



Katie Lane Good morning and welcome to Stage 16 of the Giro d' Italia, which will be 203 miles from the scenic river valley town Sabio Chiese to Monte Bondone near Trento. The route, which has a 5 star difficulty rating, features 4 categorized climbs with 5200 meters of altitude gain. There are 17 tunnels along the route.

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Katie Lane You can see that the day's route is near the top of the "boot," in the center. From the blurbs on the Giro site about Sabbio Chiese and Trento (15 km from Monte Bondone), it is a beautiful area. If the weather cooperates, we will see some stunning views on the video coverage.

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Katie Lane The first part of the stage runs along the shore of Lake Garda, with many tunnels of different lengths. Past Riva del Garda, the route takes in a brace of climbs accumulating over 5,000 m in vertical elevation. Riders will take on the Passo di Santa Barbara (12 km, avg. gradient over 8%) and the Passo di Bordala (4.5 km around 7%), entering the Adige Valley and, past Rovereto, the Vallarsa. After the consecutive ascents of Matassone (approx. 13 km at 5%) and Serrada (17 km at 5.5%), the route passes through Folgaria, heading back to the Adige. Last comes the climb to Monte Bondone from the Aldeno side (20 km, avg. gradient 6.8%, topping out at 15%). The roads are well paved and moderately wide. The final kilometres are slightly uphill (avg. gradient around 4%). The roadways are said to be in excellent condition, and the road becomes wider past Viote (around 2 km). The home straight (approx. 300 m) is on 7 m wide tarmac. (Reports of the road surface condition are from the Giro's official site. We shall see).

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Katie Lane The first two climbs come in rapid succession. The Passo di Santa Barbara is a category 1 climb, 12.7 km long with max gradients of 14%. After a short descent, the riders will ascend the category 3 Passo Bordala, which is a much shorter climb but still with some cruel gradients of up to 12%.

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Giro d'Italia

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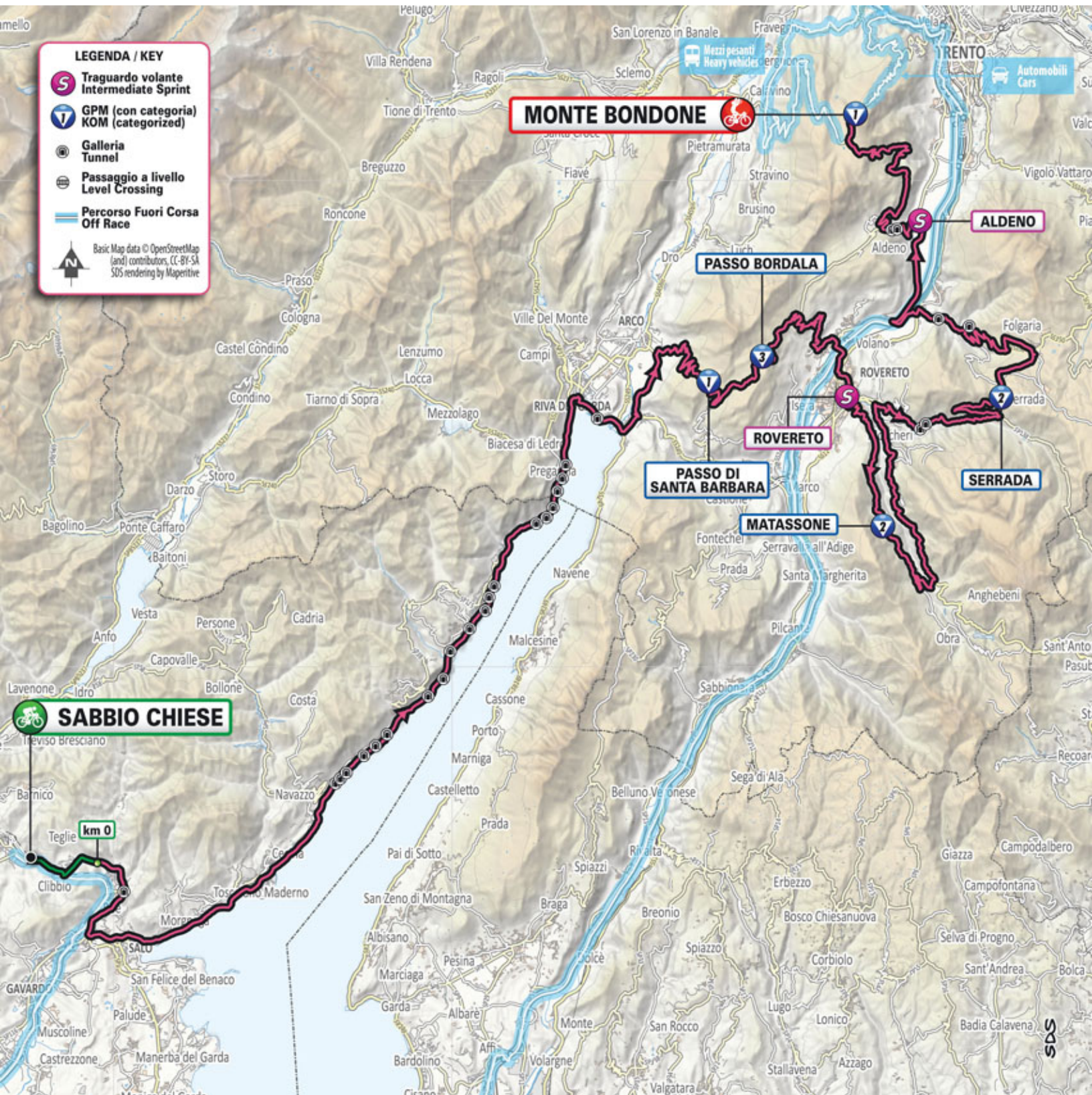
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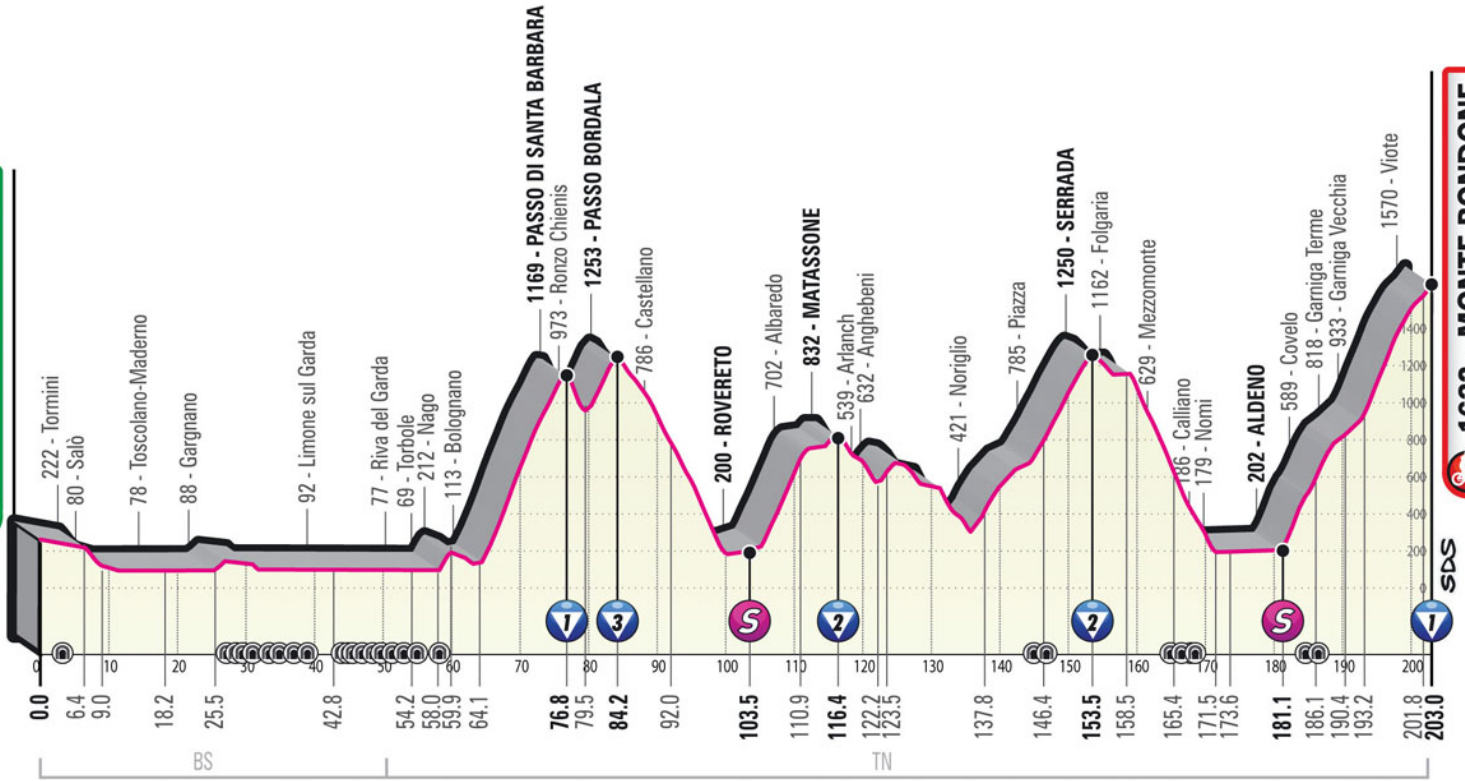
LEGENDA / KEY

- S** Traguardo volante Intermediate Sprint
- 7** GPM (con categoria) KOM (categorized)
- Galleria Tunnel
- Passaggio a livello Level Crossing
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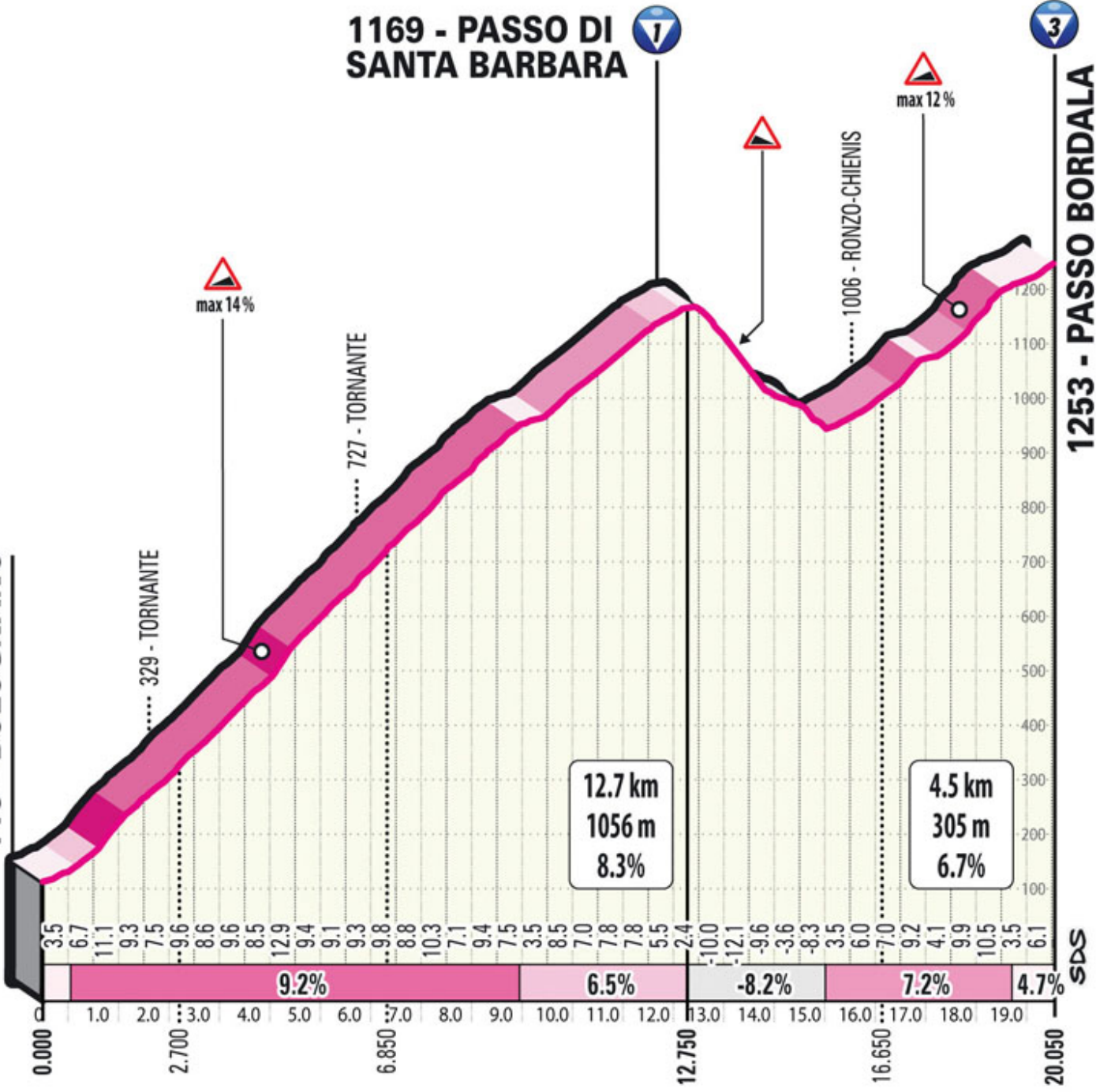


1632 - MONTE BONDONE

113 - BOLOGNANO

1169 - PASSO DI SANTA BARBARA

1253 - PASSO BORDALA



12.7 km
1056 m
8.3%

4.5 km
305 m
6.7%

max 14%

max 12%

329 - TORNAVANTE

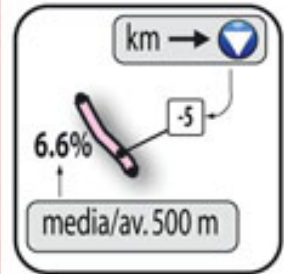
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1006 - RONZO-CHIENIS

SDS

PASSO DI BORDALA

L.: 4.5 km
D.: 305 m
med./av.: 6.7%
max: 12%



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BOLOGNANO

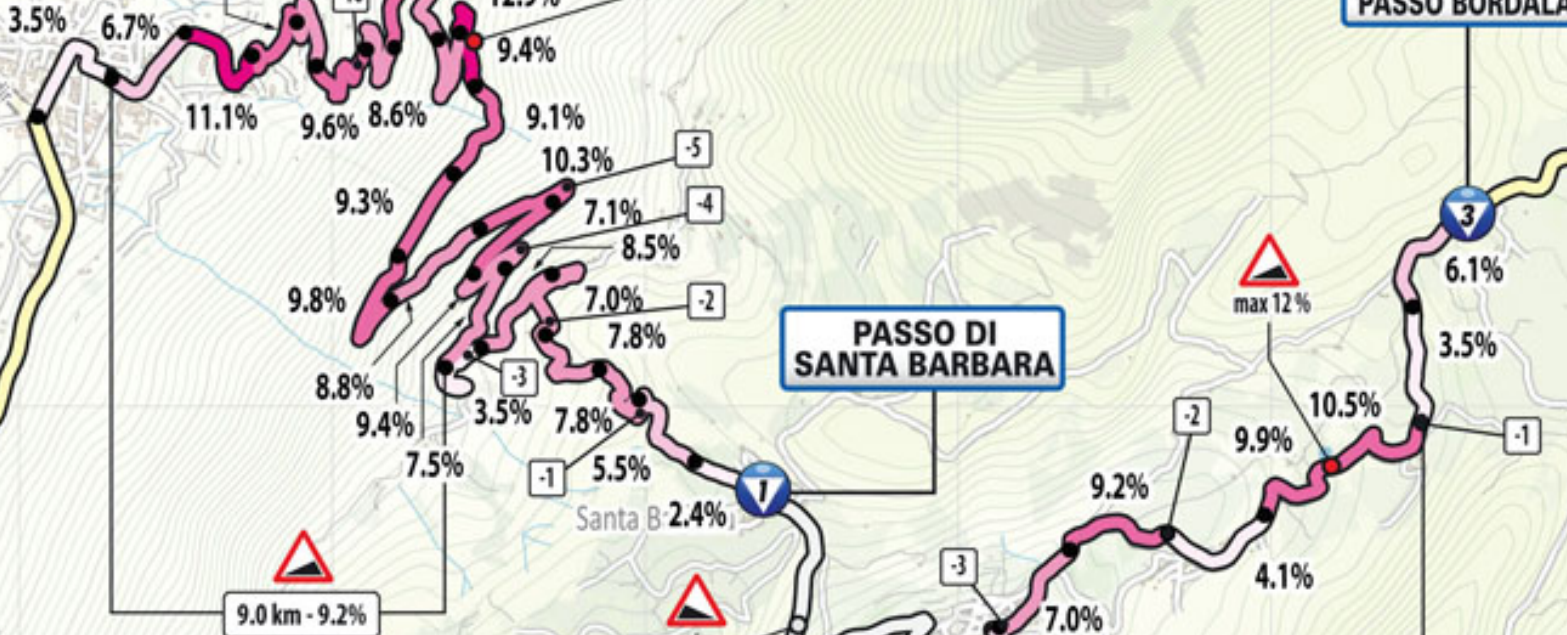
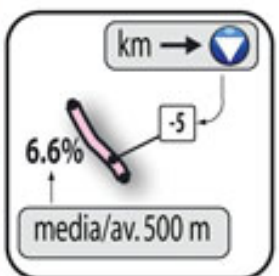
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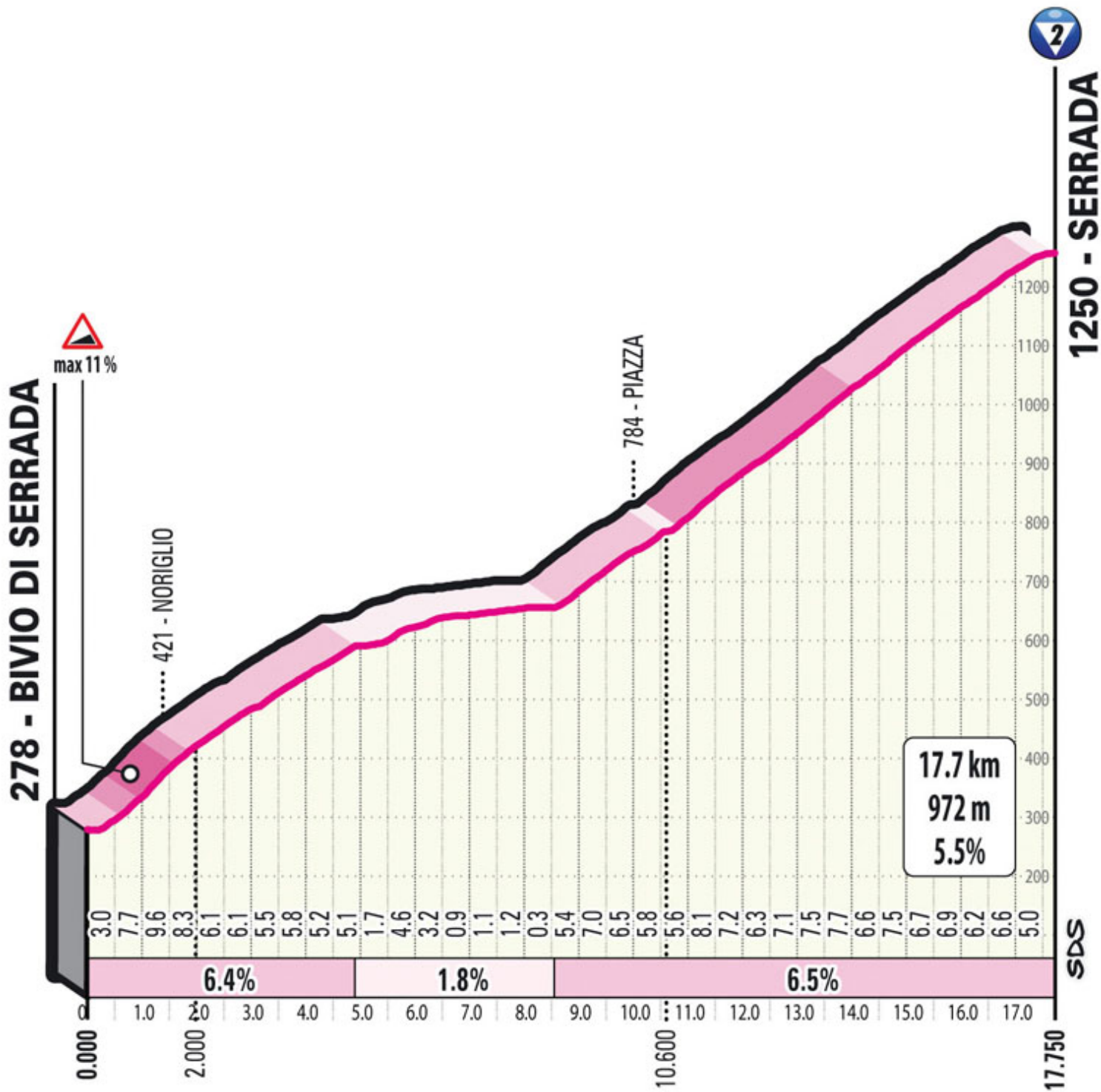
PASSO DI SANTA BARBARA

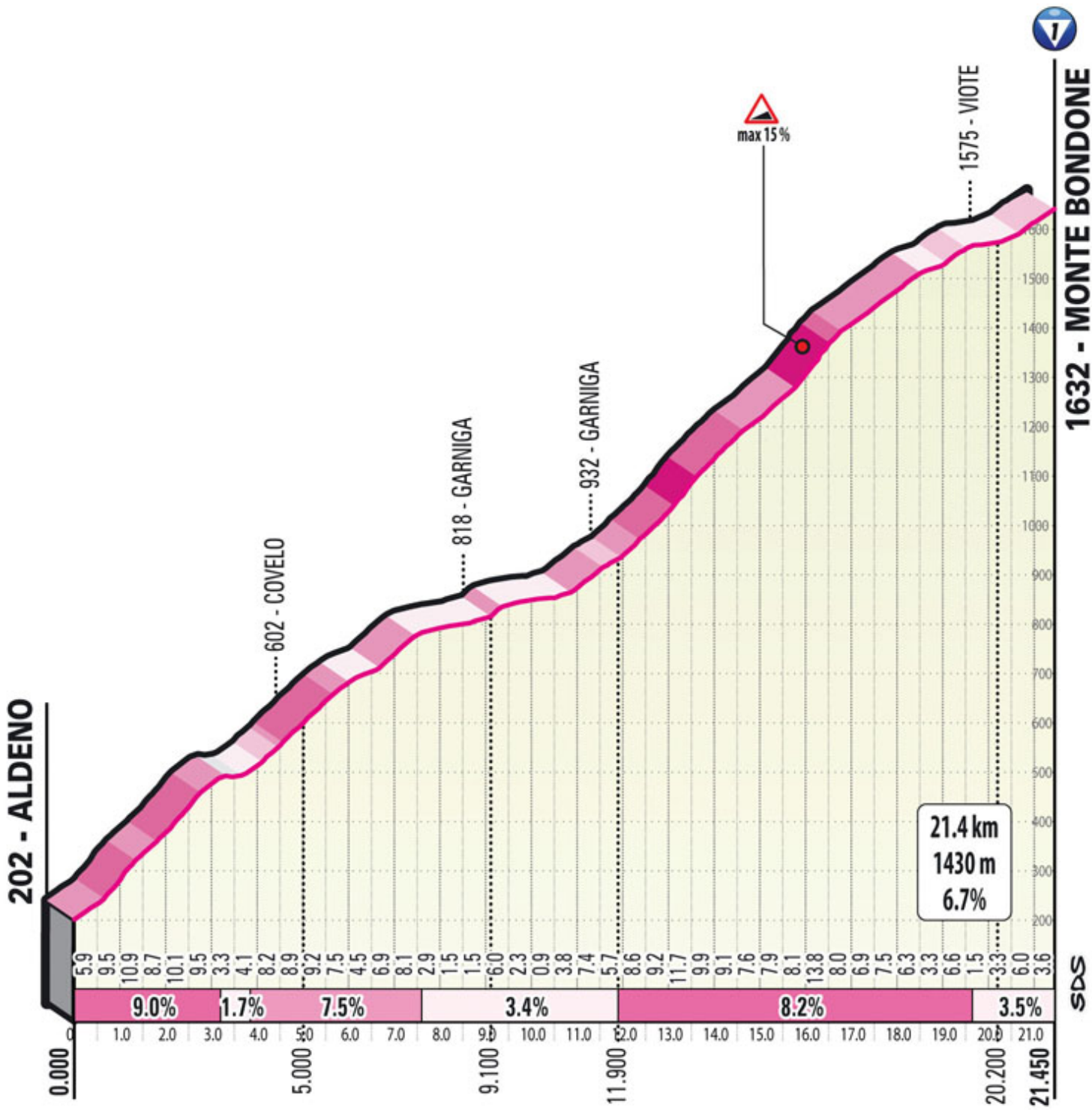
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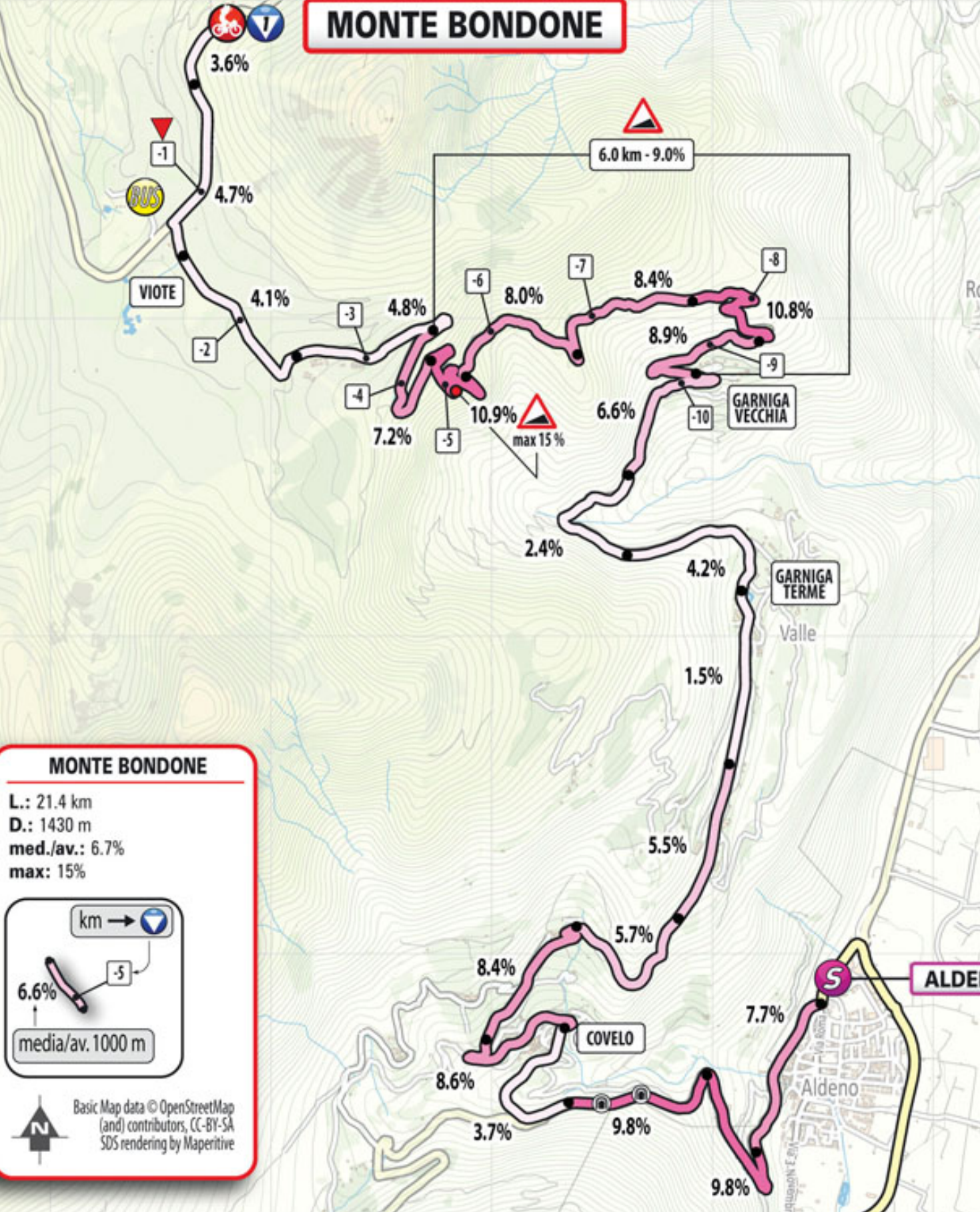
L.: 12.8 km
D.: 1056 m
med./av.: 8.3%
max: 14%







MONTE BONDONE



MONTE BONDONE

L.: 21.4 km
D.: 1430 m
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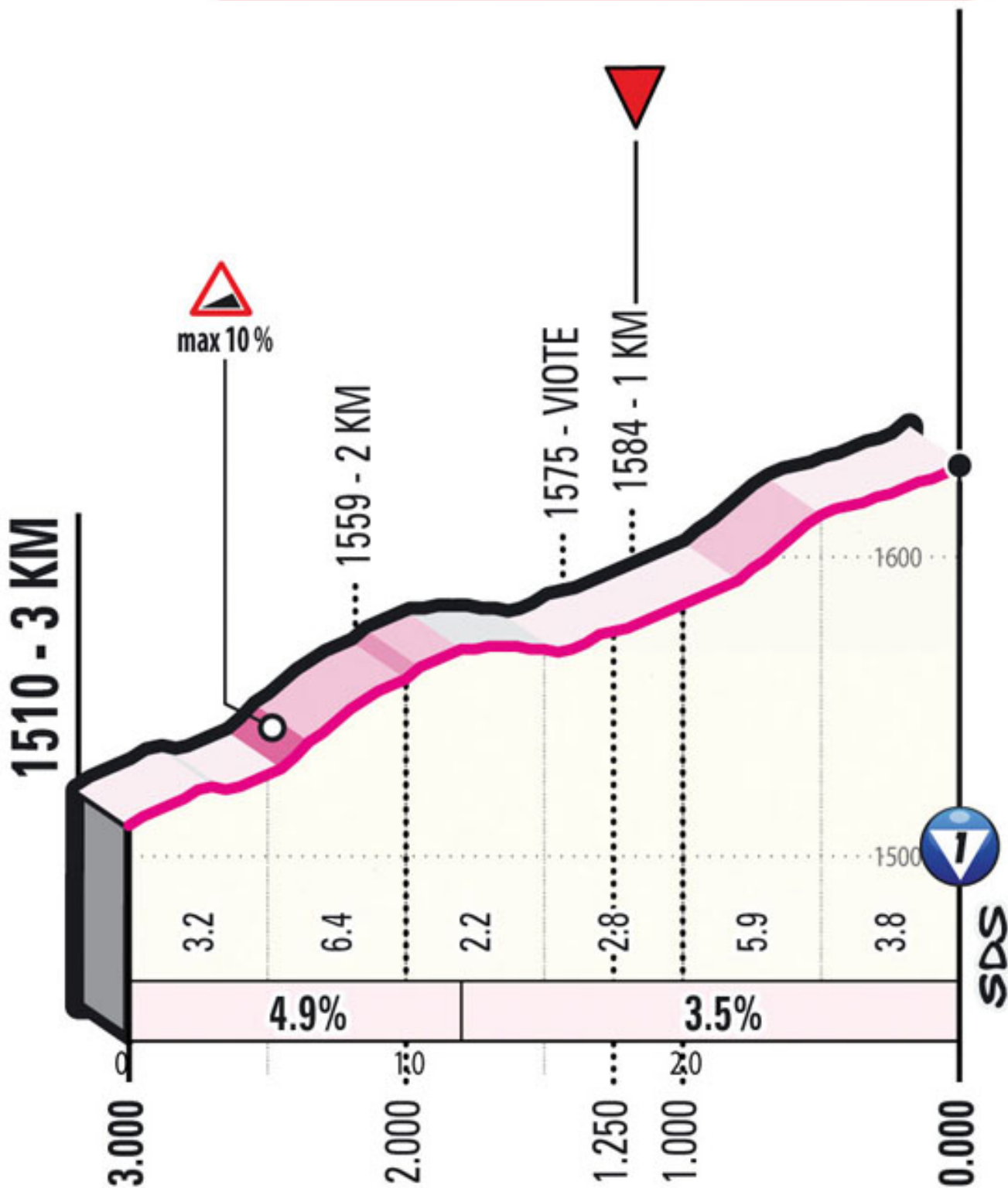
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media/av. 1000 m

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1632 - MONTE BONDONE





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Katie Lane The riders will then plunge to Rovereto and cross the Adige river. I don't see a graphic for the Matassone on the Giro site, but the first 6

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km averages 8.4%; after a minor downhill, the last part of the ascent is less demanding. The climb is 11.4 km total, with an average gradient of 5.4%. The top of the Matassone comes 116.4 km into the race. The route then descends again to the Adige valley, only for the riders to climb the category 2 Serrada which tops out at kilometer 153.5.



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Katie Lane The riders will again plunge down to the Adige and follow the river upstream for a bit before turning towards Aldeno, in a 10 km flat section

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where they can mentally prepare for the grueling climb up the Bondone. The first 3 km is relatively steep at an average gradient of 9%, then the grade eases a bit before some steeper ramps. The steepest 15% section comes 5.5 km before the summit finish.



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Katie Lane The final 3 km looks like this:

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Katie Lane Monte Bondone was last climbed in the 2020 Giro, but was last used as a finish in 2006, where Ivan Basso attacked to solidify his Giro lead.

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Its first famous (or infamous) inclusion in the Giro was in 1956 in a stage which was one of the most brutal in cycling history. That year, Charlie Gaul was in 24th place on GC, over a quarter of an hour behind the race leader with only 2 flat stages remaining in the race after















Situation

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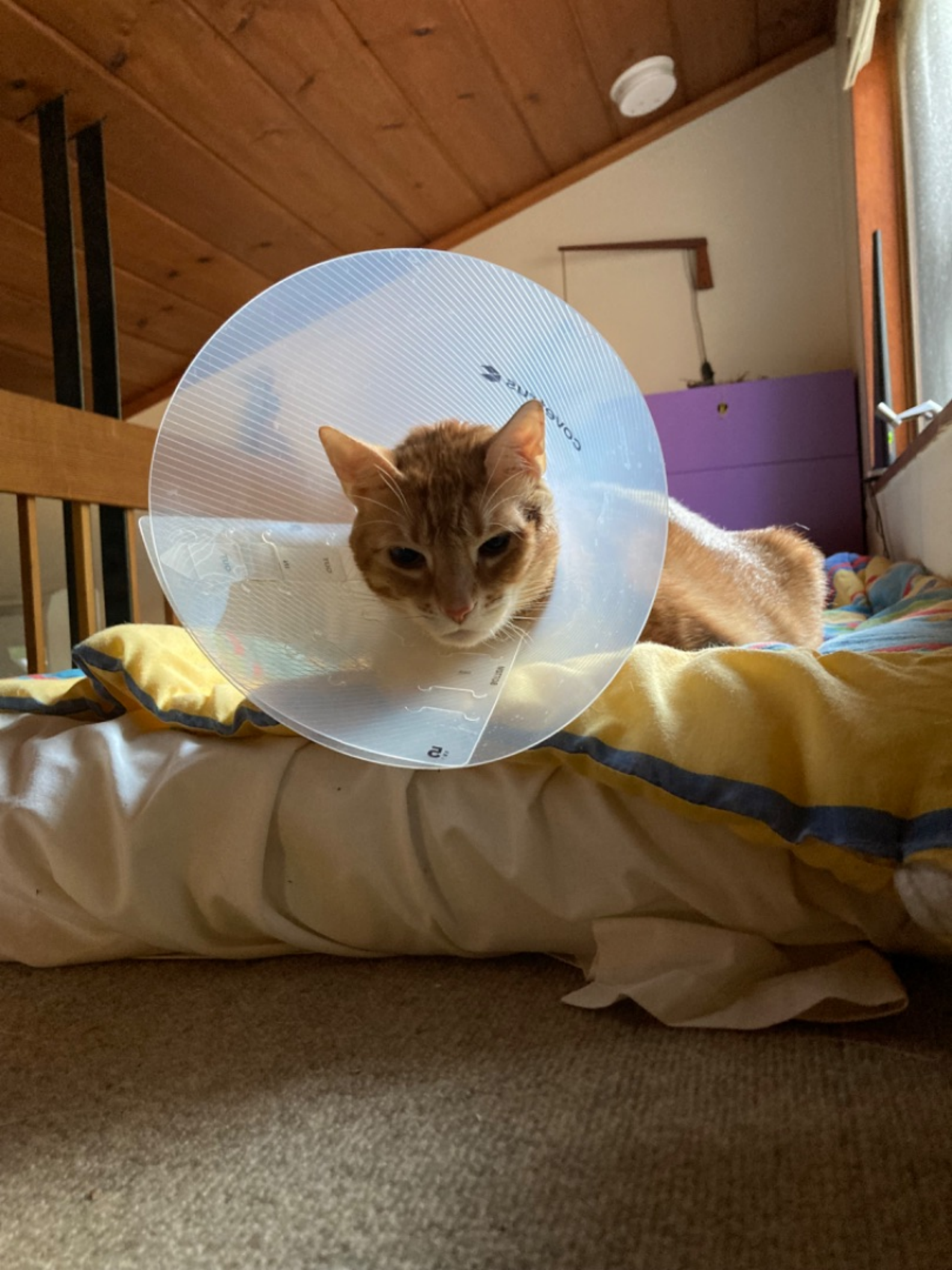
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5		45	MILAN Jonathan	2:21:03	
6		47	SÜTTERLIN Jasha	1:13:25	
7		76	HEALY Ben	1:03:21	
8		95	MARCELLUSI Martin	2:20:59	
9		97	TONELLI Alessandro	38:02	
10		115	PUCCIO Salvatore	1:51:00	
11		117	SWIFT Ben	1:32:33	
12		135	GEE Derek	26:31	
13		158	VERONA Carlos	1:25:45	
14		194	HEPBURN Michael	2:30:03	
15		198	ZANA Filippo	29:13	
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17		217	ULISSI Diego	28:40	

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	3		82	BAIS Davide	1:53:10	
	4		93	GABBURO Davide	1:44:41	
	5		94	MAGLI Filippo	2:42:08	
	6		177	STOJNIĆ Veljko	2:36:14	

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the Bondone stage. A blizzard hit, the temperature plummeted, and half of the peloton dropped out of the race including Gaul's great climbing rival Federico Bahamontes and race-leader Fornara. Gaul excelled in miserable riding conditions; he dug deep into his suitcase of courage to gut out the climb. He won the stage by a wide margin which put him in the pink jersey and on the top step of the Giro podium that year.

 **Katie Lane** In my first post I said that there were 17 tunnels along the route. In actuality there may be 17 _sections_ of tunnel, because in some of the graphics for the stage it sure looks like more. Most are along the lake in the flatter early portion of the race before the first climb. There are a few more on the ascent and descent of the Serrada and couple on the first part of the ascent of Monte Bondone.


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 **Katie Lane** The weather prediction for the start is mostly sunny with lows in the low 70s (mid 20s C) and winds at 5-7 mph (8-11 kpm) from the SW, and possible scattered showers toward the end of the race with temperatures atop Monte Bondone in the mid 50s (12 C) with winds from the SW at 9 mph (14-15 kph).


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 **Katie Lane** Kilometer Zero is scheduled for around 10:50 CEST and the finish is imagined on either side of 17:15.


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 **Tim in KY** I don't plan to be up at 4:50 EDT on Tuesday. I was up at 3:10 Monday to catch a plane. I'll check in at some point, though.


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 **Tim in KY** Katie that was a lot of typing. Thanks for filling-in. I counted 21 tunnels when I looked on Sunday but they overlap so much it's hard to be sure.


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 **Katie Lane** Tim: There was actually a fair amount of cut and paste / plagiarism from the Giro page and cycling sites. I hope I got everything in there that you usually cover. This is a cool stage with lots of stuff going on, as well as some interesting history. Wednesday's preview will be a lot more boring -- downhill to flat with no climbs.


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 **Katie Lane** The first climb should come at about 12:30 CEST (5:30 US Central time). That's still pretty darn early.

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 **Katie Lane** 3 DNS today: Ghebreigzabhier (Trek Segafredo) - rib pain from stage 14 crash Simon Clarke (Israel Premier Tech) - lingering illness, not improved after several days Ballerini (Quickstep-Soudal) - illness

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 **Katie Lane** That leaves only 2 guys - Van Wilder and Serry - on the Soudal -DQS bus.

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Katie Lane Lots of room in there, guys.

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Katie Lane It's Lorenzo Rota's 28th birthday. 8 km into today's stage, Fortunato, Kuss and DePlus were involved in a crash. Several breaks have formed and been caught in the early kilometers.

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Katie Lane (The situation with 158 km to go)

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Katie Lane I have no feed and no computer currently, except via cell phone. Our cable seems to be down right now.

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Katie Lane Tech support won't be up for a couple of hours unless the cats wake him up.

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Rob Wow, that's a pretty cool bus.

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Rob I'm trying to workout what that is in the top right, a printer?

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BusterSci Looks like a printer to me, yes.

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Tim in KY I doubt the GC guys will let Parrot-Painter go in the break.

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Tim in KY But they did.

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Tim in KY Ooo! Sunshine.

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Katie Lane Looks like it, Rob

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Tim in KY A somewhat aged printer.

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Tim in KY Healy at the car getting water and gels.

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Tim in KY 26 is not "every very hot" it's just hot.

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Charlie in Tenn Good morning. Nice job Katie. GCN reporting that ice bags are being prepared. The sun will be on the riders a lot today.

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Trish in MA Great job, Katie. Poor riders. They get either freezing rain or heat

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Charlie in Tenn Ha, there is light rain on part of the climb. No dry days around here.

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Tim in KY And it's raining on the descent.

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Trish in MA Healy made the break, Bais did not

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Tim in KY Bias has teammates in the break.

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Katie Lane Comcast says "no cable outages in your area." "Reset the router." "Not sure what else to do." "But I'm pretty sure it's the cable".

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Trish in MA "I've got picture within picture going on my old iPhone, so I can't read anything on the screen." "I can only parrot what I hear"

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Tim in KY Going down to breakfast. Not taking GCN+.

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Tim in KY Healy adds 40 points.

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Trish in MA Healy takes to summit, the 40 points and the KOM lead

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Trish in MA Going in the shower. Not taking GCN+

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Charlie in Tenn Katie good luck with the cable. You might ask a neighbor if they have service.

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Katie Lane At 25 strong, it's more of a mini-leading-peloton than a breakaway.

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Katie Lane The group will be whittled down pretty quickly by the climbs.

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Katie Lane Although this stage has the most vertical climbing meters of this Giro, stage 19 is deemed to be "harder".

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Charlie in Tenn I am going to cheer for Konrad and Healy. I am in 8th on fantasy. Having guys win and be on the podium really seems to help.

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Katie Lane Does anyone know what the Cima Coppi is for this Giro since they axed the St Bernard climb on St 13?

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Trish in MA Excellent observation, Charlie

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Charlie in Tenn Thanks, I worked that out over the rest day.

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Trish in MA :D

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Trish in MA Cone of shame update

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Trish in MA Poncho still looks like a walking satellite dish, but at least he can see

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Charlie in Tenn I also watched the stages of the Burgoes female race yesterday. That was a great race to watch. The first stage ends in a sprint. The second had wind and splits and a uphill sprint for the win. The third had a good break with the peloton chasing. This was one of the most exciting chases that I can remember. Then the final win was anticlimactic but the race for second was good. SD Works was phenomenal and Trek was just better than the rest. Chloe Dygert is riding very well again. The only place that I could find the replay was on TIZ.

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Charlie in Tenn Parrot painter is the virtual leader.

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Katie Lane Yay! Internet back up. Tech support is still in bed asleep (he was up finishing off a novel late last night). I started poking on-off buttons on some things on his desk and stuff started working. I really should ask him to show me how all this stuff works.

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Trish in MA Milan takes the sprint points

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Katie Lane Poor Poncho. I know cats occasionally get mast cell tumors, but I associate them more with dogs. In dogs, it's often boxers/pugs/terriers. A friend of ours had a Boston terrier with mast cell disease. Fortunately, mast cell tumors are pretty uncommon in humans.

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Tim in KY Milan sitting up.

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Katie Lane So, I finally got a COVID booster for the first time since -- Early November 2021. First pharmacy: we're not giving them now; you have to have 5 people scheduled to open the vial so the other doses don't get wasted. Check with our "sister pharmacy" in the store across the street. Across the street: Yep, they have to be scheduled, five at a time, and I can't remember the last time we gave one... you don't meet the criteria anyway and your insurance won't pay for it. Well, if I self-pay, what would it cost? They couldn't tell me. Pharmacy three: Guy takes my card, looks me up, gets some info, and says, yes, you qualify and your insurance will cover it 100%. I waited about 10 minutes to get it, and another 15 after, but I feel a little better now. We've had a nasty strain around here locally recently that knocks you on your behind for about a week. And I'll be around a bunch of people this weekend including lots of little kids who are in daycare. (I figure 5 days of building antibodies is better than none). I guess the CDC wants you to get boosted, but no one actually wants to facilitate you actually getting the booster....

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Katie Lane Arm is pretty sore (had minimal discomfort with the first 2 shots and the first booster), but it hurts to lift my arm. Glad I had them give it on my non-dominant side. I have a headache too, but that didn't start until I started messing around with highly-scented essential oils last night attempting to make "anti-mosquito" soap

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bars.



Charlie in Tenn I should look into a booster.

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Katie Lane The federal COVID funding was recently pulled, and I think that's part of it. Should've done this a month ago, and it wouldn't have been an issue.

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Trish in MA We got our boosters several weeks ago. Made the appointment online for a couple of hours later, no problem. No side effects.

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Katie Lane I love how Skujins, Gee, Healy, and Rubio have been riding this Giro. And Leknessund at the beginning.

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Charlie in Tenn Attack by Astana

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Trish in MA Geez, and they were just chatting about how half the Astana team was standing at the top of the last climb waiting for Cav. And Moscon had actually made a U-turn and was riding backwards to get to Cav.

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Trish in MA Not backwards - back down the route

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Katie Lane So, I don't think anyone's brought it up yet and it's not much of a surprise, but Mark Cavendish has officially stated that he will be retiring at the end of 2023.

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Katie Lane It was great to see his successes last year, but he was on a team that had a great leadout and that had made winning sprint finishes one of their main goals. Astana, not so much.

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Rob I did wonder why he waited for a Giro rest day to announce it.

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Trish in MA Dennis also announced his retirement - sometime before the rest day.

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Tim in KY I think he was waiting for his birthday, Rob.

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Tim in KY Raining.

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Trish in MA doesn't look like these guys are pushing it much on the descent

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Katie Lane Richeize and Haussler retired earlier this year. Announced retirements at the end of this year include Dennis, Herrada, Pinot, van Avermaet, Cavendish, Impey, and, on the women's side, Van Vleuten and Bastianelli. Those are the biggest names; a total of 33 pro male and female cyclists have already retired or are set to retire in 2023.

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Rob Cav retiring feels a bit like an end of an era for me, he is one of the last few cyclists left from when I first started following LUG. I haven't kept up with the new guys coming through, I started to lose interest in the team Sky days.

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Rob Sagan is going as well.

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Trish in MA I find doing the fantasy teams helps with keeping up with the new guys (not that I play the fantasy teams much). But it is the end of an era.

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Charlie in Tenn Sagan is going to continue riding MT bikes professionally.

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Trish in MA Think about how Cav, Sagan, and all those other guys have outlasted several teams. HTC-Columbia?

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Tim in KY Rain is being spotty. Comes and goes.

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Rob I think Cav ended HTC-Columbia with his move to team Sky, that was probably the biggest mistake of his career.

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Tim in KY Looks like GCs are going to let the break win. Gap is up to 6:02.

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Trish in MA RE: HTC. I didn't remember that it had been the Telekom and T-Mobile teams before being High Road. Stapleton never was able to raise much money and was shedding talent starting in 2010. Unclear if Cav announced move to Sky before and after Stapleton announced the team was shutting down.

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Katie Lane The Astanas Pronsky and Scaroni with a pretty good gap on the rest.

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Trish in MA Buster will be pleased if Parrot Painter goes into the pink.

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Katie Lane They are on the Serrada

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Katie Lane I have no one of note left on my VG team. Â No GC, no sprinters, 2 climbers who have done nothing and a couple of 4 point domestiques.

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Tim in KY Sounds like my team.

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Trish in MA Swarm of bees at the front of the Maglia Rosa group, with the Maglia Rosa mixed in amongst them

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Trish in MA Off to the office.

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Charlie in Tenn It is an interesting fantasy league. Most have one GC guy left. A couple have a top GC and a darkhorse. Several have an extra guy like Cort or Healy.Â A lot of teams could move up, as Katie slides backwards.

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08:57:02 am



Tim in KY Bees have taken a minute off the gap already.

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Katie Lane Actually, not 2 four pointersâ€” I have Cort and 4 point Ineos Puccio. Along with Mollema and Fortunato.

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Katie Lane The Path Dyer team is down to Mollema, Buitrago, Cort and Barta.

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Charlie in Tenn Gee is another that might score points for someone this week.

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09:01:16 am



SFinAus DStan58 has Gee.Â I've been meaning to ask him if picking Gee was savvy or luck.

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09:05:11 am



Katie S Good morning, all. Late to the start line, and I've been back at the doc mobile since signing on. A guy who has worked for me for something like 25 years is in the hospital with a splenic infarction and called to talk.

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09:08:20 am



Tim in KY Lots of bees, only three Innies.

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Tim in KY Thatâ€™s not a good thing to have, Katie.

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09:10:16 am



Katie S It's not. He has a liver disease and will need a transplant (he has had this disease for most of the 25 years he's worked for me), so this isÂ yet another aspect of his body's response to the disease. He had a splenic aneurysm that they had to block off in surgery (couldn't "fix" it), and then the lack of blood flow caused a partial splenic infarction. Now they have to let that part of the spleen die off.

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09:12:12 am



Katie S he's 49

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09:12:28 am



Charlie in Tenn That is tough, Katie.

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09:14:44 am



Charlie in Tenn My fantasy team has Rog, Konrad, Healy, Denz, and Postlberger. I need Konrad and Healy to go ahead and fight for the win and Rog to move up in GC. Easy, peasy.

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09:17:29 am



Tim in KY The Parrot-Painters are really working to cut the gap.

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09:17:31 am



Tim in KY 44 seconds now.

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09:17:32 am



Katie S Jens. Fanboy!

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09:18:26 am



Katie S Love that he admits to taping pictures of Sean Kelly on his bedroom walls as a kid.

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09:19:09 am



Charlie in Tenn That flat tire for the Astanas hurt them a lot.

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09:19:43 am



Tim in KY Astanas caught

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09:22:49 am



Tim in KY Gee struggling.

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09:25:23 am



Charlie in Tenn Sivakov has dropped out of the race.

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09:30:15 am



Charlie in Tenn Verona took KOM protecting his teammate Rubio. Healy was second.

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09:31:26 am



BusterSci I've been in the commenting laughing group this Giro.

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09:36:36 am



BusterSci The not funny laughing group

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09:37:06 am



Tim in KY Time to head off to the museums. Back here tomorrow for a bit.

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09:37:29 am



BusterSci Time for a long walk.

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09:42:02 am



Trish in MA In the office. Â Much happened while I was driving, I see. Â I shall have the find the part with Jens being a fanboy.

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09:42:30 am



Katie S around KM 60-55

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09:42:51 am



Trish in MA Thanks, Katie.

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09:43:02 am



BusterSci Is stuff, as the kids say, about to get real?

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09:49:32 am



SFinAus Hope so.Â It's been a long simmer.

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09:52:24 am



SFinAus I think that was to be expected from the time they announced the route.Â So much fear (er, strategic conservation of energy) prior to this week.

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09:56:09 am



SFinAus Adam Blythe on the moto commentary sounded terrified.Â May hand the mic back to Jens for stages with descents. :)

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09:57:24 am



Trish in MA I heard him yelp.

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09:58:17 am



Charlie in Tenn Adam is a drama queen. However, I do think that scream was real.

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09:58:26 am



SFinAus Yup. Yup.

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09:58:47 am



Charlie in Tenn So a good hour of climbing to go. Hope something happens.

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09:59:13 am



Katie Lane I'm back after doing some chores. Will be attempting falafel tonight. Baked for me. Hubby doesn't even want to try" wants his fried. Phew. I think I'll do that part outside.

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10:00:32 am



Trish in MA On the Cycling Podcast, they were discussing the lack of drama in the race. Nygaard said that all the DS's were predicting the close nature at this point. The modeling is so good these days that it would appear there are few surprises. Of course, COVID and accidents have also had a hand in it. There point was that the organizers couldn't bear all the blame for lack of fireworks.

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10:01:55 am



Charlie in Tenn parrot missed a chance for bonus seconds. Haig, the other Parrot,

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10:03:48 am



Charlie in Tenn and someone else

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10:04:01 am



Charlie in Tenn Ulissi

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10:04:39 am



SFinAus I have Haig for a day like this. I doubt though that he's going to score big today. I expect to remain pack filler in our standings.

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10:07:54 am



Charlie in Tenn Pink jersey is doing a great job.

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10:16:06 am



Charlie in Tenn Konrad, don't worry about helping today. Just go for the win.

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Trish in MA Healy OTB

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Trish in MA Pink sliding back

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Charlie in Tenn Almeida has 3 helpers plus Ulissi ahead.

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Trish in MA Dennis gone

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10:25:07 am



Trish in MA Guess he's not yet in full racing shape.

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10:25:25 am



Trish in MA UAE taking it up.

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10:25:40 am



SFinAus I wonder if Jens will be back with the 'mericans on Peacock for the Tour, or if he's moved on to GCN/Eurosport altogether?

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10:32:03 am



Katie S Pink pops

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10:34:06 am



Charlie in Tenn Pinot does not blink as his teammate drops back.

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Charlie in Tenn Moving the motos out of the gaps.

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10:35:36 am



SFinAus Pinot pops

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10:36:42 am



Charlie in Tenn The break riders are getting caught and going OTB.

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10:37:44 am



SFinAus Finally hotting up.

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10:38:41 am



Trish in MA Almeida leading G, Primoz and Kuss

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10:39:34 am



Trish in MA And 2 other guys

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10:39:50 am



Charlie in Tenn Dunbar and teammate Zanna

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10:41:04 am



Trish in MA Zanna and Dunbar leading the group

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Trish in MA I was doing work (such a concept) and missed the catch.

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SFinAus G hanging at the back, but still looks smooth.

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10:42:22 am



Trish in MA Zana gone

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10:43:55 am



Charlie in Tenn Good work by him.

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10:44:10 am



Katie S Rog the only GC guy with a guy to help. Almeida still doing all the work.

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SFinAus Kelly stated bluntly that Almeida never attacks.Â Oops as Jwow takes a flier.

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10:46:36 am



Katie S and says, "see ya! You gonna follow?"

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10:46:40 am



Trish in MA Almeida attacks. Â Not a huge gap.

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10:46:42 am



Charlie in Tenn Almeida is not known for attacking so this is a new guy?

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10:47:15 am



SFinAus He looks comfortable - atm.

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10:47:42 am



Katie S Rog having trouble holding on?

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10:47:59 am



SFinAus Looks like Kuss is pulling Almeida back.

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10:49:00 am



Katie S 5k

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10:49:04 am



Trish in MA Now they get to the really steep part.

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10:50:01 am



SFinAus G is going for it

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10:50:16 am



Trish in MA G takes the lead

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10:50:33 am



SFinAus What's Rog got left?

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10:50:34 am



Katie Lane There goes G

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10:50:35 am



Katie S Go, old guy!

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10:50:38 am



Katie Lane Kuss towing Rog but they can't keep up with G and JoWow

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10:51:30 am



SFinAus Not too soon to start a fake controversy: should Rog be telling Kuss to go? :)

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10:51:41 am



Charlie in Tenn Jowow will never pull.

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10:51:48 am



SFinAus Ohhhh. That's quite a gap to Rog.

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10:52:20 am



Katie S flick of the elbow to Almeida. no dice

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10:54:12 am



Katie S here he goes

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10:54:17 am



Trish in MA Is this the "you can't win it, but you could lose it" moment?

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10:54:33 am



Charlie in Tenn No, not yet.

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10:54:45 am



SFinAus G not tossing away those glasses.

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10:55:35 am



Katie Lane I thought Rog would take over pink on this climb. Â Guess I was wrong.

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10:55:50 am



SFinAus Me too.

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10:56:57 am



Katie S i'd say that's a fair assessment

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10:56:58 am



Trish in MA Quite the change in the Top 3

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10:56:59 am



Trish in MA Red Kite

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Katie S G has 22 seconds on Almeida in the GC

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Katie S huh, looky there

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10:59:06 am



Katie Lane Rog closing the gap some

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10:59:18 am



Katie S ding dong battle heading to a boom boom finale? Oh, puhleeze

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10:59:51 am



Katie Lane JoWow wins it

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11:00:14 am



Trish in MA Almeida! Â Thoas

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Katie Lane Gap to Rog :25

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Trish in MA 25 secs lost to Almeida

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Katie S G back in pink

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Charlie in Tenn Rog 3rd losing 25 secs plus the difference in bonus seconds

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11:01:04 am



SFinAus Another one: "G putting the G in Giro"

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11:01:17 am



SFinAus JoWow is my alternate GC guy. Glad to see he's going well on these first big mountain days.

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11:03:02 am



Katie S so Rog stays in 3rd place, but everyone around him moves up or down.

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11:03:52 am



Katie S yes?

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11:03:56 am



Charlie in Tenn Bahrain had lots of guys in the race but didn't get much out of it.

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11:04:36 am



Charlie in Tenn PCS is bogged down it seems like.

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11:05:19 am



Trish in MA Rob Hatch: G puts the ding-dong in the race for a boom-boom result.

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11:05:27 am



Charlie in Tenn Dunbar was impressive today.

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Trish in MA Just posted the results. When Kuss stopped, he really stopped. He finished +1 min. in 4th.

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Trish in MA 5th.





















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Trish in MA Okay. Off to work.

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1	 ALMEIDA João 	UAE Team Emirates	180	80	5:53:27
2	 THOMAS Geraint	INEOS Grenadiers	130	50	„
3	 ROGLIČ Primož	Jumbo-Visma	95	35	0:25
4	 DUNBAR Eddie	Team Jayco AlUla	80	25	„
5	 KUSS Sepp	Jumbo-Visma	60	18	1:03
6	 VAN WILDER Ilan	Soudal - Quick Step	45	15	1:16
7	 CARUSO Damiano	Bahrain - Victorious	40	12	„
8	 RUBIO Einer Augusto	Movistar Team	35	10	„
9	 DE PLUS Laurens	INEOS Grenadiers	30	8	„
10	 ARENSMAN Thymen	INEOS Grenadiers	25	6	„

1		 G. THOMAS INEOS GRENADIERS	67:32:35
2		 J. ALMEIDA UAE TEAM EMIRATES	+18
3		 P. ROGLIC TEAM JUMBO - VISMA	+29
4		 D. CARUSO BAHRAIN VICTORIOUS	+2:50
5		 E. DUNBAR TEAM BIKEEXCHANGE	+3:03
6		 L. KÄMNA BORA - HANSGROHE	+3:20
7		 B. ARMIRAIL GROUPAMA - FDJ	+3:22
8		 A. LEKNESSUND TEAM DSM	+3:30
9		 T. ARENSMAN INEOS GRENADIERS	+4:09
10		 L. DE PLUS INEOS GRENADIERS	+4:32



Charlie in Tenn G teammates finished 9th and 10th on the stage so they dropped off earlier than expected but finished well. Losing Sivakov hurts but the others seem to be in good shape.

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11:13:50 am



SFinAus Agree. GC stirred and top contenders settling in. It's time to put some W back into work. Thanks all.

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11:15:34 am



Katie S Enjoy the day, all. I'm going to get out for a little mountain bike ride myself here in a couple hours (trail ride, nothing gnarly or epic).

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11:15:40 am



Charlie in Tenn Half of the Lotto Soudal team finished in the top 6. Solid performance.

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Charlie in Tenn I am going to work around the outside of the house. Trimming trees, gardening, filling holes.

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Charlie in Tenn <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1684855399-gc%20stage%2016.PNG>

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Charlie in Tenn That was the stage

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Charlie in Tenn GC

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Charlie in Tenn Bye all.

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