



Tim in KY TdF Stage 14 is 155 kilometers looping through the Voges Mountains in the historically German part of France from Mulhouse to Le Markstein ski resort.

07-17-2026
02:02:48 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1784311676-stage-14-route.jpg>

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02:02:58 pm



Tim in KY There are three Cat 1s and a Cat 2. The climbs and descents make up all but the first 12 and last 6 kilometers. The finish line is crossed twice accessed by two different climbs. The Ballon d'Alsace is also climbed again but the descent is different. After the final Cat 1 there is 6 km of flat to the finish.

07-17-2026
02:03:38 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1784311739-stage-14-profile.jpg>

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1784311751-stage-14-markstein.jpg>

07-17-2026
02:04:12 pm



Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:30 CEST after a very long neutral ride. Finish is imagined either side of 17:40. Forecast is for sunshine but with the possibility of spotty rain. Temps in the mid to upper 20s.

07-17-2026
02:05:03 pm



Tim in KY There were no fines on stage 13 and no DNF or OTL.

07-17-2026
04:26:28 pm



Charlie in Tenn Night before this stage. I have finally caught up with the race. Mostly through extended highlight replays of NBC on YouTube. I missed a lot of suspense but got the good highlights. Good win for Mauro. I was pulling for Tejada but either was fine. Really thought Pidcock played his cards about as well as could be expected. Mads frantic chase was pretty exciting. But the actual sprint was better. I think Mads has the best chance to win but it may go down to the final stage. I will be around early for this stage but then gone for the majority.

07-17-2026
11:54:50 pm



Tim in KY Ramses Debruyne (Alpecin) will not start today. He's sick.

07-18-2026
06:20:13 am



Tim in KY Rain chances have diminished considerably but not to zero.

07-18-2026
06:22:56 am

LE MARKSTEIN Fellingering



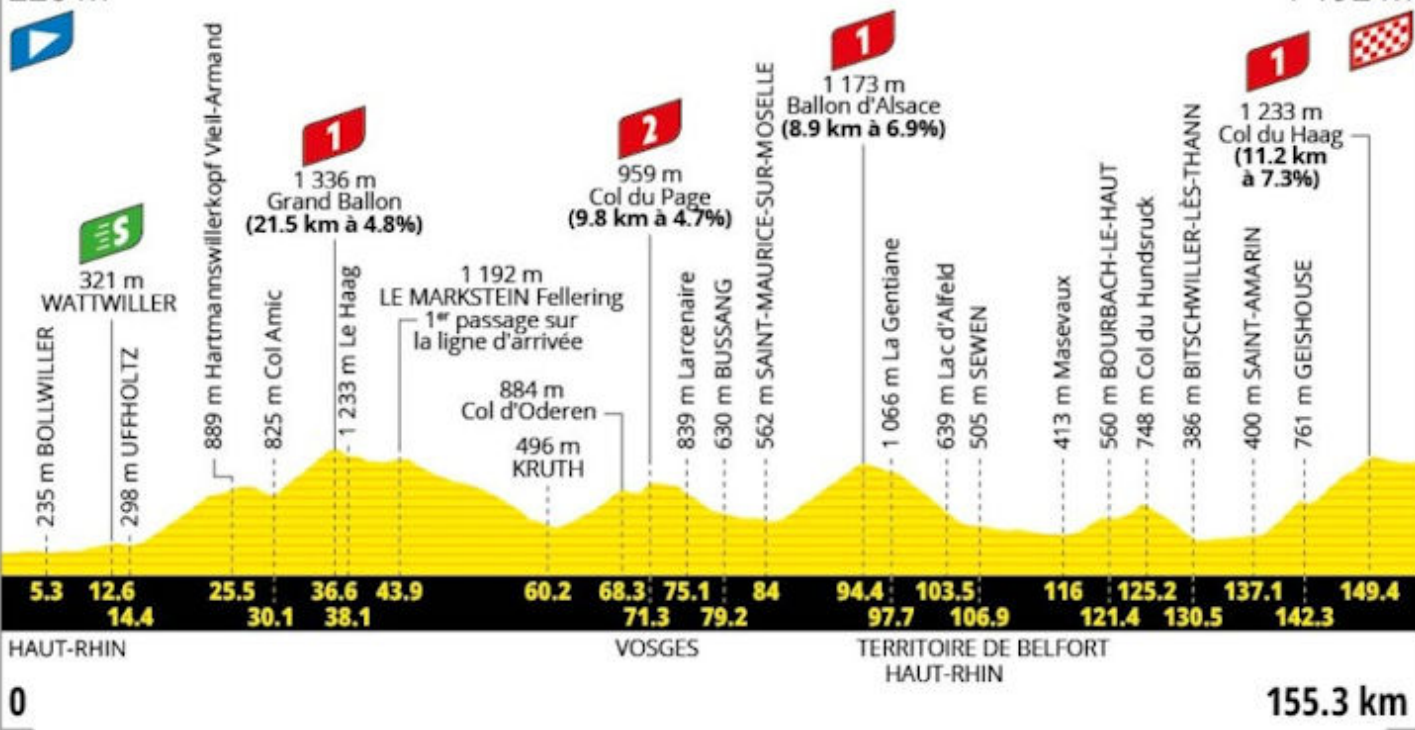
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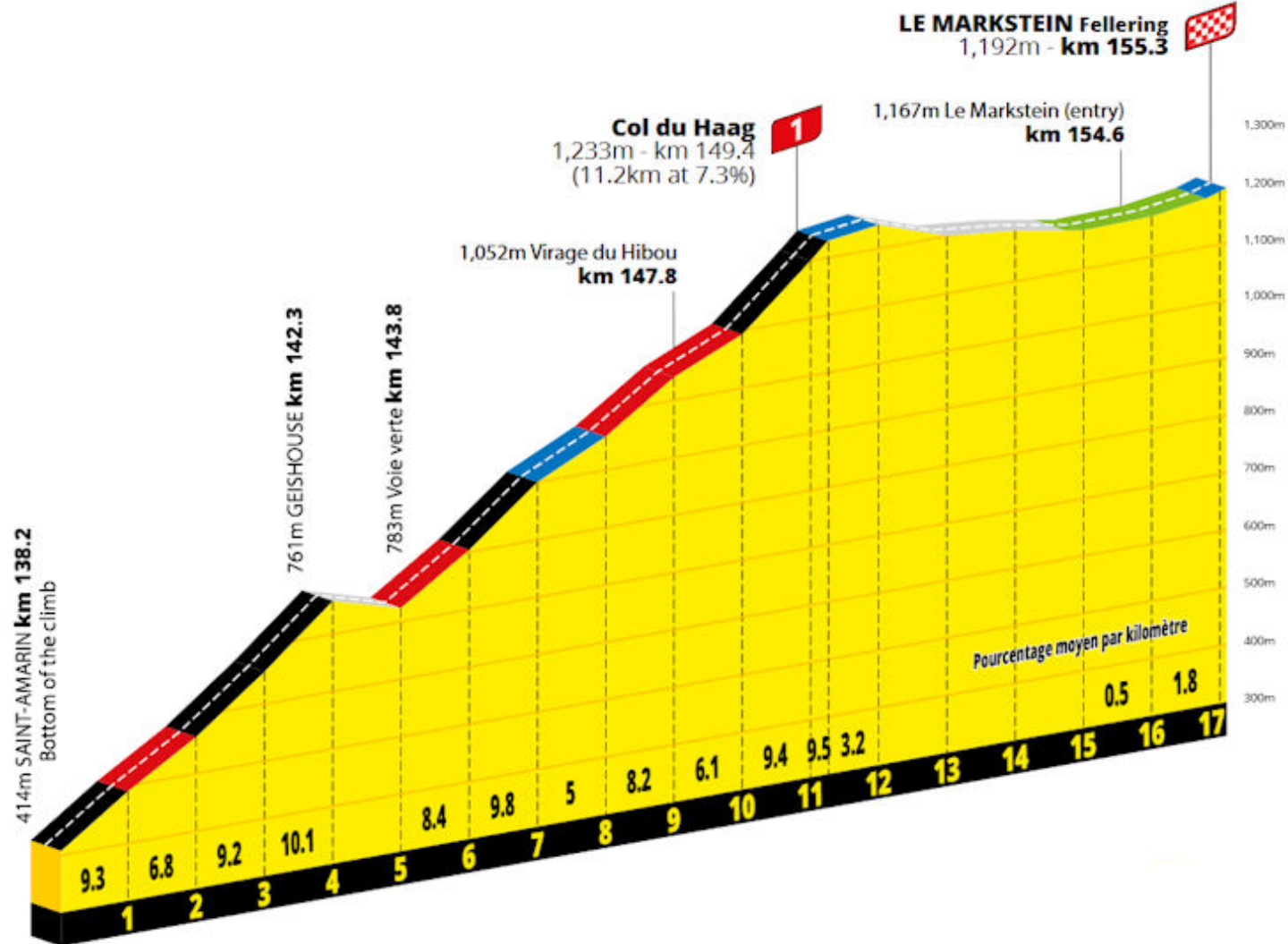
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LE MARKSTEIN Fellingering

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Tim in KY I was wondering why Ballon d'Alsace and Grand Ballon have ballon in their name. Ballon means ball or things that are round like a ball. So I looked in the French dictionary. The seventh definition of Ballon is "Nom donné aux montagnes des Vosges". Name given to Voges mountains. That's helpful.

07-18-2026
07:01:19 am



BusterSci Tim, I think it's because they are more large domes than peaky mountains.

07-18-2026
07:02:00 am



Tim in KY I'm going to take my walk while the peloton suffers a 20 minute neutral.

07-18-2026
07:02:21 am



Tim in KY It would take a lot of schnaps to come up with that, Buster.

07-18-2026
07:04:17 am



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07-18-2026
07:05:02 am



BusterSci When we were there, this is what we saw, so I can't give a first hand account.

07-18-2026
07:05:25 am



BusterSci From Wikipedia: Grand Ballon means "great [round-topped] mountain" because a ballon in French is a geographical term for a mountain with a rounded summit, similar to the German Kuppe.

07-18-2026
07:07:01 am



Charlie in Tenn Sounds good to me.

07-18-2026
07:07:43 am



BusterSci We drove the Route de Crêtes, where the prior and other very foggy/misty photos were taken. I use them playing D&D to put the party in the mood of a spooky and mysterious wilderness spot.

07-18-2026
07:09:03 am



Charlie in Tenn Excellent use of visual aids.

07-18-2026
07:16:15 am



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07-18-2026
07:17:27 am



BusterSci This one went over very well

07-18-2026
07:17:34 am





BusterSci Smoke has cleared out for us in MSP and most of lower MN. Even Ely is better now that the winds have changed. They had about an inch of rain yesterday morning and that, along with the reduced heat, has allowed the tanker planes to get back into the air. There's a squadron of modified crop dusters that fly in formations of 2 to 5 planes that only carry about 800 gallons each, but together can drop up to 4000 gallons in a spot. As I understand it, they focus on drenching remote structures.

07-18-2026
07:23:50 am



Charlie in Tenn Nice. I never used enough of this kind of stuff. I could run a game and keep things moving but lacked the effort to produce the extra stuff.

07-18-2026
07:24:23 am



BusterSci I'm not great at it either, Charlie. But when I travel I always have my eye open for a good scene setting photo.

07-18-2026
07:25:17 am



Charlie in Tenn Glad to hear that the firefighters have a better chance of working on the fires.

07-18-2026
07:25:37 am



BusterSci I guess they're a group of 6. Neat video of them filling <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/17hp2jsfaW/>

07-18-2026
07:28:11 am



Charlie in Tenn My relaxing few days near Gatlinburg were pretty good. We had my daughter and 2 of her school friends with us so there was a lot of giggling and whispering going on but the girls were great and we had a relaxing time. Bonus, we managed to leave the "orientation" without buying any additional "vacation points".

07-18-2026
07:29:10 am



Tim in KY Still in neutral.

07-18-2026
07:29:53 am



Tim in KY That's a very small cell of rain they are in.

07-18-2026
07:34:06 am



BusterSci I've been thinking about rain amounts lately. Without doing the math, how many gallons do you think is an inch of rain falling over a square mile?

07-18-2026
07:38:40 am



Tim in KY 12,500 gallons with no math. I suspect that's low.

07-18-2026
07:41:05 am



BusterSci 17.4 million.

07-18-2026
07:41:45 am



Tim in KY On the radar it looks like that's the only rain we'll see today. 07-18-2026 07:42:50 am



BusterSci It would take about 900 runs of the largest tanker plane to drop that much water. 07-18-2026 07:43:37 am



Tim in KY Sprint done. Time for chores. 07-18-2026 07:53:10 am



Charlie in Tenn Pretty strong group off the front 07-18-2026 08:06:49 am



Charlie in Tenn Laundry time for me. 07-18-2026 08:07:03 am



BusterSci If you can read it, an interesting take by Dan Lloyd why he thinks today's riders are clean. Matches some things DStan has said over the Pog era. <https://x.com/daniellloyd1/status/2078249587697922414?s=46> 07-18-2026 08:09:44 am



BusterSci Visma looking for a bridge for Vingo? Or just a stage win? 07-18-2026 08:12:24 am



Charlie in Tenn I would suspect a bridge. 07-18-2026 08:15:21 am



Charlie in Tenn Everyone else in there is going for a team win. 07-18-2026 08:16:43 am



Charlie in Tenn Carapez said he would like the mts jersey but he might as well win the race as well. 07-18-2026 08:17:45 am



bikerabe Healey is out front Go Ben! 07-18-2026 08:28:09 am



BusterSci Carapaz is a guy who has shown he has second tier talent (meaning tier below first tier like Pog and 1A tier like Vingo) but he hasn't stayed right side up since moving to EF. 07-18-2026 08:31:21 am



BusterSci Wearing 13 upside down: Stupid Superstition? Fun tradition? Or both? 07-18-2026 08:34:35 am



Charlie in Tenn He finished 3rd in one of the early stages so yeah, still good but not good enough. 07-18-2026 08:35:41 am



Charlie in Tenn 13 upside down - both.

07-18-2026
08:36:27 am



John I loved Red Bull wearing their entire kit upside down the other day

07-18-2026
08:36:47 am



Charlie in Tenn Hi Abe and John.

07-18-2026
08:37:39 am



John Hey Charlie!

07-18-2026
08:37:51 am



Charlie in Tenn Looks like Paret-Pientre and Carapez are both wanting the mt jersey. Could be some fun watching them today.

07-18-2026
08:48:58 am



Rocket City Gal Good morning, all. The DNS guy today has a name for the ages... Ramses Debruyne

07-18-2026
08:49:20 am



Charlie in Tenn Hey, they just passed the finish line, for the first time.

07-18-2026
08:50:24 am



Charlie in Tenn Hi RCG.

07-18-2026
08:50:35 am



Charlie in Tenn However, my fun with you is coming to an end. I am off to the storehouse to give away some furniture. See ya tomorrow.

07-18-2026
08:51:35 am



bikerabe Healey back in front group of 5 Go Ben !

07-18-2026
08:58:53 am



BusterSci Is Ben riding for Richie or Richie for Ben?

07-18-2026
09:01:38 am



Tim in KY Bright sunlight and rain on the camera lens. ???

07-18-2026
09:02:00 am



Tim in KY Lots of popcorn cells of rain all over the area.

07-18-2026
09:03:54 am



Tim in KY Phil keeps talking about how fast they're riding. But they're not, they're just a few minutes ahead of the slowest imaginable.

07-18-2026
09:16:42 am



Tim in KY I generally think Healy and Crapass ride for themselves.

07-18-2026
09:20:07 am



Tim in KY Raining again.

07-18-2026
09:31:10 am



Katie S Good morning from an old farmhouse painted vermillion. With vineyards and a garden and chickens.

07-18-2026
09:31:33 am



BusterSci Picture or we don't believe you.

07-18-2026
09:33:11 am



Katie S I say the 13 upside down is a fun tradition

07-18-2026
09:33:27 am



BusterSci :P

07-18-2026
09:33:32 am



Katie S <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1784381976-1784381676252.jpeg>

07-18-2026
09:34:38 am



BusterSci That's a fancy farmhouse!

07-18-2026
09:35:08 am



Katie S From the website but it really does look like this. And yes, it's all fancy and updated. A friend knows the contractor who did it up.

07-18-2026
09:36:28 am



Tim in KY On radar it looks like there will be rain until the finish.

07-18-2026
09:41:27 am



Katie S Will today's winner come from these breaks? When would Vingo try something, the Alps?

07-18-2026
09:41:47 am



BusterSci I think Vingo will try something any time he thinks he's strong and the terrain or conditions will let him make a difference. One on one I doubt he can do anything. But if a windy flat day allows for echelons, Visma is much better set up for that than UAE.

07-18-2026
09:44:33 am



BusterSci Also, 3 minutes disappears in a couple kilometers on a 7% climb.

07-18-2026
09:51:08 am



BusterSci So I say the breaks don't stick

07-18-2026
09:51:22 am





BusterSci No matter how many Parrot-Painters are involved.

07-18-2026
09:51:48 am



SFinAus Howdy. Checking in for a bit from the airport. Headed north for a couple of weeks. Hopefully I'll dodge the heatwaves. I get enough as it is. It'll be a great time but the downside is my Tour watching will be cramped.

07-18-2026
09:51:55 am



Rocket City Gal Getting to watch the race now. Phase 1 of daily kitten cleaning/ decontamination is done. When the bleach solution dries I can move them and do phase 2.

07-18-2026
09:54:24 am



Rocket City Gal So I get to watch Crapazz, Parrot-Painters and the rest now.

07-18-2026
09:55:15 am



bikerabe under 2 KU

07-18-2026
09:56:19 am



Rocket City Gal Katie, I've never seen a house that color before! Eye-catching, for sure.

07-18-2026
09:56:20 am



Carlene in NH From the photo, it almost looks like a pagoda!

07-18-2026
09:57:07 am



BusterSci I've seen similar with old victorian houses when done up in proper linseed oil paints.

07-18-2026
09:57:34 am



Katie S Hi Shawn and RCG. Hope you're right, Buster. I'd like to see some action (whoops, forgot to post)

07-18-2026
10:01:01 am



Katie S Yeah it's fun to do the Victorians up.

07-18-2026
10:01:30 am



Tim in KY Pidcock being chased down.

07-18-2026
10:05:54 am



bikerabe peloton catching Pidcock group

07-18-2026
10:06:00 am



BusterSci And if you catch the Pidcock group you destroy any bridging attempts by Vingo.

07-18-2026
10:07:22 am



BusterSci Pidders is a good descender. Could get some time here.

07-18-2026
10:09:09 am



BusterSci Is it just me, or did that statue look like a plastic army soldier? Must be something with the compression.

07-18-2026
10:10:12 am



Katie S Missed it. But I see the peloton now is just 2 minutes back

07-18-2026
10:10:46 am



Tim in KY It did , Buster.

07-18-2026
10:11:34 am



Tim in KY This descent off the d'Alsace is much more primitive than yesterday's.

07-18-2026
10:12:57 am



BusterSci Let's make an assumption that the catch doesn't happen until the final climb, listed at 11.2km long. With how long remaining to the KOM with Pog pass the current leaders? I'm saying 6.8km

07-18-2026
10:13:49 am



BusterSci Winner gets a breath of smoke free air.

07-18-2026
10:14:19 am



Rocket City Gal Glad it's dry on this descent. It's scary enough as it is.

07-18-2026
10:14:22 am



Katie S 3.4 km

07-18-2026
10:14:31 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1784384419-stage-14-markstein.jpg>

07-18-2026
10:15:20 am



BusterSci I'd like to see the gradient maps for the descents.

07-18-2026
10:15:56 am



Tim in KY I vote for the black section between 6 and 7.

07-18-2026
10:16:55 am



BusterSci It's a good call.

07-18-2026
10:17:25 am



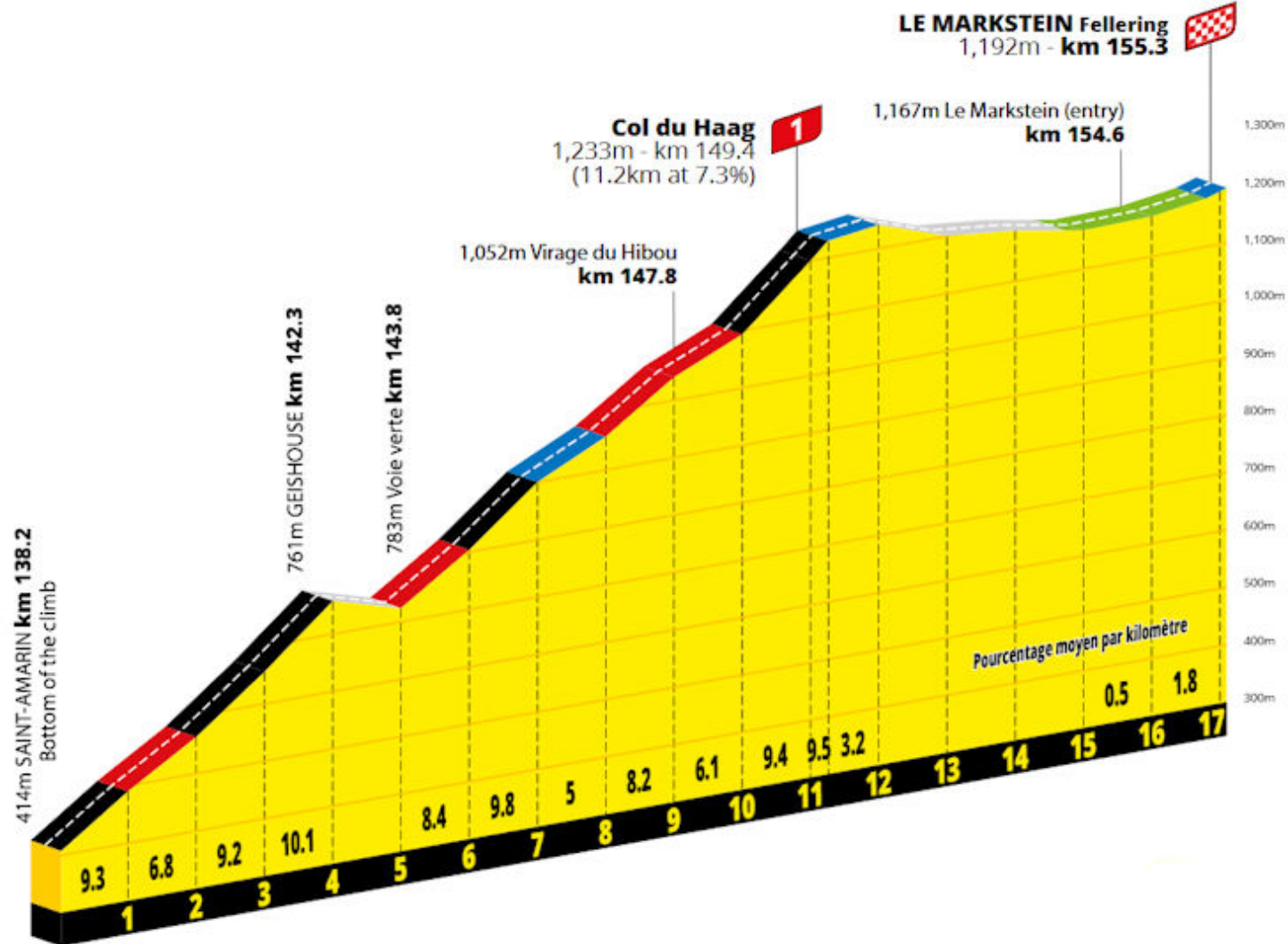
SFinAus I second Tim's prediction. Is there somewhere I can bet on that ? ;)

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10:18:22 am



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10:18:43 am





FLIGHT WAS NEVER AN OPTION

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**SFinAus** New avatar, Buster?07-18-2026
10:20:02 am**BusterSci** Possible.07-18-2026
10:21:11 am**Tim in KY** GC group has shrunk on the descent!07-18-2026
10:22:18 am**Katie S** And, yeah, 6-7 km. I hadn't looked at the actual profile, just was going for 3/4 time vs 6/8 time to be a ... oh, never mind...07-18-2026
10:22:20 am**BusterSci** Gettin all Brubeck on us.07-18-2026
10:22:47 am**SFinAus** Heheh07-18-2026
10:22:49 am**BusterSci** Seen on Xitter: "The meth lab in Canada's basement is upset that they can smell cigarette smoke upstairs"07-18-2026
10:24:38 am**Tim in KY** Semi-obscure Buster.07-18-2026
10:26:46 am**SFinAus** I get it.07-18-2026
10:27:51 am**Katie S** Clever07-18-2026
10:31:14 am

BusterSci I've never been a Pidcock fan. Nothing against him, I'm just not reflexively a fan of any anglophone. But the fact that he's actually trying something the last couple days rather than just hanging with the group makes me like him a bit more.

07-18-2026
10:35:43 am

SFinAus Robin Williams had a joke a long time ago something like, "Living in Canada is like having a nice loft apartment where there's always a great party downstairs". Some humour doesn't hold up.

07-18-2026
10:36:20 am

SFinAus He does seem immune from group pessimism and always willing to attack.

07-18-2026
10:38:57 am



BusterSci I think to some degree he's still trying to figure out where he fits and what he can do.

07-18-2026
10:40:09 am



Tim in KY Break is currently on the imagined time.

07-18-2026
10:40:14 am



bikerabe under 1 KU gap to peloton 96 secs

07-18-2026
10:40:20 am



BusterSci Healy did his work and fell off?

07-18-2026
10:40:32 am



BusterSci The pace. Not the bike.

07-18-2026
10:40:43 am



Katie S Just went out to the chicken coop and gathered three eggs from underneath one very fluffy hen. She didn't mind. First time for me. Super cool. Two brown, one blue.

07-18-2026
10:47:00 am



SFinAus Nice. Time to fly. Bye all.

07-18-2026
10:47:45 am



BusterSci Tah

07-18-2026
10:48:03 am



bikerabe both Bens Healy and O'Connor out off front only 5 now

07-18-2026
10:50:22 am



Mikey Good Morning

07-18-2026
10:51:23 am



John Hi Mikey

07-18-2026
10:56:27 am



BusterSci Got a friend who winters in Tucson that rides with Riccitello and always picks him for his Velogames teams. Is he going to be able to help Seixas today? He hasn't been a plus so far.

07-18-2026
10:57:17 am



Tim in KY He said he's been a bit sick.

07-18-2026
11:02:20 am



BusterSci Richie goes

07-18-2026
11:03:58 am



BusterSci Yes, Tim. I thought he had a bit of a crash earlier, too.

07-18-2026
11:04:10 am



Tim in KY Pog appears to be without teammates.

07-18-2026
11:04:50 am



John <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1784387386-6d972f89-7263-4b85-b494-e4d3bd5b6775.JPG>

07-18-2026
11:04:50 am



John One of my friends with Didi today

07-18-2026
11:05:03 am



BusterSci Cool

07-18-2026
11:05:10 am



Mikey Looks like he found his luggage

07-18-2026
11:05:39 am



Tim in KY There is rain just to the north and south of this climb.

07-18-2026
11:11:26 am



Tim in KY They are coming to my suggested attack point.

07-18-2026
11:12:57 am



bikerabe Carapaz on the goat path

07-18-2026
11:13:27 am



John Kiss looks cooked

07-18-2026
11:15:33 am



John *Kuss

07-18-2026
11:15:40 am



BusterSci This is interesting

07-18-2026
11:16:19 am



BusterSci Got a fight for minor places

07-18-2026
11:16:32 am



bikerabe Go Jonas !

07-18-2026
11:16:40 am



John Jonas!

07-18-2026
11:16:45 am



Wdnesday

Tour de France

Instagram Didi Sentt

L'Etape by
Tour de France

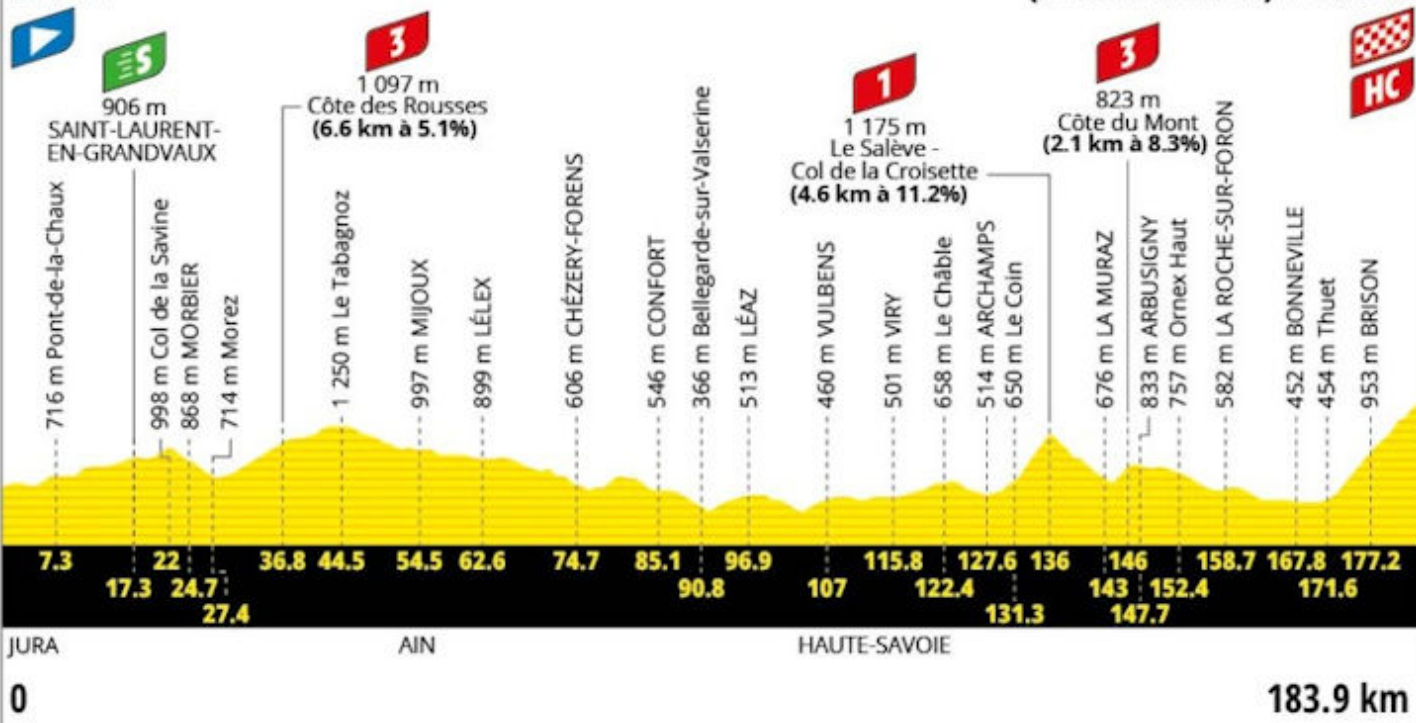
LE TOUR DE FRANCE

CHAMPAIGNOLE

577 m

PLATEAU DE SOLAISON Brison

(11.3 km à 9%) 1 508 m





Tim in KY Remco struggling.

07-18-2026
11:18:22 am



John Remco gone

07-18-2026
11:19:36 am



John Poor Crapass going to get caught again

07-18-2026
11:20:10 am



Tim in KY Almost caught.

07-18-2026
11:22:39 am



bikerabe Caught !

07-18-2026
11:23:32 am



Tim in KY Is Pog playing with them?

07-18-2026
11:24:09 am



BusterSci Could be. Or tacking a "rest" day while Vingo works

07-18-2026
11:24:38 am



BusterSci Remco will be back

07-18-2026
11:24:44 am



Tim in KY Yes he was.

07-18-2026
11:25:03 am



John Probably. He can easily win this if he wants to

07-18-2026
11:25:08 am



Katie S And there he goes

07-18-2026
11:25:37 am



Tim in KY There really should be barriers here.

07-18-2026
11:26:54 am



John At least there are no flares

07-18-2026
11:27:19 am



Tim in KY So far...

07-18-2026
11:28:02 am



BusterSci Sexy Paul having a good day today

07-18-2026
11:28:50 am

John Del Toro looks good today too

07-18-2026
11:30:23 am

RANK		RIDER	UCI	PNT	TIME
1		POGAČAR Tadej UAE Team Emirates - XRG	210	100	4:00:07
2		DEL TORO Isaac UAE Team Emirates - XRG	150	70	0:38
3		SEIXAS Paul Decathlon CMA CGM Team	110	50	"
4		VINGEGAARD Jonas Team Visma Lease a Bike	90	40	0:44
5		EVENEPOEL Remco Red Bull - BORA - hansgrohe	70	32	0:48
6		AYUSO Juan Lidl - Trek	55	26	0:50
7		LIPOWITZ Florian Red Bull - BORA - hansgrohe	45	22	"
8		CARAPAZ Richard EF Education - EasyPost	40	18	1:18
9		JOHANNESSEN Tobias Halland Uno-X Mobility	35	14	1:40
10		SKJELMOSE Mattias Lidl - Trek	30	10	"
11		MARTINEZ Lenny Bahrain - Victorious	25	8	1:41



BusterSci Yeah. Appeared to be in a bit of crisis on the climb but able to hang and then come back to Vingo 07-18-2026 11:32:05 am



BusterSci Must suck for Vingo. "I was once considered the best. Now I'm at the same level as the second guy on Pog's team." 07-18-2026 11:32:43 am



Tim in KY The imagined finish time is 17:38. Not going to make that. 07-18-2026 11:33:00 am



John Hard to believe he won two in a row a few years ago 07-18-2026 11:33:24 am



BusterSci Pog had excuses, but still. And I wonder if Pog would be as dominant as he is if he hadn't lost to Jonas 07-18-2026 11:35:50 am



BusterSci And I think a 3 second gap is enough to confirm that Remco came back. 07-18-2026 11:37:45 am



BusterSci Ok. 4 seconds 07-18-2026 11:38:11 am



Katie S This guy sure likes to race his bike, Pog 07-18-2026 11:39:27 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1784389474-stage-15-profile.jpg> 07-18-2026 11:39:36 am



Katie S All righty, all. Must attend to the frittata... 07-18-2026 11:39:59 am



Mikey ba 07-18-2026 11:40:35 am



Rocket City Gal https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1784389730-IMG_2289.jpeg 07-18-2026 11:43:51 am



Rocket City Gal Sexais takes over the white jersey. Pog still leads KOM with VPP 2nd. 07-18-2026 11:44:53 am