



**Tim in KY** VaE Stage 2 is 175 kilometers from 's Hertogenbosch back north to Utrecht with lots of loops and turns along the way.

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1660941951-VaE%20Stage%20%20Map.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** The first 80 kilometers and the last 20 km are flat. There are a few lumps in the middle. One of them has been proclaimed a Cat 4 to get someone into the KOM jersey for Sunday. 2.1 km at 2.4% is not going to be a stiff challenge for someone in the sacrificial break.

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1660942035-VaE%20Stage%20%20Profile.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:32 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Forecast is for cloudy skies in the low-20s.

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04:43:00 pm



**Charlie in Tenn** Hi Tim. I got busy and never made it back yesterday. I will try to do better for the rest of the Vuelta.

08-20-2022  
07:15:02 am



**Trish in MA** Well, the East Coasters are up and watching.

08-20-2022  
07:20:52 am



**Tim in KY** Still in neutral.

08-20-2022  
07:33:17 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Tim have you recovered from COVID?

08-20-2022  
07:37:07 am



**Trish in MA** Racing started and attacks from the gun

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07:37:46 am



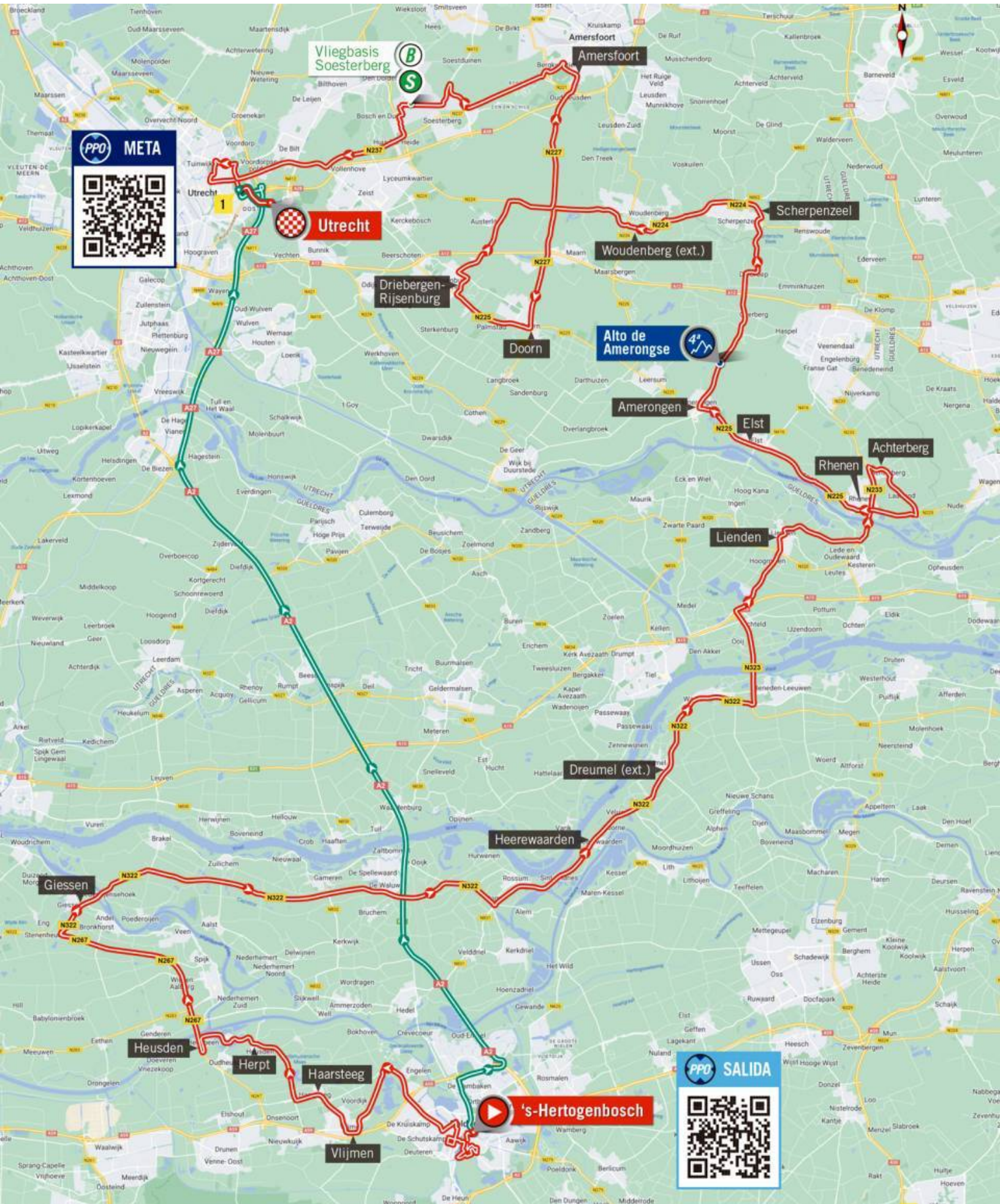
**Tim in KY** I never had symptoms after the first day but it took 13 days for the test to go negative.

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07:38:02 am



**Tim in KY** I would have expected a quick break on this flat stage. But, no.

08-20-2022  
07:39:00 am



Vliegbasis Soesterberg



PPD META

Utrecht

Driebergen-Rijsenburg

Alto de Amerongse



Amerongen

Elst

Rhenen

Achterberg

Lienden

Dreumel (ext.)

Heerwaarden

Giessen

Heusden

Herpt

Haarsteeg

's-Hertogenbosch

Vlijmen

PPD SALIDA

's-HERTOGENBOSCH / 10 m



km 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 110 120 130 140 150 160 170

Vlijmen / 10 m

Herpt / 10 m

Heerwaarden / 10 m

Lienden / 10 m

Achterberg / 10 m

Amerongen / 25 m

Alto de Amerongse / 70 m

Scherpenzeel / 10 m

Doorn / 10 m

Amersfoort / 10 m

Vliegbasis Soesterberg / 12 m

UTRECHT / 10 m



**Tim in KY** Now the sprinters' team shut down the peloton.

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07:40:39 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Looks like the break is made.

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07:42:39 am



**Tim in KY** 5 riders at the front areÂ Julius van den Berg (EF Education-EasyPost), Jetse Bol (Burgos-BH), Xabier Mikel Azparren (Euskaltel-Euskadi), Thibault Guernalec (Arkea-Smasic), and Pau Miquel (Kern Pharma).

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07:43:55 am



**Trish in MA** I'm off to the store. Â Gotta make my dish for the neighborhood picnic.

08-20-2022  
07:45:37 am



**Tim in KY** Today is Miquel's birthday.

08-20-2022  
07:45:55 am



**Tim in KY** The categorized "climb" today crests at 70 meters above sea level.

08-20-2022  
07:50:46 am



**Tim in KY** Gap is up to 5:00.

08-20-2022  
08:01:20 am



**Tim in KY** Now down to 4:00. Alpecin minding the gap.

08-20-2022  
08:08:29 am



**Tim in KY** One Alpecin at the front followed by all 8 IPTs.

08-20-2022  
08:14:06 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Tim Merlier for the win today.

08-20-2022  
08:29:25 am



**BusterSci** Morning, all.

08-20-2022  
08:29:33 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Hi Buster

08-20-2022  
08:29:49 am



**Trish in MA** I see that not much has happened in the last 45 minutes.

08-20-2022  
08:30:40 am



**Tim in KY** It's been pretty boring.

08-20-2022  
08:31:18 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I am watching the Tour of Denmark 16 kms to go. Laporte and Magnus Sheffield at the top and both are in the small group at the front.

08-20-2022  
08:31:31 am



**BusterSci** Re: your comment about trying to be more in attendance, Charlie: I likely will not be. Â Got too much on the plate with my last client who I just can't get rid of. Â And because of that, I'm exceeding my daily time limit for healthy computer use.

08-20-2022  
08:32:05 am



**Charlie in Tenn** What is the client's number. I will get rid of them for you.

08-20-2022  
08:33:40 am



**BusterSci** They've known me for a decade. Â You'd think that would be enough in itself.

08-20-2022  
08:34:28 am



**Charlie in Tenn** har

08-20-2022  
08:42:23 am



**BusterSci** Each annual renewal I jack up my rate, hoping to find their pain point. Â Hasn't worked so far.

08-20-2022  
08:43:49 am



**Tim in KY** Why so many spectators in one place?

08-20-2022  
08:48:26 am



**BusterSci** Pub or cafe nearby?

08-20-2022  
08:52:30 am



**Tim in KY** Just a huge roundabout in the middle of nowhere.

08-20-2022  
08:54:19 am



**Tim in KY** Horses.

08-20-2022  
08:55:33 am



**BusterSci** That looks like the roundabout outside of Rossum? Â Maybe the nearest and most convenient place for residents to go out and watch.

08-20-2022  
08:58:28 am



**Tim in KY** Break is at the slowest imaginable...

08-20-2022  
09:01:10 am



**Trish in MA** Can

08-20-2022  
09:03:06 am



**Tim in KY** What is Alecin thinking?

08-20-2022  
09:03:32 am



**Trish in MA** Can't imagine why the sprinters teams want to catch the break so soon

08-20-2022  
09:03:37 am



**Trish in MA** Let these guys fight it out for the KOM points at least.

08-20-2022  
09:04:33 am



**BusterSci** About to make a direction change. Enough wind for echelons?

08-20-2022  
09:05:25 am



**Tim in KY** Doesn't look like wind. 11 kph says ASO ticker.

08-20-2022  
09:06:38 am



**BusterSci** Roadside branches are dancing sometimes. But you're right, 11kph isn't enough, I'd think. They will be heading north over the river, which is unprotected.

08-20-2022  
09:07:26 am



**Tim in KY** The Dutch do like a cable-stayed bridge.

08-20-2022  
09:11:17 am



**BusterSci** That had to be about the open river crossing.

08-20-2022  
09:18:42 am



**BusterSci** Jumbo has to be happy they aren't having to work today.

08-20-2022  
09:19:54 am



**Tim in KY** JV has replaced IPT behind Alpecin.

08-20-2022  
09:28:15 am



**BusterSci** This is not the same level as the Tour starting in Denmark.

08-20-2022  
09:30:35 am



**Tim in KY** Well, it's not le Tour.

08-20-2022  
09:32:30 am



**BusterSci** Time to go walkies.

08-20-2022  
09:33:50 am



**Tim in KY** You'll miss the KOM climb.

08-20-2022  
09:34:40 am



**BusterSci** And lunch!

08-20-2022  
09:36:14 am



**Mikey** OGOB Trish

08-20-2022  
09:36:59 am



**Trish in MA** Yup

08-20-2022  
09:39:00 am



**Tim in KY** Katie got her account fixed.

08-20-2022  
09:39:25 am



**Katie S** Good morning, everyone. I'm up in Washington state (Tri-Cities), visiting friends. Just popping in to say hi. I expect to be able to spend time in the pub beginning Monday.

08-20-2022  
09:40:03 am



**Tim in KY** Not Monday. That's a travel day.

08-20-2022  
09:40:31 am



**Katie S** Oh dear. We'll then Tuesday. And, yes, Jo got me all fixed up. She had trouble logging in to figure out what was wrong.

08-20-2022  
09:41:54 am



**Tim in KY** She really doesn't know what the problem was but she got it fixed.

08-20-2022  
09:44:38 am



**Tim in KY** Break is messing up their KOM chances.

08-20-2022  
09:50:06 am



**Tim in KY** Break is on the "climb".

08-20-2022  
09:53:33 am



**Trish in MA** Bol has closed the split in the break. The "climb" has started.

08-20-2022  
09:53:35 am



**SFinAus** I think there are other stages that have sprint points on steeper climbs than this KOM. :)

08-20-2022  
09:53:36 am



**Trish in MA** Bol attacks the break. Vanderberg chases.

08-20-2022  
09:54:28 am



**SFinAus** Feisty fight for the points.

08-20-2022  
09:55:05 am



**Trish in MA** Vandenberg gets the points and jersey

08-20-2022  
09:55:32 am



**Tim in KY** The Euski has been dropped from the break.

08-20-2022  
09:58:08 am



**Tim in KY** Now he's back.

08-20-2022  
09:58:46 am



**Tim in KY** Alpecin still burning unnecessary matches.

08-20-2022  
10:07:55 am



**BikerAbe** Bobke states that Primoz has 'question mark' on him after abandoning at Tour. Big question mark for me Will he crash?

08-20-2022  
10:11:06 am



**Tim in KY** His crash history is why I did not put him on my VG team.

08-20-2022  
10:12:02 am



**Trish in MA** Me too

08-20-2022  
10:18:51 am



**SFinAus** Me three.Â But what do I know. I plummeted to the bottom of VG standings right from the start.

08-20-2022  
10:21:17 am



**SFinAus** Hopefully Merlier will deliver today, but it likely won't help me move up much.

08-20-2022  
10:22:48 am



**Trish in MA** I went for two teams in case one sucked. Â I'm hoping they don't both suck.

08-20-2022  
10:23:56 am



**Trish in MA** Alpecin trying to get people to help. Â No response from JV.

08-20-2022  
10:24:56 am



**Tim in KY** I will miss the finish today.Â Big family lunch for my wife's birthday.

08-20-2022  
10:32:42 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Hi, I just got back from helping a local charity load a bunch of donated furniture into a truck. Had about 7 people plus the owners helping. It went well and now I am ready.

08-20-2022  
10:32:47 am



**Charlie in Tenn** HB to your wife.

08-20-2022  
10:33:03 am



**RCG** Good morning, all!

08-20-2022  
10:36:51 am





**Tim in KY** Hi Katie.

08-20-2022  
10:38:59 am



**SFinAus** I would \*love\* to have shaded roads like those to ride on.

08-20-2022  
10:43:04 am



**RCG** Isn't it gorgeous there, SFin? Nice and flat, too. I did a bike tour in Holland in 1995. Much of the "bike highway" network we rode on was through shady forested areas.

08-20-2022  
10:45:56 am



**Charlie in Tenn** We have shade in east Tenn but no flat roads.

08-20-2022  
10:46:23 am



**RCG** Did a nice shady rail trail Thursday. It's my go-to gravel ride on hot sunny days.

08-20-2022  
10:47:11 am



**Trish in MA** Oops. Missed the KU point.

08-20-2022  
10:48:46 am



**RCG** And it's relatively flat.

08-20-2022  
10:49:09 am



**RCG** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1661007258-2BE7010C-9AFE-465A-9AC5-AD8D93337D8D.jpeg>

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10:49:20 am



**RCG** My friend who rode the rail-trail with me was having shifting problems with her mountain bike. She hadn't ridden it a couple of years. I looked at the drivetrain and the chain was completely dry and encrusted with crud. I think I see what the problem is here. Took it home with me, hubby cleaned and lubed the chain/cogs/derailleur, did some minor tune-up, and my friends says it's like a whole new bike now. A little cleaning and lube go a long way!

08-20-2022  
10:53:50 am



**RCG** Big crowds in Holland. Nice that Gesink gets to wear the red jersey there.

08-20-2022  
10:56:30 am



**SFinAus** What the heck happened to separate Mule-burger and his bike like that?

08-20-2022  
10:58:12 am

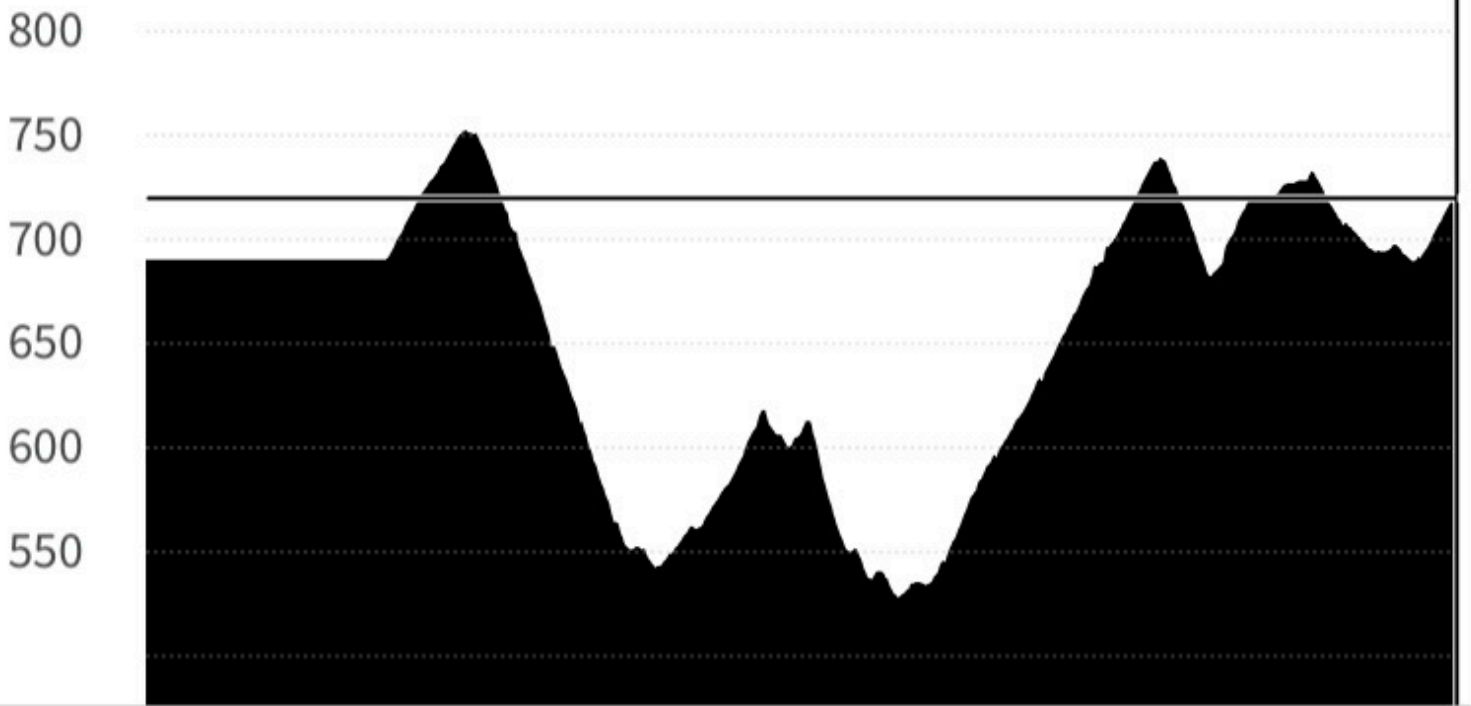


**RCG** He was a long way from his steed after he went down.

08-20-2022  
10:58:39 am

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**RCG** Touch of wheels, probably.

08-20-2022  
10:59:28 am



**Trish in MA** I am off to get my hair cut. Â Have an exciting end of the race!

08-20-2022  
10:59:33 am



**SFinAus** Whatever happened to Muleburger it's clear he landed on his shoulder.Â Fair amount of kit shred.Â He's having words with a moto.Â I wonder if that was a factor??Â Will have to wait for the internet to post something.

08-20-2022  
11:05:35 am



**RCG** 2/3 KU to go

08-20-2022  
11:06:42 am



**RCG** Wish our roads were this smooth!â€

08-20-2022  
11:06:43 am



**SFinAus** Nasty three rider crash.

08-20-2022  
11:06:43 am



**RCG** Shots of Mule-burger! right shoulder shredded. Â Looks very painful.

08-20-2022  
11:06:45 am



**SFinAus** Lotto guy in a lot of pain on the ground

08-20-2022  
11:06:59 am



**RCG** Wout Poels involved but up and riding.

08-20-2022  
11:07:43 am



**Tim in KY** 15 km banner.

08-20-2022  
11:09:44 am



**RCG** Lottos Cras and Malecki were the other two. I think Malecki is the one that's still down. Looks like his Vuelta may be over.

08-20-2022  
11:09:45 am



**SFinAus** I'm having a hard time adjusting to commercials here.Â Oy.

08-20-2022  
11:16:01 am



**SFinAus** Good lord, there was a stroller that was barely pulled out of the way in a nick of time.

08-20-2022  
11:17:00 am



**RCG** Jersey Bol mist combative today. Â He'd have liked to have been able to get the KOM point /jersey, methinks, but most combative is a nice nod to his efforts today.

08-20-2022  
11:18:29 am



**RCG** Lots of traffic furniture and a not-so-wide road. Â This is making me nervous.

08-20-2022  
11:20:03 am



**Trish in MA** Jersey Bols? Â Isnâ€™t that a Broadway musical?

08-20-2022  
11:20:20 am



**RCG** Stupid autocorrect

08-20-2022  
11:20:48 am



**RCG** Jetse

08-20-2022  
11:21:23 am



**BusterSci** Jersey Bol would never play in Florida. Â DeSantis would shut it down for obscenity.

08-20-2022  
11:21:28 am



**BusterSci** Comin' in hot

08-20-2022  
11:22:06 am



**RCG** Jersey Bol sounds like one of those end-of-season college football games.

08-20-2022  
11:22:16 am



**BusterSci** With two 6-6 teams

08-20-2022  
11:22:30 am



**Trish in MA** Inside 3km

08-20-2022  
11:25:04 am



**BusterSci** Pretty hectic out there

08-20-2022  
11:26:00 am



**BusterSci** Sammy

08-20-2022  
11:26:22 am



**BusterSci** Impey crashed hard

08-20-2022  
11:26:44 am



**BusterSci** Also Kern Pharma 201

08-20-2022  
11:26:58 am



**SFinAus** Not sure how much of that was chaotic sprinting or chaotic announcing.

08-20-2022  
11:27:26 am



**BusterSci** That, too

08-20-2022  
11:27:33 am



**BusterSci** With Bennett winning this, I suspect all our Merlier picks are gonna suffer. Â Sammy is a fast dude, and as they say, sprinters run on confidence

08-20-2022  
11:28:11 am



**BikerAbe** Sam Bennett Bora wins

08-20-2022  
11:28:18 am



**Trish in MA** I got Bennett on one of my teams

08-20-2022  
11:28:45 am



**SFinAus** I didn't think Bennett was back to top sprinting so I didn't select him. Insight like that will keep me at the bottom of VG standings.

08-20-2022  
11:29:09 am



**Trish in MA** Dartboards, Sean, dartboards

08-20-2022  
11:29:52 am



**BusterSci** I was looking for extra points to spend elsewhere and considered dropping Merlier for Bennett. Â And didn't.

08-20-2022  
11:30:26 am



**SFinAus** I seem to turn around and throw my darts over my shoulder.Â :P

08-20-2022  
11:31:26 am



**RCG** Cras is the Lotto who crashed hard and who has abandoned. Â Looked like shoulder/ribs/arm/collarbone. Â He was in a lot of pain. Â (And of course he is on my Velogames team).

08-20-2022  
11:31:50 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Does Tuenison get the red jersey?

08-20-2022  
11:32:45 am



**SFinAus** Time to ride.Â Â So long for today.

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11:34:51 am













**RCG** Top 10 of of the stage

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11:34:52 am



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Rnk	Rider	UCI	Pnt	Time
1	 BENNETT Sam BORA - hansgrohe	100	80	3:49:34 10"
2	 PEDERSEN Mads Trek - Segafredo	40	50	9"
3	 MERLIER Tim Alpecin-Deceuninck	20	35	4"
4	 TEUNISSEN Mike Jumbo-Visma	12	25	"
5	 ACKERMANN Pascal UAE Team Emirates	4	18	"
6	 MCLAY Daniel Team Arkéa Samsic		15	"
7	 EINHORN Itamar Israel - Premier Tech		12	"
8	 STEWART Jake Groupama - FDJ		10	"
9	 DEGENKOLB John Team DSM		8	"
10	 GROVES Kaden Team BikeExchange - Jayco		6	"

Rnk	Prev	▼▲	Rider	Team	UCI	Time
1	8	▲7	 TEUNISSEN Mike	Jumbo-Visma	20	4:14:14
2	6	▲4	 AFFINI Edoardo	Jumbo-Visma		0:04
3	7	▲4	 OOMEN Sam	Jumbo-Visma		"
4	16	▲12	 EVENEPOEL Remco	Quick-Step Alpha Vinyl Team		0:14
5	9	▲4	 HAYTER Ethan	INEOS Grenadiers	1"	0:16
6	10	▲4	 CARAPAZ Richard	INEOS Grenadiers		0:17
7	11	▲4	 SIVAKOV Pavel	INEOS Grenadiers		"
8	18	▲10	 VAN WILDER Ilan	Quick-Step Alpha Vinyl Team		0:18
9	26	▲17	 GROVES Kaden	Team BikeExchange - Jayco		0:31
10	47	▲37	 PEDERSEN Mads	Trek - Segafredo	9"	0:33
11	33	▲22	 ACKERMANN Pascal	UAE Team Emirates		"



**Charlie in Tenn** <https://rumbledtalk-images->

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11:37:32 am

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**RCG** I think Gesink will still be in red.

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11:37:34 am

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**Charlie in Tenn** You would be incorrect

08-20-2022  
11:37:46 am

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**Charlie in Tenn** Teunissen got bonus seconds

08-20-2022  
11:38:32 am

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**RCG** Weâ€™re there 2 intermediate sprints?

08-20-2022  
11:38:34 am

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**Charlie in Tenn** The GC list is from PCS.

08-20-2022  
11:39:05 am

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**Charlie in Tenn** Teunisson got 3rd at the finish. Gesink must not have gotten any bonus seconds or finished outside the lead group

08-20-2022  
11:40:05 am

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**Charlie in Tenn** Anyway, bye now.

08-20-2022  
11:40:50 am

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**RCG** No bonus seconds for Teunissen. Â But Gesink finished 43 seconds back.

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11:46:55 am

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**RCG** Teunissen was 4th. No bonus seconds.

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11:46:57 am

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