**Tim in KY** VaE Stage 4 is 185 kilometers from Andorra due south to Tarragona on the Mediterranean coast.

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Tim in KY Andorra la Vella, the start town, is the highest capital city in Europe at 1,023 meters. The finish town is at sea level. There are several lumpy diversions from that gradual descent. Two of them are classified Cat 3 and they both come near the end of the route. That, coupled with the fact that there are very few teams with a true sprinter, makes the nature of the finish fight a mystery.

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Tim in KY https://rumbletalk-images-

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**Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:20 CEST. There appears to be <sup>08-28-2023</sup> no neutral start. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Forecast is for sunshine with temps warming from the high single digits at the start to the high-20s on the coast.

Alaska Dave Which unusual misfortune will befall Remco on this stage and how can he blame it on race organization? Of course there is the 120 degree hairpin in the final KM.

**Tim in KY** The tickers say there is a neutral start. It doesn't show on the ASO time schedule. No live stream until 14:50.

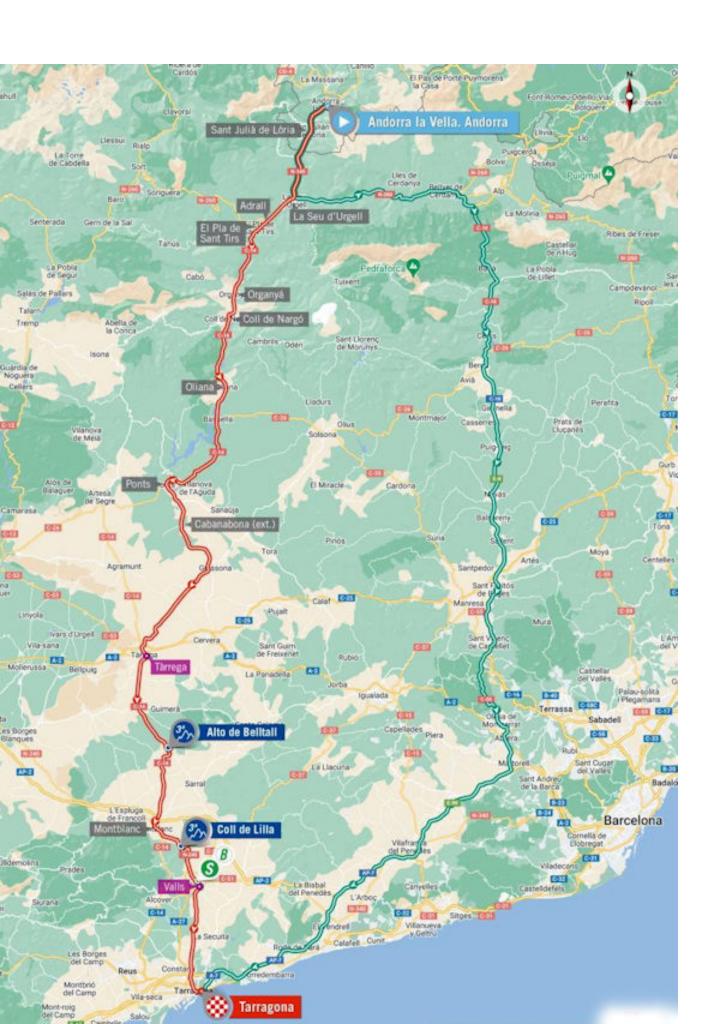
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**Tim in KY** No DNF yesterday, no DNS today.

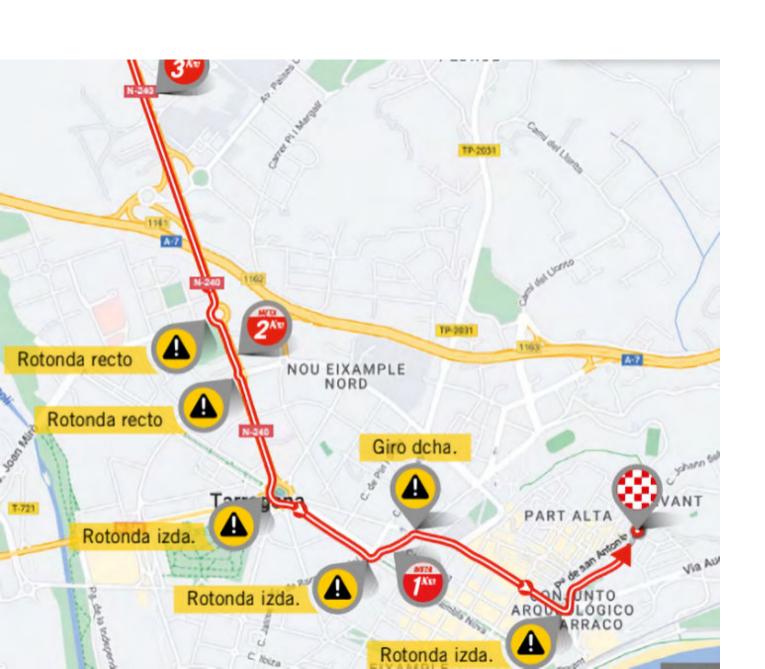
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**Tim in KY** An easy, early three man break. Eduardo Sepulveda (Lotto Dstny), Ander Okamika (Burgos-BH) and David Gonzalez (Caja Rural-Seguros RGA). Looks like a sprint stage.

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**Tim in KY** Cofidis is one of the few teams with a true sprinter but they're not 08-29-2023 contributing to the gap-minding.

08-29-2023 **Charlie in Tenn** The fantasy league is going to be interesting. Most teams 08:19:36 am have a combination of 2 of these 3 (Roglic, Remco, Vinge). The best guessers will have the top two and then it comes down to who else those teams have, I think. Thomas, Mas, Vlasov, Bardet, Ayuso, Almeida, Lenny, and even Cian could be the deciding factor. All I know is that I had the winner and 4th place yesterday and moved up Zero places,

**Charlie in Tenn** Another thought. Even though there are only a few sprint stages, a sprinter could gather a lot of points. My sprinter is a lead out man so I am not getting much from sprint stages.

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**Tim in KY** Very tight gap-minding. +/- 2 minutes is all they're getting.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Renco sporting some red bar tape, bottle holders, and computer holder.

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how's his face? Didn't he get a little scraped up? Katie S

08-29-2023 08:46:17 am

**Charlie in Tenn** I have not seen him up close. He had a cut above his eyebrow.

08-29-2023 08:48:45 am

08-29-2023 **Katie S** Yesterday I shared the photo of the UCI sign at the Edinburgh 08:49:05 am airport... Although our trip was about whisky, golf and highland cattle, I always have my antennae up for bicycles. Here are two: One was outside the cooperage at the Balvenie distillery and the other is inside the posh Glenmorangie House lodge. Also, my caddy when we played one of the St. Andrews courses (not the Old Course) took up cycling in his 50s and rode up Ventoux in less than 2 hours, not stopping. In between holes, we chatted up bike racing and riding. Loved it.

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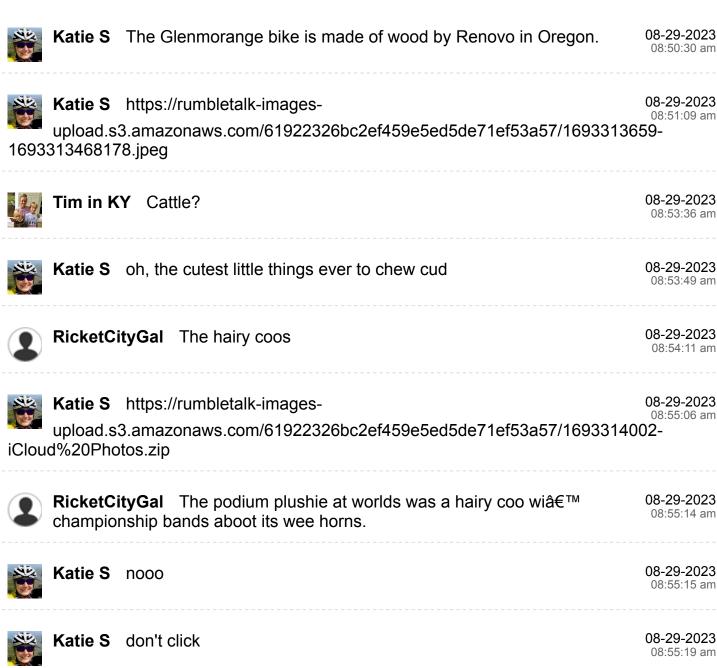
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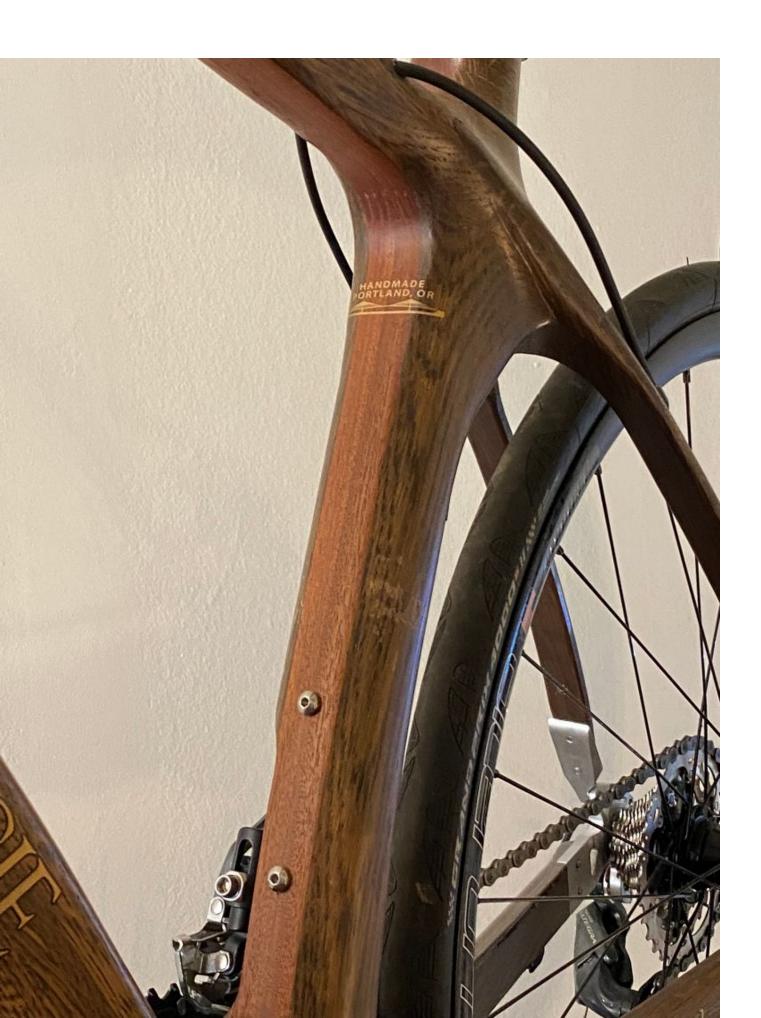
08-29-2023 **Katie S** aye!

08-29-2023 **RicketCityGal** That wooden bike is sweet. A A friend of mine has a vintage 08:57:03 am track bike with wooden wheels.

08:55:52 am

Katie S oh, and I was lured away from the History of Scotland displays in the 08-29-2023 08:58:11 am National Museum of Scotland into the science and technology wing, where









Katie S And did you know? Dunlop tires were invented by a Scottish veterinarian. Here the very first Dunlop pneumatic tire:

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Katie S OK, i'll stop now

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RicketCityGal Not bad for a 164 year old tyre

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**RicketCityGal** Here's how the 2nd shamrock try came out. Â Better stem this time

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**Charlie in Tenn** You are a talented tye dyer.

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Beautiful! Katie S

08-29-2023 09:08:18 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Bryan Coquard has a problem with his coccyx. That cannot 08-29-2023 be good for a sprinter, can it?

09:12:50 am



certainly not. ouch. Katie S

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**Charlie in Tenn** This may be good for me, since his lead out man Cimolai is 08-29-2023 my sprinter.

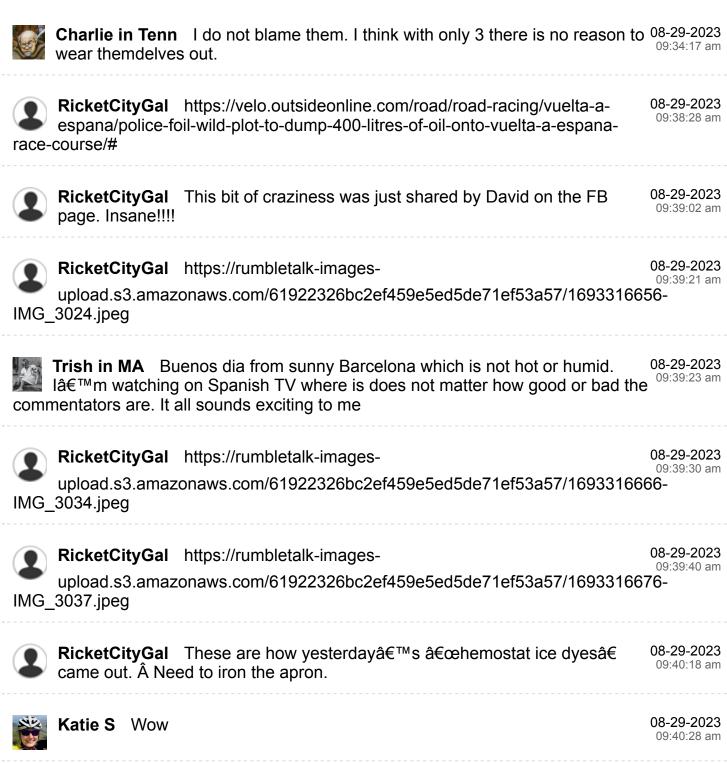
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Tim in KY Break is playing chicken with the peloton. They're riding slower and slower and daring the peloton to catch them with 3KU to go. They want a bigger gap.

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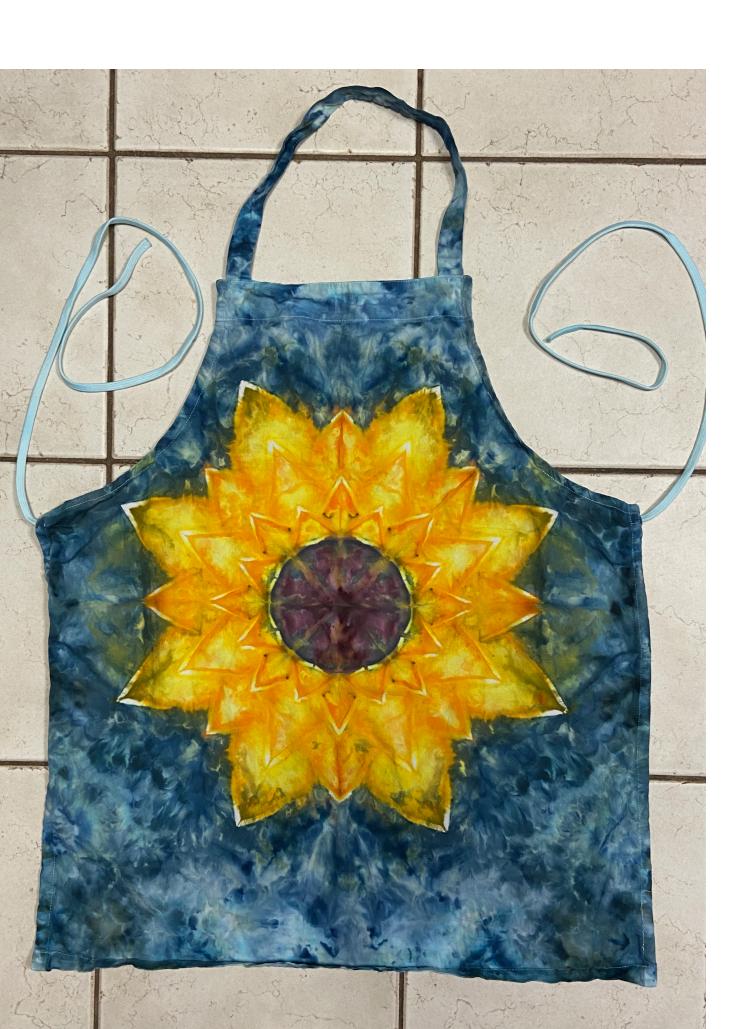




**Katie S** As for the Catalan conspirators, i don't think this punishment will 08-29-2023 09:40:52 am matter much to them: "They have also been slapped with a measure preventing them from being within 500 meters of the Vuelta a España's remaining stages"

**RocketCityGal** A friend saw my collection of hemostats and commented, 08-29-2023 09:45:09 am "Wow, that's a lot of roach clips.†Â Bear in mind that there things are robust and some are about a foot long. A Plus the ends are coated with Plasti-Dip (prevents them from chewing holes in the fabric). Â I have a variety of straight and curved ones in several sizes.







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Trish in MA They are either roach clips or RCG is a surgeon in her other life	<b>08-29-2023</b> 09:49:51 am
Tim in KY Gap is under a minute with 70 km still to go.	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:01:40 am
Tim in KY First Cat 3 starts in 6 km.	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:02:15 am
Katie S 2 KUs	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:06:08 am
Katie S that gap coming down a bit more now	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:07:34 am
Tim in KY Team cars out of the gap.	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:11:16 am
Tim in KY Climb starting.	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:15:39 am
<b>Katie S</b> These broad-road, treeless climbs are the most demoralizing, in my experience. It doesn't look like you're going up, but you're suffering for no apparent reason.	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:16:30 am
Katie S Give me a steep, forested goat track of a climb any day	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:16:59 am
Tim in KY Long transfer tonight from Catalonia down into Valencia.	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:19:27 am
Tim in KY You're right, Katie. It doesn't look like they're climbing.	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:20:40 am
<b>Trish in MA</b> Ok my tv channel just switched to the world Marathon championships in Budapest	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:22:37 am
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Tim in KY Where are you now Trish?



<b>SFinAus</b> Sean Kelly said this stage was a 'slow burner', but that's no reason to switch to marathon coverage.Â:)	08-29-2023 10:29:02 am
Katie S ha!	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:29:17 am
Katie S Sepulveda gets the KOM, and, whew, that slog is over for the trio	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:29:50 am
<b>Trish in MA</b> Still in Barcelona. My husband is in Montserrat. I suffered a bad mussel last night and didn't want to do anything today	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:29:53 am
Trish in MA Luckily I have found another channel with full coverage to the end	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:30:34 am
Tim in KY Sorry Trish. Have you found the right TV station yet?	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:30:59 am
Tim in KY 20 km of descent now.	08-29-2023 10:31:10 am
<b>Trish in MA</b> Si. It also has some stupid sports that it's advertising	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:31:38 am
Charlie in Tenn Sepulveda wants to get more KOM pts on the next climb.  Will someone from the bunch try to catch the break and go for the 30 km race to the finish?	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:31:54 am
<b>Trish in MA</b> Plus Valverde shilling things. They like their retired/gone sports figured here too. Messi has been shilling Burger King	08-29-2023 10:33:40 am
Tim in KY Tomorrow there's just one Cat 2. Several climbs, though.	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:34:16 am
Trish in MA A female color commentator!	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:34:49 am
Trish in MA Nope. Just an interview	<b>08-29-2023</b> 10:38:01 am

**Charlie in Tenn** The guys are racing a little.

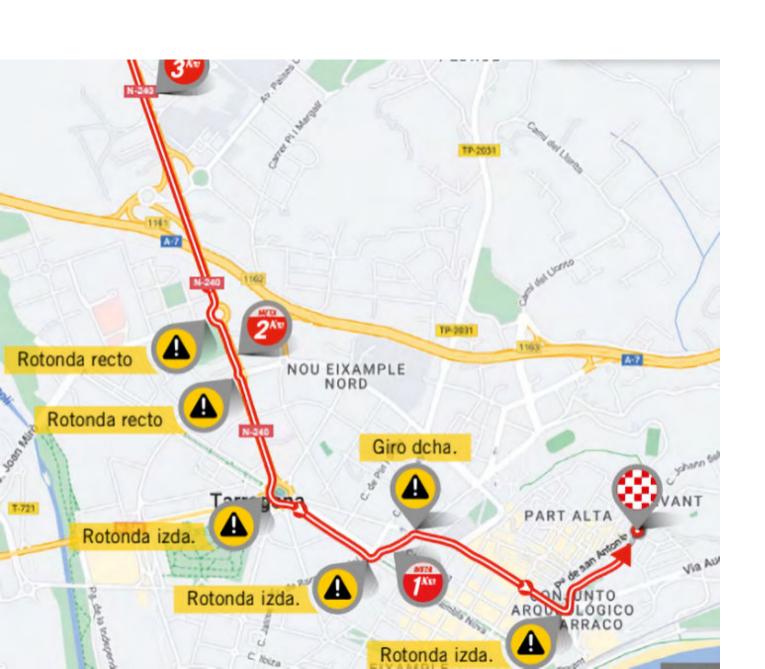
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Trish in MA Here comes the cavalry	08-29-2023 11:01:50 am
SFinAus GCN comms are liking Ganna with his "watt bombs"	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:07:55 am
<b>Trish in MA</b> l'm at 20km. Where are you?	08-29-2023 11:07:56 am
SFinAus 27	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:08:01 am
SFinAus !	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:08:03 am
Tim in KY 20.5.	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:08:14 am
Katie S I'm at 20.4	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:08:19 am
SFinAus Hmmm. Looks like I need to refresh.	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:08:39 am
<b>KimC</b> Good morning all! Whew I slept in- and am not starting at the start but jumping straight in to join you all- I'm seeing them at 19 km.	08-29-2023 11:10:21 am
Charlie in Tenn All back together	08-29-2023 11:10:41 am
Charlie in Tenn PCS web site is having trouble keeping their live updates current and they must be having too many people logging in as well.	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:12:35 am
SFinAus Yup. I caught back on too. 15.2 kmm	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:12:53 am



SFinAus Kilometers, not kilomillimeters	08-29-2023 11:13:31 am
<b>Charlie in Tenn</b> FYI, it is cloudy and 74 in Oak Ridge right now. I just let the dog out and thought, "This is my weather."	08-29-2023 11:15:06 am
SFinAus crash	08-29-2023 11:24:20 am
SFinAus Couple of guys not popping back up.	08-29-2023 11:24:56 am
Trish in MA Nasty on the replay	08-29-2023 11:25:02 am
Tim in KY Well, there goes my sprinter.	08-29-2023 11:25:02 am
Katie S oy	08-29-2023 11:25:12 am
Katie S that leg doesn't look good	08-29-2023 11:25:30 am
Trish in MA Coquard and buitrago	08-29-2023 11:25:48 am
SFinAus Coqy is my sprinter too	08-29-2023 11:25:52 am
SFinAus That was outside of 3 km, right?	08-29-2023 11:26:27 am
Tim in KY Road is going to narrow.	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:26:40 am
Tim in KY Yes, outside.	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:26:50 am
Trish in MA Oh dear	08-29-2023 11:27:56 am

SFinAus Argy bargy	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:28:05 am
SFinAus Final ramp	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:28:30 am
Katie S damn	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:28:59 am
Tim in KY EF down.	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:29:06 am
Trish in MA Wow that was exciting. The crash looks a mess	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:29:13 am
Katie S zounds	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:29:34 am
Trish in MA Wheel just slipping	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:30:13 am
Charlie in Tenn Groves, Molano, and a trek	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:30:18 am
SFinAus Teuns from Lidl-trek, Kelly believes.	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:31:14 am
Charlie in Tenn Probably Teuns	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:31:29 am
SFinAus Gotta go for now. Thanks all.	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:33:45 am
Trish in MA Tuens	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:34:03 am
Trish in MA So the Spanish post show has Oscar Saiz and a video of him teaching someone how to go around tight corners	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:38:19 am
Katie S a good lesson to learn.	<b>08-29-2023</b> 11:39:54 am

Charlie in Tenn https://rumbletalk-images-

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Trish in MA Off the Bilbao tomorrow. See you in a few days

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Charlie in Tenn https://rumbletalk-images-

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**Charlie in Tenn** That was the crash outside 3 kms. so they all lost time.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Buitrago was one of the BV leaders.

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**Charlie in Tenn** see ya tomorrow.

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## Crash by 5 riders in peloton

- COQUARD Bryan (Cofidis)
- BUITRAGO Santiago (Bahrain Victorious)
- GRADEK Kamil (Bahrain Victorious)
- ■ BIDARD François (Cofidis)
- GOOSSENS Kobe (Intermarché Circus Wanty)