



**Tim in KY** VaE Stage 20 is a 190 kilometer loop through the mountains west of Madrid, from Arenas de San Pedro to the Plataforma de Gredos.

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**Tim in KY** The climbing starts 15 kilometers into the race and there aren't really any flat roads after that, two Cat 3s, two Cat 2s and two Cat 1s. The finish is at the top of a Cat 3 that has occasional ramps at 15%.

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**Tim in KY** Start time is 12:11 CEST (06:11 EDT). Finish is imagined between 17:20 and 18:00. Live video from before the start. Forecast is for temps in the low 20s and rain.

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**Mons Soseman** Looks like quite the stage

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**Tim in KY** Late start again and muddled sound on Gold again.

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**Tim in KY** Break fight.

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**Tim in KY** Rather half-hearted.

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**Tim in KY** Jean-Pierre Drucker (Bora-Hansgrohe) DNS.

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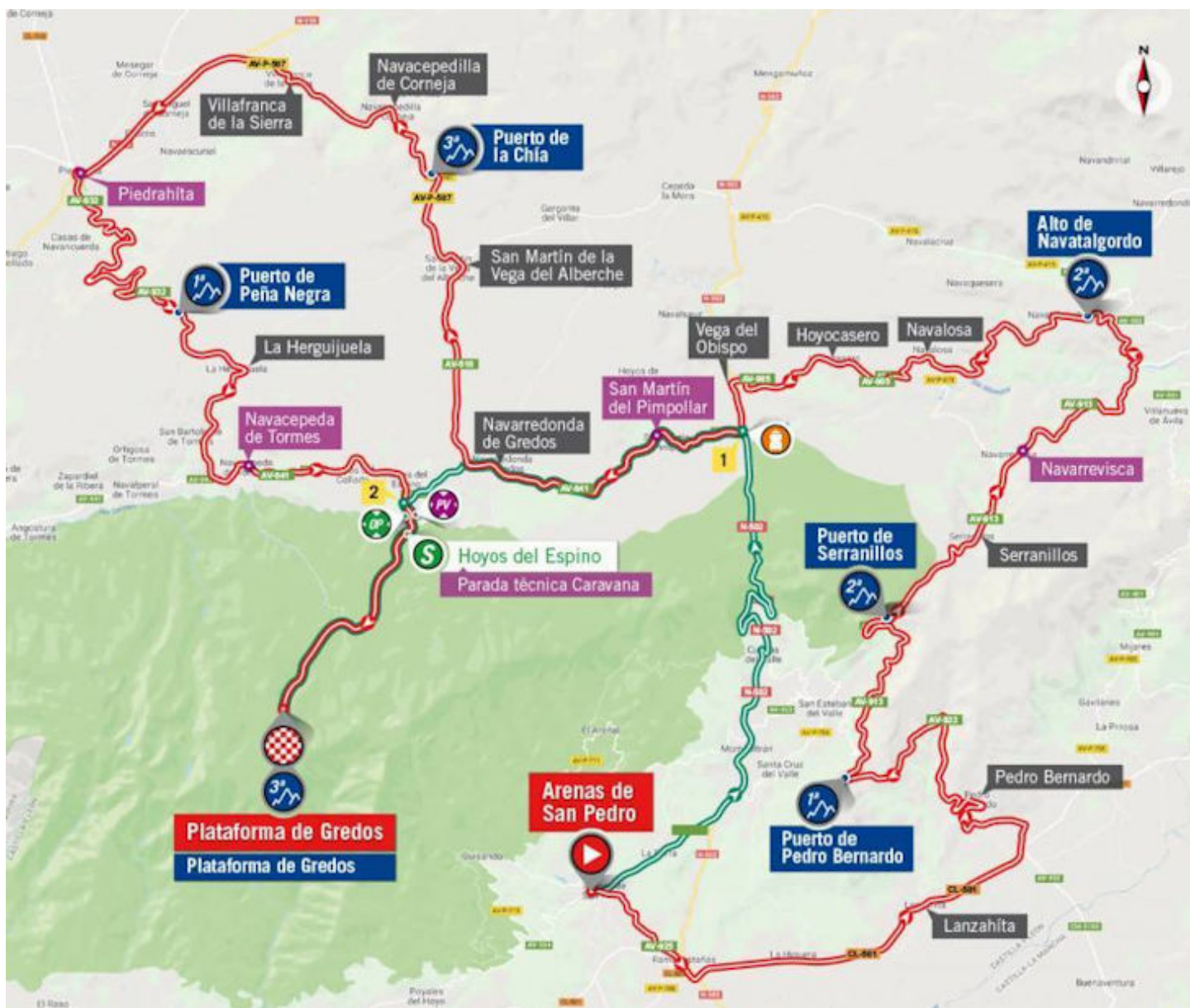
**Tim in KY** Starting the first climb.

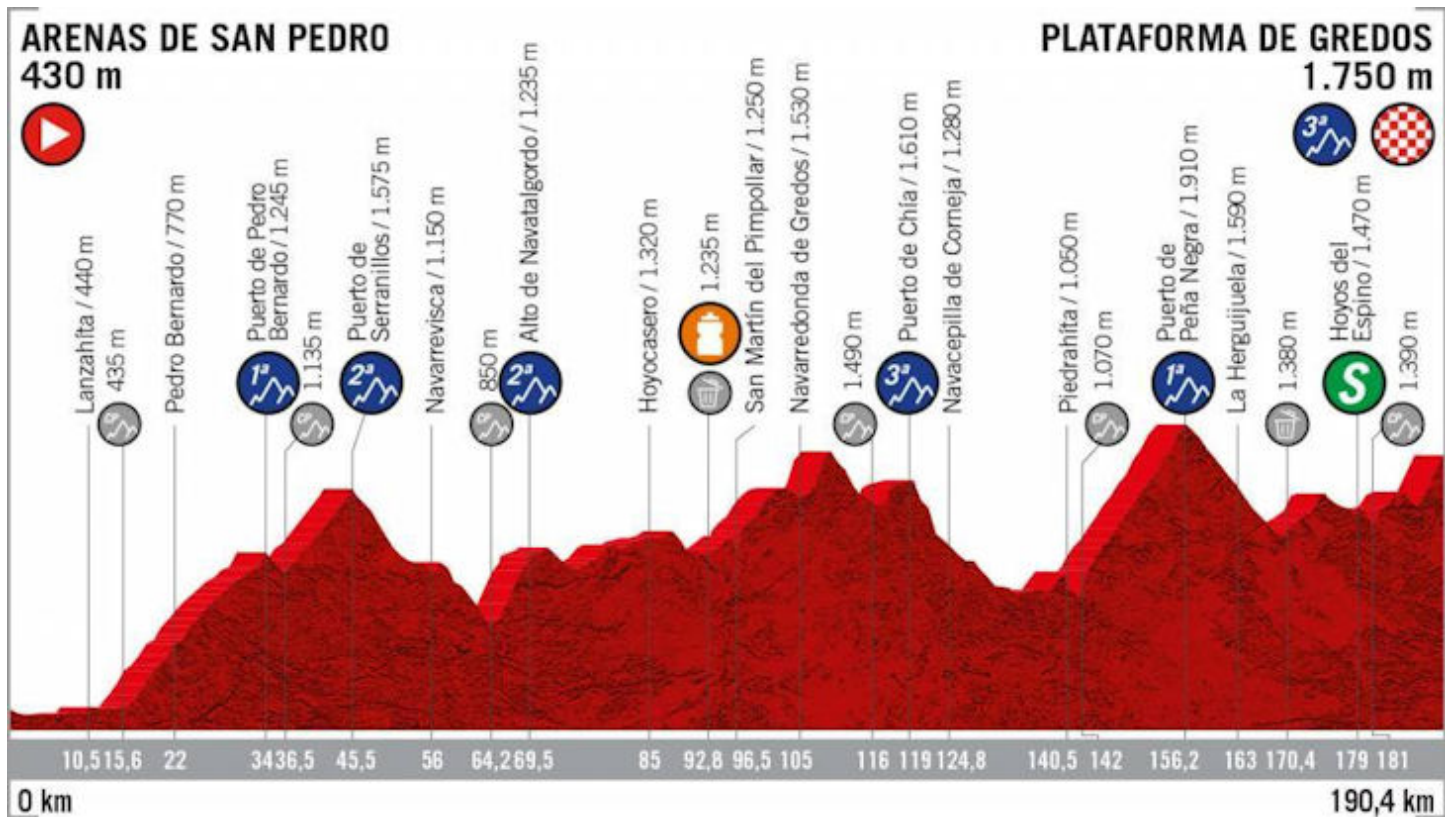
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**Tim in KY** Mark Padun (Bahrain-Merida), Mitch Docker (EF Education First), Steve Morabito (Groupama-FDJ), Tosh van der Sande (Lotto Soudal), Damien Howson (Mitchelton-Scott), Nic Dlamini (Dimension Data), Sergio Henao (UAE Team Emirates), Mikel Iturria, Sergio Samitier (Euskadi-Murias) have 3:06.

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1.235 m

San Martín del Pimpollar / 1.250 m

Navarredonda de Gredos / 1.530 m



1.490 m



Puerto de Chía / 1.610 m

Navacerrilla de Corneja / 1.280 m





**Tim in KY** Henao is best place at 55:42.

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**Tim in KY** Chores.

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**BusterSci** 1) I'm now hate the new CN ticker. Awful implementation.

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**BusterSci** 2) Bouchard wins KOM if he finishes.

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**BusterSci** 3) Lopez should not have to apologize. Movistar are liars, pure and simple.

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**BusterSci** 4) If Movistar had just said "We didn't cause the crash, crashes are part of racing, we feel no need of apologizing -- a crash is bad luck but so is not having the legs on tough day, so this nonsense has to stop--let's race" I would have agreed with them completely.

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**Tim in KY** And the rain starts.

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**Tim in KY** Tiny gap. 0:52.

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**Charlie in Tenn** 1) Did anyone notice that all of Movi was at the front when the crash happened? I did. They were preparing for the attack on the flats outside of town. It makes perfect sense. I have no doubt about it.

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**Tim in KY** Break is coming apart on the second climb.

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**Charlie in Tenn** 2) the UCI did not bloke cars from pacing the others back. This is when Movi stopped. It only made sense at that point.

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**Charlie in Tenn** 3) If the crash had been a minute later, Movi would already have been on the attack and everyone would say that's racing.

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**Tim in KY** There seems to be more rain on the camera lenses than on the riders.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Same here, if we had cameras.

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**Tim in KY** Craddock is trying to bridge.

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**BusterSci** It's on Gold, Charlie. So we do have cameras

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**Tim in KY** Everyone is over the second climb.

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**Charlie in Tenn** I am going to be gone this morning on a cub scout experience for new members. My son is gonna learn yo-yo tricks, bow and arrow, and other stuff. I tend to be a sit on the computer, play boardgames, work on stamp collection Dad so this should be good for both of us. Leaving about 8:15 or so.

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**BusterSci** Charlie, I disagree with your interpretation of the crash situation. Knox was in front and went down. There were 3 Movis that were in the front 20 riders, but they were by no means on the front. Additional Movis passed the crash both while it was happening and after it happened.

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**Tim in KY** 140 to go, gap is 1:09.

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**BusterSci** I don't disagree that Movi appeared to be moving up to attack. I also want to be clear that I don't think they did anything wrong, other than lie about what happened.

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**BusterSci** As was stated on Twitter, the line that they stopped the attack as soon as they new Roglic was down is absolute BS. Not only that, but if it takes 15km to know a rider is down, the line that radios are needed for rider safety is proven unequivocally false.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Well, OK. I did not see the actual crash. How did all of the Movi's get by if they were not at the front? And if they did wouldn't they push at that moment assuming others could get by as well? Yes, racing is hard to call and after the fact analysis by couch potatoes like me is always questionable.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Correct on the radios.

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**Tim in KY** Now sunshine.

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**Tim in KY** One Euski off the front of the break.

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**BusterSci** Link to crash video  
<https://twitter.com/TrainerwebCoach/status/1172524115892326401>

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**Charlie in Tenn** How do the radio safety feature work? Does UCI send messages to everyone listening or just to the Team management (DS, cars)?

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Can the riders hear the safety calls? Are there safety calls? Obviously, in the tour the UCI cars had to track down the leaders to tell them that mudslide was ahead so riders must need to hear from the DS.



**BusterSci** That's three Movis and Valverde that were on the right as the crash was happening on the left. 2 additional Movis pass. I can't account for two.

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**BusterSci** If nothing else, Rider A calls DS and DS can relay message to rest of team.

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**Tim in KY** UCI messages only go to the cars, not to the riders.

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**Tim in KY** Craddock has made the bridge to the break.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Movi riders may have said crash but not known who. Their DS probably got word at some point that Roglic was down but did he tell his team anything? I bet he said attack, splits in the group.

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**BusterSci** It is also my understanding that riders don't communicate by radio between each other. Everything goes through the team cars.

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**Tim in KY** Starting climb three.

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**Tim in KY** crappy little road.

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**Charlie in Tenn** I remember when postalburger(?) won the Giro stage a few years ago that he said his sprinter kept telling him to keep going. He was to far ahead to hear him.

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**BusterSci** everyone saw the crash. Knox's bike was on the ground at the beginning of that video. Movi riders had to pick through the carnage. Then they're in a group of a dozen or so riders and Lopez and Roglic aren't there--nobody needs a radio to know that.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Fair enuf

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**Tim in KY** And getting crappier.

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**BusterSci** Again, I don't care if they attacked. Good on 'em! But to lie about it is my problem. Just say, honestly, "We were going to attack in the open just beyond. If people can't stay on their bikes and are in a crash that isn't our fault, why should we not race?" If they had said something to that effect I'd be on their side totally.

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**Tim in KY** Craddock goes back to the peloton.

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**Tim in KY** Gap is just 0:45.

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**Tim in KY** Break, that was 8 at the start of this climb, is down to 4.

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**Tim in KY** GC group is down to about 30.

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**BusterSci** I was thinking I'd like the UCI to say that as far as they are concerned, the etiquette of misfortune is entirely up to the riders on the road with the exception that if it becomes apparent that a team has caused a crash or other event with the intention of benefiting from it, the entire team will be DQd from the event.

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**Tim in KY** Break crests.

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**BusterSci** Not enough bandwidth at my parents to stream. Do we expect anything to change today?

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**Tim in KY** GC crests at 1:14.

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**Tim in KY** Not at the top, baring incident.

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**Tim in KY** Climb 3: 1. Sergio Samitier (Euskadi-Murias), 5 pts 2. Ruben Guerreiro (Katusha Alpecin), 3 pts 3. Nicolas Edet (Cofidis), 1 pt.

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**BusterSci** And, if you are part of Astana or JV and you see Nairo or Valverde with a mechanical, crash, or non-rolling nature break, do you put everything you have on the front and risk all to punish the crap out of them?

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**Tim in KY** No.

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**BusterSci** Because you aren't vindictive, or because it isn't a strategy that wins the race?

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**Tim in KY** The latter. 40 km to the start of the next categorized climb.

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**BusterSci** A nice observation from the CN ticker: Knox is back in. His gilet is flapping in the wind and Philippe Gilbert, his roommate, tells him to take it off. He does so and hands it to the former world champion, who shoves it into his jersey. You sense Gilbert has been a very important figure for Knox on what has been something of a breakthrough Grand Tour for the British climber.

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**Tim in KY** Rog still has five teammates with him.

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**BusterSci** Gilbert, kept off the Tour team and going to a different team next year, still plays the mentor and captain to his young charge with complete professionalism.

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**Charlie in Tenn** I would listen to Gilbert, if I was around him. OK, got to go. Have a great day.

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**BusterSci** Thumbs up, Charlie. See you for the procession tomorrow.

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**Tim in KY** Peloton is swelling as JV takes it easy. Gap up to 1:45.

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**BusterSci** Toad Hall has joined the crowd.

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**Tim in KY** you mean "crowd".

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**BusterSci** I suppose I should have said "created the crowd" since two is just company...

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**Tim in KY** Damien Howson (Mitchelton-Scott), Ruben Guerreiro (Katusha Alpecin), Sergio Samitier (Euskadi-Murias), Nicolas Edet (Cofidis) is all that is left of the break.

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**BusterSci** So the Puerto de Chia, the next classified climb, is actually lower than the peak the immediately precedes it?

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**Tim in KY** No, it's 50 meters higher.

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**Tim in KY** 1610 vs. 1560.

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**BusterSci** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1568464551-1568464251930.png>

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**BusterSci** That's a big lie.

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**Tim in KY** Yes.

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**Katie** Well! Lively little discussion between Charlie and Buster today. I'm a bit unclear, which part did Movi lie about? I thought they simply said they had already planned to attack and carried that out. What'd I miss, Buster?

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**Tim in KY** Feed zone in 10 km.

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**Katie** COWS

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**BusterSci** They said they didn't know Roglic had gone down and stopped the attack when they knew.

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**Katie** aha. yeah, that.

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**Katie** little detail. rather significant bit.

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**Tim in KY** Gap up to 2:32.

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**BusterSci** They also said something about the UCI allowing Roglic and Lopez to benefit from drafting, but due to numerous different translations and not enough knowledge to know what's right, it isn't clear to me if that's they chased because of it or stopped the chase because of it.

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**Tim in KY** Movistar said they stopped because of the drafting.

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**Katie** I'd have been here earlier .. but when I looked at the Gold thing last night, I saw "2:40 a.m." start, and I didn't realize that meant PACIFIC time. I certain would not have been up that early, but I would not have rolled over for some extra zzzzzs around 4 a.m.

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**Katie** yeah, that made sense.

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**Tim in KY** The race did actually start until 03:15 PDT.

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**BusterSci** Tim, did you hear him say that in English? Because I've seen that read both ways, and don't know if that was the effect of back and forth translations or what.

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**Tim in KY** It was in English in a CN story yesterday.

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**BusterSci** Were "Men very fast" involved?

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**Katie** :-)

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**Katie** The walls on that bridge don't look so good

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**Tim in KY** It's very old.

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**Tim in KY** Tao has slipped into the break.

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**Tim in KY** 3 KU, 3:06

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**Tim in KY** Race Center says heavy rain on the Chia Pet.

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**Katie** fun times. is the descent curvy?

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**Tim in KY** Very, according to the race map.

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**Tim in KY** Feed zone for the break.

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**Katie** And tea time here on the couch...

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**Marc @ Toad Hall** Translation problems. My hovercraft is full of eels.

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**Tim in KY** Gap has been holding steady at about 3:30 for a while.

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**Marc @ Toad Hall** Relegate the whole Movi team for the group lie?

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**BusterSci** Nah. But it'll sort itself out on the road eventually.

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**Marc @ Toad Hall** Does Rog get both jerseys, or does Bennett get the green one?

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**Katie** I haven't seen Bennett yet, but usually the No. 2 guy wears it "on loan"

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**BusterSci** At the end of the stage and race, you get all the jerseys you've earned. But within the race you wear one and pass the next to second place.

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**Tim in KY** Pog is wearing green, but Rog will get it tomorrow.

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**Marc @ Toad Hall** Thanks for the clarification.

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**Tim in KY** At the Vuelta, Red almost always gets green, too.

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**Katie** Speaking of translation. My new office phone system transcribes voicemails. There's a robocall in these parts from a woman speaking Chinese. Maybe you've gotten it too. Here is now the system transcribed her voicemail:

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**Katie** That's a whole we need to move your father. He's honking pump. Yeah, she is something team Eileen's you'll call you Careful Cleaning who Yankee accounting Team Eileen you'll find useful waiting for Hey William hanging house. Thank you for choosing way the girl who you need to have your face, and he's hunting Funk Young Kia sensing Team Eileen. You'll find you to a full cleaning for Yankee accounting Team Eileen your father who leaning fool.

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**Tim in KY** Raining again.

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**Marc @ Toad Hall** Brilliant!

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**BusterSci** I believe the order is GC, Points, Mountains, Young rider, but mountains and points may be flip flopped.

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**Marc @ Toad Hall** Gold's stats fail to mention the "km in breaks" category. That must be challenging to keep track of.

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**BusterSci** Dillier was the leader yesterday.

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**Katie** conditions yucky. Feed says its 13C, which is a nippy 55 in Murican.

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**Tim in KY** Still 84 km to go.

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**Tim in KY** Breakaway classification: 1. Angel Madrazo (Burgos-BH), 692 km 2. Silvan Dillier (AG2R La Mondiale), 660 km 3. Nikias Arndt (Team Sunweb), 619 km 4. Lawson Craddock (EF Education First), 604 km 5. Rémi Cavagna (Deceuninck-Quick Step), 597 km.

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**BusterSci** Where did you find that, Tim?

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**BusterSci** I've been looking all over. I just recall Dillier be called out on Gold Thursday. Madrazo must have logged some kms yesterday to take the lead back.

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**Tim in KY** It's always posted on Race Center very early in each stage.

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**Tim in KY** Next climb starts in about 5 km.

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**Tim in KY** Wet Cows.

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**Katie** Running blobs.

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**Tim in KY** As slow as this looks, they're right on the imagined time.

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**Katie** Tim, what's your best guess on the last couple climbs ... what do you expect?

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**Marc @ Toad Hall** Madrazo certainly gets most-mentioned in breaks, like DeGhent.

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**Tim in KY** At some point, Lopez is going to attack to try to get on the podium tomorrow. Movi will respond. Tht's about it.

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**BusterSci** I think Pog will make a run at Lopez too. Their fight for white will drive the stage.

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**Katie** Fight for the white to parrrrrtee?

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**Tim in KY** Break crests.

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**BusterSci** Katie, that one walks the fine line between slow claps and a temporary ban.

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**Katie** heh heh

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**BusterSci** Looks like Astana on the front

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**Tim in KY** GC group crests at 3:35.

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**BusterSci** A DQS mixed in.

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**BusterSci** Gotta stream on my phone and pub on my computer, so it's hard for me to see details

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**Katie** how're your folks doing, Buster?

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**Tim in KY** This descent is about 23 km long.

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**Tim in KY** Lots of riders catching back on.

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**BusterSci** Great, Katie. I'm sitting in the common room with my dad as he reads the newspaper. Frau is taking my mom to a quilt show in Fargo this morning. Ripley will be put out because she's going to have to spend 3 hours in her new travel crate, which she is still convinced is a trap.

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**Katie** I'm glad to hear it. Hi Dad!

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**Tim in KY** KOM: 1. Nicolas Edet (Cofidis), 3 pts 2. Sergio Samitier (Euskadi-Murias), 2 pts 3. Damien Howson (Mitchelton-Scott), 1 pt.

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**BusterSci** And how is your's, Katie?

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**BusterSci** Samitier is my new favorite name I haven't seen before.

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**Mons Soseman** About to post an essay. In thirty seconds.

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**Mons Soseman** As an 18 year old I moved to Spain for the school year, my Sophomore year in college. The month of September was spent in intensive

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Spanish language work. Before the term was to start at the Universidad Complutense, the second week of October, we were given two weeks of vacation. As I took the train out of Madrid for Brussels (via Paris), I realized, for the first time, how mountainous Spain is. Spain is, indeed, the second most mountainous country of Europe, after Switzerland, and I saw the mountains bursting forth from the plains. Madrid, indeed, is surrounded by mountains, ringed by mountains. In the 1970s, indeed, the smog would collect over Madrid, "like a beret" one professor said. The mountains, though, can be somewhat different than in other places with mountainous. At least in central Spain, they crop out of the plains as uninhabitable monoliths, treeless but beautiful rocks, adding the background to the surrounding area.



**Mons Soseman** Also cold, lots of cold. I was traveling through Avila one June. It was mid June, yet in the cool, crisp, morning I could see my breath.

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St. Teresa of Jesus had turned cold toward her monasteries bourgeois way of living the Carmelite life, so she, who had lived her entire life in Avila, chose to travel throughout Spain to bring renewal and reform to her nuns. She was so deeply spiritual that she began to experience mystical ecstasy in prayer. She remained undiminished in her efforts though, and in spreading her unique form of friendship with her Lord to other communities. Once, as she was crossing a stream on her mule, she fell off. She looked skyward and said "if this is how you treat your friends, I know why you have so many enemies." Subtle humor, as nun humor usually is.



**Mons Soseman** Avila is an ancient city, with well preserved buildings. The medieval walls and towers are perfectly preserved, ringing and defining the

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city to this day. Within are many manner of beautiful buildings, built, in the Romanesque style, rather than Gothic, so, bearing the weight of their own walls. Before there were flying buttresses, walls had to be thick, to hold the weight of the ceiling, and larger buildings needed thicker walls, supporting the walls themselves and the ceiling. Other cities managed to dress up their Romanesque buildings during the Renaissance, throughout much of Europe this meant baroque overlay. In Spain, certainly many of the Churches have been "baroquen" (my motto, "if it ain't baroquen, fix it"), but in most places plateresque technique was used. The solid walls of the buildings were decorated, by laying the decoration on them. Sometimes these were fines and fennials, sometimes things like shells (The Casa de Conchas is a stereotypical building in Salamanca).




**Mons Soseman** The buildings in Avila are beautiful, but perhaps the overlay placed upon them could be considered more provincial. The

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Cathedral in Avila is extremely heavy and solid looking. Romanesque architecture did not allow large spaces in the walls, so the interior of the Avila Cathedral, while beautiful, is very dark, as there are very few windows. You can see the thickness of the walls, indeed, in the

windows. While plateresque may not be my favorite style, it is at least a graceful attempt. The decorations enhancing the outside of the Cathedral in Avila are not very graceful, perhaps because of the provincial nature of this town, which can be freezing, even in June.


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 **Mons Soseman** Today's mountains may be unexpected for those unused to Spanish topography. They won't be unfamiliar to our brave cyclists, though, many of whom have traversed them often. Today may they imitate St. Teresa of Avila in her eagerness and zeal, and not in her tumbling abilities. Enjoy the Vuelta. Enjoy the day. 14-Sep-2019 09:53:14

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 **Katie** Thank you, Mons ... This cracked me up: Once, as she was crossing a stream on her mule, she fell off. She looked skyward and said "if this is how you treat your friends, I know why you have so many enemies." Nun humor indeed. 14-Sep-2019 09:54:08

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 **BusterSci** I recall nun humor from my grade school days. I've been told mine is "none humor", as in "how much humor?" 14-Sep-2019 09:54:52


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 **BusterSci** 3:02 at 54.8km 14-Sep-2019 09:55:14

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 **Katie** Anyone familiar with the musical-comedy duo "Hey, Nunnie Nunnie? 14-Sep-2019 09:55:51


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 **BusterSci** Astana at the fore, JV behind. 14-Sep-2019 09:56:02

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 **BusterSci** Still a DQS mixed in with Astana 14-Sep-2019 09:56:15

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 **Mons Soseman** non humor, perhaps, BusterSci. Penguin humor is like Scandinavian humor, or so I have heard. 14-Sep-2019 09:56:22


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 **Tim in KY** Gap under 3:00. 14-Sep-2019 09:56:39


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 **BusterSci** There is much similarity. 14-Sep-2019 09:56:42

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 **BusterSci** Did you hear the one about the Norwegian farmer who loved his wife so much he almost told her? 14-Sep-2019 09:57:22

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 **Katie** pressure building in the peloton? Is this what I'm seeing? 14-Sep-2019 09:57:33

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**BusterSci** Some small groups dropped on the descent are rejoining.

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09:57:41



**Tim in KY** Crosswinds.

14-Sep-2019  
09:57:47



**Tim in KY** 3 km to the next climb, a Cat 1.

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10:00:27



**Katie** Unfortunately, i am going to miss the finish today. Before the tourists clog our roads, we need to go buy a sack or two of river rocks to finish up a landscape project.

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10:01:25



**Katie** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1568469996-charliebrown-rock.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** Break starts the climb.

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10:04:39



**BusterSci** Bull ring!

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10:04:51



**BusterSci** 2:23. Break collapses on this climb

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10:05:37



**Katie** Astana getting down to business

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10:06:03



**BusterSci** Movistar no sitting between Astana on the front and JV

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10:06:07



**Tim in KY** It's a long climb.

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10:06:11



**BusterSci** now

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10:06:11



**Tim in KY** GC on the climb.

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10:06:53



**BusterSci** There are some of those peaks Mons described

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10:07:25







**BusterSci** two minute flat

14-Sep-2019  
10:08:45



**BusterSci** Back to JV slotted in behind Lopez

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10:09:09



**BusterSci** JV is the logical shorthand for Jumbo Visma, but even when I type it I think Vaughters.

14-Sep-2019  
10:10:04



**Katie** gap coming down

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10:11:31



**Katie** (me too, Buster)

14-Sep-2019  
10:11:35



**Tim in KY** Tao goes.

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10:12:45



**SFinAus** Ditto. Maybe use YV for yumbo visma? :) Good morning all.

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10:13:06



**Katie** Great idea!

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10:13:29



**Katie** looks like the gap is split for reals

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10:14:06



**BusterSci** I like it, Sean.

14-Sep-2019  
10:14:13



**Tim in KY** Guerreiro stays with Tao.

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10:14:33



**Katie** i believe Astana can break Movi - at least knock Q off the podium, not entirely sure about Valverde

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10:16:15



**Tim in KY** Kuss cooked.

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10:16:38



**BusterSci** Frau like the PBS cooking shows so we watch them together. New Scandanavian Cooking has, usually, a Norwegian guy and a Swedish woman that host. In the early seasons they had [expected] issues with J and Y in English. So they'd use "yuniper berries" and when they'd taste the food it would be "Jummy"

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10:16:53



**Katie** a show made for you

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10:17:46



**Tim in KY** Lead 2 only have 1:14 on GC.

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10:18:24



**BusterSci** It seems Nairo and Valverde have been trading off their good days.

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10:18:30



**Marc @ Toad Hall** Think Astana can bump Movi off the top team place?

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10:18:49



**BusterSci** I think Valverde is protected more by his lead than his form.

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10:19:29



**Mons Soseman** <https://rumbletalk-images->

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**BusterSci** No, Marc. They need 47 minutes. Not gonna happen

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**Mons Soseman** So, a few views

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10:21:08



**SFinAus** Wonderful, Mons.

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10:22:10



**Mons Soseman** You know how you know a Scandinavian is laughing?

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10:22:51



**BusterSci** Waiting...

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10:23:10



**Mons Soseman** Same way you keep a lugnut in suspense

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10:23:25



**Mons Soseman** See you tomorrow...

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10:23:51



**BusterSci** 49s

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10:25:36



**Marc @ Toad Hall** I thought those were seconds. Ooops.

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10:26:14



**BusterSci** Lopez to the fore

14-Sep-2019  
10:26:40



**Tim in KY** Lopez goes again.

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10:26:44



**BusterSci** He's got 4 guys with him

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10:26:50



**BusterSci** But the rest close up

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10:26:56



**Trish in MA** Well I was going to go running then gave myself a dope slap. Am now settled in on the couch with NBCSN and the lugnuts.

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10:27:05



**Tim in KY** Quintana so far has managed to stay with Lopez.

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10:27:31



**BusterSci** I see 13 in that group

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**BusterSci** Lopes, Nairo, Valverde, Rogacar and Poglic.

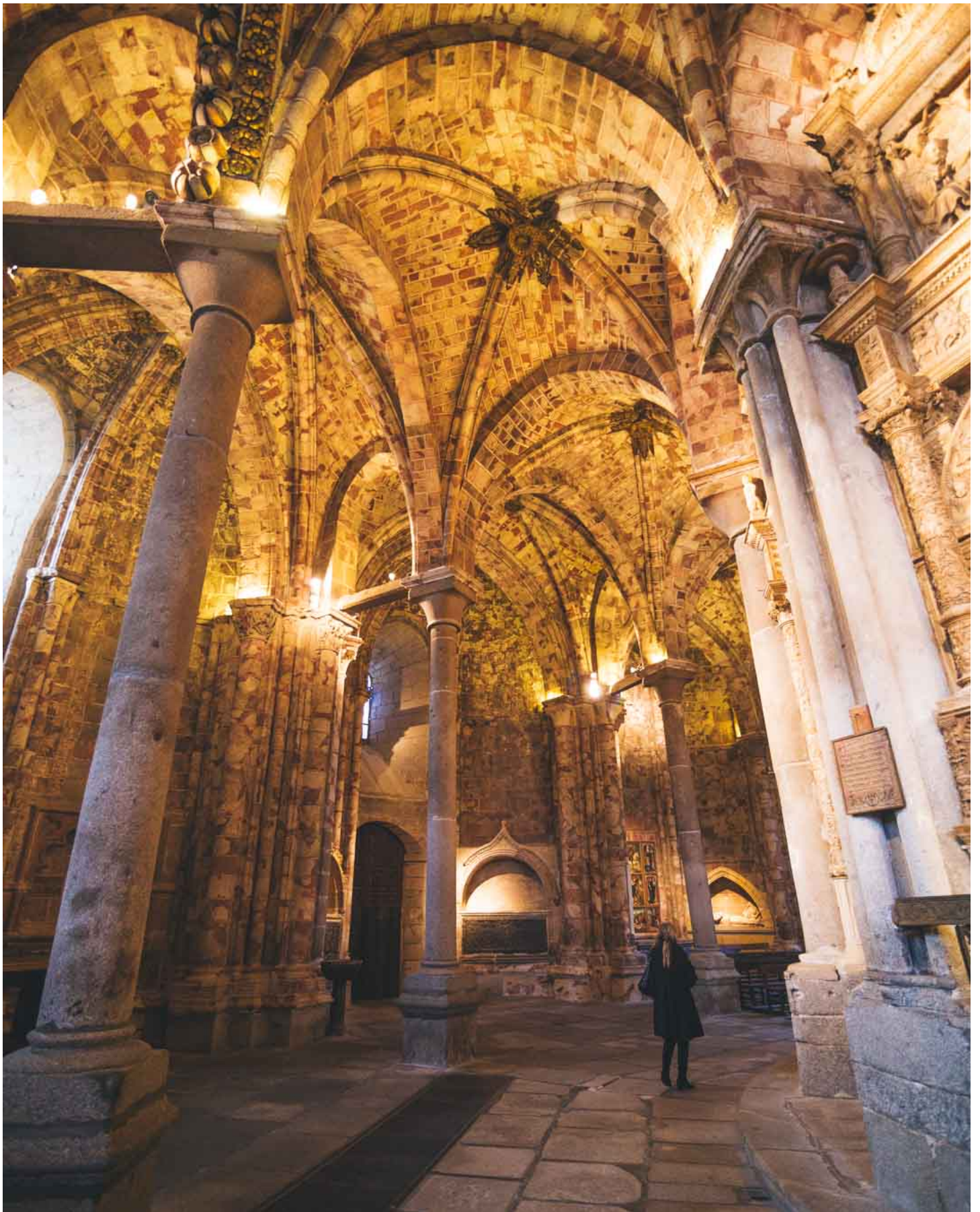
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**BusterSci** 30s

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10:28:15



**BusterSci** That's the order in the GC group.

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10:28:27



**Tim in KY** Still 5 km left on this climb.

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10:28:33



**Katie** how is Lopez's descending skills?

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10:28:48



**BusterSci** Pace eases in the chase and it's back to 40s

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10:28:51



**Katie** are

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10:28:52



**BusterSci** Theys is ok.

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10:29:02



**BusterSci** Pog goes

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10:29:19



**BusterSci** He's not begin followed

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10:29:35



**Marc @ Toad Hall** Tactical suicide, IMO.

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10:30:09



**BusterSci** Two Sunwebs and 2 Boras lead the GC group.

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10:30:17



**BusterSci** Valverde goes

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10:30:41



**Marc @ Toad Hall** Doing well,though, in hope of a podium place.

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10:30:49



**BusterSci** But he wanted others to follow

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10:30:54



**SFinAus** To me, Quintana is the last question in the race. Will he be the

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10:30:56



guy who loses time in mountain stages so far, or is he doing the "peaking for the 4th week" thing? We'll see.



**BusterSci** I think more for white than podium

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10:31:01



**BusterSci** 47 now to red

14-Sep-2019  
10:31:22



**Marc @ Toad Hall** Good point, Buster.

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10:31:31



**BusterSci** Pog passes the two leaders

14-Sep-2019  
10:31:49



**BusterSci** They catch on

14-Sep-2019  
10:31:52



**BusterSci** 50s now

14-Sep-2019  
10:31:55



**John** He's only a minute off 2nd

14-Sep-2019  
10:33:35



**BusterSci** They showed the Valverde attack again. Seems he looked back and saw nobody had crashed so he sat up

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10:33:48



**BusterSci** Pog on his own at 1:02. He needs 1:18 to overtake Nairo

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10:34:06



**SFinAus** nice.

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10:34:14



**BusterSci** 4 Movistars in the chase group

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10:34:32



**BusterSci** Soler needs some freedom next year. He's sitting 10th after being called back multiple times.

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10:35:26



**BusterSci** 1:03 still for Dog who is now on his own, as the original duo is fading back to the chase.

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10:35:47





**BusterSci** 37s to Tao and friend.

14-Sep-2019  
10:36:03



**BusterSci** Pog now 11s off the podium virtually

14-Sep-2019  
10:36:28



**John** Movi losing ground all the way up

14-Sep-2019  
10:37:18



**John** Pog now 1s ahead virtually

14-Sep-2019  
10:38:24



**BusterSci** Pog is now on the virtual podium.

14-Sep-2019  
10:38:25



**John** Serves Movi right

14-Sep-2019  
10:38:48



**BusterSci** He needs 33s to take Valverde's spot

14-Sep-2019  
10:40:06



**Trish in MA** Man, it looks cold, just as Mons predicted. I've seen parkas, mittens, luckily no Borat suits.

14-Sep-2019  
10:40:49



**BusterSci** Pog crosses

14-Sep-2019  
10:41:23



**Marc @ Toad Hall** Still a long way to go, but remember what Buster said about the TT-style climbers.

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10:41:23



**BusterSci** The number is 1:59 for Pog to take the second step.

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10:42:32



**Marc @ Toad Hall** 1 KU

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10:42:35




**John** He's at 1:37 now

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10:43:00




**John** Given how disorganized Movi is, I bet he gets it


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10:43:19

 **SFinAus** WIND! geez. I'd hate to ride in that much less up a mountain -in a race 14-Sep-2019 10:43:24

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 **BusterSci** I'm going to predict he fades and ends up where he started. At best he knocks off Lopez for white. 14-Sep-2019 10:44:04


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 **Tim in KY** There's a 150 meter little climb at the bottom of this descent. 14-Sep-2019 10:46:01


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 **BusterSci** 1:32 14-Sep-2019 10:46:09


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 **Trish in MA** On the other hand, he's 21 years old. What does he know? 21 year olds have stupid amounts of energy and confidence in their abilities. 14-Sep-2019 10:46:13

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 **BusterSci** Pog's targets are 32 to Lopez, 1:18 to Nairo and 1:59 too Valverde. 14-Sep-2019 10:46:49


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 **BusterSci** Twisty but open roads with good visibility. Trees cleared back enough to see ahead well. 14-Sep-2019 10:48:10


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 **Tim in KY** Bottoms out at 21.4 km. 14-Sep-2019 10:48:27


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 **BusterSci** The size of the GC chase suggests nobody has really put the hammer down yet. 14-Sep-2019 10:48:34

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 **John** I expect Soler will do that on the next climb. They have to go after him, right? 14-Sep-2019 10:49:17


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 **Marc @ Toad Hall** Lots of firepower left. Going to be exciting, as there is so much at stake. 14-Sep-2019 10:49:21


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 **BusterSci** 25km 14-Sep-2019 10:50:20

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 **BusterSci** Gap is holding very steady in the 1:32 to 1:35 range 14-Sep-2019 10:51:26

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 **BusterSci** Don't know about you guys, but I'm kinda excited thinking that as soon as next year we could be talking about Rog, Pog, Lopez and Bernal at the Tour instead of Nibali, Froome, Valverde, etc. 14-Sep-2019 10:55:52

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**BusterSci** We know the sprinter's guard has changed. This year we're seeing the GC guard change.

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10:56:31



**Marc @ Toad Hall** No objection, your honor.

14-Sep-2019  
10:56:52



**SFinAus** Yes, I'm ready for a change in the Tour. It's nice to see it in other areas too like the sprints as you mentioned but also it's beginning in the Classics too.

14-Sep-2019  
10:57:54



**BusterSci** Right. WHF changed the guard all by himself almost.

14-Sep-2019  
10:58:28



**BusterSci** 1:38 for Pog still.

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10:58:34



**SFinAus** I'm still adjusting to how young some of these guys are.

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10:58:42



**BusterSci** That's the real surprise.

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10:58:51



**BusterSci** Just a repeat on the necessary gaps: Pog's targets are 32 to Lopez, 1:18 to Nairo and 1:59 too Valverde.

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11:00:14



**SFinAus** So much for riding your way up over 4-5 years. I like Velocast John's opinion that progress in very specific training is replacing km upon km of racing for conditioning - plus better (and legit) recovery schemes too

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11:01:09



**John** I'm ready to see Bernal, Lopez, Pog, and Rog go head to head in the Giro or the Tour

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11:01:19



**Tim in KY** Official start of the last climb is at 9.4.

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11:02:59



**BusterSci** I agree, Sean.

14-Sep-2019  
11:02:59



**BusterSci** Carapace needs to be in there as well

14-Sep-2019  
11:03:29



**BusterSci** Autocorrect finally thinking the way I do.

14-Sep-2019  
11:04:04



**SFinAus** That's Pog's secret - he's riding Campy! ;)

14-Sep-2019  
11:04:05



**SFinAus** Lots of clenched teeth on the front.

14-Sep-2019  
11:05:24



**BusterSci** Gap hit 1:42 and now it's coming down a bit again. But not a lot.

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11:05:31



**BusterSci** Astana hit the front for a bit and that made the difference.

14-Sep-2019  
11:06:05



**BusterSci** But now it's up to 1:44

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11:06:15



**BusterSci** 15s off Valverde

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11:06:29



**BusterSci** Are they saving it all for the final ascent?

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11:07:19



**John** None of them can be bothered to work together

14-Sep-2019  
11:07:19



**Marc @ Toad Hall** Likely.

14-Sep-2019  
11:07:34



**BusterSci** There's quite a bit of rock in Pog's roll right now. Fatigue setting in.

14-Sep-2019  
11:08:04



**BusterSci** We hit 1:47 for a second, and now it's back below 1:40

14-Sep-2019  
11:08:50



**BusterSci** That chase group is still not under too much pressure

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11:09:06



**BusterSci** I think we're on the next lump?

14-Sep-2019  
11:09:56



**John** That's because they're using Movi "tactics"

14-Sep-2019  
11:10:10



**BusterSci** What are the stats on the last climb, Tim?

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11:10:59



**BusterSci** 10km

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11:11:51



**Tim in KY** 9.4 km at 3% but that's because it has a couple descents in it.

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11:12:16



**Tim in KY** Also a couple 15% ramps.

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11:12:46



**BusterSci** This sharp ramps are Valverde territory.

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11:13:25



**BusterSci** A note on Pog's time gaps. 10s bonus for the win, too.

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11:14:13



**BusterSci** 1:33 now

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11:15:35



**BusterSci** Astana doing some work

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11:15:43



**BusterSci** Movi is protecting Valverde but not Quintana. Astana is getting no help for Lopez

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11:16:26



**SFinAus** Not enough matches left to light the blue paper?

14-Sep-2019  
11:17:25



**John** Too many egos more likely

14-Sep-2019  
11:17:49



**BusterSci** Still a big group. I feel that means nobody has really fired yet.

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11:17:50



**BusterSci** Chase at 7km

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11:17:59



**BusterSci** Movi playing a game of chicken with Astana

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11:18:27



**BusterSci** Lopez on the front now

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11:18:31



**BusterSci** Valverde and Rog follow, Nairo just behind them

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11:18:47



**BusterSci** 6km for Pog

14-Sep-2019  
11:18:53



**BusterSci** Nairo leading the chase now

14-Sep-2019  
11:19:06



**BusterSci** But holding the break at 1:36.

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11:19:18



**BusterSci** Are they punishing Lopez for mouthing off?

14-Sep-2019  
11:19:38



**Tim in KY** Gap going back up.

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11:19:41



**BusterSci** Pernsteiner decides to race

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11:20:06



**BusterSci** Majka and pal too

14-Sep-2019  
11:20:14



**BusterSci** Majka, Valv, Rog, Nairo and Lopez have a gap

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11:21:06



**BusterSci** But it doesn't last

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11:21:11



**Marc @ Toad Hall** "Movistar has made a mess of it." - Gold Aussie

14-Sep-2019  
11:21:15



**SFinAus** Heh maybe Lopez unbridled criticism is the missing piece to get Valverde and Quintana to work together. Likely not though

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11:21:19



**BusterSci** Pog on the last descent

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11:21:23





**BusterSci** 4km

14-Sep-2019  
11:21:30



**SFinAus** I need to refresh. I'm at 4.6k!

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11:22:22



**BusterSci** When the final ramp hits, I suspect they'll all go in the GC group

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11:22:23



**BusterSci** There is a split there.

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11:22:29



**BusterSci** 3.5km

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11:22:32



**BusterSci** But still 1:36 the gap

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11:22:48



**SFinAus** that's better... 3.3k

14-Sep-2019  
11:23:11



**Marc @ Toad Hall** Seems to me Lopez has the most to lose.

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11:23:12



**BusterSci** Agreed

14-Sep-2019  
11:23:19



**BusterSci** Headed up again

14-Sep-2019  
11:23:32



**BusterSci** Pog at 3km

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11:23:39



**BusterSci** Pernsteiner again

14-Sep-2019  
11:24:08



**BusterSci** Has a good gap

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11:24:12



**BusterSci** Valverde pushes on

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11:24:31



**BusterSci** Rog follows

14-Sep-2019  
11:24:34



**BusterSci** Majka and Nairo try to close

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11:24:42



**BusterSci** and do

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11:24:48



**BusterSci** Majka, at least

14-Sep-2019  
11:24:57



**BusterSci** Lopez fading. Doesn't have the kick?

14-Sep-2019  
11:25:12



**BusterSci** Still 1:34

14-Sep-2019  
11:25:35



**John** 3km

14-Sep-2019  
11:25:46



**BusterSci** Nairo not with the Rog group

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11:25:51



**BusterSci** 2km for Pog

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11:26:00



**BusterSci** 1:53 to Lopez

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11:26:14



**BusterSci** White is Pogs at this point, as is 3rd

14-Sep-2019  
11:26:22



**John** 1.5

14-Sep-2019  
11:26:57



**Tim in KY** Still waiting for a 15% ramp.

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11:27:22



**BusterSci** Too bad Pog doesn't have the kick left to replace Valverde

14-Sep-2019  
11:27:27



**SFinAus** Lopez and Quintana are (unfortunately) matching earlier performances of this race

14-Sep-2019  
11:27:49



**John** He only needs 11 sec with the time bonus. He's not far off.

14-Sep-2019  
11:27:55



**BusterSci** Lopez spent some time on the ground. He has an excuse

14-Sep-2019  
11:28:05



**BusterSci** Here's the kite!

14-Sep-2019  
11:28:29



**SFinAus** "Fair point well made" :)

14-Sep-2019  
11:28:32



**BusterSci** Valverde the one protecting his position now.

14-Sep-2019  
11:29:02



**BusterSci** Pog coming in

14-Sep-2019  
11:30:06



**BusterSci** Held up better than I expected.

14-Sep-2019  
11:30:12



**Tim in KY** Faster than expected but not faster than imaginable.

14-Sep-2019  
11:30:18



**BusterSci** I've decided I like the kid.

14-Sep-2019  
11:30:28



**BusterSci** Not that he cares

14-Sep-2019  
11:30:37



**BusterSci** Now the wait

14-Sep-2019  
11:31:06



**John** Nice job kid!

14-Sep-2019  
11:31:10



**BusterSci** He has a podium spot, but does he have second?

14-Sep-2019  
11:31:31



**SFinAus** Amazing. Chapeu/ole

14-Sep-2019  
11:31:39



**BusterSci** Chapolé

14-Sep-2019  
11:31:51



**John** 1:32

14-Sep-2019  
11:32:09



**BusterSci** Too bad. Attack Valverde tomorrow.

14-Sep-2019  
11:32:30



**Katie** I'm back! What'd I miss?

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**Katie** ;-)

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**Trish in MA** Wow, what an ending!

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**John** Men on bikes riding up hills? ;)

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**Trish in MA** Dudes in front, dudes in back, one young dude

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**Katie** and what a young dude. I agree, Buster, I like the kid.

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**SFinAus** Young one lit up what likely would have been a staid defensive stage.

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**Trish in MA** Ok, the Navage commercial on NBCSn is just disturbing.

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**Trish in MA** And now a cameraman is taking a picture of Rog's backside as he warms down I'm glad the director didn't show that shot.

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**SFinAus** Fair warning Trish, but looked up the commercial. Yep, you were right.

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**SFinAus** Gold commentator reminding us about all the firsts for nationalities in the '19 GTs. Another fresh facet in racing.

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**Katie** What's our stream start time tomorrow?

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**Tim in KY** Women's race at 03:20 PDT, Men's at 07:45 PDT.

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**Katie** Thanks, Tim.

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**Trish in MA** I hate how the women get a tag-on, after-thought race in the Vuelta and the Tour and the ToC, etc., etc.

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**SFinAus** Amen. Thanks all for a fun and good company today and throughout the race even when it was via the archive.

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