



Tim in KY TdF Stage 12 is 212 kilometers south from Toulouse into the Pyrenees proper finishing at Bagnères-de-Bigorre. However the high mountains don't come out to play until the last 80 kilometers of the stage.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1563390589-stage-12-route.jpg>

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Tim in KY The first 130 kilometers of the stage are a long false flat with a Cat 4 plunked down in the middle. After the intermediate sprint, the riders take on two long but not particularly steep Cat 1s. The first is the Col de Peyresourde, 13.2 km at 7%. After a 20 km descent, the road immediately starts up La Hourquette d'Ancizan, 10 km at 7.5%. There are time bonuses for the first three riders over the top. From the summit, a 30 km descent leads to the finish.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1563391100-stage-12-profile.jpg>

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1563391111-stage-12-hourquette-d-ancizan.jpg>

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Tim in KY Kilometer zero is schedule for 11:50 CEST (05:50 EDT). Finish is imagined between 16:55 and 17:25. Live stream from before the start. NBCSN kicks in at 07:00 EDT. Sunny and mid-20s at the start, Low 20s and a 50% chance of rain at the finish.

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15:20:05



Tim in KY Rain chances for the finale are decreasing. Fingers crossed.

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18:45:27



Tim in KY Rain is gone from the forecast.

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05:17:58



BusterSci Sitting here before the race as a super-active lightning storm passes about 10 miles to the south. Nonstop flashes in the south and the barest hint of rumble. Kinda neat.

18-Jul-2019
05:39:08



Tim in KY We finally got a bit of downpour yesterday. It's been a very dry summer compared to the last two years.

18-Jul-2019
05:43:56



Tim in KY Still in neutral.

18-Jul-2019
05:44:04



Tim in KY This is interesting. <http://www.cyclingnews.com/news/fair-game-or-unnecessary-the-dark-arts-of-blocking-the-road/>

18-Jul-2019
05:45:26



BusterSci Yeah,I was just reading that.

18-Jul-2019
05:46:54



BusterSci I kinda agree with the point of view that blocking by position is part of racing, but blocking through physical contact or swerving isn't. If it isn't legit in a sprint, it shouldn't be legit.

18-Jul-2019
05:48:37



BusterSci Also interest that the best, and likely most "blockingest" team in the peloton, DQS, played the "Really? People do that?" card. They should have a rider DQ'd just for being full of crap.

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05:49:52



Tim in KY Today is Simon Clarke's birthday.

18-Jul-2019
05:51:02



BusterSci Good for Simo.

18-Jul-2019
05:51:15



Tim in KY Trying to guess if the GC riders want to ride for the stage win or want to save themselves for the ITT tomorrow.

18-Jul-2019
05:52:59



BusterSci Agreed, Tim. Here's an interesting perspective looking at the fact that this tour has tons of km over 2000m, and may go to a Colombian because of it.

18-Jul-2019
05:57:03



BusterSci <https://spokeydokeyblog.com/2019/07/15/lostinthinair/>

18-Jul-2019
05:57:07



BusterSci DSDagies and I were both wondering if we wanted GC guys for today. We both made the decision that if one guy within striking distance goes away, everyone who can will follow.

18-Jul-2019
05:59:03



BusterSci Also, if you haven't already read it, here's a review of JV's new autobiography <http://inrng.com/2019/07/book-review-one-way-ticket-jonathan-vaughters/>

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06:06:13



BusterSci They're off and running with 194.6 to go

18-Jul-2019
06:07:52



BusterSci Lots of activity in front

18-Jul-2019
06:07:57



Tim in KY CCC and Bora really want someone in the break.

18-Jul-2019
06:10:32



Tim in KY Right now Sagan out front on his own.

18-Jul-2019
06:11:34



Tim in KY He sat up.

18-Jul-2019
06:14:30



Tim in KY Now a Sunweb out alone.

18-Jul-2019
06:17:21



bikerabe Kamna

18-Jul-2019
06:17:31



BusterSci 183.3km

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06:20:51



BusterSci 3 in front, and Astana, Sunweb and DDD

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06:21:09



bikerabe Peto Bilbao joins Kamna

18-Jul-2019
06:21:35



BusterSci Lots of sunflowers

18-Jul-2019
06:22:21



BusterSci Sagan mixing with the break attempts.

18-Jul-2019
06:22:36



bikerabe will there be a big break?

18-Jul-2019
06:23:18



BusterSci Who knows?

18-Jul-2019
06:24:13



BusterSci But Langeveld is suffering at the back

18-Jul-2019
06:24:25



Joanna in New York Gulf storm remnants made it to NY. Lots of thunder, lightning and heavy rain for us overnight. Still a bit forecast for today.

18-Jul-2019
06:27:37



BusterSci Another 10km gone, and still trying to form a break

18-Jul-2019
06:31:04



bikerabe now the Right DeGendt

18-Jul-2019
06:33:44



Tim in KY Birthday boy gives it a try.

18-Jul-2019
06:36:50



bikerabe BaHRain JOINING

18-Jul-2019
06:37:58



Tim in KY That's not a break.

18-Jul-2019
06:41:20



Mikey Good Morning all

18-Jul-2019
06:41:56



Tim in KY 42 riders.

18-Jul-2019
06:41:57



bikerabe Sagan in the break 50"

18-Jul-2019
06:42:10



bikerabe will take some time get all the names

18-Jul-2019
06:43:13



Tim in KY GVA best placed at 14:25.

18-Jul-2019
06:43:54



Tim in KY Why is DQS minding the gap?

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06:49:28



Joanna in New York <https://rumbletalk-images->

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Joanna in New York <https://rumbletalk-images->

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Joanna in New York <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1563447392-Screen%20Shot%202019-07-18%20at%206.50.52%20AM.png>

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bikerabe Thx Joanna good to see Simon Yates made the break

18-Jul-2019
06:57:33



bikerabe NBCSN about to begin

18-Jul-2019
06:59:09



Joanna in New York The 40 riders in the lead are: Peter Sagan, Gregor Mühlberger, Daniel Oss and Max Schachmann (Bora-Hansgrohe), Michael Morkov (Deceuninck-Quick Step), Oliver Naesen, Tony Gallopin and Matthias Fränk (Ag2r La Mondiale), Sonny Colbrelli, Iván García Cortina and Dylan Teuns (Bahrain-Merida), Imanol Erviti (Movistar Team), Pello Bilbao (Astana), Dylan Groenewegen and Mike Teunissen (Jumbo-Visma), Alberto Bettiol, Simon Clarke and Tom Scully (EF Education First), Matteo Trentin and Simon Yates (Mitchelton-Scott), Greg Van Avermaet and Serge Pauwels (CCC Team), Rui Costa and Alexander Kristoff (UAE Team Emirates), Fabio Feline and Jasper Stuyven (Trek-Segafredo), Michael Matthews, Nikias Arndt, Cees Bol and Nicolas Roche (Team Sunweb), Pierre-Luc Périchon and Julien Simon (Cofidis), Tiesj Benoot, Roger Kluge and Tim Wellens (Lotto-Soudal), Lilian Calmejane (Total Direct Energie), Andrea Pasqualon (Wanty-Groupe Gobert), Edvald Boasson Hagen and Michael Valgren (Dimension Data) and Kévin Lédanois (Arkéa-Samsic).

18-Jul-2019
07:04:18



Joanna in New York This was copied directly from the LeTour site. There was NO editorializing on my part putting Sagan first. :-)

18-Jul-2019
07:05:01



bikerabe 4 Bora in the break good combo to get the win

18-Jul-2019
07:08:03



Joanna in New York 146.8km • 3'21"

18-Jul-2019
07:08:20



BusterSci DQS is doing the job of the yellow jersey team. I also think Alaphilippe can win this stage if he makes it over the top with the group

18-Jul-2019
07:08:24

















Tim in KY Doesn't look like they're going to let the break stay away. 3:28.

18-Jul-2019
07:12:37



Tim in KY Wellens got the one KOM point.

18-Jul-2019
07:13:32

-  **BusterSci** Looks to me that Simon Yates is the danger man in the lead group for a stage win. There's nobody else there that can climb with him. 18-Jul-2019 07:15:31
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-  **bikerabe** true dat 18-Jul-2019 07:16:27
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-  **BusterSci** There's a mess of those guys who are likely there for the intermediate sprint. 18-Jul-2019 07:26:06
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-  **Tim in KY** Some riders need to break away from the break. 18-Jul-2019 07:26:09
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-  **Tim in KY** Sprint is just before the first Cat 1. 18-Jul-2019 07:26:39
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-  **Tim in KY** 4 KU to go. 3:33. Not making that up. 18-Jul-2019 07:28:38
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-  **BusterSci** I think those interested in the intermediate sprint are are playing the Matthews 2017 card. Sagan could crash or otherwise leave the race, so it's good to be in the mix. 18-Jul-2019 07:31:00
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-  **BusterSci** 4 minutes now 18-Jul-2019 07:33:37
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-  **Tim in KY** Robbie continues to be pissed at the break. 18-Jul-2019 07:44:15
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-  **BusterSci** I'm not listening, as Frau is still sleeping. What's his issue? 18-Jul-2019 07:46:08
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-  **Mikey** My feed is freezing today. Had to reload a couple of times. Not sure why? 18-Jul-2019 07:47:10
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-  **Tim in KY** Not riding hard enough and too many wheel suckers. 18-Jul-2019 07:47:15
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-  **BusterSci** Legit. 18-Jul-2019 07:47:22
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-  **Mikey** Saw a couple of things on Keytones yesterday. Not sure what to make of them. Froome was quoted as saying he didn't know what they were and had to google it. I find that hard to swallow. Do I care about keytones in cycling? 18-Jul-2019 07:49:21



BusterSci Froome is full of crap, as he was about his inhaler.

18-Jul-2019
07:49:51



BusterSci But should you be concerned? I think Tim has already mentioned the fact that they're not banned, and as supplements go, in general, they're BS.

18-Jul-2019
07:50:32



BusterSci There is some science involved that at least on the surface can make some sense, but whether it affects performance is another issue.

18-Jul-2019
07:52:22



BusterSci Ketosis is the core of low carb diets like Atkins. A body preferentially burns glucose. If carbs aren't available, the body burns fat instead, which results in buildup of ketones in the blood. Ketone supplements appear to drive the body into ketosis, thus burning fat. Since we know power to weight ratio is key to performance, losing fat without losing muscle would be beneficial to performance.

18-Jul-2019
07:58:04



BusterSci Sky was rumored to be using them as far back as 2016.

18-Jul-2019
07:58:52



Tim in KY Le Tour website says Jasper Phillipson abandon today but doesn't say if he was a DNS or if he abandon after the start.

18-Jul-2019
07:58:53



Tim in KY Huge church for a tiny town.

18-Jul-2019
08:00:20



Tim in KY Will DQS try to bring the break back before the sprint?

18-Jul-2019
08:02:15



Joanna in New York Tim, it's only a model...

18-Jul-2019
08:03:51



BusterSci Whether science or myth, ketone supplements are not banned and thus are not doping. It's legit to question their negative health effects, as too much ketosis can raise blood acidity, called Ketoacidosis, which is a dangerous condition typically associated with diabetes.

18-Jul-2019
08:06:33

















Tim in KY Given the start, it's not surprising that they're a few minutes faster than the fastest...















18-Jul-2019
08:08:44



BusterSci At most, ketones are like the Super-Tuck--might help a rider, but potentially dangerous. At least, they're like sock height. Meaningless to anyone outside Aigle.

18-Jul-2019
08:08:46

-  **BusterSci** Bardet OTB 18-Jul-2019
08:10:53
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-  **BusterSci** Being brought forward. 18-Jul-2019
08:10:58
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-  **BusterSci** Talking to team car, getting a draft 18-Jul-2019
08:11:36
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-  **BusterSci** Appears to want a magic spanner, but with the cameras on him he's not going to. So French TV cuts away to an aerial shot. 18-Jul-2019
08:12:18
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-  **Tim in KY** Wellens OTB of the break. 18-Jul-2019
08:14:45
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-  **BusterSci** 100km, 4:15 18-Jul-2019
08:14:45
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-  **BusterSci** Sprint is at 79km, which is more or less the start of the first Cat 1. 18-Jul-2019
08:15:30
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-  **BusterSci** Bardet and two helpers still working through the cars 18-Jul-2019
08:16:17
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-  **Katie S** Good morning, all. a 40-dude break? Goodness. 18-Jul-2019
08:16:22
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-  **BusterSci** There he got his mechanic help 18-Jul-2019
08:17:03
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-  **bikerabe** 4' 34" gap 18-Jul-2019
08:19:28
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-  **Tim in KY** Sprint is at 79 km to go. that's about 16 km away. 18-Jul-2019
08:20:26
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-  **Tim in KY** Where's WHF? 18-Jul-2019
08:21:34
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-  **BusterSci** Hew was in the peloton last I saw him, behind his train in front. 18-Jul-2019
08:22:43
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-  **BusterSci** Not there now thought 18-Jul-2019 08:22:56
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-  **BusterSci** I think I saw him back around midway in the peloton. 18-Jul-2019 08:24:31
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-  **Tim in KY** Feedzohne for the peloton. 18-Jul-2019 08:28:45
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-  **Katie S** WHF, i hear he's out clubbing 18-Jul-2019 08:29:59
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-  **BusterSci** Dude won't have any trouble getting a date. 18-Jul-2019 08:30:20
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-  **BusterSci** Or anything else he might want. 18-Jul-2019 08:30:28
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-  **SFinAus** Good morning. I just cleared the airport feedzone. Brisket breakfast taco with a nod to Donny. Now i'm lookin' for some ketones. 18-Jul-2019 08:31:08
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-  **Mikey** Telestrator, err holodeck, being used again this morning. 18-Jul-2019 08:33:01
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-  **Tim in KY** The false flat ain't so flat right now. 18-Jul-2019 08:33:04
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-  **Joanna in New York** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1563453534-Unknown.jpeg> 18-Jul-2019 08:33:55
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-  **Katie S** Wow, something just got through my company's spam filter. THIS JUST IN: "News Release : Mass Media Mediums Employed by The Universal Church to Reach Thousands in Need of Guidance" 18-Jul-2019 08:35:43
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-  **BusterSci** there's WHF! 18-Jul-2019 08:36:12
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-  **BusterSci** Moving up to the front. 18-Jul-2019 08:36:31
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-  **Katie S** Rohan abandons. What'd I miss? 18-Jul-2019 08:36:42



Tim in KY Nizzolo has abandon. Nothing on the ticker about Dennis.

18-Jul-2019
08:37:30



BusterSci No idea

18-Jul-2019
08:37:32



Alison Quarles Morning!

18-Jul-2019
08:37:39



Katie S Good morning, Alison

18-Jul-2019
08:37:47



Katie S Apparently no more info on Rohan, says Matt Keenan

18-Jul-2019
08:38:54



Tim in KY Now Dennis is on the ticker.

18-Jul-2019
08:38:58



Katie S yesterday I saw news Dennis wants to go for the hour record -- but not until after the 2020 Olympics

18-Jul-2019
08:39:29



Tim in KY Dennis tried very hard to get in the break earlier. Weird.

18-Jul-2019
08:39:36



Tim in KY As soon as the sprint is done, I need to run an errand.

18-Jul-2019
08:41:34



Alison Quarles I had a question last night while watching the replay but now I can't remember what it was... maybe if I try not to think about it.

18-Jul-2019
08:42:19



BusterSci Jo, who won the sprint?

18-Jul-2019
08:42:50



Katie S Spring saucered and and blow

18-Jul-2019
08:42:52



Katie S blown

18-Jul-2019
08:42:57



BusterSci (leading question...)

18-Jul-2019
08:43:01



Katie S c'mon jo, we're waaaaiiitingggg

18-Jul-2019
08:43:09



Katie S Break's on the Col de P'

18-Jul-2019
08:46:37



Joanna in New York SAGAN!

18-Jul-2019
08:49:00



Katie S OH THANK GOD, NOW I KNOW

18-Jul-2019
08:49:33



Joanna in New York Sorry folks, was away tending to laundry. LOL!

18-Jul-2019
08:49:39



John Sagan won? You don't say...

18-Jul-2019
08:51:58



Katie S I was watching the Christian and Chris show last night and the question of whether WHF can carry the yellow into Paris. Apparently, it's common that the guy in yellow after stage 11 is the guy in yellow in Paris. CVV's snort/giggle "No" was priceless.

18-Jul-2019
08:52:55



Katie S Horner, on the other hand, thinks it's possible (or he was just following his script)

18-Jul-2019
08:53:24



BusterSci If anyone knows what's "possible" its Chris.

18-Jul-2019
08:54:36



BusterSci I hit enter and watch friggin autocorrect remove the apostrophe from "it's."

18-Jul-2019
08:55:08



Joanna in New York Rohan seems to be suffering from tummy issues.

18-Jul-2019
08:55:53



Katie S autocorrect likes to pretend it's a superior grammarian

18-Jul-2019
08:56:14



BusterSci Just to spin back to a prior topic, guess what can cause extreme GI issues? Yup. Ketone supplements. Correlation does not equal causation, but whatever.

18-Jul-2019
08:57:07



Katie S spurious etc etc etc

18-Jul-2019
08:57:22



bikerabe AI is gonna rule us (I feel the start of lyrics)

18-Jul-2019
09:01:03



bikerabe Gonna rule us all

18-Jul-2019
09:03:35



Katie S perhaps to the "tune" of Teenage Lobotomy by the Ramones

18-Jul-2019
09:04:17



Katie S oh geez, the Bora soigneur hit the deck and smacked his head hard on the tarmac

18-Jul-2019
09:06:13



Mikey I don't know what it means, but my furnace / air con sent me an email telling me it was working harder than normal but could manage.

18-Jul-2019
09:06:36



bikerabe Bora Soigneur knocked down by CCC rider

18-Jul-2019
09:06:50



bikerabe will Wellens settle for 2nd place KOM points?

18-Jul-2019
09:08:17



BusterSci Check the filter, Mikey.

18-Jul-2019
09:10:23



Mikey Boy, you would have thought it would have told me.

18-Jul-2019
09:10:55



Katie S I think it's just sucking up to you, Mikey. "I'm such a hard worker!!!"

18-Jul-2019
09:11:02



Katie S 2 KU

18-Jul-2019
09:12:22

















BusterSci 6:36

18-Jul-2019
09:12:49



Mikey There is a bicycle lesson in there somewhere....

18-Jul-2019
09:12:49

-  **bikerabe** 1.6 km to top 28" to Wellens 18-Jul-2019
09:18:58
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-  **SFinAus** So long for now. I must do my part to secure the cabin! 18-Jul-2019
09:19:39
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-  **Katie S** Good flying, SF 18-Jul-2019
09:19:56
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-  **SFinAus** Thanks! 18-Jul-2019
09:20:14
-
-  **bikerabe** Rohan abandons no word why 18-Jul-2019
09:20:17
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-  **Joanna in New York** Safe trip, Shawn! 18-Jul-2019
09:20:23
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-  **bikerabe** peloton in serious cruise mode M&R 18-Jul-2019
09:21:14
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-  **Katie S** Rumored tummy issue for Dennis. Stopped for a nature break. Abandoned. I think Dumoulin probably can infer what's going on ... 18-Jul-2019
09:21:31
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-  **Joanna in New York** Wellens takes the points! 18-Jul-2019
09:24:36
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-  **Tim in KY** Wellens gets the KOM max on the first Cat 1. 18-Jul-2019
09:24:39
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-  **bikerabe** Wellens snatches KOM 18-Jul-2019
09:24:39
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-  **Joanna in New York** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1563456693-1563456393329.jpeg> 18-Jul-2019
09:26:35
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-  **Joanna in New York** :S- 18-Jul-2019
09:26:46
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-  **Joanna in New York** A couple Kings/Queens of the mountain there - YIKES! 18-Jul-2019
09:27:08



bikerabe Simon Clarke descending madly in front

18-Jul-2019
09:27:14



Tim in KY Weird to see the gap go up on the climb.

18-Jul-2019
09:27:28



Katie S Beautiful picture.

18-Jul-2019
09:28:38



Joanna in New York <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1563456693-1563456533054.jpeg>

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09:28:54



Katie S "intriguing" message re Dennis ...

18-Jul-2019
09:29:01



Joanna in New York You can see the bike in this image.

18-Jul-2019
09:29:02



Katie S PINK DINOUSAUR

18-Jul-2019
09:29:17



Tim in KY Yeah, Katie, that was strange.

18-Jul-2019
09:30:28



BusterSci I came back from walking Ripley a week or so ago and two neighbor kids were running around the cul-de-sac in T-rex get-up. She was NOT amused.

18-Jul-2019
09:30:39



Katie S Sagan Supertuck

18-Jul-2019
09:31:23



BusterSci I was though

18-Jul-2019
09:31:25



BusterSci <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1563457012-1563456711721.jpeg>

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09:31:58



Katie S HA! Very funny

18-Jul-2019
09:32:08



Mikey <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h59IUTbuE1I>

18-Jul-2019
09:33:00



BusterSci The after race part is better than the race.

18-Jul-2019
09:35:18



Katie S oh, i'm sure there was a pre-race part, too

18-Jul-2019
09:35:32



Tim in KY KOM results: 1. Tim Wellens, 10 points 2. Serge Pauwels, 8 3. Lilian Calmejane, 6 4. Tiesj Benoot, 4 5. Simon Clarke, 2 6. Matthias Frank, 1

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09:35:52



Katie S Clarke is riding his heart out.

18-Jul-2019
09:38:38



BusterSci Ewan has crashed

18-Jul-2019
09:40:07



BusterSci Woods also...again?

18-Jul-2019
09:40:28



BusterSci Bahrain-Merida have just released a mysterious tweet regarding Rohan Dennis leaving the race. "Our priority is the welfare of all our riders so will launch an immediate investigation but will not be commenting further until we have established what has happened to Rohan Dennis. "Meantime we continue to support our riders who are mid-race."

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09:41:13



Joanna in New York <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1563457588-3284-inflatable-t-rex-costume.jpg>

18-Jul-2019
09:41:30



BusterSci Some reports from French broadcaster France TV Sport suggest that Dennis has disappeared, and the Bahrain-Merida's team staff don't know about his abandon. Take it with a pinch of salt for now, but this is a strange story.

18-Jul-2019
09:41:49



BusterSci My last two posts come via CN feed.

18-Jul-2019
09:42:03



Joanna in New York Transponder issue? Alien abduction?

18-Jul-2019
09:42:30



Tim in KY Robbie read that tweet a few minutes ago.

18-Jul-2019
09:42:54



Katie S yeah, alien ... substance?

18-Jul-2019
09:43:02



BusterSci I'm guessing the UCI Sock Squad has him in an undisclosed location.

18-Jul-2019
09:44:14



Joanna in New York I bet they brought in reinforcements...

18-Jul-2019
09:45:01



Joanna in New York Going to roll him!

18-Jul-2019
09:45:12



Tim in KY To get listed as abandon, the jersey number has to be turned in to a commissar.

18-Jul-2019
09:45:17



Joanna in New York His elastic snapped?

18-Jul-2019
09:45:38



Tim in KY Clarke has a car with him now.

18-Jul-2019
09:46:11



BusterSci Had a bad run

18-Jul-2019
09:46:11



BusterSci Or just had the runs

18-Jul-2019
09:46:28



Joanna in New York Probably feels like a heel...

18-Jul-2019
09:47:16



Katie S I'm thinking Triplets of Belleville square-shouldered thugs ... maybe

18-Jul-2019
09:47:16



Tim in KY Clarke on the climb.

18-Jul-2019
09:47:47

















BusterSci "Was last seen apparently wearing AG2R shorts..."

18-Jul-2019
09:48:20



Joanna in New York Well behaved crowds at the bottom of the climb, providing stark contrast to the top...

18-Jul-2019
09:48:34

-  **Joanna in New York** Who is the AG2R rider that is shorts-less? 18-Jul-2019
09:48:48
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-  **Joanna in New York** Rohan's bike with team bus at finish line. 18-Jul-2019
09:50:34
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-  **Joanna in New York** Bizarre. 18-Jul-2019
09:50:41
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-  **BusterSci** G Martin changes bikes 18-Jul-2019
09:51:15
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-  **BusterSci** CN has a brief story on Dennis. 18-Jul-2019
09:53:48
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-  **BusterSci** Suggests the team investigation is to find out why he abandoned. 18-Jul-2019
09:54:21
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-  **Katie S** Trentin slowly creeping up on Clarke 18-Jul-2019
09:54:31
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-  **Katie S** now at 38" 18-Jul-2019
09:55:30
-
-  **Joanna in New York** Investigation. Q: Why did you abandon? A: I didn't feel like I could continue. Investigation closed. 18-Jul-2019
09:55:47
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-  **BusterSci** Some suggest there was an argument with the DS. 18-Jul-2019
09:56:06
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-  **Tim in KY** Frank and Muleburger now chasing Trentin. 18-Jul-2019
09:56:08
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-  **Joanna in New York** Is his contract up this year? 18-Jul-2019
09:56:42
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-  **Katie S** So that was a big ol' F-U to the team? 18-Jul-2019
09:56:45
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-  **Joanna in New York** If not, it is now... 18-Jul-2019
09:57:14
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Katie S seems rash ... and not a way to endear oneself to future employers...

18-Jul-2019
09:57:29



Tim in KY Break is splitting into little duets.

18-Jul-2019
09:57:46



Katie S I just did the math. Clarke is climbing at 13 mph. Good lord.

18-Jul-2019
09:58:41



Katie S I'd be at 3

18-Jul-2019
09:58:47



Tim in KY The fastest imagined time at the finish is 16:53. That's going to be shattered.

18-Jul-2019
10:00:21



Katie S Trentin about to be caught

18-Jul-2019
10:00:26



BusterSci Yates is off.

18-Jul-2019
10:01:00



Tim in KY This is a lousy road. I'm glad it's not raining.

18-Jul-2019
10:01:50



Katie S yeah ... "could be worse"

18-Jul-2019
10:02:04



BusterSci Clarke just 50m or so off the front now

18-Jul-2019
10:03:08



BusterSci Trentin between.

18-Jul-2019
10:03:17



Joanna in New York VIKINGS!

18-Jul-2019
10:03:24



BusterSci SKOL!

18-Jul-2019
10:03:46



Joanna in New York

18-Jul-2019
10:03:54



BusterSci Two AG2Rs in the Yates group. Both have pants.

18-Jul-2019
10:04:07



Joanna in New York Whew!

18-Jul-2019
10:04:13



Katie S wa s wrong about Trentin. he just joined Clarke

18-Jul-2019
10:04:46



BusterSci Trentin now leading Clarke

18-Jul-2019
10:04:52



BusterSci 4.7km to climb

18-Jul-2019
10:05:02



BusterSci 6:16 to yellow

18-Jul-2019
10:05:11



Tim in KY The Yates group is not far behind.

18-Jul-2019
10:05:15



BusterSci Clarke dropped

18-Jul-2019
10:05:34



Katie S uh, and passed 'im. a-yup

18-Jul-2019
10:05:43



Joanna in New York Dudes all over the climb...

18-Jul-2019
10:05:58



Katie S RAPTOR! (not veloci)

18-Jul-2019
10:06:48



BusterSci Now Yates drags a few to Trentin

18-Jul-2019
10:07:41



bikerabe or Vulture !

18-Jul-2019
10:08:04

















BusterSci Yates on the front now

18-Jul-2019
10:08:19



BusterSci Muhlberger with him

18-Jul-2019
10:08:28

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-  **BusterSci** Ineos leads the peloton 18-Jul-2019
10:08:49
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-  **Katie S** (yeah, probably vulture. but i wanted it to be a raptor, does that matter?) 18-Jul-2019
10:09:33
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-  **Tim in KY** GPS is way off. 18-Jul-2019
10:09:36
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-  **Katie S** 1 KU 18-Jul-2019
10:09:47
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-  **BusterSci** Vultures are raptors. 18-Jul-2019
10:10:14
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-  **Alison Quarles** If vultures eat only dead stuff would they be raptors? 18-Jul-2019
10:10:47
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-  **BusterSci** Yup 18-Jul-2019
10:10:56
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-  **Joanna in New York** Green Jersey has been abducted. 18-Jul-2019
10:11:01
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-  **Katie S** see what we learn here in the Pub? 18-Jul-2019
10:11:11
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-  **BusterSci** Most raptors are carrion eaters. 18-Jul-2019
10:11:16
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-  **BusterSci** Not exclusively, but it's one reason hawks and eagles hang around highways. 18-Jul-2019
10:12:11
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-  **BusterSci** Bilbao closes to the lead duo 18-Jul-2019
10:12:22
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-  **BusterSci** Now Yates goes 18-Jul-2019
10:12:26
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-  **Alison Quarles** Do vultures ever actually go after live prey? 18-Jul-2019
10:12:30
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Katie S When I was driving down our main road into town the other day, at about 30 mph (it was a beach day), a hawk swooped down from above from the right, slipped between the cars ahead and scooped up an unsuspecting gopher on the verge on the right. It was something to behold.

18-Jul-2019
10:12:34



Katie S from the LEFT (sorry) to the right

18-Jul-2019
10:12:50



BusterSci Idjits.

18-Jul-2019
10:12:51



BusterSci Eejits

18-Jul-2019
10:12:57



BusterSci ijeets.

18-Jul-2019
10:13:03



BusterSci Spell it how you like.

18-Jul-2019
10:13:09



Joanna in New York idjitz

18-Jul-2019
10:13:23



Joanna in New York Take that, spellcheck!

18-Jul-2019
10:13:29



BusterSci Roche goes from the chase

18-Jul-2019
10:13:42



BusterSci <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1563459563-1563459263058.png>

18-Jul-2019
10:14:28



Joanna in New York Well, that really is "NO", isn't it?

18-Jul-2019
10:14:52



Alison Quarles I have a hawk in my neighborhood who plucked a squirrel out of my oak tree.

18-Jul-2019
10:14:54



Katie S that looks like something of a perp walk

18-Jul-2019
10:14:57



Katie S geez, AliQ. That'd be a surprise.

18-Jul-2019
10:15:08



Miren Brinkman Morning all! Just in time for the end of the stage.

18-Jul-2019
10:15:15



BusterSci An angry-looking looking Rohan Dennis leaves the @Bahrain_Merida bus without saying a word, marching towards the finish line with his manager Andrew McQuaid. #TDF2019 #tdf

18-Jul-2019
10:15:24



Joanna in New York Ironic message on his shirt...

18-Jul-2019
10:15:51



Katie S was thinking the same thing m'self

18-Jul-2019
10:16:02



BusterSci 7:18 to GC,

18-Jul-2019
10:16:45



BusterSci Bilbao still within striking distance

18-Jul-2019
10:16:58



BusterSci I say 20 meters

18-Jul-2019
10:17:05



Tim in KY Who is the best descender in the lead eight?

18-Jul-2019
10:17:26



BusterSci Can I just say I hate the Yates brothers just for their stupid oversized sunglasses?

18-Jul-2019
10:17:45



Joanna in New York Yes you can, Buster.

18-Jul-2019
10:17:57



BusterSci Ok. I hate the Yates brothers just for their stupid oversized sunglasses.

18-Jul-2019
10:18:51
















Tim in KY M&R say Trentin is the best descender.















18-Jul-2019
10:19:27



BusterSci I don't think there is anybody to make a separation on the descent. More importantly is the strongest sprinter.

18-Jul-2019
10:19:32

-  **Mikey** I just checked with my furnace and it didn't know anything about Dennis. 18-Jul-2019 10:19:42
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-  **BusterSci** If Trentin crosses, it's his. 18-Jul-2019 10:19:47
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-  **BusterSci** Bilbao has caught on the front duo 18-Jul-2019 10:20:03
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-  **Tim in KY** Can you imagine this in the rain? 18-Jul-2019 10:20:49
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-  **Joanna in New York** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1563460013-Screen%20Shot%202019-07-18%20at%2010.21.24%20AM.png> 18-Jul-2019 10:21:54
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-  **Joanna in New York** Wow, Wikipedia updates quickly - from the Rohan Dennis page: 18-Jul-2019 10:21:56
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-  **John** Who is going to want him in the future? 18-Jul-2019 10:22:28
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-  **BusterSci** More sources starting to report abandon after a public row with team. 18-Jul-2019 10:23:01
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-  **Joanna in New York** Good Grief! 18-Jul-2019 10:23:11
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-  **BusterSci** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1563460177-Screen%20Shot%202019-07-18%20at%209.24.23%20AM.png> 18-Jul-2019 10:24:40
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-  **Joanna in New York** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1563460013-1563459887259.jpeg> 18-Jul-2019 10:24:48
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-  **BusterSci** yeah, that was purdy 18-Jul-2019 10:25:02
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-  **Tim in KY** Usually don't see so many RVs on the descent. 18-Jul-2019 10:25:07
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-  **BusterSci** My guess: They wanted him to ride hard, he wanted to conserve for the TT. 18-Jul-2019 10:26:01
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-  **Tim in KY** GC group over the top. 18-Jul-2019 10:26:13
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-  **Joanna in New York** My apologies for the lousy quality images, but some views are inspiring enough to overcome. 18-Jul-2019 10:26:33
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-  **Tim in KY** He did try very hard for the break. 18-Jul-2019 10:26:40
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-  **BusterSci** I'm sure there will be a pro-con contract waiting for him. 18-Jul-2019 10:27:09
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-  **bikerabe** If he wants to ride for a Pro Continental team 18-Jul-2019 10:28:26
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-  **BusterSci** He will until midway through a race. 18-Jul-2019 10:29:12
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-  **Joanna in New York** Oh, SNAP! 18-Jul-2019 10:29:25
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-  **Joanna in New York** LOL! 18-Jul-2019 10:29:29
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-  **Tim in KY** 20 km banner. 18-Jul-2019 10:30:46
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-  **Katie S** are we willing to say the win will come from the break? 18-Jul-2019 10:31:00
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-  **Katie S** or will the poursuivants pour it on to catch them 18-Jul-2019 10:31:14
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-  **BusterSci** Yes 18-Jul-2019 10:31:16
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-  **Joanna in New York** This is a safe place, Katie - you can say almost anything here (with the exception of the banned words). 18-Jul-2019 10:32:10
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BusterSci Or "don't" followed by "watch"

18-Jul-2019
10:32:50



Tim in KY The three in front have 1:10 on the chasers. The road is down hill to the finish. I think one of those three wins.

18-Jul-2019
10:33:05



bikerabe Agree, Tim

18-Jul-2019
10:33:29



BusterSci Mühlburger is the favorite

18-Jul-2019
10:33:49



Joanna in New York They are working very well together, for now...

18-Jul-2019
10:33:57



BusterSci He almost beat Juju in a sprint recently.

18-Jul-2019
10:34:01



BusterSci that was in the Dauphine

18-Jul-2019
10:34:17



Miren Brinkman Simon in the front? He's finally doing what he said he would!!!

18-Jul-2019
10:35:19



Joanna in New York Shaking out the legs.

18-Jul-2019
10:35:37



BusterSci Wearing hideous sunglasses?

18-Jul-2019
10:35:37



John What's the latest finish ETA? How much time do I have to get off these conference calls and head downstairs to the bar with theTV?

18-Jul-2019
10:35:38



Miren Brinkman Yes! But then he always wears those horrible shades.

18-Jul-2019
10:35:56



BusterSci 13km

18-Jul-2019
10:35:56



John Oh, not much then

18-Jul-2019
10:36:07



BusterSci Take no more than 10m

18-Jul-2019
10:36:15



BusterSci Probably less, as it's all downhill from here

18-Jul-2019
10:36:30



Alison Quarles Enough time for me to move the sprinkler to another part of the yard!

18-Jul-2019
10:36:37



John Thanks

18-Jul-2019
10:36:44



Joanna in New York What a beautiful valley.

18-Jul-2019
10:36:57



Miren Brinkman If we'd had a fantasy team, two of mine are in the break!

18-Jul-2019
10:37:16



Tim in KY They should finish before 16:50.

18-Jul-2019
10:38:12



BusterSci ANSWER!

18-Jul-2019
10:38:50



BusterSci <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1563461035-1563460734586.png>

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10:39:00



Joanna in New York :P

18-Jul-2019
10:39:22



Joanna in New York The LAST thing I want is an app that makes me look older! What's next, an app that makes me look fatter? What a stupid concept!

18-Jul-2019
10:40:18



BusterSci Let's be honest. It's an app to collect images for facial recognition.

18-Jul-2019
10:41:35

















Joanna in New York I need a Tide Pod...

18-Jul-2019
10:41:43



BusterSci Tragic

18-Jul-2019
10:42:01

-  **Tim in KY** Trentin gets red numbers. 18-Jul-2019
10:43:25
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-  **BusterSci** I need to do some sort of bullshit challenge. 18-Jul-2019
10:43:28
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-  **BusterSci** 5km 18-Jul-2019
10:43:38
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-  **Katie S** Exactly right, Buster - facial recognition body snatcher app. 18-Jul-2019
10:43:55
-
-  **bikerabe** Dance challenge ? 18-Jul-2019
10:44:05
-
-  **Katie S** Big Brother is us 18-Jul-2019
10:44:07
-
-  **BusterSci** Herring challenge 18-Jul-2019
10:44:23
-
-  **Joanna in New York** Penguin Costume Dance Challenge - averted last year, thankfully. 18-Jul-2019
10:44:33
-
-  **Tim in KY** FaceApp is also run by Russian intelligence agency. 18-Jul-2019
10:45:03
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-  **bikerabe** AI knows humans are stupid 18-Jul-2019
10:45:20
-
-  **BusterSci** Eat a dozen herrings than vomit them up into your child's mouth. I predict it happens in 2021. 18-Jul-2019
10:45:22
-
-  **Joanna in New York** No kids, I'm safe. 18-Jul-2019
10:45:53
-
-  **Mikey** I have missed out on SO much. 18-Jul-2019
10:46:38
-
-  **Joanna in New York** Inside the barriers. 18-Jul-2019
10:47:24



Katie S Just fyi: 2:04 back to the poursuivants

18-Jul-2019
10:47:28



Katie S since the telly isn't telling us

18-Jul-2019
10:47:36



BusterSci 1.7km

18-Jul-2019
10:47:56



BusterSci The looking around will come shortly

18-Jul-2019
10:48:09



Joanna in New York Great commentary: "Surely Yates won't take over again - he DOES"!

18-Jul-2019
10:48:14



bikerabe Ultimo Kilometre

18-Jul-2019
10:48:20



Katie S they even have time for a track stop or two

18-Jul-2019
10:48:20



BusterSci Ooo

18-Jul-2019
10:48:29



BusterSci I hit just now

18-Jul-2019
10:48:33



Joanna in New York Cat and Mouse

18-Jul-2019
10:48:42



Joanna in New York Slow Sprint

18-Jul-2019
10:49:03



BusterSci Doo dee doo

18-Jul-2019
10:49:08


















Katie S oh, this is so much fun ... for us

18-Jul-2019
10:49:13



Joanna in New York Ho Hum

18-Jul-2019
10:49:14

-  **BusterSci** Yup yup yo 18-Jul-2019
10:49:21
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-  **BusterSci** I'm not gonna do it. You do it 18-Jul-2019
10:49:31
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-  **Katie S** Mullberry gonna do it 18-Jul-2019
10:49:36
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-  **BusterSci** Yup 18-Jul-2019
10:49:40
-
-  **BusterSci** Mulberry. Nickname locked. 18-Jul-2019
10:49:47
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-  **Joanna in New York** YATES! 18-Jul-2019
10:49:47
-
-  **Joanna in New York** It was the sunglasses... 18-Jul-2019
10:50:05
-
-  **BusterSci** Simo! 18-Jul-2019
10:50:09
-
-  **Katie S** Yates pretty foxy 18-Jul-2019
10:50:15
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-  **Katie S** whaddy know 18-Jul-2019
10:50:18
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-  **Katie S** Won by a sunglass frame ... a big one 18-Jul-2019
10:50:43
-
-  **Alison Quarles** Those are some large sunglasses. 18-Jul-2019
10:51:36
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-  **Joanna in New York** Very Goggle-like. 18-Jul-2019
10:51:57
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-  **BusterSci** He won by boxing Mulberry in against the barriers. 18-Jul-2019
10:52:34
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-  **BusterSci** Not in an evil way. 18-Jul-2019
10:52:40



BusterSci Just good racing.

18-Jul-2019
10:52:45



Katie S <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1563461865-fearlessly.jpg>

18-Jul-2019
10:52:47



BusterSci <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1563461911-1563461610518.png>

18-Jul-2019
10:53:32



BusterSci Stage top 10

18-Jul-2019
10:53:41



Katie S Pello can't sprint because his name is too heavy

18-Jul-2019
10:53:58



BusterSci First pyrenean stage overshadowed by mystery abandon.

18-Jul-2019
10:55:51



BusterSci Ineos leading it in

18-Jul-2019
10:55:59



BusterSci Casually

18-Jul-2019
10:56:02



Katie S Courteously, one might say

18-Jul-2019
10:56:15



Katie S (sorry obscure musical score reference)

18-Jul-2019
10:56:33



Tim in KY Now, in honor of the heat wave, I'm going to make a big batch of gazpacho.

18-Jul-2019
10:57:17



Katie S with homegrown tomatoes?

18-Jul-2019
10:58:59



Tim in KY Not growing my own this summer, but local tomatoes.

18-Jul-2019
10:59:50



Katie S yummy

18-Jul-2019
11:00:26



BusterSci Assuming we hav no GC changes, so won't bother posting that top 10.

18-Jul-2019
11:01:19



BusterSci A thoroughly uninteresting stage.

18-Jul-2019
11:01:38



BusterSci Nizzolo crashed out. Did I miss someone else reporting that?

18-Jul-2019
11:02:28



Joanna in New York Nope.

18-Jul-2019
11:02:44



Joanna in New York Have a great day, see you tomorrow!

18-Jul-2019
11:02:52



BusterSci Tah

18-Jul-2019
11:03:00



Katie S i think he abandoned because of his ditch dive yesterday.

18-Jul-2019
11:04:49