolo-Kometa Cycling Team
- 10 Davide Cimolai (Ita) Israel Start-up Nation



- 1 Alessandro De Marchi (Ita) Israel Start-up Nation 17:57:45
- 2 Louis Vervaeke (Bel) Alpecin-Fenix 0:0:42
- 3 Nelson Oliveira (Por) Movistar Team 0:0:48
- 4 Attila Valter (Hun) Groupama-FDJ 0:01:00
- 5 Nicolas Edet (Fra) Cofidis 0:01:15
- 6 Aleksandr Vlasov (Rus) Astana-Premier Tech 0:01:24
- 7 Remco Evenepoel (Bel) Deceuninck-QuickStep 0:01:28
- 8 Alberto Bettiol (Ita) EF Education-Nippo 0:01:37
- 9 Hugh Carthy (GBr) EF Education-Nippo 0:01:38
- 10 Egan Bernal Gomez (Col) Ineos Grenadiers 0:01:39