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Tim in KY If there is a bunch sprint it could get messy.

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Mons Soseman I'm so glad I didn't Quit kowski

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07:11:38



Donny LOL

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07:11:49



Donny This should be a beautiful stage which is good, as the racing is likely to be on the slow side of the spectrum

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Joanna in Virginia That last right turn is a...

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07:13:23



Mons Soseman you saw what happened last week on that "boring stage"

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Donny good point

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BusterSci Won't b e slow. Â It's Sagan's last chance to drop Sam. Â Bora gonna go ALL out.

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BOURG-EN-BRESSE

253 m



CHAMPAGNOLE

547 m

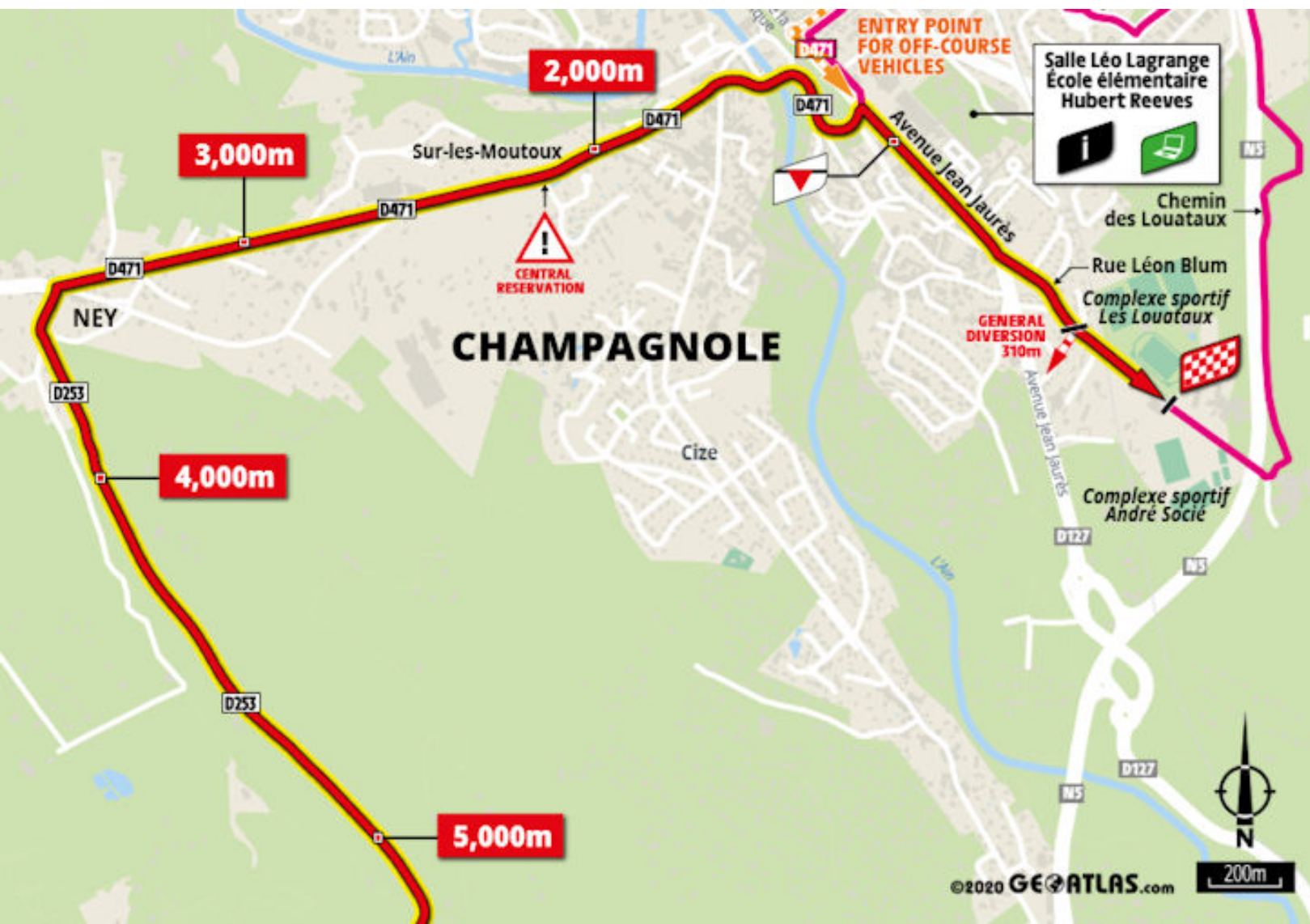


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166,5 km









BusterSci Shhh

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Donny For arguments sake, lets say that somehow the bora squad is able to drop the DQS boys and sam is on a bad day so gets 0 points and Sagan is on a great day and does not get relegated and gains max points. Â On Sunday, Sam does his thing and wins on the Champs where would Peto have to come in to win that green jersey? Â 2nd?

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07:22:40



BusterSci No idea

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07:23:18



BusterSci Are you baiting me to figure it out?

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07:23:28



Donny I have a feeling that the DQS boys will try to take the early sprint and then just put WHF and/or another on Sagan's wheel to try to play points keep away on the line. Â If they can do win that first sprint its just about over for Peter the Great, he can head to Babylon and fall asleep in paradise.

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BusterSci 42 points different right now.

09-18-2020
07:26:19



Donny I would never do such a thing to you Buster

09-18-2020
07:26:26



BusterSci The intermediate sprint is late and after some hills.

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07:26:50



Tim in KY I figured out the easy one. The only way Carapaz loses the dots is if he crashes out or Kis gets the one KOM point today and the one on Sunday.

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07:27:09



BusterSci What about Pog? Â Isn't Pog in second?

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07:27:38



Tim in KY Substitute Pog for Kiss.

09-18-2020
07:29:12



BusterSci Is this a flat or rolling stage?

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07:30:44



Tim in KY Flat.

09-18-2020
07:31:44



Donny listed as flat, but man...

09-18-2020
07:31:45



John Lotta lumps for a flat stage

09-18-2020
07:33:03



mmcally I believe there are 10 points available for fastest time up the Planche tomorrow.

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07:34:56



BusterSci Ok, if Peto gets all the max points today, it would be 70 points and he'd be up by 28 assuming Sam is dropped and scores nothing. Then we'll assume Sam wins both the intermediate and the final on Sunday, scoring himself 70. That means Sagan needs a 2nd in the final and an 4th in the intermediate. 3rd in the final Sunday won't cut it.

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Joanna in Virginia No one told me there was going to be math.

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07:35:36



BusterSci Wiki says an ITT awards the same points as an intermediate sprint. But wiki has been wrong before.

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07:35:37



Tim in KY I don't know how to confirm that, mmc.

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07:35:44



Joanna in Virginia <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIKGV2cTgqA>

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07:36:30



mmcally I found it in this article ...
<https://www.cyclingweekly.com/news/racing/tour-de-france/five-talking-points-from-stage-18-of-the-tour-de-france-2020-468915>

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07:36:45



Donny huh, so I was right after all. LOL thanks Buster

09-18-2020
07:37:11



BusterSci Yup. There are 10 types of people in the world. Those who understand binary and those who don't.

09-18-2020
07:40:49



Tim in KY How often has the NTT Predictor been right?

09-18-2020
07:42:47



BusterSci I haven't paid it any attention.

09-18-2020
07:43:09



Tim in KY It was a rhetorical question.

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07:44:18



Charlie in Tenn OK just finished reading the PUB from 2 days ago. Sounded very exciting in my head.

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07:44:18



BusterSci Castrovejo and an NTT didn't start today

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07:44:32



BusterSci It is officially a flat stage today

09-18-2020
07:45:52



John Ok all you gear experts, why do some of the handlebars have the drops angled slightly outward? Easier and more powerful in a sprint?

09-18-2020
07:46:11



Tim in KY NTT DNS is Gogl.

09-18-2020
07:46:37



Katie S Good morning, all. Math and cows!

09-18-2020
07:46:43



BusterSci 14kph wind, right now is a cross-tail wind

09-18-2020
07:47:04



BusterSci Quiet! Cow skis

09-18-2020
07:47:19



Katie S Any thoughts on the expulsion of the JuVi DS Merijn Zeeman following the "altercation" with the UCI person inspecting Rog's bike post-race?

09-18-2020
07:48:00



BusterSci I'd like more detail. Â But with what I've seen on first report? Good riddance.

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BusterSci Cavagna is a guy who could stay away to the intermediate.

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07:49:30



Katie S I haven't seen anything but what sounds like he threw a hissy fit. Was there something to hide in Rog's bike?

09-18-2020
07:49:56



BusterSci I suspect it's more about the pain in the ass of having someone who doesn't know a bike messing around with it.

09-18-2020
07:50:47



Donny If there was Katttie S, I think we would have heard about that also by now, no? 09-18-2020 07:50:54



BusterSci yup. Â And the expulsion of a DS would not be the headline 09-18-2020 07:51:19



BusterSci Just think of the hissy fit if UCI did that to Rohan Dennis' bike. 09-18-2020 07:51:52



Katie S oh dear 09-18-2020 07:52:18



BusterSci 18s for our leader 09-18-2020 07:52:23



Tim in KY Postal Burger at the DocMobile in some pain. 09-18-2020 07:53:18



BusterSci Postal Burger going to mail it in today. 09-18-2020 07:53:53



BusterSci 27s for Cavagna 09-18-2020 07:54:01



BusterSci That photo of Van Baarle makes him look like he should be a trucker or construction worker. Â Maybe a fireman. 09-18-2020 07:55:04



Donny Dones anything need to be done to Rohan Dennis in order to illicit a hissy fit? Â Doesn't he just sort of come that way? 09-18-2020 07:56:43



BusterSci Which makes me think, why do I associate a profession with certain appearances? 09-18-2020 07:56:59



BusterSci Is it real life experience or is it TV/Film conditioning? 09-18-2020 07:57:30



Mikey Pro-filinfg of course 09-18-2020 07:57:37



Mikey Crap! 09-18-2020 07:57:52



BusterSci I don't think crap has anything to do with it.

09-18-2020
07:58:05



Katie S Unless Doom's involved

09-18-2020
07:58:13



Mikey Moo

09-18-2020
07:58:14



BusterSci Not really an area of interest to me.

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07:58:20



BusterSci Cavagna has 35s on Van Baarle and 51 on the peloton

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07:58:44



BusterSci but guys want to get across

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07:58:53



BusterSci 3 coming across to van baarle

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07:59:27



BusterSci Postie is gone

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07:59:34



Tim in KY Stung by a wasp according to ASO ticker.

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08:00:06



BusterSci Soupe is in the chase! Â And his beard.

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08:00:07



BusterSci 1:04 for Cavagna

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08:00:15



BusterSci So Martin in the break threatens Valverde's 10th place. Â Bora may get chase help.

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08:01:02



BusterSci Which is the worse eejit? Â Furies? Â Or guys in dresses?

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08:01:52



Katie S the ones without pants, but by that I don't mean "dresses instead of pants."

09-18-2020
08:03:13



BusterSci We have a 5th who has joined the chase group.

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08:03:20



Katie S I'm just grateful Antler Dude did not make it across the Big Water

09-18-2020
08:03:33



BusterSci Katie, I agree on both counts

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08:03:57



Joanna in Virginia Postal Burger stung in the mouth by a bee and out.

09-18-2020
08:04:00



Katie S Out? like OUT OUT? buh-bye out?

09-18-2020
08:04:13



BusterSci Out of the race.

09-18-2020
08:04:22



Katie S what rotten luck.

09-18-2020
08:04:48



BusterSci Any treatment is against WADA code

09-18-2020
08:04:51



BusterSci See "Vaughters, Jonathan"

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08:05:39



Katie S please, no.

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08:05:49



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Katie S you did...

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08:06:03



BusterSci Yaaaargh, me hearties!

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08:06:19



Katie S still stylin' w/ the sideburns, though

09-18-2020
08:06:36





BusterSci That's tomorrow, you know. Â National Talk Like a Pirate Day.

09-18-2020
08:06:51



Donny Thankful to be across the big water tomorrow.

09-18-2020
08:07:58



Katie S Indeed. I have a guy on my team who lets us know that every year. The instant messaging gets silly.

09-18-2020
08:08:04



BusterSci And the next day is even more important.

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08:08:37



BusterSci 1:10 to the chase on 2:23 to peloton

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08:08:55



Katie S Wife Appreciation Day??

09-18-2020
08:08:57



BusterSci That's the other 364.

09-18-2020
08:09:34



BusterSci Is Martin dropping off? Â Yes

09-18-2020
08:12:44



BusterSci Go away, JERK!

09-18-2020
08:12:52



Mikey DAm

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08:14:07



BusterSci Cavagna is French nat'l TT champ, which is like Scottish nat'l tennis champ or Alabama state cricket champs.

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BusterSci He placed 2nd in the Euro championship to Stefan Kung.

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08:16:15



BusterSci Wout got a mess of penalties for hanging onto a car too long. Â Might explain his climbing prowess.

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08:17:47



Tim in KY Which Wout?

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08:18:51



BusterSci Holding the gap around 2:30

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08:18:54



BusterSci The chase isn't getting anywhere.

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08:19:08



BusterSci WvA

09-18-2020
08:19:13



BusterSci Back in 10m or so

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08:21:41



Rocket City Gal You ride thousands of miles, over incredible mountains, down harrowing descents and, 3 days from the end of the grand tour, you get taken out by a bee.Â Bummer.

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08:22:49



Rocket City Gal They can't give him epinephrine, for sure... but what about Benadryl?

09-18-2020
08:23:17



Tim in KY Benadryl wouldn't help much.

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08:24:35



Rocket City Gal A guess not.Â Not gonna help Peto's chances in sprints.

09-18-2020
08:27:55



Tim in KY Why is Sunweb on the front?

09-18-2020
08:27:55



Tim in KY 10 minutes faster than the fastest...

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08:31:20



Joanna in Virginia MOO

09-18-2020
08:31:28



Katie S Oh, don't get up girls...

09-18-2020
08:31:48



Donny That time of the morning for you Jo?

09-18-2020
08:31:55



Joanna in Virginia Well, I did just have my tiny breakfast, so yes.

09-18-2020
08:35:09



Joanna in Virginia It was a year ago this week that I was in the hospital with an acute pancreatitis attack. Dr. Costich was so very helpful and everyone who knew about the attack was so compassionate. To this day, after unbelievably serious orthopedic surgeries, nothing rivaled my pain of pancreatitis. Huge life adjustment, but I am happy to have made it a year with no major flare-ups and 50+ lbs. lighter. I do miss yummy food and wine, though...

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08:37:46



Katie S I'm sure I speak for all of here by saying WE are very happy you have made it a year with no major flare-ups. That sounded awful all the way 'round.

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08:39:00



Donny DQS has a smart DS

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08:39:27



Katie S Nuns!

09-18-2020
08:39:47



Joanna in Virginia Thank you, Katie. I knew I was in deep doo-doo when on my second ER visit they gave me IV Fentanyl and it didn't touch the pain. I was very, very worried at that point.

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BusterSci There's an update to the Zeeman affair. Â He claims the UCI damaged the bike when taking apart the crankset. Â But he also says he was too emotional and overreacted.

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08:41:31



Katie S Egad, Jo.

09-18-2020
08:42:09



John Glad youâ€™re doing so well now, Jo

09-18-2020
08:43:19



Katie S Re Zeeman, we've all gone off the rails at times ... but it smelled like trying to hide something to me. In the back of my very little brain, I keep thinking about the accusations that Spartacus had a motor in his rig.

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08:43:51



Joanna in Virginia Thanks, John! Much, much better!

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08:43:53



BusterSci Well, they took the whole bike apart and found nothing, Katie.

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08:44:55



Joanna in Virginia So, is disassembling bikes at the Tour a new thing? Weren't they just x-raying them?

09-18-2020
08:44:59



Katie S not even the krypton?

09-18-2020
08:45:10



Katie S ite

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08:45:36



BusterSci Disassembly is part of the protocol. Â Not all the bikes, but some of them.

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08:45:45



Katie S it makes sense to me

09-18-2020
08:46:01



Katie S WHAT was that?

09-18-2020
08:46:51



Tim in KY The usual yellow frog.

09-18-2020
08:47:09



John that was an illustration of the effects of wine in the morning

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08:47:23



Joanna in Virginia Someone lost a bet.

09-18-2020
08:47:39



BusterSci I think we sometimes don't really understand the level of stress for both rider and GC when in yellow. Keeping things working for 21 days is not easy, and it weighs on you. Â You look at the guys who've lost their podium chances because of mechanical issues, crashes, etc. and imagine what it's like trying to control the variables for three weeks.

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Mikey Bike racers constantly making adjustments on the fly. Same for us in life I guess. Someone constantly throwing a bison at our feet and we deciding what to do with it.

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BusterSci Being clear, I'm giving reasons, not trying to give excuses.

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08:49:11



John Mikey, I canâ€™t say anyone has ever thrown a bison at me. Iâ€™d decide to cook it. ;)

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BusterSci I should have said "Rider and DS" above, not GC.

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Mikey <https://rumbletalk-images->

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BusterSci Oh, dear.

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BusterSci Jo, does that merit a ban?

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08:51:41



Mikey Gosh, I certainly hope not. Perhaps it's just a bison from a different time.

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08:55:02



Katie S A cacophony of cowbells on a tractor!

09-18-2020

08:55:21



Tim in KY 12 minutes faster than the fastest...

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08:55:57



BusterSci <https://s3.amazonaws.com/v.comb.io/TEFtLWBz/YC1Wt1.mp4?1517709821818>

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Tim in KY Errand to run.

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08:56:48



BusterSci Bora might be starting to make some progress here

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Donny LOL buster

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Donny He was not named, no ban on the old bison is my vote

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BusterSci Horse bike

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08:59:09



Donny Bora better make some progress. Â Peter needs every point or second on Sunday won't cut it either.

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Joanna in Virginia Oblique references are fine, for now...

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Donny Those are some expensive wheels on that hay bail bike

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09:00:28



Charlie in Tenn Bora need to catch Cavagna and drop Sam (and that pesky Tretin) and keep Sagan fresh for the intermediate and the final. Let's see how they do it.

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Katie S Cavagna doesn't appear to be interested in getting caught

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09:01:26



Donny Bora need not drop Trentin just beat him.

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09:01:36



Donny Sam they have have to drop completely out

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09:02:11



BusterSci Sagz has 11 points on Matty Trentin

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09:02:19



Charlie in Tenn That has been the problem. He keeps getting points Sagan needs.

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09:02:24



Mikey Quick stuff seems to know stuff.

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09:03:22



Mikey Step!

09-18-2020
09:03:29



BusterSci Quick Stuff knows step.

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09:06:40



John Didi!

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09:09:08



John With the mountains closed, heâ€™s made a lot of stages this year

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09:09:51



Katie S you gotta love him

09-18-2020
09:09:56



Charlie in Tenn Yeah I saw Didi before one of you told me to look at my delayed feed.

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09:10:26



BusterSci There's been no evidence that the mountains are closed.

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09:11:21



BusterSci They SAID they were going to be closed. Â They haven't been.

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09:11:41



Charlie in Tenn Is Cavagna riding to the intermediate and then resting to the finish so he can go better tomorrow?

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09:12:07



Charlie in Tenn semi-closed?

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09:12:43



BusterSci I don't think the team cares about tomorrow. Â He's riding to help Sam. Â What happens tomorrow is whatever he can rescue. Â That's my take, at least.

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09:12:46



Katie S you can close cupboard doors and the cockroaches still find their way in ...

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09:12:57



BusterSci No semis on the climbs.

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09:13:19



Charlie in Tenn Katie S - shh, my wife might pick up on that and all hell will break lose.

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Charlie in Tenn loose

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09:13:40



BusterSci Getting ready to start the Cat 4

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Mikey Still up by 1:54

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09:14:32



BusterSci There's still a good haul from the climb to the sprint.

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BusterSci And Remi is on the climb

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09:15:54



Charlie in Tenn I like Remi and Peto and Sam but I hope Bora makes a race of it. BTW, WvA for the win today.

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09:18:01



BusterSci Good call, Charlie

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09:18:22



BusterSci 1:40

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09:19:04



Mikey Stage summary so far: Quitkowski, rhetorical question, Base 8 makes an appearance, Math and Cows, Quiet! cow ski, postal burger mails it in then is stung out, the soupe is in the chase, furries, dresses instead of pants, antler dude misses the cut, pirate and wife appreciation, DAM, Alabama state cricket champs, lazy cows, Nuns, yellow frog, cow theme continues, Mikey nearly banned, Quick stuff, didi, cockroaches find their way in, the race seems to start

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Trish in MA Thrilled I just logged in just as Mikey's stage summary came up. Â Now I have to go back and read the feed!

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Alison Quarles Oh dear... I think I need to go back to the start too!

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09:27:14



BusterSci So tomorrow the finish is a Cat 1 climb. Â Mountain points will be awarded not for the finish, but for the fastest time up the climb.

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BusterSci I suspect anybody within spitting distance is going to soft-pedal the flat part of the TT and lay it all out for the climb.

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Mikey Interesting Buster

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Alison Quarles Speaking of cockroaches... when I was in art school in FL the painters who used egg tempera had to keep their paintings in the fridge. The roaches would eat the paint off the canvas.

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Tim in KY Still faster than the fastest...Â but not as fast.

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SFinAus (Joining Trish and Alison to work through the earlier comments.Â Seems like an active day - or a slow race action day)

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BusterSci Dropping Ewan

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09:32:40



Alaska Dave Good Morning, nuts. Bisons, roaches and bees on this valspar day. So tomorrow is a TT day with a climb, which bike type will Carapaz use?

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09:33:42



John I wouldn't be surprised to see a few bike changes at the bottom of the climb 09-18-2020 09:34:31



Charlie in Tenn I started to ask about that earlier and the eurosprt guys answered the question. I then forgot to inform you guys. So Carapaz will ride hard only up the hill, Pog (2 points behind) and Rog (7 points behind) will need to ride the whole way hard so it looks good for Carapaz. With Cavagna taking one mt point, I don't think anyone else can win the Polka dots. 10 available tomorrow and maybe 1 Sunday so Hirschi at 12 points behind can't catch Carapaz. 09-18-2020 09:35:02



Katie S that seems so risky - a bike swap takes seconds and has the potential to go horribly wrong - but I know they do it 09-18-2020 09:35:18



Charlie in Tenn I bet money that Carapaz does it because he won't care about the overall time. 09-18-2020 09:36:00



BusterSci I wouldn't bother with a bike change. Carapaz may as well use the climbing bike the whole way. He doesn't care about his overall time, just the climb. 09-18-2020 09:37:19



Trish in MA They are also talking math on the NBCSN feed. My head is spinning from all the points and who catches who and HORSE! 09-18-2020 09:39:10



Joanna in Virginia That would be fun on Artie. 09-18-2020 09:39:34



Alison Quarles Yes! 09-18-2020 09:40:10



Joanna in Virginia Sorry for my absence, I've been multi-tasking. New saddle to photograph. 09-18-2020 09:40:16



Trish in MA Those kids are so cute and so small in their oversized polka-dot tshirts 09-18-2020 09:40:26



Joanna in Virginia <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1600436725-1600436425326.jpeg> 09-18-2020 09:40:26



Alison Quarles Very nice! 09-18-2020 09:40:44





Alaska Dave Three types of TT riders, those who mail it in, those going for GC, those aiming for the climb, and those on horses.

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John Nice!

09-18-2020
09:40:52



Joanna in Virginia I also had to unbox Gracie's new electric throw. Here she is breaking it in (with her head resting on the feather toy). Sweet Little Old Kitty.

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Katie S Gorgeous, Jo. What's the shiny material on the pommel?

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Joanna in Virginia [https://rumbletalk-images-](https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1600436725-1600436566541.jpeg)

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Alison Quarles Warm kitty.

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Joanna in Virginia The cantle has black patent leather with Swarovski crystals. The rear facing, cantle welt and seat welt have "Ice" patent leather.

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09:43:47



BusterSci Ice Ice Baby

09-18-2020
09:44:10



Joanna in Virginia Nice Ice Baby.

09-18-2020
09:44:41



Trish in MA One of my kitties, Rafael, has insisted that he must sit on my lap because his brother, Pauncho, has decided to lie down right next to me. Â I have to type with very extended arms and can't take a picture, because, well, I have a cat on my lap.

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Katie S OK, why is that called a "cantle" vs. a "pommel?"

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Joanna in Virginia Pommel is the front of the saddle, cantle is the back.

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09:46:56



Tim in KY Chores.Â Back for the finish.

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09:47:03





Joanna in Virginia Trish - Gracie battles for my lap daily. Her previous electric throw was fading and clearly not warm enough for her. I love having her on my lap, but not when I need to do Photoshop work. She's pretty pleased with her new throw.

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BusterSci Ripley got signed up for obedience boot camp in November. Â Every weekday for 4 weeks.

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09:49:37



Donny Do English saddles even have pommels?

09-18-2020
09:50:45



Joanna in Virginia Pommels, yes; horns, no. Speaking of saddles - time for me to saddle up and head to the barn. Artie Time! I cannot express my joy enough that I get to do this every day.

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09:51:16



John Give Artie some pats for us

09-18-2020
09:51:36



Joanna in Virginia Will do! See you all tomorrow!

09-18-2020
09:51:47



Donny thanks Jo, enjoy. Â if Sagan wins the day what should we say in your honor?

09-18-2020
09:52:09



Alison Quarles You know Buster obedience training is as much about training you as it is Ripley.

09-18-2020
09:52:17



Joanna in Virginia SAGAN! Of course. :-)

09-18-2020
09:52:33



Donny As a former dog trainer, I definitely spent as much time training owners as dogs. Â the dogs were easier.

09-18-2020
09:53:21



John Donny, that is so true. Iâ€™m an agility judge, and the dogs get blamed for their handler's mistakes all the time.

09-18-2020
09:55:04



BusterSci AliQ, we know. Â But this beastie, while sweet, is the most stubborn I've ever dealt with. Â While we know we haven't done our best with her, we also have seen that she is more attentive to others. Â The boot camp does include time with us. Â What we're hoping, and what they're about, is breaking everyone's bad habits-dog and owner.

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Donny nice John, I trained boarder collies, mostly. Â Some Australian

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09:57:18

Shepards and Kelpies. Have trained many types of dogs aside from those but those were the main focus.



Trish in MA My friend susan is an agility competitor and she always blames the mistakes on herself, never Sulu, her dog.

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09:57:42



Alison Quarles Those little terriers are certainly stubborn. Good Luck!!

09-18-2020
09:58:57



Trish in MA My box of 100 oysters has arrived! We will be eating well tonight!

09-18-2020
09:59:03



John All great breeds, Donny. We've had Rotties, Aussies, and Border Collies. My little BC and I took third place at the nationals last year.

09-18-2020
09:59:14



John 100 oysters? Yum!

09-18-2020
09:59:31



BusterSci Ripley is about 60% beagle, 15ish of both pitty and Rottweiler, and the rest is Aussie and Fox terrier. We've seen behavior and physical traits of all breeds except the Rottweiler.

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10:00:55



Trish in MA John, have you done Westminster agility?

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10:00:55



BusterSci Aussie shepherd, that is.

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10:02:06



Alison Quarles I have a Cairn terrier mix - not sure what.

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SFinAus As someone who has lived next to procession of bad dog owners, I highly praise, appreciate and enjoy the good dog owners with happy dogs. Chapeau.

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10:02:40



John Trish, no, we haven't. Never was able to fit it in. Hopefully one day.

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10:02:48



BusterSci We did the DNA test to find out. Â It was worth it because thy also screened for about 200 different genetic diseases.

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Trish in MA current setup a la cats

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Alison Quarles <https://rumbletalk-images->

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Alison Quarles Gracie at her graduation.

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Charlie in Tenn Ours is a Min Pin / Jlf anything moves she is after it.ack Russell mix.

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10:03:21



Charlie in Tenn Min Pin / Jack Russell mix

09-18-2020
10:03:47



BusterSci We did obedience and agility with Strider, the prior beagle. No problems with him--we were even able to break through when the nose turned on.

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10:04:28



BusterSci GC group at 10km from the sprint

09-18-2020
10:04:52



Trish in MA Sean, do you give the good owners treats? or prefer to use a clicker?

09-18-2020
10:05:15



Alison Quarles Gracie's done agility (her very favorite) and barn hunt. A beagle would LOVE that.

09-18-2020
10:05:19



John Buster, did Strider woo-woo in the weave poles? Almost every Beagle Iâ€™ve ever judged or taught has loved to do that as they go by each pole.

09-18-2020
10:06:21



BusterSci Yeah, he was too old by the time we learned about the barn hunt. Â But we kind of did the same thing with him here. Â We'd crate him, then hide treats around the house like easter eggs. Â His best was 8 treats, upstairs and down, in 36 seconds.

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10:06:27



Alison Quarles Wow!

09-18-2020
10:06:54







Katie S I took myself out for walkies, and the convo went to the dogs!

09-18-2020
10:07:21



BusterSci John, he didn't. Â But he would sometimes coming out of the tunnel. Â He hated the A Frame though.

09-18-2020
10:08:09



Trish in MA My friend Susan's other poodle, Bender, is blind but really loves to do nose work.

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Alison Quarles Gracie was bad to get off course and freelance.

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BusterSci Strider in his final year

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10:09:24



Alison Quarles Such pretty eyes.

09-18-2020
10:09:43



BusterSci Yeah, he had the eyes. Â And they were even more so before his face ghosted out.

09-18-2020
10:10:08



John Love the white face old dogs get

09-18-2020
10:10:45



Trish in MA Sulu, although he enjoys agility, really likes to do racing. Â Susan takes him to a track where they even have a mechanical rabbit.

09-18-2020
10:11:05



Tim in KY Timber art.

09-18-2020
10:11:07



Mikey 5 k to the sprint

09-18-2020
10:12:07



BusterSci Strider just wanted to be chased. For a dog with centuries of breeding to be in the chase group, he was a real DeGendt.

09-18-2020
10:12:09



John Trish, my Rottie loved to do that. She thought lure coursing was great fun.

09-18-2020
10:12:19





John Agility was her first love though

09-18-2020
10:13:10



Charlie in Tenn Bora has backed off. Eurosport Sean thinks that Sagan may have passed on the grenn to focus on winner the stage.

09-18-2020
10:14:10



Charlie in Tenn I cannnnnnot type .

09-18-2020
10:14:29



BusterSci I knew you couldn't be happy with that, but didn't want to say anything.

09-18-2020
10:14:48



SFinAus Speaking of of De Gendt (sort of) I listened to Matt Stephens' podcast interview with him yesterday.Â The show format is a little to, um, whimsical for me, however it was nice to hear a lengthy conversation and hear TDG speak beyond sound bites.Â One tidbit: he said younger riders sometimes get in the break with him and ask for advice.Â "I tell them we're going to need to keep it at 450 Watts, and then I ride at 420 and let them get tired."Â Really nice guy though, and his experience really comes through.

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10:16:40



Trish in MA Looks like Cosnofoy on this steepish hill wants to show why he should be KOM, even though he can't climb the big stuff.

09-18-2020
10:17:00



Charlie in Tenn The break away may be forming now.

09-18-2020
10:17:34



SFinAus Likes like I get a prize for using 'of'.Â :-/

09-18-2020
10:17:36



BusterSci Somebody else did a long form interview with DeGendt and I really liked the guy.

09-18-2020
10:17:41



Katie S well, that "sprint" was less than thrilling

09-18-2020
10:21:08



BusterSci Sam picks up 1 point on Sagan

09-18-2020
10:21:56



Charlie in Tenn Sam up by 53 points.

09-18-2020
10:22:04



BusterSci The sprint group is coming across to Cagna too

09-18-2020
10:23:01



Charlie in Tenn 50 points on the finish so if Bora can drop Sam there is a still a chance.

09-18-2020
10:23:09



Alaska Dave Good morning, again. Just dropped my wife off at the airport to fly to Anchorage to visit her parents. With all the changes in life, it's good to see pictures of "œsane furries" still posted.

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10:24:33



BusterSci Postie was taken to the hospital with an anaphylactic reaction to the sting. He's OK now.

09-18-2020
10:24:45



Alaska Dave anaphylactic reactions can be real scary. My son carried an epipen on camp outs when he was younger.

09-18-2020
10:25:54



BusterSci JuVi riding for Wout

09-18-2020
10:26:43



Katie S what a square house

09-18-2020
10:28:24



BusterSci I was visiting a technical ceramics manufacturer near Tarbes that was a converted prison camp. The wardens house looked a lot like that. We had lunch in the house. It was about 105 degrees (not exaggerating) and no AC. The wait staff kept closing the door and we kept having to reopen it so we'd get some breeze.

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10:30:33



Katie S mash-up in the peloton

09-18-2020
10:30:37



BusterSci Sivakov crashed while I was typing BBB

09-18-2020
10:30:47



BusterSci Rigo distanced!

09-18-2020
10:31:06



Katie S Looks like Uran got mixed up in teh crash

09-18-2020
10:31:15



Charlie in Tenn My brother almost died when he was about 9 from anaphylactic shock. he carries an epi pen.

09-18-2020
10:31:47



Charlie in Tenn Sicard involved. My team continues to ride at the back.

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10:32:49



Trish in MA Rigo 20 seconds behind the yellow group, according to the ASO ticker. Â And on the screen, he's back.

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10:33:48



BusterSci And that's why champions ride at the front.

09-18-2020
10:33:54



BusterSci Rigo brought back

09-18-2020
10:34:03



Charlie in Tenn Looks like Michelton scott and Bora are going to try and bring it back.

09-18-2020
10:38:14



Tim in KY Despite all these attacks they have fallen into the imagined time frame.

09-18-2020
10:38:47



BusterSci All together now. (All together now)

09-18-2020
10:39:34



Charlie in Tenn One funny thing from the sprint. Sagan beat Morkov.

09-18-2020
10:40:28



BusterSci Quietcow going for two!

09-18-2020
10:41:15



BusterSci JuVi leading the pack now

09-18-2020
10:41:30



Tim in KY 1 KU to go.

09-18-2020
10:42:16



BusterSci A Cheese cow!

09-18-2020
10:42:25



Trish in MA Winking cow!

09-18-2020
10:42:32



Katie S it's winking!

09-18-2020
10:42:38



BusterSci They cut a wedge out of her! Â That's brutal!

09-18-2020
10:42:50



Katie S i love the pure silly primitive animation of these things. In this country, some yahoo would hook up all manner of electronics

09-18-2020
10:43:16



BusterSci In this country, they'd stay inside and make a TikTok

09-18-2020
10:43:43



Katie S (though I am a huge fan of the shepherders playing pong at night)

09-18-2020
10:43:46



Katie S true, Buster.

09-18-2020
10:43:53



Trish in MA Earlier, the race went through the home of Laughing Cow cheese.

09-18-2020
10:44:28



BusterSci Katie, on the digital theme, they were playing Pong, not ping-pong.

09-18-2020
10:44:37



Katie S right. I forgot to capitalize my P

09-18-2020
10:44:53



Katie S it would have been funny to see them play beer pong

09-18-2020
10:45:10



BusterSci My bad. Â My brain put a "ping" in your post even if it wasn't there.

09-18-2020
10:45:27



Katie S you're forgiven

09-18-2020
10:45:54



BusterSci I think I turned "playing" into "ping".

09-18-2020
10:46:29



BusterSci I'm saying the Wout prediction is wrong. Â The win will come from this front group.

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10:47:25



BusterSci Sagan and Sam both made the break and that's what this stage is all about.

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BusterSci Strong group.

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BusterSci 25km

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10:51:00



Trish in MA <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1600440962-1600440662782.jpeg>

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BusterSci Sam is the only pure sprinter in this group

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10:51:24



Trish in MA Raffi decided he needed to be where his brother was, so he just sat down on top of him

09-18-2020
10:51:26



Tim in KY Will be an interesting train-less sprint.

09-18-2020
10:51:55



BusterSci Chaos.

09-18-2020
10:52:05



Katie S fun times

09-18-2020
10:52:10



BusterSci With that tight roundabout and right just before the kite it looks as though there might be a heck of a fight.

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10:52:33



BusterSci Amiright?

09-18-2020
10:53:04



Trish in MA I was listening to The Cycling Podcast this AM during my run and they were discussing how most teams don't have trains anymore.

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10:53:18



BusterSci The full train isn't the way they do it. Â That's right.

09-18-2020
10:53:47



BusterSci In most cases it's the sprinter and his key leadout guy at most.

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10:54:27



BusterSci How does Sam do without Morkov?

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10:54:40





Katie S This is where Sagan might have more of an edge as a freelancer

09-18-2020
10:55:41



Katie S great names in that breakaway

09-18-2020
10:56:07



BusterSci And when they hit that last 200m bump, expect explosions

09-18-2020
10:57:03



Katie S without a Morkov cocktail?

09-18-2020
10:59:57



Trish in MA During the commercial break, here's a short post from The Guardian feed: "I thought readers may like to check out the "Pour de France" episodes of our podcast Around the World in 80 Drinks," says Ben McFarland. "As the peloton pedal around France, we taste the best spirits, wine, beer and leftfield liqueurs from each of the regional stages." Fun listening for a Friday night.

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11:00:03



SFinAus I going to have to largely miss this last fun part as well live coverage tomorrow and Sunday. Thanks for the coverage and conviviality. I sure did miss it earlier in the year. Hopefully, we'll still have the Giro shortly. Cheers.

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11:01:26



Katie S Cheers!

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11:01:39



SFinAus (still soooo many typos....)

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11:01:49



BusterSci We do typos good here

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11:02:19



BusterSci Trentin goes

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11:02:31



BusterSci Sagan closes and sam stays on him

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11:02:38



BusterSci SKA goes

09-18-2020
11:03:26



Trish in MA Grammar two.

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11:03:28



BusterSci Nobody follows

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11:03:58



BusterSci SKA going to take advantage of Trentin, Sagan and Sam watching each other

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11:04:17



BusterSci GvA and Jack Bauer going across

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11:04:31



BusterSci He's got 11s

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11:04:54



BusterSci SKA, that is

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11:04:58



BusterSci Trentin goes again

09-18-2020
11:05:21



BusterSci Rowe now

09-18-2020
11:05:26



Trish in MA According to the ASO ticker, this is Luke Rowe's first time in a break in any TdF he's participated in.

09-18-2020
11:05:31



BusterSci He's the road captain. Â His job is to put the GC guy on his tail until the climbers take over

09-18-2020
11:06:11



BusterSci 15s

09-18-2020
11:06:26



BusterSci 13km to go

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11:06:30



BusterSci 13s

09-18-2020
11:06:56



BusterSci There's more than enough firepower to close this down, but DQS certainly doesn't eat that

09-18-2020
11:07:23



BusterSci Stuyven tries to cross

09-18-2020
11:07:30



BusterSci 28s

09-18-2020
11:07:35



Katie S and Sagan glances back to see what Bennett's going to do

09-18-2020
11:07:48



BusterSci There's a little bit of rise coming up and then it's descend and TT home

09-18-2020
11:08:41



BusterSci 36s

09-18-2020
11:08:52



BusterSci Man, Sunweb has the formula for taking these stages, don't they?

09-18-2020
11:09:15



Tim in KY There's a level crossing with 500 meters to go. That would have been a treat in a bunch sprint.

09-18-2020
11:10:38



BusterSci Maybe a train can come through and hold the whole thing up at 500m

09-18-2020
11:11:10



BusterSci Just line them up and GO!

09-18-2020
11:11:24



BusterSci 48s

09-18-2020
11:11:51



Tim in KY The earliest imaginable finish time is 17:27.

09-18-2020
11:12:32



BusterSci Good on SKA, and it will be a brilliant win, but it's kind of anticlimactic in the overall scheme of things.

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11:14:21



Trish in MA 4K to go for SKA

09-18-2020
11:15:23



Tim in KY Very skinny road for a bunch sprint.

09-18-2020
11:16:00



Katie S this guy is flying. but, I'm with you, Buster, I was looking forward to a mass bunch argy-bargy sprint (but with no one getting hurt)

09-18-2020
11:16:20



Trish in MA There will be argy-bargy for 2nd.

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11:16:50



Trish in MA 2K

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11:17:12



Trish in MA Games starting in the chasing group.

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11:17:59



Trish in MA Kite

09-18-2020
11:18:22



Donny So who had that?

09-18-2020
11:19:49



Trish in MA SKA gets it.

09-18-2020
11:19:58



BusterSci I'll have Jo put in a post of mine predicting it when she archives this

09-18-2020
11:20:15



Trish in MA Small spring for 2nd. Â Bennet and Sagan not in it. Â 2nd to ?
Â (same guy who came in 2nd in Lyon). Â Bennet beats Sagan

09-18-2020
11:21:19



Charlie in Tenn Interesting stage. I guess Sagan has to try and win on the Champs?

09-18-2020
11:22:32



Charlie in Tenn Thanks all. Off to school.

09-18-2020
11:22:51



Trish in MA Here come the peloton, just passing the 3K banner. Â (Spell check tried to change passing to tasing)

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Katie S see you on the climb tomorrow!

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11:24:54



BusterSci No GC changes

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1		 SØREN KRAGH ANDERSEN	205	TEAM SUNWEB	03h 36' 33"	-
2		 LUKA MEZGEC	167	MITCHELTON - SCOTT	03h 37' 26"	+ 00h 00' 53"
3		 JASPER STUYVEN	107	TREK - SEGAFREDO	03h 37' 26"	+ 00h 00' 53"
4		 GREG VAN AVERMAET	111	CCC TEAM	03h 37' 26"	+ 00h 00' 53"
5		 OLIVER NAESEN	35	AG2R LA MONDIALE	03h 37' 26"	+ 00h 00' 53"
6		 NIKIAS ARNDT	202	TEAM SUNWEB	03h 37' 26"	+ 00h 00' 53"
7		 LUKE ROWE	6	INEOS GRENADIERS	03h 37' 32"	+ 00h 00' 59"
8		 SAM BENNETT	43	DECEUNINCK - QUICK - STEP	03h 37' 35"	+ 00h 01' 02"
9		 PETER SAGAN	21	BORA - HANSGROHE	03h 37' 35"	+ 00h 01' 02"
10		 MATTEO TRENTIN	117	CCC TEAM	03h 37' 35"	+ 00h 01' 02"



Trish in MA Peleton just passing the 1K spot, over 6 minutes behind SKA

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11:26:05



Trish in MA Everyone just chatting to each other, all smiles.

09-18-2020
11:26:26



Donny tomorrow should be fun when the last 2 riders hit the road, don't much of note happens until then. Â Later everyone.

09-18-2020
11:26:30



Trish in MA Peleton finishes 7:30 behind

09-18-2020
11:27:20



Trish in MA Off to work, since the kitties are now trying to take over my place on the couch.

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11:28:50