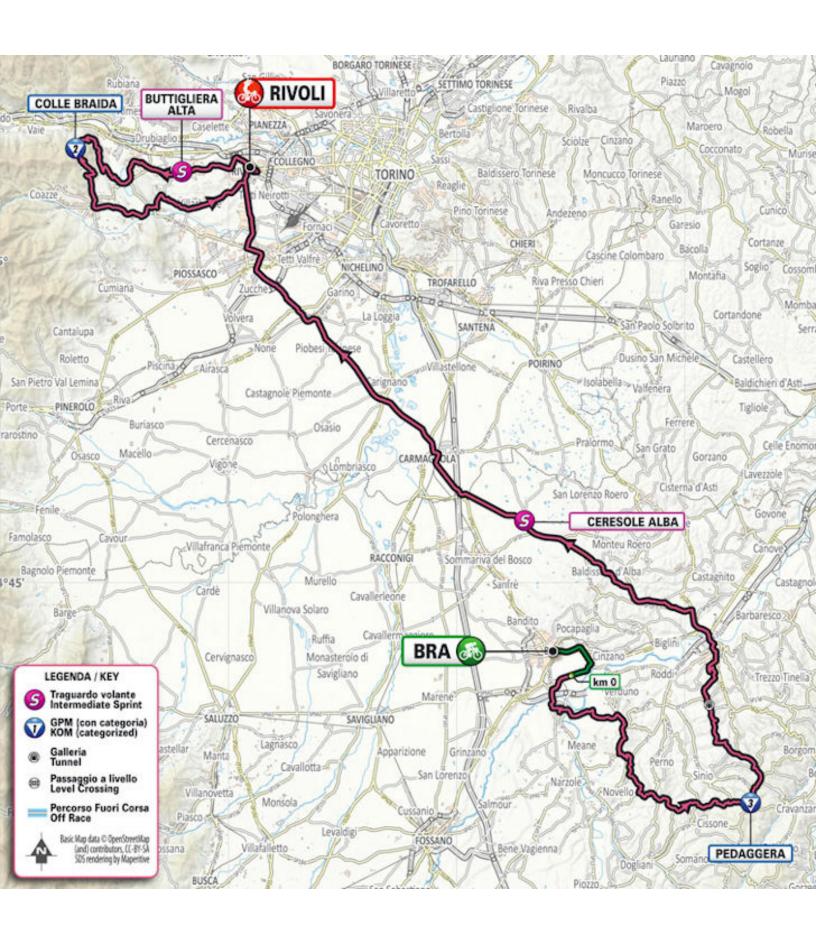
Tim in KY Gdl Stage 12 is 179 kilometers from Bra to Rivoli in northwestern 05-17-2023 03:57:19 pm Italy near the French border. The route crosses the finish line with 53 km to go then makes a loop to the west and returns to Rivoli for the finish. Tim in KY https://rumbletalk-images-05-17-2023 03:57:38 pm upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1684353757-stage-12-route.jpg **Tim in KY** The course is up and down for the first 56 kilometers with a Cat 3 05-17-2023 03:58:02 pm cresting at 36 km. The next 100 km are flat. The loop west of Rivoli is the climb and descent of a Cat 2 that crests with 28 km left to race. 05-17-2023 **Tim in KY** https://rumbletalk-images-03:58:13 pm upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1684353792-stage-12-profile.jpg 05-17-2023 Tim in KY https://rumbletalk-images-03:58:26 pm upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1684353805-stage-12-braida.jpg Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 12:45 CEST. Finish is imagined 05-17-2023 03:58:51 pm either side of 17:15. Forecast is for overcast skies with temps in the low teens. 05-17-2023 Joanna in Virginia Thank you Katie L, AKA The Pathological Dyer, for your 07:52:24 pm generous sponsorship! 05-18-2023 Charlie in Tenn Good morning 06:44:08 am 05-18-2023 In neutral. Only one DNS todat, Covi of UAE. 06:47:46 am 05-18-2023 Tim in KY Break fight is on. 06:54:35 am

Tim in KY This is going to take awhile.

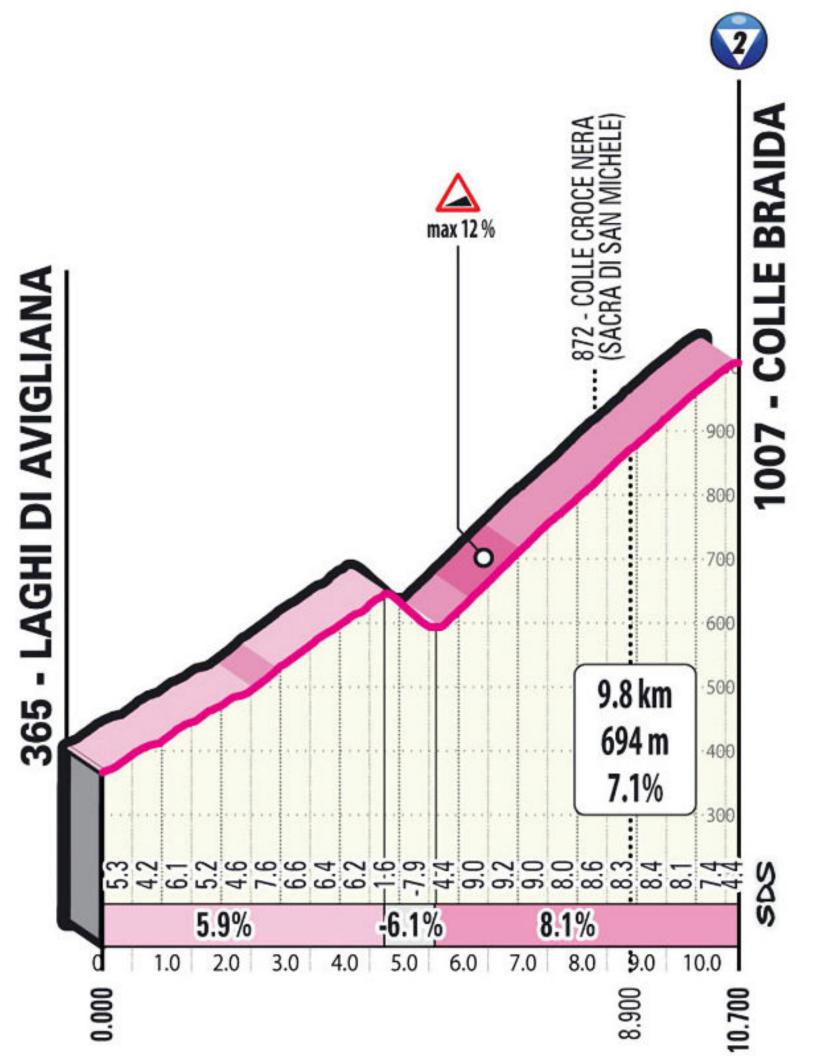
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**Charlie in Tenn** Big break but there are now 2 out front.

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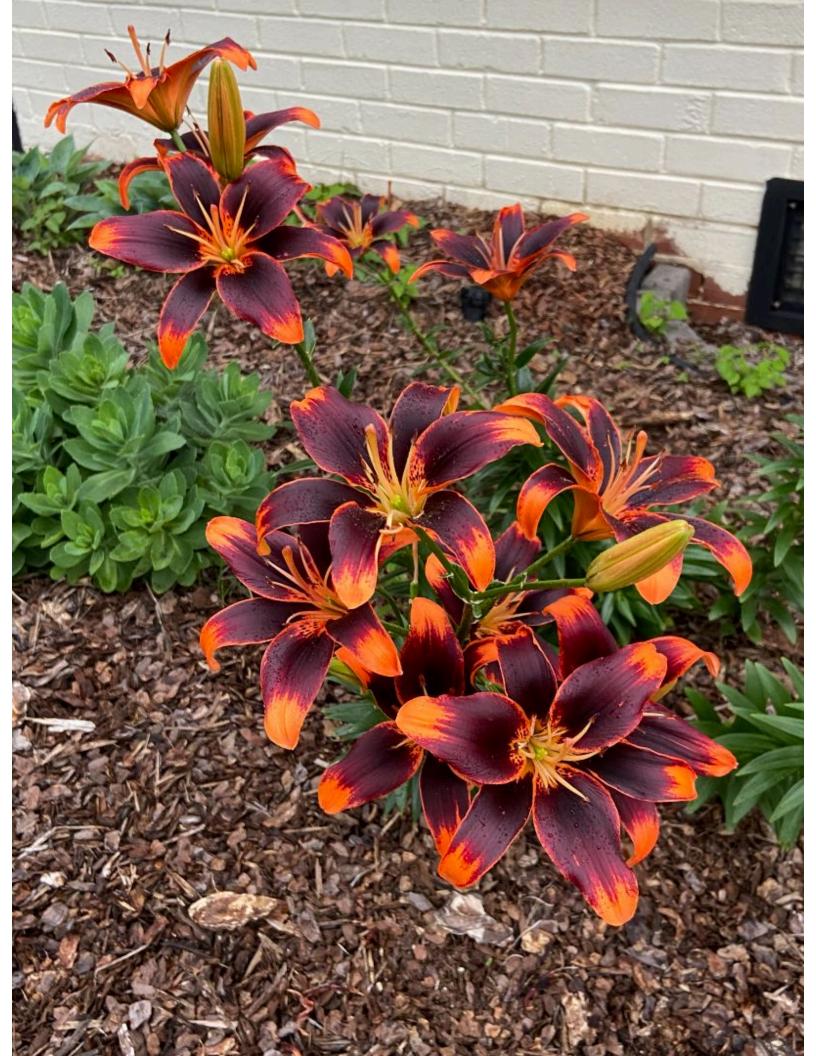
Charlie in Tenn Ineos has slowed the peloton. about 20 riders out front.	05-18-2023 07:18:03 am
Charlie in Tenn Looks like 26 riders out front.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 07:19:02 am
BusterSci My favorite region. Â Need to get back	<b>05-18-2023</b> 07:19:39 am
Charlie in Tenn Hold the presses! I have at least 2 riders in the break, Denz and Konrad, the Bora guys.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 07:20:52 am
Charlie in Tenn Looks wonderful.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 07:22:27 am
Charlie in Tenn Gavaria, Cav, and a few more OTB. Worse news is that Groves is farter back by himself.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 07:25:38 am
Charlie in Tenn Farther back maybe both, he has been sick.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 07:26:09 am
BusterSci If it's that kind it's like not just farter	<b>05-18-2023</b> 07:26:57 am
Tim in KY This huge front group will likely get thinned out on the Cat 3 climb	.05-18-2023 07:28:09 am
Charlie in Tenn break at 1:27Â Milan is chasing because Pedersen is in the break.	05-18-2023 07:30:31 am
Tim in KY First intermediate sprint isn't until 80 km in.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 07:31:38 am
Tim in KY Already way slower than the slowest	<b>05-18-2023</b> 07:33:58 am
Charlie in Tenn Groves stopped riding.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 07:42:31 am
Tim in KY Break is over the Cat 3. Time for chores and errands.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 07:45:08 am

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**Tim in KY** Raining at the finish. Wasn't supposed to rain there.

05-18-2023 08:36:50 am

My step daughter is allergic to so many things... parabens, lavender, possibly shea butter (the list is long)... so I started making hand made "pure" soap that's just high quality oils with no scents and no colorants. Now I'm starting to play around with essential oils, because I put some lemongrass essential oil in a batch and the mosquitoes aren't biting me nearly as bad this year (I am the foil -- husband almost never gets bit, and they flock to me). Turns out there are other things that mosquitoes don't like, so I've ordered some more essential oils that are supposed to be anti-mosquito:Â peppermint, catnip (which is a mint,



but mosquitoes really hate the nepetalactone in it), citronella, and some more lemongrass. They also dislike lavender. So I will be trying out a couple of different blends to see if I am less tasty to the nasty little bloodsuckers this summer.

**Katie Lane** Trish, things have swung between hot and cold here. It's now finally consistently warmer, and lots of stuff is blooming. The garden looks good. I'm trying some herbs, peppers, and even a tomato plant in the front flower bed since it's sunnier there, and they're really looking good compared to the herbs I plant in a not-quite-sunny-enough spot in the back yard.

**Trish in MA** Katie, one of my precinct poll workers makes soap. Â Probably not going as "pure" as you, but we were chatting about her sales. Â At Christmas time, it's the odd scents that sell big time. Â Beer-scented soap is one of her best sellers.

Charlie in Tenn Katie, that sounds like my garden. Front gets morning sun but lots of reflected sun from the house. Back gets mid day sun and then shade from trees. I do what I can.

BusterSci Been reading that there are new mosquito repellants coming on the market soon that are as, or more, effective than DEET but ar plant derived with really low to no toxicity. Â I find most of the natural things can be somewhat effective during the day but when the evening frenzy hits they don't have the firepower. Â And I hate DEET.

Katie Lane We've dug out most of the stuff that died in with the precipitous temperature drop in December, including some absolutely horrid Japanese fringe bushes which had Roots From Hades. We tried winch/chain/truck, axe, digging down with a scoop and by hand and lopping the roots with loppers, and ended up with a sawzall to get through some roots that were 4 to 5 inches thick. There were three of them, and it took about 2 to 3 hours per bush. They were overgrown and we'd talked about removing them before, but their demise in December made the decision easy, The flowerbeds look so much better now! Plus there's room for herbs and vegetables. ;-)

**Charlie in Tenn** I just realized that I have 2 riders in the break but the break 05-18-2023 is to big so no break points today.

Trish in MA I have mostly shade / part-shade. Â I keep my fingers crossed for anything that requires sun. Â I've managed to get a few blooms off of a peony and day lilies do well. Â Roses - not a chance. Â Only cherry tomatoes. Â I've spent the past 4 years methodically removing all the lily of the valley.

**Tim in KY** Only about six riders in the front group are taking pulls.

05-18-2023 08:48:28 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Correction breaks with 30 or less score 20 points each so there will be points today.

05-18-2023 08:49:01 am

**Katie Lane** Trish, I got some really weird essential oils yesterday (for non-mosquito repelling soap). There are rough formulas or "rules" == there are deep base note scents, mid notes and top notes, and a little of each is usually blended in certain ratios. None of the scents I got was "beer." I have already made some with blends including may chang, atlas cedarwood, lemongrass and lavender. Branching out. The essential oils are fairly expensive.

**Katie S** Good morning, all. Mosquitos! I once had a bottle of REI's Deet leak 05-18-2023 in my the backpack pocket where my Swiss army knife was also tucked. It dissolved the red plastic of the knife where it touched the Deet.

**BusterSci** I built a raised grand bed for Frau that is very nice but doesn't get obs:50:18-2023 enough sun. Well, EAB finally got the line of ashes the builder planted 20+ years ago so there will be no shortage of sun there starting next spring which coincides with Frau's pre-retirement wind-down of hours so she can actually tend the thing.



**Katie Lane** It is amazing what a difference 4 hours vs 7 or 8 hours of sun made for the plants we moved around.

05-18-2023 08:50:56 am

**BusterSci** Oh, Katie S. Had similar happen. Â One reason I hate DEET--not just that it can dissolve plastic, but that you're putting a chemical concoction that can dissolve plastic all over yourself. Â Just...no.

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**BusterSci** I feel much better with permethrin coated long clothing and a head 05-18-2023 net.

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Katie Lane I have 2 guys in the break. A sprinter and a climber.

05-18-2023 08:52:06 am

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**Katie Lane** I don't really have high hopes for either on this stage.

05-18-2023 08:52:46 am

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BusterSci I got Bling

05-18-2023 08:52:48 am

**Tim in KY** I got nobody.

05-18-2023 08:53:15 am

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**BusterSci** I have the wrong Parrot Painter for today.

05-18-2023 08:53:35 am



**Katie Lane** It was good to see Bling actually win a stage. Â Saw him in person on the podium in Richmond in 2015. A He was 2nd to Sagan, with Navardauskas 3rd.

05-18-2023 08:54:12 am

Trish in MA Remember when Avon Skin So Soft was touted as the big black 05-18-2023 fly repellent? Â It sorta worked. Â We went camping in Maine over Memorial Day years ago and brought SSS, Bens Deep Woods Mosquito Repellent and a lab bottle of 100% pure DEET that had the skull and cross-bones on it. Â The SSS worked okay during the day for the black flies, the DEET did fine for the rest of the body against the black flies, but the only thing that worked against the mosquitos at night was the Bens. A After a weekend of camping and hiking we ended up with layers of SSS, DEET, sweat, Bens. A That shower at home felt so wonderful! A And, yes, the DEET dissolved any plastic it came in contact with.

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Katie Lane Wow. A I never knew that DEET dissolves plastic.....

05-18-2023 08:55:26 am

**BusterSci** I've always liked him as a rider. Â What little I've seen of the person isn't all that interesting but I'm here for the racing as long as the rider isn't toxic (Moscon, for example)

05-18-2023 08:55:59 am

**BusterSci** I think ABS specifically, Katie. Â Maybe polycarbonate.

05-18-2023 08:56:25 am

**Charlie in Tenn** All should listen to the penguin from Minnesota about mosquitoes.

05-18-2023 08:56:37 am

**BusterSci** Eats rayon. A Learned that the hard way.

05-18-2023 08:57:48 am

**Trish in MA** We have our outdoors sprayed with some organic mosquito repellent that seems to work. Â I know it has garlic and probably citronella in it.

05-18-2023 08:58:58 am

A We live on a pond in the woods, so mosquit

**Trish in MA** mosquitoes are a bit of a problem.

05-18-2023 08:59:16 am



**BusterSci** It's the T in DEET that does the damage. A Toluene

05-18-2023 08:59:42 am



**Tim in KY** The chance of rain is 8%.

05-18-2023 09:00:15 am



**BusterSci** Which reminds me of the old Toledo War joke.

05-18-2023 09:00:52 am

**Katie Lane** In Richmond, we were at the finish line but didn't have a super 05-18-2023 09:01:30 am great view as we were back in the crowd a bit too far. A We could see the video screens. A All of the videographers kept photographing Sagan celebrating his win, and there was no footage of the chasing peloton finishing (stupid 'Muricans, just don't understand how to cover cycling). It turns out we were just across the street from the huge indoor room that had a stage and vendors. Â We had no idea the stage was for the podiums. Hubby wanted to get a hat, so we went in and got to see the podium ceremony for the men's elite race. Â SAGAN!



**Trish in MA** And in the race, there's a crash in the peloton and a split in the break

05-18-2023 09:05:55 am

**Katie Lane** I have read something that's supposed to be better than 05-18-2023 09:05:59 am Mosquito Joe or other companies that spray chemicals all over your yard:Â If you put straw in a bucket with some water and add one of those mosquito dunks after a couple of days, and put a couple of those in your yard (but not too close to where you'll be sitting, because they can be a bit aromatic), the mosquitoes will be attracted to the (?CO2? the smell? both?) and the water, and lay their larvae there which will not hatch. A Your overall mosquito population is supposed to go way down.



**Trish in MA** And now it's off to the office.

05-18-2023 09:06:55 am

**Katie S** Not sure if anyone else has already looked, but here are the teams that are still intact: Astana, Bahrain Victorious, Jumbo-Visma and UAE Team Emirates.

05-18-2023 09:07:55 am

**Katie Lane** Ridwers with about 1 minute gap ahead of the rest of the break: DENZ Nico TONELLI Alessandro Â BERWICK Sebastian Â A SKUJIA...A Toms

05-18-2023 09:11:31 am



**Katie Lane** UAE is not still intact -- Covi DNS today.

05-18-2023 09:11:50 am



Katie Lane Cherel of AG2R is a DNF for today. So, 3 so far today (Groves 05-18-2023 09:12:40 am

Tim in KY Looks like Innies have relaxed their chase.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 09:13:54 am
Katie Lane Skujins is having a pretty good Giro.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 09:14:02 am
Katie S Why is the cat 2 not a cat 1 climb?	<b>05-18-2023</b> 09:18:48 am
<b>Katie Lane</b> The cat 1 vs cat 2 thing has to do with gradient and length of the climb.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 09:19:46 am
Tim in KY At the Giro climbs labeled Cat 1 would be HC at the Tour.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 09:20:25 am
Tim in KY There are three Cat 1s tomorrow that are killers.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 09:21:06 am
Tim in KY https://rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/16844164 13-profile.jpg	05-18-2023 09:21:58 am -17-stage-
Katie Lane Stage started in Bra and is going over the Braida. Hmmm.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 09:24:20 am
Tim in KY Rain jackets coming off.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 09:27:49 am
Katie Lane I hope the descent off the mountain will be dry.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 09:31:49 am
<b>BusterSci</b> Speaking of rain, I need to go bail the boat. Â Definitely need a small bilge pump for the next upgrade '	<b>05-18-2023</b> 09:33:39 am
Tim in KY Dry roads now.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 09:34:37 am
Tim in KY Front four going through the finish for the first time.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 09:44:20 am



Charlie in Tenn 3 chasers have a little gap.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 09:48:29 am
Charlie in Tenn Pedersen gives up. dropping back.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 09:50:32 am
Tim in KY The sprint points would all be gone by the time he got therer.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 09:54:00 am
Tim in KY Still 15 km until the front four start the climb.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 09:56:40 am
Rocket City Gal Ladies' Burgos over.  Wiebes, Balsalmo, Dygert	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:05:32 am
Rocket City Gal (Stage 1)	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:05:46 am
Katie S Hey! I think Wiebes might be on my team!	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:06:30 am
Charlie in Tenn I picked a team without Wiebes. I expect that she will win 2 stages. I think her teammate win win the overall.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:10:30 am
<b>BusterSci</b> Wiebes is one of my two favorites along with Demi. Â I missed he name in my 2 minute pick cycle.	<b>r 05-18-2023</b> 10:13:25 am
Tim in KY Green man shed from the front group.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:19:34 am
Tim in KY As is the IPT.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:19:56 am
Tim in KY Berwick got back.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:22:37 am
Rocket City Gal Dygert is back!  She's had good results in the last 2 races, 3 years after the horrible accident in the ITT race at the World cycling Championships, where she hit a guardrail and transected her quadriceps.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:25:32 am
Katie S oh, i'm wrong. I did not have any 3 of the top finishers in the Burgos	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:26:43 am

Rocket City Gal https://usacycling.org/article/chloe-dygerts-comeback-journey	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:29:31 am
Rocket City Gal I had Weibes, Dygert and Zanardi.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:29:53 am
Rocket City Gal Couldn't get a team I liked with Vollering.  Too expensive.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:30:28 am
Katie S Whoops. I just joined a Teams meeting with my camera OFF but my mic ON - a couple colleagues said they coudl hear a "race" or a "match"	05-18-2023 10:32:27 am
Rocket City Gal If you do a search you can find a picture of Dygert's injury post-crash.  It was gruesome.  A huge deep gaping gash a couple of inches above her knee.  l'm amazed she could come back from something that	05-18-2023 10:32:35 am at horrible.
Rocket City Gal Katie: Oopsie!	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:33:16 am
Tim in KY Descending ends at about 13 km to go.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:41:40 am
Tim in KY Those white crosswalk stripes would have been treacherous wet.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:43:50 am
Tim in KY Berwick has been shed again.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:51:11 am
Tim in KY Yoyo Berwick is back.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:52:54 am
Katie S What's the book on whether the break makes it?	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:58:05 am
Tim in KY You'd have to bet \$2 to win \$1.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 10:59:13 am
<b>bikerabe</b> Go Tom !	<b>05-18-2023</b> 11:00:36 am
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Rocket City Gal	l'm rooting for Skujins	<b>05-18-2023</b> 11:01:41 am
Rocket City Gal	Cat and mouse begins	<b>05-18-2023</b> 11:02:15 am
Rocket City Gal	A few raindrops on the lens.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 11:03:20 am
Charlie in Tenn	Go Nico.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 11:04:13 am
Rocket City Gal	Denz wins stage 12!	<b>05-18-2023</b> 11:04:50 am
Rocket City Gal	Skujins 2nd, Berwick 3rd.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 11:05:33 am
Rocket City Gal	Then Tonelli.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 11:06:04 am
Rocket City Gal	Time for a nap before the peloton /GC guys finish.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 11:07:11 am
Charlie in Tenn	A stage victory for my team. This is the way.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 11:12:04 am
Charlie in Tenn	I think everyone is in. See ya tomorrow.	<b>05-18-2023</b> 11:13:47 am