




 **Tim in KY** VaE Stage 14 is 156 kilometers from Sauveterre-de-Barn, in France south into the Pyrenees for a summit finish at Puerto de Belagua on the French border back in Spain. 09-08-2023 01:56:17 pm


 **Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1694196085-stage-14-route.jpg> 09-08-2023 01:56:26 pm


 **Tim in KY** The first 50 kilometers are a false flat to the start of the first of two HC climbs. The second HC start immediately after the descent of the first. This is followed by a short Cat 3 and 25 km of lumpy valley before the start of the Cat 1 finale. 09-08-2023 01:59:31 pm

 **Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1694196278-stage-14-profile.jpg> 09-08-2023 01:59:39 pm

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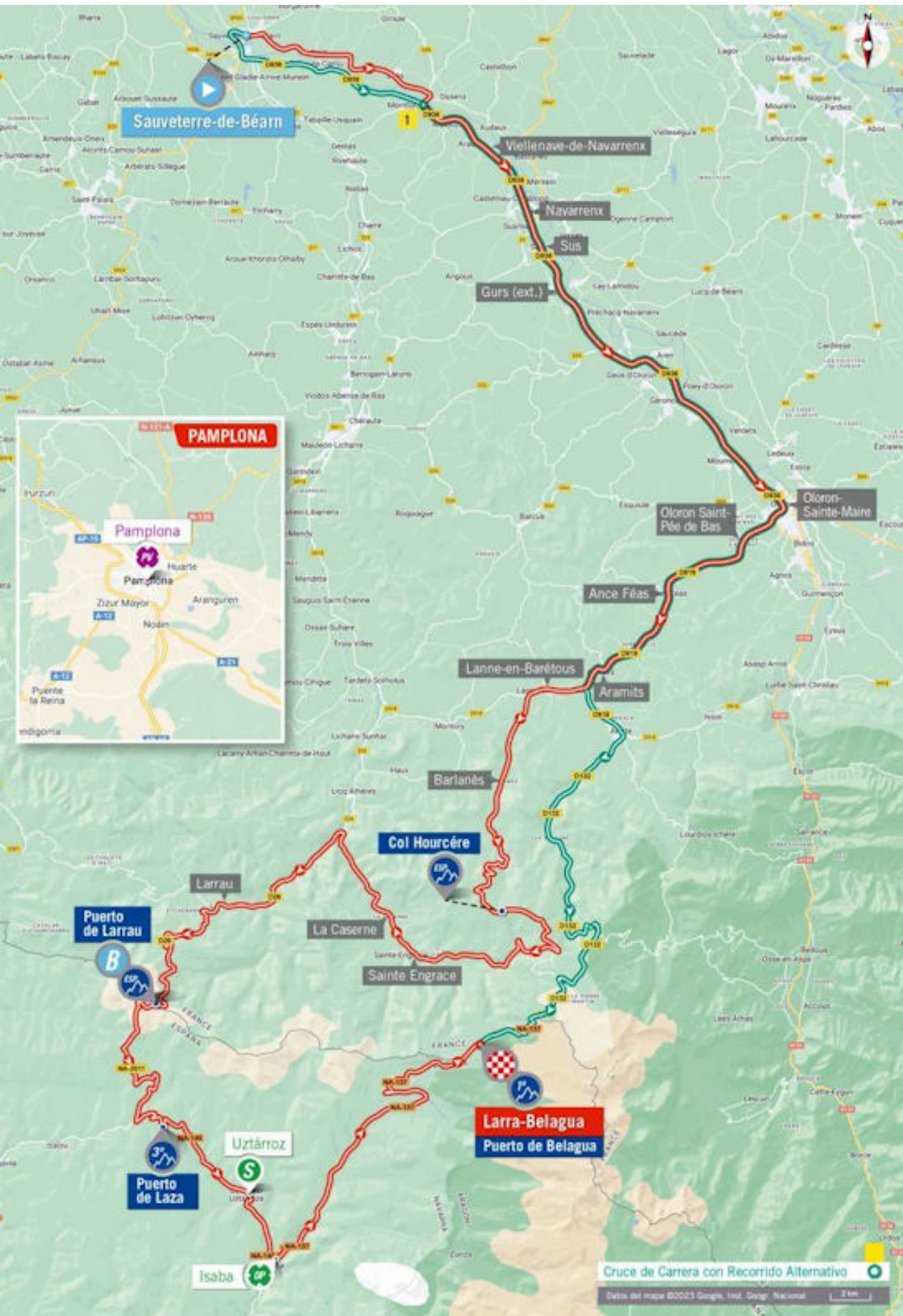
 **Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1694196409-stage-14-belagua.jpg> 09-08-2023 02:01:50 pm

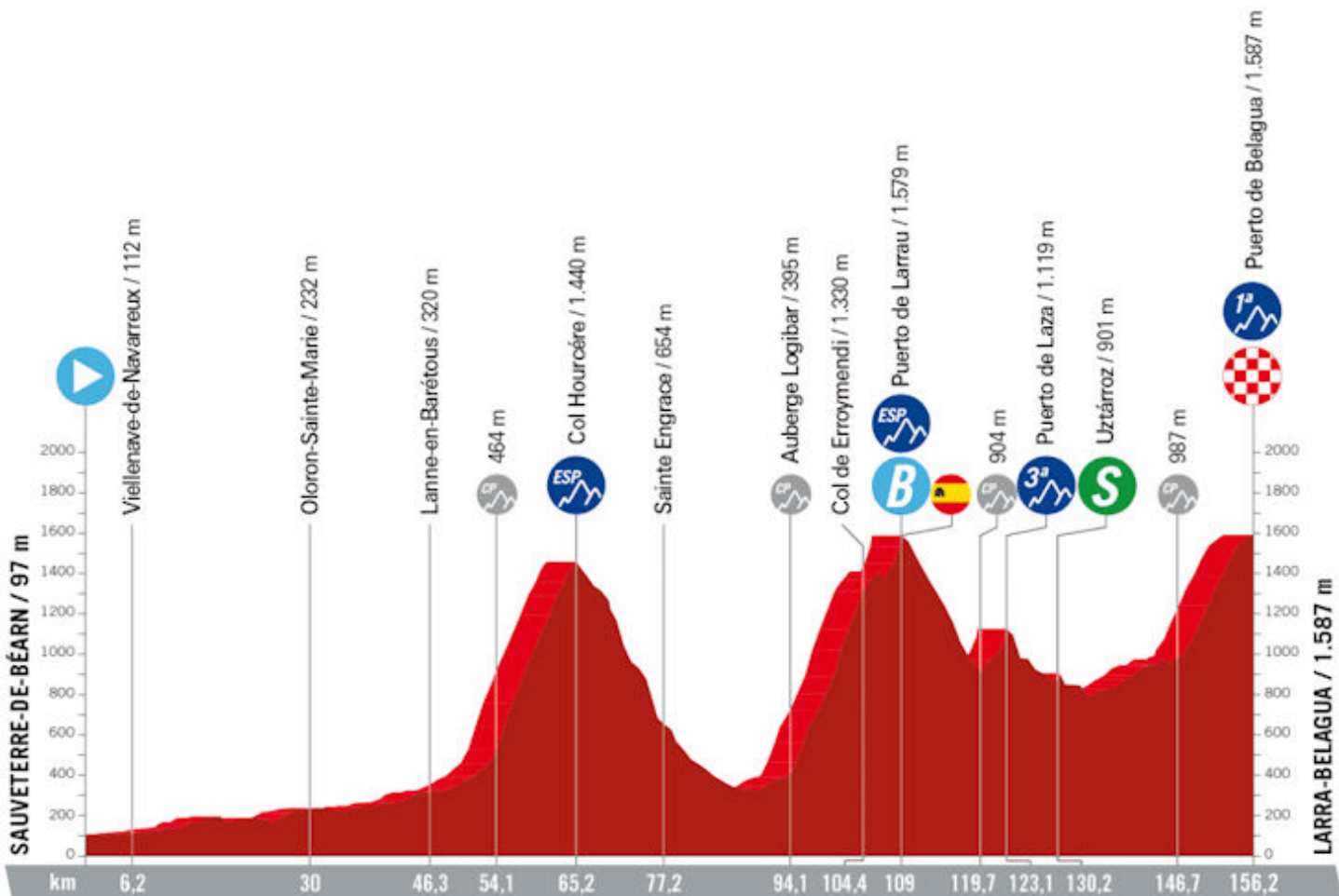
 **Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled at 13:17 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Forecast is for sunshine with temps in the low-30s at the start, upper-20s at the finish. 09-08-2023 02:02:38 pm

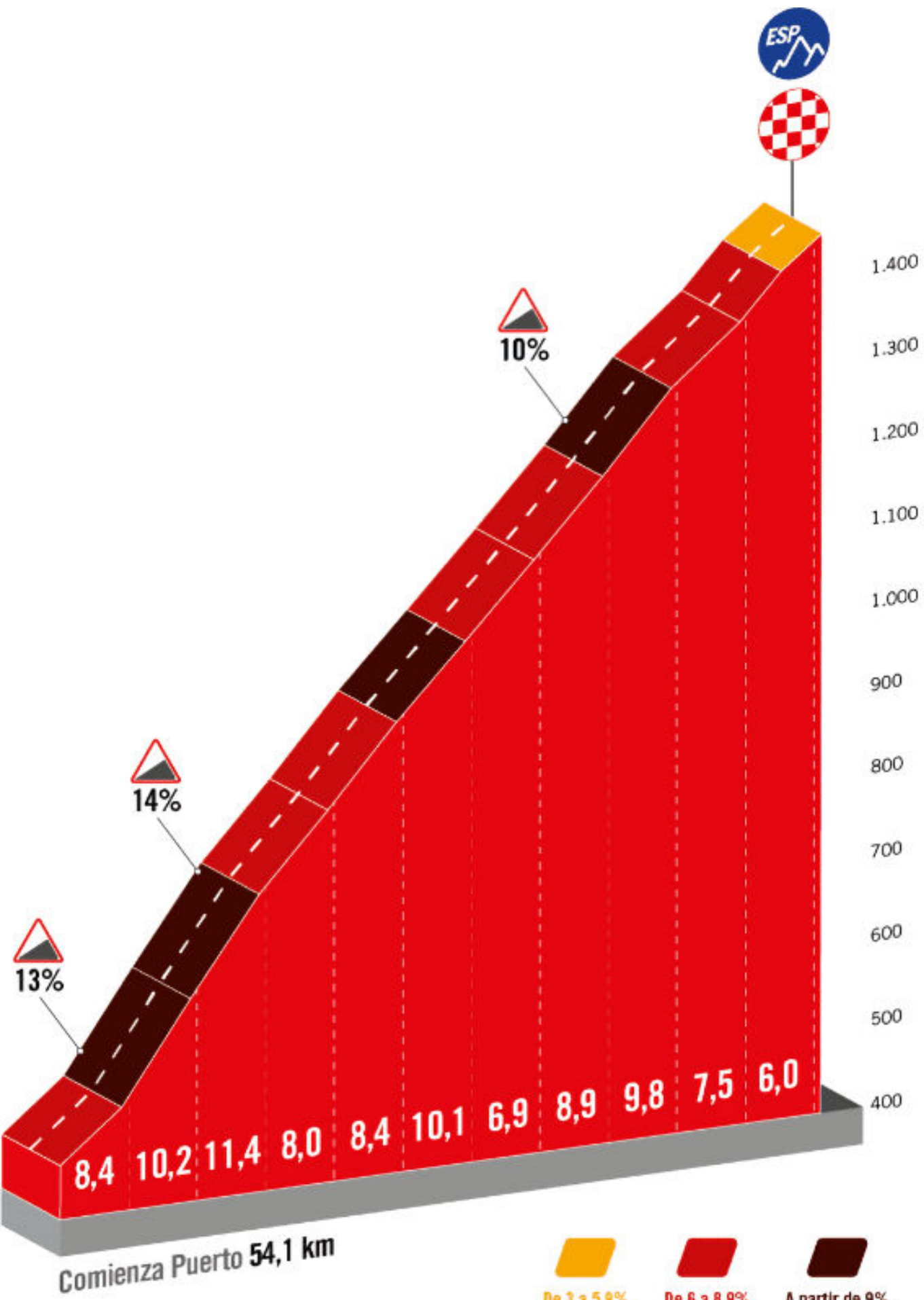
 **Tim in KY** Orluis Aular (Caja Rural) DNS on Stage 13, Callum Scotson (Jayco) DNF. No word so far of any DNS today. Forecast is still sunny and hot. 09-09-2023 06:53:57 am

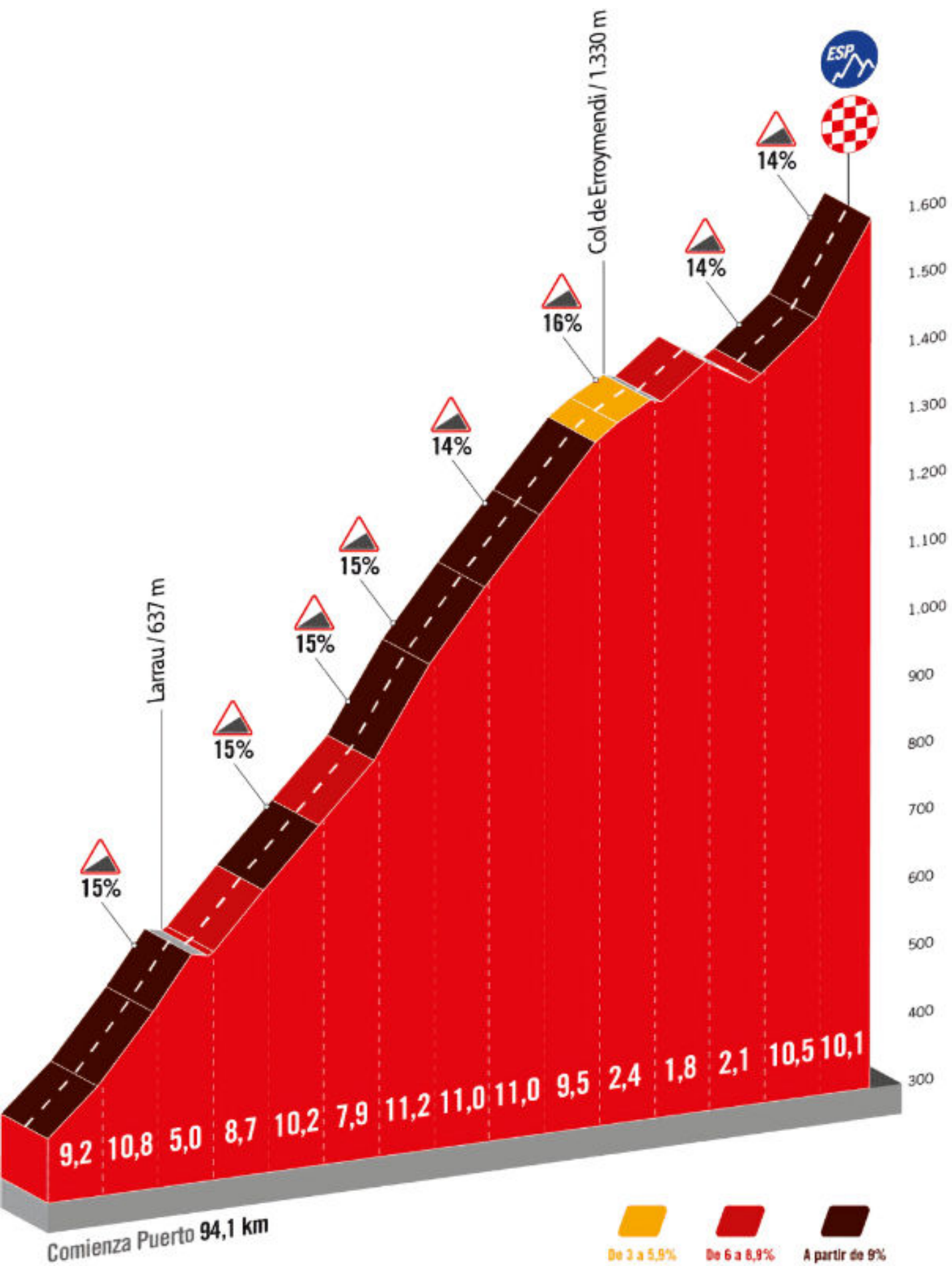
 **Tim in KY** In neutral. 09-09-2023 06:59:36 am

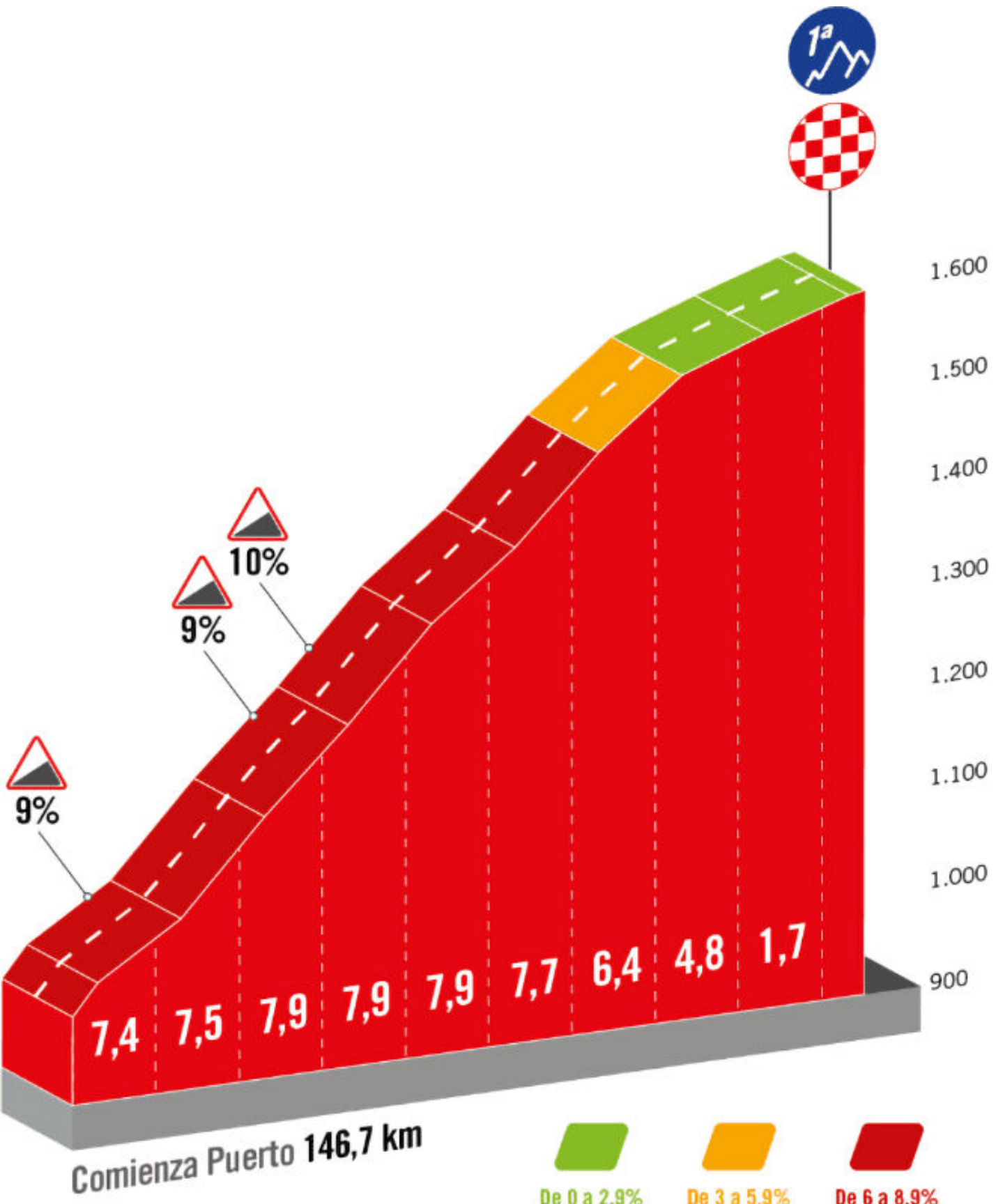
 **Tim in KY** Km0. I'm going to take my walk while the break sorts out. 09-09-2023 07:16:52 am













Tim in KY I thought you were traveling today, Buster.

09-09-2023
07:17:19 am



Trish in MA We experienced a microburst over our town yesterday afternoon. Most of town is without power and downed trees and power lines everywhere. I was at work. My husband managed to find a safe passage and so we're hunkered down at friends' house but have to go back to feed our cats

09-09-2023
07:33:48 am



Tim in KY No break yet.

09-09-2023
07:52:28 am



Charlie in Tenn Remco is wanting to start a break. Time after time. He seems rested.

09-09-2023
07:52:34 am



Tim in KY I still haven't heard what his problem was yesterday.

09-09-2023
07:54:13 am



Katie S Good morning. Trish, that sounds frightening. Hope you get home soon.

09-09-2023
07:58:38 am



Tim in KY Seems to finally be a break.

09-09-2023
07:59:14 am



Tim in KY Soudal Quick-Step: Evenepoel Ineos Grenadiers: Castroviejo Bahrain Victorious: Caruso, Gradek Groupama-FDJ: Davy, Storer Bora-Hansgrohe: Karmna Alpecin-Deceuninck: Groves Lotto Dstny: Van Eetvelt EF Education-EasyPost: Bissegger, Quinn Intermarché-Circus-Wanty: Costa, Johansen, Petilli Movistar: Oliveira Cofidis: Carvalho, Fernandez DSM-Firmenish: Bardet, Dainese Arkea Samsic: Vauquelin, Ledanois Caja Rural-Seguros-RGA: Nicolau

09-09-2023
08:00:06 am



Katie S I woke up at 3:30 and thought about getting up and banished the thought.

09-09-2023
08:00:14 am



Tim in KY Looks like it won't stick.

09-09-2023
08:00:38 am



Tim in KY Well, maybe it will. 0:56 now.

09-09-2023
08:05:00 am



Katie S SOQ has been very coy about Remco. It's just hard to think he had a bad day that was just that bad without some other consideration.

09-09-2023
08:05:48 am



PasadenaK8 Good morning.

09-09-2023
08:07:00 am



Katie S K8!

09-09-2023
08:11:08 am



PasadenaK8 Hey - hi, to my sitting in the dark west coast compatriot. Looks like they crossed back over into Spain a few Kms ago - ??

09-09-2023
08:13:37 am



Tim in KY No, K8. Not until the top of the second climb.

09-09-2023
08:14:31 am



PasadenaK8 Ah, thanks Tim.

09-09-2023
08:14:55 am



Tim in KY About to start the first HC.

09-09-2023
08:21:01 am



Katie S Narrow road

09-09-2023
08:25:10 am



Katie S The white line seems a silly add

09-09-2023
08:25:30 am



Charlie in Tenn OK, I have to go help gather rummage sale stuff. Looks like it will be a good race. Have fun all.

09-09-2023
08:28:28 am



Tim in KY A good number of riders left in no mans land on the climb. Break to peloton is 4:30.

09-09-2023
08:29:03 am



PasadenaK8 3 KUs!!

09-09-2023
08:29:53 am



Tim in KY It's hard to tell who is where on the climb.

09-09-2023
08:35:22 am



Tim in KY Gap is under 4:00 now.

09-09-2023
08:39:01 am



PasadenaK8 Race Center has these riders listed as being in the breakaway: J. P. Lopez Perez + 21' 13" R. Evenepoel + 27' 50" D. Caruso + 46' 53" M. Cattaneo + 50' 25" R. Bardet + 53' 36" L. Karmna + 57' 44" R. Costa + 01h 09' 01" N. Oliveira + 01h 12' 34" R. Fernandez + 01h 19' 21" J. Castroviejo + 01h

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08:42:49 am

21' 14" S. Quinn + 01h 22' 57" L. Van Eetvelt + 01h 23' 58" K. Vauquelin + 01h 46' 36" J. Nicolau Beltran + 01h 50' 13" O. Fraile Matarranz + 01h 57' 54" K. Ledanois + 01h 58' 48" A. Gehbreizabhier + 02h 02' 00" S. Bissegger + 02h 12' 24" K. Gradek + 02h 23' 37" A. Dainese + 02h 30' 21"



Mikey Good Lumpy Valley Morning

09-09-2023
08:44:28 am



Katie S Hi, Mikey

09-09-2023
08:45:27 am



Tim in KY Somehow this doesn't look like an HC climb.

09-09-2023
08:46:30 am



PasadenaK8 Morning, Mikey. How's the new chair? I was imagining that you might have gotten something like this, for PUB race watching!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Zb-aRmRUA>

09-09-2023
08:46:45 am



Tim in KY UAE keeps cutting the gap. 3:15 now.

09-09-2023
08:47:45 am



Katie S Where's the fridge and snack bar attachment, though?

09-09-2023
08:47:49 am



Mikey <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1694264044-Chair.jpg>

09-09-2023
08:49:09 am



Mikey New chair left Norman right

09-09-2023
08:49:23 am



Mikey Pink flamingo center

09-09-2023
08:49:44 am



Katie S Love the matchy-matchy

09-09-2023
08:49:46 am



Katie S Sorry for snooping, but is that an original Macintosh on the bookshe?

09-09-2023
08:50:27 am



Mikey Snooping allowed SE 30 still works

09-09-2023
08:50:53 am





Katie S Love it!

09-09-2023
08:51:08 am



Tim in KY GC group keeps hoovering up break stragglers.

09-09-2023
08:52:23 am



PasadenaK8 Oooh, good eye, Katie. And wow! Mikey - SE 30 that still runs -impressive!

09-09-2023
08:52:34 am



Katie S My first pc was a 640k, dual floppy drive Leading Edge that cost me \$3,200 in 1985

09-09-2023
08:52:51 am



Tim in KY Break is down to 12 riders, gap is 3:07.

09-09-2023
08:55:50 am



Mikey I turned it on about 5 years ago when we moved and sure enough everything in the 9" black and white screen came up with the smiley face!
1989-90 ish 512 baby

09-09-2023
08:58:37 am



Tim in KY Nice view from the top.

09-09-2023
09:01:17 am



Mikey Get your bison get your fresh bison

09-09-2023
09:02:25 am



Mikey And yummys

09-09-2023
09:02:39 am



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09:04:12 am



Tim in KY For some reason Remco off the front on the descent.

09-09-2023
09:04:33 am



Mikey wow k8 no words

09-09-2023
09:04:55 am



Tim in KY Bobke talking about having The Fear on the descent.

09-09-2023
09:05:26 am



Katie S Dizzying â€¦ which applies to the road but maybe K8â€™s bison?

09-09-2023
09:05:32 am





Katie S Steeeeeeeep

09-09-2023
09:09:32 am



Mikey Nearly80kph ! Â Weeee?

09-09-2023
09:12:59 am



Tim in KY Second HC starts at 62.1 km to go.

09-09-2023
09:14:52 am



Tim in KY Chores now.

09-09-2023
09:15:09 am



Katie S Good thing Joâ€™s out at the barn, or somewhere else!

09-09-2023
09:15:48 am



Mikey I'm off to take Norman to the dog park. Hope to be back for the end end

09-09-2023
09:18:44 am



PasadenaK8 A few years ago, I bought a big screen TV. Thought I would love watching the races on it, but wow, when I watched the first downhill descentâ€¦ woooooozy. Went back to the smaller screen of my computer.

09-09-2023
09:19:32 am



PasadenaK8 Have fun, Mikey.

09-09-2023
09:20:02 am



Katie S Gorge-ous!

09-09-2023
09:20:17 am



PasadenaK8 Ba-dum

09-09-2023
09:21:15 am



PasadenaK8 Always envious of the helicopter camera operators.

09-09-2023
09:23:36 am



PasadenaK8 2 KUs to go. Peloton I bet these guys are thrilled that the stage today is 20 Kms longer than yesterdayâ€¦!

09-09-2023
09:24:35 am



Katie S Oh, absolutely.

09-09-2023
09:24:56 am



PasadenaK8 Peloton slipping backwards. 4 minute+ gap and counting.

09-09-2023
09:27:27 am



Tim in KY Short respite then back to chores. Have to make the mustard horseradish sauce to put on the baked salmon tonight.

09-09-2023
09:28:45 am



PasadenaK8 Yum! Salmon is my favorite of all favorites.

09-09-2023
09:29:31 am



Katie S Yum! My favorite go-with is a tarragon sauce
(<https://www.epicurious.com/recipes/food/views/poached-salmon-with-tarragon-sauce-and-fingerling-potatoes-15181>)

09-09-2023
09:35:19 am



PasadenaK8 Looks delish! Thanks Katie - Just saved that recipe off for the next salmon extravaganza.

09-09-2023
09:38:37 am



Katie S Eeeek! What a bridge

09-09-2023
09:38:42 am



PasadenaK8 Remco working hard to get the dots today.

09-09-2023
09:39:50 am



PasadenaK8 Dots standings as were, after the first climb of the day today:
1. Jonas Vingegaard (Jumbo-Visma), 36 pts 2. Remco Evenepoel (Soudal Quick-Step), 35 pts 3. Michael Storer (Groupama-FDJ), 31 pts 4. Sepp Kuss (Jumbo-Visma), 27 pts 5. Jesus Herrada (Cofidis), 22 pts

09-09-2023
09:41:51 am



PasadenaK8 *as ^they^ were

09-09-2023
09:42:57 am



PasadenaK8 Hey Katie, been meaning to tell you... you got me hooked on Contexto. Have had a couple of rare & surprising results. Yesterday, got it in 6 guesses, with no tips! And on one freaky day, I got it in two guesses!!

09-09-2023
09:48:42 am



Katie S Wow! Congratulations!!

09-09-2023
09:49:27 am



PasadenaK8 Most of the time, though, it takes many more guesses. Frustrating when you get a good guess at the start, then you watch as you get further and further away from the answer.

09-09-2023
09:51:22 am



Katie S If Voeckler was Mr. Gurn, Sepp is the Anti-Gurn

09-09-2023
09:51:36 am



Katie S (Yes! Thatâ€™s the frustration of Contexto)

09-09-2023
09:52:05 am



PasadenaK8 The smile on Sepp's face, in the last part of the race yesterday, definitely confirms that.

09-09-2023
09:53:11 am



Tim in KY Gap going up on this climb.

09-09-2023
09:57:03 am



Tim in KY Done choring for the morning.

09-09-2023
09:57:22 am



Katie S My chording starts at 10 am at momâ€™s house with a hedge trimmer and a grossly overgrown hedge.

09-09-2023
10:00:21 am



Katie S Choring. I donâ€™t play guitar. Or banjo.

09-09-2023
10:00:47 am



PasadenaK8 Speaking of Voeckler - I have a jersey of his waiting for me in France. A good friend of mine knew one of his managers (think it was a publicity manager). She got a signed jerseys for me, from when he was winning all those TdF stages, (way back when). Too afraid to ship it, and we havenâ€™t been able to coordinate US/France travels. Hopefully, one day soon...

09-09-2023
10:01:49 am



Katie S Cool!

09-09-2023
10:02:51 am



Katie S Ayuso goes. Sepp follows etc

09-09-2023
10:03:57 am



Tim in KY UAE burned all their matches.

09-09-2023
10:04:12 am



Tim in KY Weetabix still hanging around.

09-09-2023
10:06:15 am



Tim in KY eejits

09-09-2023
10:06:53 am



Katie S Still no mankinis or flares, though

09-09-2023
10:07:24 am



Tim in KY True.

09-09-2023
10:07:33 am



Tim in KY How come Storer has a team car and Bardet doesn't?

09-09-2023
10:08:30 am



Katie S Good question. Not banned for some infraction, I don't think

09-09-2023
10:10:25 am



Tim in KY Nah.

09-09-2023
10:11:01 am



Tim in KY Should at least be neutral service.

09-09-2023
10:11:22 am



Katie Lane Checking in briefly before schlepping a whole van full of tie dye (and some soap) to an outdoor market. Then there will be a flurry of set-up,

followed by 5 hours of mostly sitting and hawking the wares. I'll have to catch the stage as a replay later. The van smells of peppermint-lavender and other soap blends right now. I did a couple of cool batches yesterday -- patchouli/bergamot/cedarwood (very "manly") and lemongrass/lemon/tree tea oil (I think it's my new favorite). Friday it was lavender/ylang ylang/frankencense-- another really nice blend, but it started setting up on me too quickly and getting it into the molds was a struggle. I'm learning to put a little more olive oil and slightly more water in the blends to help it set up a little more slowly. As soon as you put in the essential oils -- bam! It tends to set up really quickly. A friend of mine who has made soap once joked about calling her soap business "Way Beyond Trace" -- a good inside joke for soap makers that describes where I was with Friday's batch. Instead of pouring it into molds and tapping out the bubbles, I was spooning it in knowing there would be bubbles... once it gets to that point, there's nothing you can do except shovel the stuff in the molds as quickly as you can, knowing you have a batch that you and your family and friends are going to be using.

09-09-2023
10:12:37 am



Katie Lane Rooting for Cian....

09-09-2023
10:12:56 am



Katie Lane Rooting for Cian -- hoping he will give my depleted VG a boost on these hilly stages.

09-09-2023
10:13:38 am



Katie S Hope you have a fun and productive day, Katie L

09-09-2023
10:13:58 am



Tim in KY And cigar-free.

09-09-2023
10:14:26 am



Katie Lane Hopefully.

09-09-2023
10:14:30 am



Katie Lane Oh, and yes.... I have a spot away from the cigar chain-smoker this time, by request. I'm happy about that....

09-09-2023
10:14:51 am



PasadenaK8 Good to hear Cigar Man will not be your neighbor! Best wishes for a \$ucce\$\$ful and fun-filled day.

09-09-2023
10:16:51 am



Katie S I love seeing kids up on these climbs.

09-09-2023
10:17:19 am



PasadenaK8 Wooo, lots and lots of people....

09-09-2023
10:17:37 am



Tim in KY Lots of Basque flags. Start in Basque country tomorrow at Pamplona.

09-09-2023
10:18:23 am



Tim in KY Cattle grate on the descent.

09-09-2023
10:21:00 am



Katie S Always fun

09-09-2023
10:21:28 am



Tim in KY Buster checkes in again from the car.

09-09-2023
10:21:40 am



Katie S Send greetings!

09-09-2023
10:22:21 am



Tim in KY I don't think of Morocco as seismically active. The Atlas mountains are so ancient.

09-09-2023
10:23:57 am



Tim in KY GC group crests.

09-09-2023
10:24:12 am



Katie S Remco now has a 14 point lead over Jonas for the dots.

09-09-2023
10:27:36 am



PasadenaK8 Race Center Puerto de Larrau results: 1. Remco Evenepoel (Soudal Quick-Step), 15 pts 2. Romain Bardet (DSM-Firmenich), 10 pts, +2â€™™ 3. Michael Storer (Groupama-FDJ), (points = ?) +3â€™™ 12â€™™ 4. Jonathan Castroviejo (Ineos Grenadiers), 4 pts (time bonus = ?) 5. Lennert Van Eetvelt (Lotto Dstny), 2 pts, +3â€™™ 50â€™™ 6. Juan Pedro Lopez (Lidl-Trek), 1 pt

09-09-2023
10:27:41 am



Tim in KY 6 points for Storere.

09-09-2023
10:28:08 am



PasadenaK8 Current Dots Standing: 1. Remco Evenepoel (Soudal Quick-Step), 50 pts 2. Michael Storer (Groupama-FDJ), 37 pts 3. Jonas Vingegaard (Jumbo-Visma), 36 pts 4. Sepp Kuss (Jumbo-Visma), 27 pts 5. Jes s Herrada (Cofidis), 22 pts Stage winner will get 10 KOM points.

09-09-2023
10:34:17 am



Tim in KY Remco and Bardet on the Cat 3.

09-09-2023
10:34:32 am



Tim in KY No live video right now.

09-09-2023
10:35:04 am



Katie S It s trying !.

09-09-2023
10:40:03 am



Katie S Image looks like a LeRoy Neiman painting

09-09-2023
10:42:07 am



Tim in KY Storer caught by two chasers at the CAT 3 KOM line. The front two crested in the dark.

09-09-2023
10:42:26 am



Tim in KY Sprint uncontested.

09-09-2023
10:44:14 am



Tim in KY Front two are just about smack on the imagined time.

09-09-2023
10:46:28 am



PasadenaK8 Just under 20K to go.

09-09-2023
10:51:23 am



Tim in KY Cat 1 finale starts with 9.5 km to go.

09-09-2023
10:52:17 am



PasadenaK8 Results of the intermediate sprint 1. Romain Bardet (DSM-Firmenich), 20 pts 2. Remco Evenepoel (Soudal Quick-Step), 17 pts 3. Michael Storer (Groupama-FDJ), 15 pts 4. Lennert Van Eetvelt (Lotto Dstny), 13 pts 5. Jonathan Castroviejo (Ineos Grenadiers), 10 pts

09-09-2023
10:53:01 am



Tim in KY 2km to the start of the finale.

09-09-2023
11:04:41 am



PasadenaK8 10K to the finish, for the Cabeza Â 4:45-ish to the Perseguidor group Â 8 and change to the Maillot Rojo group

09-09-2023
11:06:07 am



Katie S Spellcheck doesnâ€™t do km???

09-09-2023
11:06:34 am



PasadenaK8 Apparently it's not on the metric system *;-)

09-09-2023
11:07:10 am



Katie S Iâ€™m glad to see Bardet in this

09-09-2023
11:07:11 am



Katie S Peloton through 10 km

09-09-2023
11:15:05 am



Tim in KY Sort of boring.

09-09-2023
11:16:54 am



bikerabe Remco will be in Polkadots tomorrow

09-09-2023
11:17:49 am



PasadenaK8 Looks like the Maillot Rojo group (23 riders), & the Bus group (128 riders) agree with you, Tim.

09-09-2023
11:19:42 am



Tim in KY 5 km.

09-09-2023
11:19:45 am



Katie S Zounds! The crowds!

09-09-2023
11:20:34 am



KimC The crowds stress me out.

09-09-2023
11:20:53 am



Tim in KY The Spanish police don't fool around.

09-09-2023
11:21:05 am



Katie S These are a lot less crazy than the TdF eejits.

09-09-2023
11:21:33 am



Katie S But yeah, I wouldnâ€™t want to annoy a Spanish cop

09-09-2023
11:21:57 am



Katie S There he goes

09-09-2023
11:23:11 am



Tim in KY Remco getting a gap.

09-09-2023
11:23:13 am



Tim in KY Bardet cooked.

09-09-2023
11:24:05 am



Katie S Suspect CVV nailed it re "gentleman's agreement"

09-09-2023
11:24:34 am



Mikey Did I miss anything?

09-09-2023
11:25:26 am



PasadenaK8 As in "We only besties, until the last 3K"? (missed what CVV said)

09-09-2023
11:25:53 am



Tim in KY Not recently, Mikey.

09-09-2023
11:25:58 am



Mikey Have not really heard what happened to even pool

09-09-2023
11:26:41 am



Katie S Something about Bardet saying "I'll ride with you, I can't attack you, just don't embarrass me. The stage is yours."

09-09-2023
11:26:54 am



Tim in KY Remco will finish right on the imagined time.

09-09-2023
11:27:10 am



KimC He's in the lead- currently ahead of the peloton by about 8 minutes.

09-09-2023
11:27:24 am



Katie S How efficient

09-09-2023
11:27:24 am



PasadenaK8 Ah, thanks. Well so much for that agreement.

09-09-2023
11:27:28 am



Mikey So evenpool will go back into the top ten?

09-09-2023
11:28:50 am



Katie S Now Remco has a "cereal" jersey. He can't have red, but he doesn't have to wear the "best baby" jersey, either

09-09-2023
11:28:57 am



Tim in KY Atilla done.

09-09-2023
11:29:02 am



KimC Red kite for Remco!

09-09-2023
11:29:28 am



Tim in KY 17:30 is the imagined time.

09-09-2023
11:30:18 am



Katie S Nice comeback, Remmy

09-09-2023
11:30:19 am



Katie S Overcome w emotion

09-09-2023
11:30:47 am



Katie S "el"m not dead yet!"

09-09-2023
11:31:15 am



Mikey Can't help but have my herring err fish detector activated after yesterday. Thinking of Floyd Landis

09-09-2023
11:31:58 am



Katie S Yeah!.. but hold that back for now! I don't see Remco as a Jack Daniels man.

09-09-2023
11:33:01 am



PasadenaK8 ... nor a cannabis farmer, either.

09-09-2023
11:35:23 am



Katie S Great day. Thanks, all.

09-09-2023
11:40:03 am



PasadenaK8 Yes. Kind of quiet, but fun - as always.

09-09-2023
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PasadenaK8 Top 5 Stage winners 1. Remco Evenepoel (Soudal Quick-Step) 2. Romain Bardet (DSM-Firmenich, +1'12" 3. Lennert Van Eetvelt (Lotto Dstny), +6'33" 4. Jonathan Castroviejo (Ineos Grenadiers), +6'35" 5. Michael Storer (Groupama-FDJ), +7'24"

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