



**Tim in KY** Breakaway day?

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**Mikey** Someone will try.

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**Mikey** Don't think it will fly

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**BusterSci** Maybe. Â But also the first GC shots to be fired.

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**BusterSci** Oh, I think a break will get away, but I don't think they will win.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Should be a day for GC riders.

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**Tim in KY** Short fictif today.

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**Tim in KY** De Ghent is not near the front, so you're probably right.

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**Charlie in Tenn** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1598960123-stage%204.PNG>

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**Tim in KY** 51 km of false flat.

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**Tim in KY** That wasn't very exciting.

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**BusterSci** Early sprints delay the break?

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**Tim in KY** Doesn't look like it.

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**BusterSci** Will it get beyond about 3 minutes?

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**Tim in KY** That has been the limit so far.

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**BusterSci** Benoot in the break! Â I expected him to do more for the team than he's pulled off so far.

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**BusterSci** Now 3:32

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**BusterSci** So yes, it will get beyond 3 minutes

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**BusterSci** But that's where they appear to have locked it up.

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**Tim in KY** That almost puts the AG2R in virtual yellow.

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**Charlie in Tenn** One of the riders is at 3 min

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**BusterSci** 4:05

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**Charlie in Tenn** Vuillermoz, who lay 3:53 down on Alaphilippe this morning, is now the virtual leader of the race.

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**Charlie in Tenn** from cycling News Julian Alaphilippe at the start today: "Itâ€™s a nice stage today and another day for me to enjoy wearing the yellow jersey. The finale wonâ€™t be a walk in the park but lâ€™ll give everything to retain the yellow jersey. "Some favourites for the GC would be happy if lâ€™d stay in the lead for longer but others like Adam Yates who is only four seconds down would love to take over from me. Anyway, the end of the Tour is still a long way awayâ€;"

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**BusterSci** "The end of the Tour is still a long way away...or tomorrow. Â We just don't know."

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**Tim in KY** I have to make a grocery run.Â Back in a bit.

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**BusterSci** Between Jumbo, Higueta's Columbian champ jersey, and the actual maillot jaune, I can't tell who's what on that front.

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**BusterSci** Looks like they're decided somewhere around 4m is right.

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**BusterSci** Time to start packing up for the fishing trip. Â 3 hours of driving ahead.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Safe trip. How long are you going to be gone?

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**BusterSci** I'll be back up tonight. Drive up, fish, drive back. Â I do it once a week. Â With no other way for Dad to get activity out of the house, I think it's necessary to keep him sane. Â Not to mention it gives Mom a few hours of peace.

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**Charlie in Tenn** You are a good son. I was never around when my Dad was sick in his last year. I didn't even call him the last week. I felt like we still had time. Bad on my part.

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**BusterSci** See y'all tomorrow.

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**Katie S** have fun fishin'

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**Katie S** That was a weird sprint for Sagan. Did he sit up? Get boxed out? Just not have the legs?

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**Charlie in Tenn** Legs I expect. Of course the break took most of the points so there was not much left.

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**Charlie in Tenn** I have so many windows open that I forgot about the Race one. I need to find it.

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**Katie S** ruh-roh!

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**Charlie in Tenn** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1598965032-sprint%20points.PNG>

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**Alison Quarles** Morning!

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Result of the intermediate sprint at Veynes, km 51.5:

1. Nils Politt, 20 points
2. Mathieu Burgaudeau, 17
3. Tiesj Benoot, 15
4. Quentin Pacher, 13
5. Alexis Vuillermoz, 11
6. Kristis Neilands, 10
7. Sam Bennett, 9
8. Michael Morkov, 8
9. Matteo Trentin, 7
10. Bryan Coquard, 6
11. Giacomo Nizzolo 5
12. Peter Sagan, 4
13. Alexander Kristoff, 3
14. Niccolo Bonifazio, 2
15. Max Walscheid, 1



**Charlie in Tenn** Hi

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**Katie S** G'morning!

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**Charlie in Tenn** Bennett is tied with Sagan for the sprint jersey. I think that means he takes the jersey because he has the most points today.

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**Tim in KY** It's who crosses the line first.

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**Tim in KY** 3 KU to fo.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Well that should be Sagan. Let's see a sprint out of the sprinter group at the top of a mountain.

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**Tim in KY** Tunnel!

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**Tim in KY** They are finally within the imagined time.

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**Tim in KY** ASO Ticker says green jersey will go to who is highest on GC.

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**mcnally\_mi** Good morning, all.

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**mcnally\_mi** This is from the TdF rules book - If riders are equal on points in this classification, they are separated by their number of stage wins and then by their number of wins in the intermediate sprints that count towards the points classification, and, finally, by their ranking in the general classification.

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**Katie S** I thought it was based on who looks best in the jersey.

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**Tim in KY** Between Sagan and Bennett it comes down to GC because neither has won a stage or intermediate sprint.

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**Katie S** ...So, today is a big day for one of my colleagues. He turns 70 today AND he is retiring from the company today. He and I have worked together for

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about 31 years. We've worked in the same office together, and we've worked from home offices far apart. We've been peers, we've been boss (him) and worker bee (me) and then peers again. We've had all kinds of wonderful experiences together - work and outside work. We did the Seattle To Portland bike ride together probably four times (a 2-day ride covering 200 miles), a couple of mountain bike trips, we got lost on Mt. Tam at twilight one winter, scaring and angering our respective spouses who were waiting dinner on us. Anyway, an amazing man. I'll miss having him at the other end of the instant messaging and a four-digit extension dial away. A few of us will do a zoom tequila toast (he is a true aficionado) this afternoon, but it won't be the same as when we actually did Tequila Tuesday or Tequila Friday afternoons in the office..



**Katie S** Sorry to ramble on - but it's a memorable transition day...and he's a dear friend and a great man.

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**Tim in KY** All the best to him, Katie.

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**Katie S** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1598967487-1598967188183.jpeg>

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**Katie S** At Levi's Gran Fondo some years back (getting photobombed by the marshal)

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**Mikey** That is so cool Katie. My work "wife" just retired today! I have been retired for 5 years and missed working with her every day since. We still talk almost weekly.

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**mcnally\_mi** That's great Katie and Happy B-day to your colleague. He must truly love the company and the work he was doing.

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**Tim in KY** The roads on this descent are getting progressively sketchy.

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**mcnally\_mi** Reading Andrew Hood's article on Velonews, ASO has closed 27 climbs in this Tour to campers, cars, etc. to limit the number of fans that access the race. My French language tutor, who lives in Marseille and has a family cottage at today's finish location, said school's started back up this week in most of France. So those things should hopefully help limit the exposure the riders will have and keep the race moving forward.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Schools open during the tour. Another thing I had not thought about.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Cool Katie. Ramble as much as you want about such things. 09-01-2020  
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**PasadenaK8** Mornin' (sleepy yawn)Â Late sign in today - not in my usual early morning TdF wake-up form yet. Maybe I'm one of those whose form peaks in week two, or three, or four... ;) 09-01-2020  
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**Charlie in Tenn** Along the retirement line, though I have not worked outside the house for several years, I just applied for Social Security moments ago. 09-01-2020  
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**Katie S** Wow, Charlie, that's a significant marker 09-01-2020  
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**Katie S** FEWER fans. not LESS fans. Sorry. had to correct the commentator's grammar.. 09-01-2020  
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**PasadenaK8** How was the application process, Charlie? (A few years away for me, but I've started learning about the time schedule for when to start applying, etc., etc) 09-01-2020  
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**Tim in KY** That Cat 4 wasn't much of a climb. 09-01-2020  
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**PasadenaK8** Nuns! 09-01-2020  
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**PasadenaK8** Wonder if Didi is nearby. 09-01-2020  
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**Tim in KY** He was on the first climb of the day. 09-01-2020  
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**Katie S** Whoa. Tightrope walker! 09-01-2020  
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**Tim in KY** Gave me the willies. 09-01-2020  
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**Katie S** He wasn't even wearing sequins, just ordinary street clothes. 09-01-2020  
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**Slaughter MacDuff** Good morning all! First day of school here. I can't believe my baby is in first grade. 09-01-2020  
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**Tim in KY** In-person school?

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**Katie S** my question also ... my little niece started first grade last week ... from her bedroom. Breaks my heart. She loves learning and loved kindergarten. She was very angry with her mother for pulling her out of kindergarten one week before the school was shut down because of the plague.

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**Slaughter MacDuff** Yep. He goes to private school and they've put in place a rigorous protocol. Plus, they lost kids and they rented additional space for one of the upper grades.

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**Katie S** where do you live? (Niece goes to private school, too, but it's in San Francisco where everything remains tightly controlled)

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**Slaughter MacDuff** We're in Manhattan.

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**Alison Quarles** In public school here they're going one day in-person. I've heard rumors that they might up it to 2 days. Poor teachers.

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**Slaughter MacDuff** Because they were able to de-densify the school, they'll be going daily.

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**PasadenaK8** With that mention of pulling out of school early, I just remembered, right before falling off to sleep last night, I was listening to the Wiggins podcast that was recommended here in the Pub. He was talking with Sean Kelly. There was mention of how this Tour might be only 10 stages long, though didn't sound like a 100% certainty type of remark. Haven't been keeping up on cycling news, but is this really a possibility?

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**Katie S** that might have to do with the chance that the coronavirus spreads its sticky little self throughout the race, shutting it down. It's not a Grand Tour. It's a Grand Experiment.

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**mcnally\_mi** That has been talked about a lot in the media circles, but has not been confirmed by the organizers. That first rest day will be interesting when they conduct the next big round of tests.

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**Dave Ringle** Good morning from the rainforest where we will hear how close to record rainfall we are at the end of the "œdry season". Speaking of retirement and teaching, I'm hearing from my former teaching colleagues who are really

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struggling. Few imagined they would be teaching virtually.



**Katie S** 'mornin', Dave. I suspect "First Responders" will be Time Magazine's "Person of the Year," but teachers have to run a close second. 09-01-2020 10:28:09



**Dave Ringle** First responders are another level higher, but I fear a brain drain as so many older teachers are just retiring or resigning. 09-01-2020 10:30:02



**Dave Ringle** Every one is in a "grand experiment" these days. 09-01-2020 10:32:35



**PasadenaK8** Would imagine (hope) that the riders are getting tested everyday. Reading that case numbers are going up again in France \*-/- Roadside "crowds" look like they've been pretty good about wearing masks, but have seen a fair share of them either without, or barely just over their mouths. Some pulling them down to cheer on the riders as they pass by - right at the moment when you really don't want someone yelling at you without a mask on. 09-01-2020 10:36:07



**Katie S** From what I understand, they will be tested twice more: on each of the two rest days. 09-01-2020 10:40:59



**PasadenaK8** 1 KU 09-01-2020 10:41:18



**Charlie in Tenn** Katie, applying for SS is a breeze. All online and basic info. The last year you worked was the hardest question. I had to look up. I just printed out my answers and it is only 2 pages, most of which is section titles and space between. 09-01-2020 10:42:50



**mcnally\_mi** That is how I understand it as well, Katie. If there are symptoms shown by someone during the week, then a test can be administered. Otherwise those in the "bubble" will be tested on the two test days. 09-01-2020 10:43:28



**mcnally\_mi** \*rest days 09-01-2020 10:43:55



**PasadenaK8** That's good to hear about the SS, Charlie. 09-01-2020 10:44:03



**Charlie in Tenn** School is a mess. Saw a cartoon about a little kid. Mom says, "That is not the mask you wore to school this morning." Kid, "I know, isn't cool. I traded with Bob and he traded with Sally and Suzie." 09-01-2020 10:44:33



**Katie S** ha! that's hilarious.

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**Charlie in Tenn** The UCI is going to have the World Championships. They will announce Imola or La Planche des Belles Filles tomorrow.

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<https://www.cyclingnews.com/news/imola-and-la-planche-des-belles-filles-emerge-as-favourites-to-host-2020-world-championships/>



**Dave Ringle** It's official. Southeast Alaska has had the wettest (by 6 inches), gloomiest summer (over 70 days of rain) in recorded history.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Congratulations

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**Dave Ringle** In normal times, that would call for a trip to sunshine.

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**Dave Ringle** helmet, goggles, and face mask, interviewing a beetle or Adam Yates?

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**Charlie in Tenn** I continue to hate home schooling. My dedication is weak. Thus the kids are not motivated very well. My wife, the teacher, helped my 3rd grader last night and she said he wrote a better essay than many of her 9th graders. Of course she worked with him for 2 hrs. It takes a lot of time and wears me out. Take a break every 30-45 minutes. Crap, I am just getting them started good. Just venting, we will survive.

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**Katie S** Ouch. Guardrail crash

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**mcnally\_mi** The National Weather Service said we have had the hottest summer ever in Phoenix. The average high was 108 and we broke the previous record of 33 straight days with temps over 110. We finally got a little rain which knocked that down.

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**Katie S** For that big drink o' water, Benoot

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**Katie S** bike broken, but he looks all right

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**Charlie in Tenn** Looked uncomfortable riding the rail.

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**bikerabe** Hope UCI World Champs at Planche des Belle Filles. Its not Triplets of Belleville, but close. Voodoo Kaka Rendevue

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**Tim in KY** WHF doesn't have many teammates left.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Phoenix is always hot. My only experience was in late June early July a few years ago. It was 112 every day but it was a dry heat. lol

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**Katie S** Yeah, i get no sympathy from my dad, who lives in Phoenix, when I complain about temps above 80 degrees here on the coast.

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**PasadenaK8** Re: Testing on Rest Days...Â doesn't seem like a lot - makes me have the fears for the riders & crews. I work (but not since March), in the film industry. There have been a handful of jobs that have started back up recently. Have heard that temperatures are taken and rapid testing done, with results within 15-45 minutes, pretty much every day. Definitely non-essential type of work, but testing and safety protocols at a level of essential type of work. Knocking on wood and crossing all fingers and toes for good Rest Day news...

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**Katie S** Anyone putting money on Neilands? Or will the uphill finish drain the legs?

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**Tim in KY** I suspect he's toast.

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**Dave Ringle** Rapid testing accuracy depends on the type of test. I could rant about my new job, NRBBBBB, but steps to isolate and quarantine work. It takes a lot of discipline and luck.

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**Dave Ringle** Long flat run in to a climb, GC will fight it out

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**Tim in KY** DQS down to three riders, Jumbo still has everybody.

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**Charlie in Tenn** I doubt that he will make it.


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**PasadenaK8** I hear ya, Dave, about the accuracy of rapid testing. Some jobs are requiring that crew also go in for the non-rapid kind of testing, within a couple of days before production starts. "Zones" within a Set are distinguished. Exit & entry pathways to Set established. Facemasks, goggle, faceshields, and cleaning done throughout the day.

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 **Joanna in Virginia** Chapeau to your soon to be former workmate, Katie. 09-01-2020  
Hubby is starting to look at retirement, probably within the year. He just 11:17:30  
applied for SS this weekend and dipping into his Warner Bros pension. We significantly  
downsized and he told me to stop working - well, I taught my first lesson this morning. I  
cannot help myself, I love my job. I'll teach a little to offset horsey expenses and keep me  
sharp.

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 **PasadenaK8** Hi Joanna! Former workmate = KatieS. And yes, lots of crew 09-01-2020  
are dipping into their pensions. Some early retirements too. Even with all the 11:22:05  
protocols in place, we're hearing of crew contracting the virus, some with not such good  
outcomes \*:-(


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 **bikerabe** Do what you Love and you'll never Work a day in your life. 09-01-2020  
Someone said I think 11:22:25


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 **Joanna in Virginia** I had my Katies straight this time. :-)) 09-01-2020  
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 **Joanna in Virginia** It took me awhile to climb through the bunch to make the 09-01-2020  
front. 11:23:57


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 **Dave Ringle** Good to hear from bikerabe even without Cycle Oregon this 09-01-2020  
year. 11:24:11

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 **Dave Ringle** Dudes off the back 09-01-2020  
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 **Katie S** Rolland makes a go and has some distance 09-01-2020  
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 **PasadenaK8** Rolland on up the road... 09-01-2020  
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 **Katie S** Think Yates will have a go? 09-01-2020  
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 **Dave Ringle** Large group shadow boxing 09-01-2020  
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 **Charlie in Tenn** Yes he wants yellow 09-01-2020  
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**Dave Ringle** VanAerts is impressive

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**PasadenaK8** 7%

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**PasadenaK8** 2K...

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**Joanna in Virginia** C'mon boys!

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**Dave Ringle** Kuss leading out the climbers â€œsprintâ€

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**Joanna in Virginia** Cofidis attack.

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**Joanna in Virginia** Roglic catches.

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**Joanna in Virginia** Ala there.

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**Joanna in Virginia** Sprinting uphill

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**Joanna in Virginia** Roglic goes.

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**Joanna in Virginia** WHOO HOO!!!

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**Joanna in Virginia** Roglic.

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**Joanna in Virginia** Assisted by Kuss.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Nice race. Roglic is unstoppable.

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**Joanna in Virginia** Very proud of my JV boys!

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**PasadenaK8** 1. Primoz Roglic 2. Tadej Pogacar 3. Guillaume Martin 4. Nairo Quintana 5. Julian Alaphilippe Julian Alaphilippe retains the yellow jersey - (according to TdF Race Center) 09-01-2020 11:42:31



**Katie S** He could win this thing - whether it's 10 days or all 21 stages 09-01-2020 11:43:05



**PasadenaK8** WHF is my sentimental favorite for this race. 09-01-2020 11:44:38



**Joanna in Virginia** Okay, I'm off to The Salvation Army to donate! 09-01-2020 11:45:01



**Charlie in Tenn** Thanks all, see you tomorrow. 09-01-2020 11:45:18



**Katie S** You gotta see teh bike rider on the zip line. Look, ma, NO ROAD! 09-01-2020 11:45:37



**Dave Ringle** Off to enjoy another day of 52 degree rain. See you tomorrow 09-01-2020 11:47:58