



Tim in KY

03-31-2018 02:30:35

Here is a link to the RvV preview. <http://www.ciclismointernacional.com/ronde-van-vlaanderen-tour-of-flanders-2018-preview/> The race begins at 10:30 CET (04:30 EDT). Earliest live video at 12:30 CET (06:30 EDT).



BusterSci

03-31-2018 08:59:51

Steeptill says live video from the start on some streams, although I'm not saying I'll be around to check them out.

I woke up Sunday morning on a Belgian hill

A doo Ronde Ronde Ronde and doo Ronde Ronde

The world champ and two Belgians tangled in a spill

A doo Ronde Ronde Ronde and doo Ronde Ronde

Helicopter lens is wet. A few puddles on the road.

Don't sing that last prt

Early crash, a BMC is down, others delayed including Sep Vanmarcke

Bettiol the BMC

Roompot and Topsport, Vital Concept trying to make a break. QS and Cofidis mark it and nobody gets away. If I'm any rider with the tiniest hope I'm not letting QS into a break, period.

Now we have a small group, a Topsport, Vital Concept and Cofidis rider. QS doesn't like it and chases it down. 246km to go.

A giant hot air Smurf balloon crashes to the ground. Good riddance.

To be clear, it was already on the ground, it just collapsed the rest of the way. No Smurfs were harmed in the making of the Ronde. Unfortunately.

Peloton is lined out now as there are two groups with tiny gaps

Wildcard teams continue to try and make a gap and QS, for the most part, refuse them.

Bettiol and Sep have got back on

Now a LottoJ rider gets away and isn't being chased.

Much

He still has a70ish guys within minutes, but they all like "what ev."

He's got 5s or so

Vanmarcke has another ED rider with him at the back of the peloton

It's Maarten Wayants for LottoJ off the front.

Jack Bauer and another rider are tangled on the ground. Both get up, but Jack a bit slower than the other.

Kiel Reijnen

For the most part it just looks like slippery roads

240km left

A group of a dozen or so bridging to Wayants

Including a QS rider.

Bettiol climbing off. Just a mechanical, I think.

I've got the volume off my stream, as Frau is still asleep in the next room.

The peloton doesn't like the size or composition of the break and shuts it down.

Yves Lampaert OTB struggling with his rain gear.

4 riders trying to make a break now--make it 5

Together

235km. As you can tell, the pace is pretty high

A Bahrain and Cofidis rider off the front now

But QS shuts that down.

The peloton successfully navigates a 120 degree corner

We're out of town and into the Belgian countryside.

After a half hour of talking to myself, the peloton is still together

A QS leads around another 120 degree corner

Into another small Belgian town.

I see someone off the front. Another LottoJ rider

Hi, anonymous viewer

Ai! A giant white rabbit.

I'm late!

In the town of Zogge

Hi, Marc

How are things at Toad Hall this morning?

Zogge is the home of GvA

Our LottoJ rider is Pascal Eenkhoorn. Pascal. Interesting to sacrifice himself off the front this time of year.

All together again.

Another group gives it a go and there's a line of riders on the front trying to close it down or join the forming break.



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 05:37:02

Morning, Buster. Sorry I missed the fun on Wednesday. With this chest cold, I'm phlegmish enough to be up before the bunny hops. Your rigor is admirable.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 05:38:30

If only. My back was killing me so at 3:40 (CDT) I was up and at 'em. I feel better standing or seated than I do in bed, so...

225km to go, another Vital Concept rider off the front.



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 05:39:31

Ice or heat hlp?



BusterSci

04-01-2018 05:39:42

I'm on the Tiz 720p stream, as the full HD stream was giving me troubles this morning.



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 05:40:08

Thanks I was going to await gold.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 05:40:19

Temporarily, but not through sleep.

I don't see Gold on the Steephill list. Fubo is there, though.

Koren and Planckaert have a small gap

And now they don't

220km to go. Still a lot of attempts by wildcard teams and a lot of chasing by QS.

Close to 45kph in the first hour

Roads are damp

Another call break forms, this time with 5 riders

Riders trying to bridge

6 now in front

Roopot, Bahrain, Coifidis

There will be a catch




Marc @ Toad Hall


04-01-2018 05:48:26

That's too fast to maintain for 260+k. This race looks like a severe case of attrition. Does not seem anybody has crashed out yet, but I do not see any safety advantages in these reduced team sizes.


BusterSci


 I think the racing is better this year, though. Not ready to attribute that to team sizes. I think the reduced team sizes just allowed in more wildcard teams, which increases the number of cars in the caravan 04-01-2018 05:50:27

 **Marc @ Toad Hall** 04-01-2018 05:51:03
Good point

 **BusterSci** 04-01-2018 05:51:12
Another Roompot off the front.
Roompot, Vital, Movistar and LottoJ have a small gap at 213km


 **Marc @ Toad Hall** 04-01-2018 05:53:54
6 KU to go.
6.5, really

 **BusterSci** 04-01-2018 05:54:44
right. 198 is 6
199.8
The break is growing as riders bridge and the group is going to have to shut it down.
But three get away from the larger lead group so maybe it sticks
There were 2 Movistars up there, and another looks to be blocking the peloton.
210km. A lonely Roompot off the front and 3 others trying to bridge
But it's no more than a few seconds and may not stick
Together again
At least there is a string of riders between the break and the bunch
There was an excellent shot from a stationary camera a bit above the road that really showed how fast these guys are riding right now.
The heli shots and moto shots don't really give you a notion of speed in the same way.
Demare sure loves the camera.

 **Marc @ Toad Hall** 04-01-2018 06:02:41
Finally got a peek via tiz, but missed the crane shot.

 **BusterSci** 04-01-2018 06:03:16
And to be fair, the camera is pretty enamored with Monsieur Demare.

 **Marc @ Toad Hall** 04-01-2018 06:03:28
Greetings, gracious hostess.

 **BusterSci** 04-01-2018 06:03:45
Boy, that center stripe sure is wet and shiny
It was damp for the first hour. It's wet now.
204km to go
An idiot in a car screws up the peloton around a bend. It appears nobody was affected
Just some old fart ignoring the road closures, it appears.
As a middle-aged fart I believe I can justifiably use the term.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 06:06:48

Morning Gents! Happy Holiday Weekend!



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:07:39

Hi, Jo. Did Johan Museeuw visit you last night and leave Ronde Day gifts?



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 06:07:49

Buster, you have the makings of a superlative geezer, but you'll never catch up with me.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 06:08:03

Sadly, no...I'm off to hunt a video feed and a cup of tea.
Is it "Geezer Chat" time? I can throw my ancient hat into the ring...



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:09:25

I'm not racing to get there, Marc. If you're out in the break I'm just going to join the laughing group, let you reach the finish first, and try to stay just ahead of life's broom wagon.
A group of 6 have a small gap
Make that 7



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 06:11:54

My tiz seems a few minutes behind yours. I may catch up once gold awakes.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:11:54

We've passed the 200km mark, and still no break.



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 06:13:02

Joanna, any foal news yeat?



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:13:06

Marc, Gold is not covering this race.



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 06:13:29

Fiddle-dee-dee.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:14:10

Kristoff has a mechanic digging in his seat.
Saddle.
I should have said saddle



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 06:14:59

Marc, still a few weeks away.
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Tim in KY

04-01-2018 06:15:38

Happy Easter. I will be here inconstantly, if at all today.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 06:15:45

But looking like she could pop at any moment...



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:15:50

Morning, Tim



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 06:15:55

Happy Easter, Tim!



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:16:10

Another attempt at a break
As the peloton rolls through Mere.
About 8 riders with a gap of a couple seconds
Now others are trying to bridge the gap and this will be caught.
Hi, Jen



Jennifer Simon

04-01-2018 06:17:53

whispers mornin' all



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:18:09

Hoarse Whisperer?
We might have a break here
About 10 seconds
It's a large group
11 riders by my count
The peloton is bunched up and it's 24s now
The break has formed



Jennifer Simon

04-01-2018 06:19:58

Had Chipotle last night for dinner, so yes, I feel as big as that horsey. :D



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:20:04

at 194km to go
Peloton is eating
A crash
Sep again
A G-FDJ
JeffDJ?
38s
Sep is having a hard time staying on his bike and appears to be getting involved in multiple crashes and slowdowns.
Here he needs a wheel from a teammate. Didn't look to have hit the ground



Jennifer Simon

04-01-2018 06:23:47

Wow, Buster, you've been at it for a while. Trying to read from the top down but can't even get there. Thank you! Slow claps to Marc for Phlemish. I see what you did there.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:24:31

GvA OTB, but not in trouble at all.
Probably stopped to use the Roompot.
1:28 the gap, and climbing



Maite

04-01-2018 06:25:19

Happy Easter!



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:25:35

Tiesj Bennot Begot, the sign says. Who did he beget, I wonder?



Jennifer Simon

04-01-2018 06:25:37

Hopyy Easter!!
Proper conjugation: Bennot, Begot, Beget, Began, Begin the Beguine



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 06:27:15

Well done, Jen!



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:27:21

Well, it was certainly some proper conjugation if he begot someone.
We're back to dampish roads.



Jennifer Simon

04-01-2018 06:28:00

:P^



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:29:40

Nibbles having a cold a quiet day so far. Thinking "Ride the Ronde, they said. See Belgium, they said."
187km to go, 2:11 the gap
My monitored feeds aren't posting the break composition where I can copy it. No real danger men there, though.
QS leading the peloton.
Sep interview playing in a window but I can't tell you what he's saying because I have the volume muted.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 06:32:42

OK I am here. Good morning.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:32:46

He's alongside the team car. I wonder if that's his brother he was talking to.
Hi, CD.



Jennifer Simon

04-01-2018 06:32:59

I hope Charles brought bagels...



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:33:42

The peloton is riding across the road, in a big bunch. Like penguins waiting out a blizzard. I've been making bagels lately. Quite pleased with them.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 06:34:52

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The Break



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:35:38

All I'm saying now is I'm calling him Jimmy Turgid.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 06:35:50

Sorry, cold cereal for now.



Jennifer Simon

04-01-2018 06:35:57

Thanks Jo. Not one on my team, but I'm rooting for Goo Alerts



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 06:36:56

"Pim" is such a bouncy name.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:37:07

Ooo! It's tinny!



Jennifer Simon

04-01-2018 06:37:11

And a delicious cocktail



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:37:36

Eenkhoorn. Now there's a woody name. Eenkhoorn.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 06:37:59

Ni!



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:38:13

I think Ni is back with the peloton.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 06:38:22

I have Ganna still. Go Ganna go.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:38:25

About 180km to go and 3 minutes the gap.
I suspect the GPS is frozen because it hasn't changed in a couple minutes.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 06:38:58

Raindrops on the camera lens.
It's "cliche' chat"...



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:39:54

I look at those shiny wet cobbles in the town and think I'd just get off and walk my bike.
We're in our third km of the gap being exactly 3:02
QS and Sky at the front. is Sky for Kwiat? Or is this more of a Moscon day?



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 06:43:03

I see Maite just left, but I didn't catch her entry. Come back, Maite...



Jennifer Simon

04-01-2018 06:43:05

Kwiato, pls pls pls, no whammies!



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:43:24

2:26 the gap
Sky looks lighter now
Maybe even a bit of sun.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 06:44:05

Whaaaaa? In Flanders?



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:44:12

That's the "up there" sky, not the "That's not a small moon..." Sky.



Jennifer Simon

04-01-2018 06:44:46

Meeting Maite on her visit to Charleston was so fun. I'm waiting for the rest of you. Come on!



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:45:09

COBBLES!
Sagan and Bora have been invisible so far.
175km, 2:09
On the Paddestraat.



Jennifer Simon

04-01-2018 06:48:35

I hope Donny brought bagels.



Donny

04-01-2018 06:48:53

Morning gang! Hope to be home for the final 100km of the race until then, will be a bit in and out? Has

anyone yahoo mailed the nuts for today?



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:49:08

Nope. Do it, Donny.



Donny

04-01-2018 06:49:38

Jen I have 0 riders in the break if that counts as a bagel



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:49:42

Wheels! I got wheels! Anybody need two?



Jennifer Simon

04-01-2018 06:49:52

:D



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:50:29

Bettiol looks to be hurting for BMC

1:57 the gap

Durbridge needs a wheel.



Jennifer Simon

04-01-2018 06:52:50

OK gang. Coffee's finished, gotta run. Headed 2 hours up the road to Murrell's Inlet for Easter brunch with the fam. Catch y'all tonight. Can't wait to see who wins! Have a great day!!



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:52:50

Still QS and Sky in front of the group with some BMCs and Bahraains wandering around.
Wout van Aerts calling for a car.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 06:54:31

Caught up. I went on an 18 mile downhill bike ride, mostly coasting, on Thursday. It was a beautiful day. A rail to trail called the Virginia Creeper Trail. Nice family outing. I am putting coffee on.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 06:55:40

Sounds lovely, Charles!



BusterSci

04-01-2018 06:55:44

Why does my autocorrect what to put an s on the end of Aert.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 07:01:31

Because the "s" is for snow...which we are getting tomorrow. Unbelievable.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:03:20

We have a truly wonderful rail to trail network here in Minnesota. One trail goes right near my house. As

they are ramping up to turn it back into a light rail line, people living along it are complaining that it's criminal that they are stealing the trail, and others are complaining that they never knew about the potential to make it a light rail line. I have no sympathy. Since the trail's creation it has been called the Southwest LRT trail (Light Rail Transit). It's entire existence is owed to the farsightedness of planners who knew it was a perfect route for future light rail use.

164km, 4:14 the gap

Reporting the gap is 3.1km.

And the break is going about 10kph faster than the peloton.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:06:05

Having called it the LRT seems reason enough for me to side with the LRT side.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:07:38

That was all I needed, Charles. Even though my hatred of Nimbyism predisposed me to be against the whiners.

We have a SAGAN spotting.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 07:07:57

Yay!



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:08:06

Right in the middle of the bunch, having a chat , coasting along.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 07:08:21

Wearing his Rainbow!



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:08:34

Sep Vanmarke having a really bad day.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:09:52

He is just getting his bad luck out of the way.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 07:09:52

His bike is playing mind games with him.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:10:39

So, does anyone have any good April Fool's Day jokes prepared?



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 07:12:23

Nope, just filing my tax return.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:12:33

158km, 5:14



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 07:12:34

No joke...



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:12:50

My wife bought plastic glitter eggs last night for filling this morning. They are just decorative, no way to open them. Not really a joke but I thought it was funny.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 07:13:22

Well, the joke was on your wife, Charles.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:13:25

Still working on my taxes but not today.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 07:13:57

My accountant sent them on Friday, I reviewed yesterday, will sign today, and off they go.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:14:07

The practical joke is the glitter. I think that crap reproduces, because you can't get rid of it.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 07:14:54

Sofie has been patiently awaiting her breakfast, back in a few.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:15:02

I do my own taxes. I (gulp) actually enjoy it. Even if I always really wanted to be a line tamer. The guy doing the CN coverage just said the break got a bigger bap. I'm glad I'm not the only one making typos, but I also wondered if he was bitten by a siamese bat? Bora now doing the work in front. Oodenaarde. 154km, 5:10 I need to go eat something. Back in a few.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:22:18

That is where I have been. Little toast and coffee.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:22:41

Wout gets a new bike



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 07:25:13

Time for homemade vulcanized chicken stock & meds. This would be a lot more fun if I could squeeze a video out of tiz.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:26:45

Marc, are you trying the main feed or the backups, too? I've had no luck with the primary HD feed, but

the backup has been working just fine.

148km, 5:02

MONS!

how are you feeling, Mons?



Mons Soseman

04-01-2018 07:27:59

Croaky but OK. Good morning.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin! Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:28:09

Happy Easter.



Mons Soseman

04-01-2018 07:28:17

Charles, I was fooled by the same eggs.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 07:28:30

Joyous Easter, Mons!



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:28:35

Very sneaky marketing



Mons Soseman

04-01-2018 07:28:35

Happy Easter everyone. Happy Passover too.



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 07:28:37

I didn't even try the main feed per your note. Agreed, doing one's own 1040 is the only proper way to know what's going on.



Mons Soseman

04-01-2018 07:29:14

My mother always put some bills in eggs, then let everyone who showed up for our family Easter (about 50) choose an egg when they came in.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:29:21

The Kwaremont



Mons Soseman

04-01-2018 07:29:35

I have continued this, but forgot about it, and last night at Walgreens at 10 p.m. I bought some of those glittery eggs which don't open. ;)



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:29:52

That is where we got ours.



Mons Soseman

04-01-2018 07:29:56

I thought I might mix some of those in the basket as kind of a booby prize



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:30:03

About that same time.
Taylor Phinney on the front.



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 07:31:05

My tradition is bunny stew, but I'm not up for it this year.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:31:07

Fortune favors the well prepared. Not the last minute shoppers.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:31:30

Tell my better half...



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:32:07

Phinney on the Phront? Or Finney on the Front. Or Ghinney on the Ghront?



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:32:38

Nice corner.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:33:06

4:33



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 07:33:18

Goody, my pal Bix is on the desk demonstrating Frau Buster's refutation of the flat earth theory.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 07:33:20

Four Turdy Tree



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:33:29

Spread out all over this climb. Already



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:33:48

And that's just the break!



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 07:34:12

Pavé bites just a bit.
Hay bale bike!



Mons Soseman

04-01-2018 07:36:22

I had the Greek priest preach at our Tenebrae service on Good Friday. He said there were only two advantages, as far as he could see, that their Good Friday is a week later. First, he could preach for us, second, on Tuesday he can buy all the Easter candy for his kids at 75% off



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:36:31

Uphill on cobbles, no hands putting food into his jacket.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:36:33

Jose Goncalves withdrew a while back. Actually, as they passed the team bus he just road through the barriers and quit.



Mons Soseman

04-01-2018 07:37:15

Glad I don't have Goncalves. Is he Portuguese?



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:38:23

The watermelons are up near the front.
Even though Sep has had some bad luck today he must still feel good.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:38:45

Yes, he is Portuguese.



Mons Soseman

04-01-2018 07:39:37

Well, I have to go now and deliver the aforementioned Easter Candy (in basket) to the Choir Loft... Will catch up on the chatter later! As a good 1/4 Belgian, I always enjoy this season. My great grandparents were from Aalter, near Ghent.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:39:49

Phinney is a watermelon. They moved up in mass before the hill.
Have a good day.



Mons Soseman

04-01-2018 07:41:05

I am now going to move up in Mass myself... :)



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:41:24

I was just making that joke but you beat me to it!
139km, 5:15



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:42:26

10 on the front now. lost a roompot



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:44:45

Surprisingly quiet Twitter feed this morning.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:45:25

Easter! Folks going to church for their only time this year?



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:46:07

Since almost all the cycling people I follow are European, they should be well out of church by now.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:47:01

Of course. Still not really awake yet.
SAGAN off the back! Jural.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:47:43

134km. 5:16



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 07:49:19

Standings



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:50:30

Couple Sunwebs working on a mechanical here.



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 07:51:24

At least the roads are mostly dry. Much mud everywhere else.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:51:41

Earlier I saw the Lotto NL rider in the break hand a bidon to the Bahrain Merida rider. Not sure if he borrowed it first or passed his along but it shows that the break has to work together to succeed.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:52:03

A crash has split the peloton in the women's race. About 20 riders in front have split off due to the crash.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 07:53:08

I forgot about the women. Must check this out.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:54:13

Three QS riders across the "road" on this climb, blocking any attempt to attack.
Raingear being shed.
130km, 5:19



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 07:54:58

Fan gets a QS hat.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 07:56:29

The peloton is coming back together after splitting a bit on that climb.

At least the those in back are trying to come back.



Tim in KY

QS easing off.

04-01-2018 07:57:11



BusterSci

Back on wide roads now
Sky appears to be driving the front group of the peloton

04-01-2018 07:57:12



Tim in KY

Flemish flag always looks like a Renault ad to me

04-01-2018 07:59:06



BusterSci

I'm with you on that, Tim.
Peugot, though?
Naesen getting a push

04-01-2018 07:59:42



Tim in KY

Some French car

04-01-2018 08:00:21



BusterSci

A Katusha changing bikes.

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Charles Davis

OK Who is gonna win? Gilbert and Stybar are due for QS. Kwiatkowski said he was ready. GVA, Sagan, Naesen(I dropped him),

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Tim in KY

And what is Circus on the Wanty butts?
Is pushing legal?

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BusterSci

Casino and sports gambling, Tim.

04-01-2018 08:02:56



Charles Davis

Sure, if it is a mechanical and you need the help. Maybe.

04-01-2018 08:03:14



BusterSci

I think they overlook the push if they pretend it's a mechanical.

04-01-2018 08:03:14



Charles Davis

Circus is a casino sport betting company
I see I was late on that one.

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BusterSci

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UCI Reg 2.3.030 Whatever the position of a rider in the race, he may receive such assistance and mechanical check (brakes for example) only to the rear of his bunch and when stationary. The greasing of chains from a moving vehicle shall be forbidden.
Why have such a rule if it is NEVER enforced?
122km. 4:38



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:09:55

Break seems to be working together well.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:10:14

I think that's my biggest issue with cycling governance. The rule enforcement is entirely arbitrary. I don't care what the rules are, but if you don't enforce them, get rid of them.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:10:59

That is the best idea for all things in life.



Donny

04-01-2018 08:11:07

the US Congress should at that UCI regulation to the next budget bill, no one reads it either.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:11:48

People read it, just none of the elected officials.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:12:38

Floris Gerts should just climb off. He's cooked.
50km to go in the women's race.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:14:21

Yeah, I guess he can get some bottles for the team but not much help.



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 08:14:42

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BusterSci

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&^*?



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:15:13

No, I agree with Mark.
Marc



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:15:40

@{/?!



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 08:15:56

Finally found some video! Dutch and poor quality. Oops, just froze. Last comment was from Bix.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:16:02

Lotto, Bmc, Trek, QSon the front



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:16:11

Ah. Should have realized.
Everyone on the front, except the guys behind.



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 08:17:00

I'd like PhilGil to triumph today.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 08:17:03

Poetic, Buster.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:17:20

Stannard on the front, Sagan up there.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:17:25

Sporza usually has good video. I can't understand anything but Buster keeps me updated, along with cycling news ticker.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:17:34

Looks like it's wet again



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 08:18:11

Or, should I say Epoetic...?



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:18:49

That's it, Jo. Although I did change my team name for the next race, per the Facebook discussion.
115km, 3:36



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 08:19:35

I added a P/B to my team name for Vuelta al Pais Vasco.



Donny

04-01-2018 08:19:48

I have to say that my favorite commercials on German Eurosport are for an online hook-up service (no not an online dating), called C-Date. The "C" stands for Cheating. It is a service to facilitate people in "C"ommited relationships find other like minded folks for sex.

Charles Davis



Sounds better than the eurosport olympic commercials

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BusterSci

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If was forced to place a bet it would be on Sagan unless I could put money on "Any QS rider." But I'd be very pleased to see Sep take it.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 08:24:46

I would greatly enjoy Sagan winning, but, I also have Sep, Stybar and Gilbert on my fantasy team.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:25:05

that's a good team, Jo.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 08:25:27

Thank you. I'm still off the podium, though...



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 08:25:31

I agree w/Buster. Looks like 111 to go, but I cannot read the gap graphic. Could someone please remind me who is in the lead group?



BusterSci

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3:09



Joanna in New York

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Charles Davis

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Gerts is no longer in the group.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:26:58

Ripley is growling at Gilbert's interview.
Terpstra and an ED on the side.
Wonder if that's Sep again



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 08:28:22

Heavens! I'm so out of touch, I've only heard of Pim. Were any of the guys even choices for your fantasy teams?



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:29:12

With Gilbert saying he wants to win all 5 monuments, I suspect he's working for his teammates in these races. He'd be happy to take a win if it worked out that way, but he's after Roubaix.



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 08:29:40

May he get his wish.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:30:37

I have none of the break on my team.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:31:44

I expect Stybar to be the man for QS. Though Gilbert will go if it is good for the team. I also think Kwiatkowski is wanting to win today.



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 08:32:40

QS is the Sky of the classics?



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:32:47

Yes



Donny

04-01-2018 08:32:52

I will quote Peter the Great regarding how this will play out with each rider, "We will see."



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:33:26

I also liked, when asked about the importance of the race "It is important because it is important."



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:33:38

I have Ganna on my team in the break.



Donny

04-01-2018 08:33:50

QS is marginally better than every other team in the classics.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:34:49

As Naesen just said in the interview on Eurosport, they have 4 guys who are leaders.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:34:51

Ganna scored 30 pts for me at GW from the break.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:34:58

It's more than marginally.
Langeveld was the ED rider tangled with Terpstra



Donny

04-01-2018 08:35:44

Well, Sky only ever claims marginal gains, So.....



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 08:35:49

I agree.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:36:22

Gotcha, Donny. QS must have found the perfect spring classics pillow.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:36:27

QS has won 7 of 8 races in Belgium this year and wear a close second to Sagan in their only loss with 6(?) different winners.



Donny

04-01-2018 08:36:36

EF is seriously having issues.



BusterSci

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Another ED crash.
ED can't stay up.



Donny

04-01-2018 08:37:44

lol buster, ED can't stay up, :D



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:37:48

So, does Nibbles make the top 10? Is he there when the winning break goes?



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 08:38:28

The Euskadel for rhe 21st Century.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:38:37

No, but what do I know?



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:38:41

Carrots replaced by watermelons.
What do any of us know, Charles?



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 08:39:17

I know nothing.



Donny

04-01-2018 08:39:17

YGIAGAM



BusterSci

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Donny, you never remarked on our interpretations of your acronym.



Donny

04-01-2018 08:39:53

Jo, Chimes in with the beginning of all knowledge
Your Guess Is As Good As Mine



Marc @ Toad Hall

Not to mention Schultz

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Charles Davis

But we have EDUCATED guesses.

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BusterSci

We knew that, but we proposed a few alternatives.

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Donny

huge crashes

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BusterSci

You're ahead of me

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Donny

Ah, never saw the alternatives Buster, lay them on me.

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BusterSci

Naesen

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Joanna in New York

Oh dear!

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BusterSci

Valgren
Stannard

04-01-2018 08:41:46



Joanna in New York

Several off into the ditch

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Donny

most everyone

04-01-2018 08:42:00



BusterSci

An ED looked deflated and limp

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Marc @ Toad Hall

No video here, trying RAI pirate.

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BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:42:22

An AG2R down hard
A Katusha, too.
A BMC is just getting up



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 08:42:50

AG2R looks really bad.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:42:50

Naesen going again, slowly
2:58 with Gilbert at the front.



Donny

04-01-2018 08:43:14

QS seemed to escape that crash totally



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:43:31

Donny: Your Grandmother's Intimate Apparel Gladdens Army Men.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:43:57

QS stays at the front.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:44:05

Yesterday's Gruyere Is Already Green And Moldy.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:44:12

Now they will go, go, go.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:44:49

Started with Groupama sliding out into a ditch.
Naesen working back, following a Cofidis and his car.



Donny

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not one person in this break looks like they have anything left in the tank.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:45:59

96km. 2:37 to the main group, 4:06 to the group from the crash.
15s cut from the gap since el wrote that
Gap to the peloton is 2:04
Benoot leads the group over



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 08:49:05

I also have Benoot on my team - could this be my day??



Donny

04-01-2018 08:49:08

remarkable, there are still a lot of those ED boys riding hard in that front group.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:50:13

Riding hard, eh?



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:50:16

Did you see that Benoot wrote down in 2008 that he would win Flanders in 2018?



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 08:50:50

Well then, as Jen would say "So let it be written, so let it be done". It was written...



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 08:50:54

Nervy.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:51:54

Splits in the peloton

Not big gaps, but enough that they're there.

Actually, this gap is getting large.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:52:42

8 out front. Lost 2 on the climb.



Donny

04-01-2018 08:52:51

Carnac Benoot



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:53:43

That gap looks to be about 10 sec.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:54:08

91km, 1:41



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 08:55:25

Naesen about 2 min behind the pack I assume.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 08:57:07

3 attack the peloton, which is mostly back together.

Cort Nielson, Koen de Kort, and a Katyusha.

The two dropped from the break have joined the attacking trio.



Charles Davis

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Trek Kort, Katusha, Astana Cort Neilson



BusterSci

About a minute to Naesen
From the peloton

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David Stanley

Good morning all.

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Charles Davis

Hi DS

04-01-2018 08:59:21



BusterSci

DStan.

04-01-2018 08:59:21



Joanna in New York

Hi David!

04-01-2018 08:59:46



Charles Davis

Who is DStan picking? Benoot?

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Marc @ Toad Hall

Welcome, DS Who's your QS fave?

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David Stanley

I am still driving the Benoot train. But isn't it time for GvA to win this?

04-01-2018 09:02:00



BusterSci

Nope

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David Stanley

Benoot can climb and he seems to ride well in lousy weather.

04-01-2018 09:02:40



Marc @ Toad Hall

I reserve any objections.

04-01-2018 09:02:46



BusterSci

Sagan will not let GvA get away and will crush him in the sprint.

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Marc @ Toad Hall

I'm w/Buster.

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David Stanley



that's a very likely outcome, Buster & Marc

04-01-2018 09:04:04



BusterSci

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This is Sagan's race barring crash or bunch sprint. In a bunch, Demare and Groanwagon are the likely. Sagan still podiums, though.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 09:04:29

Dudes off the front, Dudes off the back, Dudes in the middle. Thus endeth the Dude Report.



Donny

04-01-2018 09:04:36

If Sagan and GVA simply watch each other, they should not have bothered to start this race. Could have saved a lot of time and just given the trophy to QS and let them rock/paper/scissors for whose name went on it.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 09:05:11

Naesen back with the peloton.



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 09:05:36

Riding conditions seem less vile.



David Stanley

04-01-2018 09:06:13

I'm watching on Eurosport and they are whispering to the point where I think they're doing golf.



Donny

04-01-2018 09:07:18

Looks like a regrouping going on at the moment. They should be all bunched up again and ready for the next crash as they all fight for position before the next climb.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 09:07:53

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Sofie is riveted!



David Stanley

04-01-2018 09:08:04

In the women's race, vander Breggen is up by a minute with 15 k to go.



Donny

04-01-2018 09:08:08

haha



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 09:08:37

Ah, the bliss of a lab in profound meditation.
Thanks, DS. I thought that was getting near the finish by now.



David Stanley

04-01-2018 09:09:40

Aah, it's good to be a dog. At least in Jo-house.
she's on the Paterberg. (I'm following it on Twitter.)



BusterSci

04-01-2018 09:10:58

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Ripley, too.



Donny

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Burger from bora says bye bye
Buster I so hope that is a snuggie



BusterSci

04-01-2018 09:12:07

yup. Her morning routine is out, eat, chewy, sleep on my legs.



David Stanley

04-01-2018 09:12:25

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Lucy and Otzi are unimpressed with the race so far.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 09:12:54

Oh, Just go the joke, Donny. No, it isn't a Snuggie. (I read "snuggle" at first.)
Ripley is dreaming of telling us what she thinks of bike races.



Joanna in New York

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Sweet pups, all!



BusterSci

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Marc @ Toad Hall

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Too dark here for a pic of Bix.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 09:14:41

SF! Long time, no e!



SF in Atx

04-01-2018 09:14:52

Greatings all for the first time this year!1



BusterSci

04-01-2018 09:15:28

77km to go



Donny

04-01-2018 09:15:37

SF in ATX! you picked a good race and a good moment to join.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 09:15:37

Hey Shawn!



SF in Atx

04-01-2018 09:15:41

Nice to have my act together for a big race and stop in.



David Stanley

04-01-2018 09:15:44

I shudder when I see those traffic bollards after Cav's crash. Hey, SF! G'day!



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 09:15:45

Poor break being toyed-with.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 09:16:07

Kristoff staying at the front.



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 09:16:29

Sunshine!



BusterSci

04-01-2018 09:16:29

30s now the gap at 77km



Donny

04-01-2018 09:16:43

David, all I could think as I watched the bunch navigate through that mess was that, I don't trust anyone as much as these guys trust each other.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 09:17:11

At least on a bike.



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 09:17:48

The RTL link on Steephill is unrestricted.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 09:18:38

20s



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 09:18:53

Jackets off in the feedzone.

David Stanley



No kidding. I liked Cillian Kelly's idea. Tie some big, official mylar balloons to all the bollards. 04-01-2018 09:19:24



BusterSci

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Knees gets a new bike
He kneeded a new bike



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 09:21:33

Naesen noshing.



David Stanley

04-01-2018 09:21:33

I'm watching Eurosport1 stream and I am happy to hear Carlton Kirby pushing so hard for more coverage of women's cycling.



SF in Atx

04-01-2018 09:21:36

I haven't had much luck with steephill links lately. I'm using www.youtube.com/watch?v=8geHgJx1kKg with Carlton and Sean
oops
I fat fingered a youtube link in my message for the race and that photo came up. sorry.



Tim in KY

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Sporza is streaming the women's race live right now.



David Stanley

04-01-2018 09:23:02

Vander Breggen is going to win. A couple of Ks to go and she's got 40 seconds over a group of four.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 09:23:52

Someone should be tweeting from the kanarieberg.



David Stanley

04-01-2018 09:24:12

Mistyped. not 40 seconds. 1:40.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 09:24:17

Rimshot!



BusterSci

04-01-2018 09:24:48

Roompot!



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 09:25:46

EDs leading up the hill.



BusterSci

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1:04

That's in the men's race



David Stanley

04-01-2018 09:27:00

Red Kite for Anna vander Breggen She's going to win. Took a chance on the climb.



BusterSci

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ED, QS, Sky lead the peloton
Bahrain shows up now and again
Trentin gets a new bike



David Stanley

04-01-2018 09:30:04

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Charles Davis

04-01-2018 09:30:09

Good on her and Carlton Kirby for pushing for better coverage of women's racing.



David Stanley

04-01-2018 09:30:16

Fine solo victory for vander Breggen.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 09:30:18

GoeffDJ in there, too.



David Stanley

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Amy Pieters takes the sprint for second. A Boels 1-2



BusterSci

04-01-2018 09:31:24

That should be GeoffDJ.



David Stanley

04-01-2018 09:31:48

Annemiek van Vleuten was third for Mitchelton-Scott.
On this lovely Easter Sunday - it's sunny and 30 ATM here in SE Michigan- anyone have a ride planned for later today?



BusterSci

04-01-2018 09:34:18

18, sunny with winds gusting to 20. Snowed yesterday, more coming tomorrow. So...No.
I'm getting the Flecha recon-ride right now.



David Stanley

04-01-2018 09:34:59


Me, too. Like the Flecha-report.





Donny


04-01-2018 09:35:00

Yep, sure do David down in the cellar on the rollers, cold and rainy with intermittent hail here in Munich


 **Joanna in New York** 04-01-2018 09:35:06
I really want to start riding on my trainer again, as I feel like my shoulder may be able to handle it. That said, I fell down a staircase a couple weeks back and my ankle is so badly sprained, I can barely walk, let alone cycle.


 **David Stanley** 04-01-2018 09:35:52
That vertigo is really the shits, isn't it, Jo? I've had a bout or two, but nothing like yours.


 **BusterSci** 04-01-2018 09:36:34
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 **Charles Davis** 04-01-2018 09:36:35
No riding for me of course I am the most non-rider of the bunch, it is Easter egg hiding/hunting all day for me.

 **SF in Atx** 04-01-2018 09:36:36
Sorry to hear that Jo.


 **Marc @ Toad Hall** 04-01-2018 09:36:49
What a drag it is getting on. Not only do you injure yourself more frequently, recovery is much longer. In my case, left knee.


 **Joanna in New York** 04-01-2018 09:36:57
Yup, losing one's equilibrium is no fun. This was the worst episode (and result) of my labyrinthine dysfunction. I never want to go "ass over tea kettle" down a staircase ever again.

 **David Stanley** 04-01-2018 09:37:08
The UCI is tagging women's bikes for motor inspection at the finish. Cillian is one of the best cycling follows on Twitter. Thoughtful and funny. What more can you ask for? Rubber biscuit?

 **Charles Davis** 04-01-2018 09:38:44
Looks like 100 or so riders in the big group.

 **Joanna in New York** 04-01-2018 09:39:30
So, in lieu of riding, I'll be doing laundry... :P

 **Tim in KY** 04-01-2018 09:39:30
DStan, what is a proper greeting for Passover? "Happy" doesn't seem quite right.

 **David Stanley** 04-01-2018 09:40:48
I had an episode when I had cancer. Thought I was having a stroke. TIm - nothing wrong with Happy

Passover. It's got it's solemn moments, but we're celebrating afreedom from slavery.



Tim in KY

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Peloton using all the road and most of the bike path.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 09:41:29

Sep just signed a deal for two more years. Vaughters said he hoped it would help Sep relax and just ride



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 09:41:37

Bit of gurning up front.



David Stanley

04-01-2018 09:41:49

In Hebrew, it's Chag Pesach Sameach. The CH in Chag is down with that growly Ch sound. And thank-you.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 09:41:50

Hi GM!



Gilliemarie

04-01-2018 09:42:05

Morning all



David Stanley

04-01-2018 09:42:11

Hey, GM!



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 09:42:14

Hi GM



BusterSci

04-01-2018 09:42:39

Under a minute now the gap



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 09:42:42

Not sure why all the rush with 58 km to go.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 09:42:45

Squeeeeeeeze!
Edjit in the road...



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 09:43:34

Yikes!



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 09:43:34

Doing laundry as we watch.



Tim in KY

Mud and barbed wire.

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Joanna in New York

Barbed wire crash

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Donny

ED wrapped in barbed wire

04-01-2018 09:44:01



BusterSci

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Charles Davis

Nils Polite takes off.

04-01-2018 09:44:24



Joanna in New York

Rolled over from a standstill when the peloton slowed.
OUCH!

04-01-2018 09:44:26



BusterSci

Docker

04-01-2018 09:44:34



Donny

Its just everyone fighting for position before the climbs, they are narrow and where the attacks come so they have to try to get tot the front

04-01-2018 09:44:41



Joanna in New York

Polit also on my team. Anyone thinking I have more riders on my team than anyone else? :o.O
Now watch...NONE of my riders will podium. LOL!

04-01-2018 09:45:20



BusterSci

It's very impolit

04-01-2018 09:45:48



Charles Davis

QS pushing it.

04-01-2018 09:47:06



Tim in KY

Dry cobbles are better.
Fun fact from CN: No one currently riding in the pro peloton has ridden a wet Paris-Roubaix.

04-01-2018 09:47:45



David Stanley

That's a great fact, Tim.

04-01-2018 09:49:22



BusterSci

Wout goes

04-01-2018 09:49:22



Tim in KY

Fractured peloton.
Woot, woot.

04-01-2018 09:49:28



BusterSci

Magnuss Cort Nielson off

04-01-2018 09:49:59



David Stanley

the race starts now.

04-01-2018 09:50:21



Tim in KY

Road width changes so fast.

04-01-2018 09:50:35



Charles Davis

Most of the favs in the group behind Cort Nielson but only one QS, Lampaert. GVA and other QS in the next group

04-01-2018 09:51:01



David Stanley

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Anna on the podium. That's big, well-deserved smile.

04-01-2018 09:51:25



Charles Davis

LIKE button.

04-01-2018 09:51:42



Joanna in New York

Bad time to lose your peddle.

04-01-2018 09:52:50



Tim in KY

When is the good time?

04-01-2018 09:53:27



Joanna in New York

True...

04-01-2018 09:53:35



David Stanley

good seeing the barricades a couple of meters back from the edge of the road.

04-01-2018 09:53:44



BusterSci

Couple hours after the race?

04-01-2018 09:53:45



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 09:54:08

I was going for at the start.



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 09:54:38

More RVs than people.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 09:55:14

Dang it Zico has withdrawn.



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 09:55:29

Some I never heard of from a team I never heard of



Donny

04-01-2018 09:55:35

With only 50km to go



David Stanley

04-01-2018 09:56:13

No kidding, Tim. That's so many RVs it could be a WalMart parking lot.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 09:56:41

Broadcast suspended and moved from public broadcast are the messages I am now getting...argh



BusterSci

04-01-2018 09:57:12

Tiz 720 still working



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 09:57:14

Tiz Backup is still working for now



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 09:57:22

That was Tz 720



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 09:58:10

try <http://tiz-cycling.stream/> backup 1



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 09:58:12

Keep getting "Resource Limit is Reached", too



David Stanley

04-01-2018 09:58:13

I'm watching here. <http://www.crichd.org/eurosport-1-live-stream-uk>

Charles Davis



Don't refresh if you ever get back on.

04-01-2018 09:59:11



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:00:04

Langeveld and Van Baarle up with the leaders now.
With Cort Nielsen
6 in front.



SF in Atx

04-01-2018 10:01:08

the "Live Cycling" link on youtube for live 2018 Tour of Flanders has been completely reliable



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 10:01:09

I have been waiting for Van Baarle to show something.



David Stanley

04-01-2018 10:02:57

Rowe is DQ'ed and removed by race jury for riding behind the crowd when he was forced off the road.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 10:03:03

Man, finally got Backup-2 to work. PIA!



David Stanley

04-01-2018 10:03:12

Here's the Koppneberg



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 10:03:19

4 QS in the top 12 of the chase



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 10:03:43

The PAIN!



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:04:05

Terpstra gets away



David Stanley

04-01-2018 10:04:31

And at the back half, we're awlking.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:04:48

Kwiat a bit back, but all the other big names are up front.
Tony Martin looks done.



David Stanley

04-01-2018 10:05:10

and another group is walking

Tim in KY



Hard to tell who's where.

04-01-2018 10:05:14



BusterSci

I've seen GvA, Sagz, Sep, Gilbert Terpstra in the front of the group

04-01-2018 10:05:40



Joanna in New York

Dudes everywhere.

04-01-2018 10:05:43



Charles Davis

Tony Martin walking up cobble with clip in shoes

04-01-2018 10:05:54



BusterSci

Tappa tappa tappa

04-01-2018 10:06:09



Tim in KY

Distance?

04-01-2018 10:06:37



BusterSci

43km

04-01-2018 10:06:43



Charles Davis

Lavgenfeld, Van Baarle, Pedersen

04-01-2018 10:06:57



BusterSci

No gap info right now that I can see.
20s to the group with the main guys

04-01-2018 10:07:04



Charles Davis

22 secs

04-01-2018 10:07:21



Marc @ Toad Hall

Thanks, Charles

04-01-2018 10:07:24



David Stanley

van Baele, Pederson, Langerveld away.

04-01-2018 10:07:44



Charles Davis

42 kms 24 secs

04-01-2018 10:07:46



BusterSci

I have to go eat a crepe.
HAVE to.

04-01-2018 10:07:58



Charles Davis

QS chasing

04-01-2018 10:08:04



Tim in KY

Langeveld taking his new contract out for a spin.

04-01-2018 10:08:08



SF in Atx

I wondered what Buster's breakfast would be today.

04-01-2018 10:08:22



Tim in KY

0:30 now the gap.

04-01-2018 10:08:56



SF in Atx

Koppenberg or crepe, Koppenberg or crepe... hmmm which to choose.

04-01-2018 10:08:56



Charles Davis

I am eating Easter candy. I am going be sick.

04-01-2018 10:09:01



Marc @ Toad Hall

Let them eat crepes.

04-01-2018 10:09:03



Donny

SF pretty sure this is Buster's penguin hobbit second breakfast

04-01-2018 10:09:16



David Stanley

A goodly sized group being led by QS. Behind, we've split into about 3 echelons.

04-01-2018 10:09:18



Joanna in New York

I had some dry cereal, in a thoroughly not unrelated note, I am still hungry...

04-01-2018 10:09:29



Donny

41km to go and 27 seconds the gap\

04-01-2018 10:09:30



BusterSci

Crepenberg

04-01-2018 10:09:39



David Stanley

I made oatmeal w/berries and olive oil and a bit o' brown sugar.

04-01-2018 10:10:00



Marc @ Toad Hall

Hey, Buster's been up since 3:30; he needs his fuel.

04-01-2018 10:10:05



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 10:10:15

Oss is there with Sagan, Nibbles has Corbelli and another teammate



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 10:10:15

Yummy, DStan!



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 10:10:51

Naesen, Sep still there



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:11:00

Demare
Trentin



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 10:11:12

While traveling last week, the hotel had breakfast so I had oatmeal with walnuts, sunflower seeds and brown sugar. Could sure go for that again right now...



Donny

04-01-2018 10:11:19

Sagan looks so strong on this climb



SF in Atx

04-01-2018 10:11:39

VIP tent there?



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:12:00

I do my oatmeal with butter and salt. Frau has soy sauce and Sriracha with hers.



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 10:12:03

There have been several, SF.



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 10:12:27

Donny, check the 9:21 posting



David Stanley

04-01-2018 10:12:35

Real oatmeal. When did it become an indulgence. BusterSci - I like it that way, too - butter. Sometimes stir in an egg.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 10:12:38

Riding past the Peugeot dealership...



David Stanley

04-01-2018 10:13:19

Onto the Steenbeekdries. All the big biys together.



BusterSci

Steel cut only.
39s now

04-01-2018 10:13:25



Charles Davis

EBH there. Cort Nielson, Valgren and Gatta for Astana

04-01-2018 10:13:58



Tim in KY

I'm on the Taaienbergr.

04-01-2018 10:14:10



BusterSci

Kristoff

04-01-2018 10:14:15



Joanna in New York

"Oatmeal Chat" has made me even more hungry...

04-01-2018 10:14:35



Tim in KY

GvA at the front of the chase.
Then Stybar, then Sep.

04-01-2018 10:15:00



David Stanley

Leaders onto the Taiienberg.

04-01-2018 10:15:27



Marc @ Toad Hall

Donny, I meant the Sagan photo.

04-01-2018 10:15:30



Donny

ah
Gotcha Marc

04-01-2018 10:15:47



David Stanley

GvA puts in a real dig on the T'berg

04-01-2018 10:16:10



BusterSci

Marc, the time stamp is your local, so Donny's would be off by 6 hours

04-01-2018 10:16:29



Charles Davis

3 leaders 30 sec the chase back together

04-01-2018 10:16:39



Tim in KY

Feed froze.

04-01-2018 10:16:59



Donny

Marc is toad hall on EST?

04-01-2018 10:17:19



Marc @ Toad Hall

You betcha, just a bit north of Joanna.

04-01-2018 10:18:01



David Stanley

The chasers are together but a lot of matches just got burnt.

04-01-2018 10:18:07



Joanna in New York

"All Hell is about to break loose" - so says the commentator.

04-01-2018 10:18:25



BusterSci

Marc, you can't say "You Betcha" unless your from my neck of the woods.

04-01-2018 10:18:45



Charles Davis

Stybar pushes on

04-01-2018 10:18:49



BusterSci

Oss on the front for Sagan now

04-01-2018 10:18:56



Marc @ Toad Hall

Dad was from Duluth,

04-01-2018 10:19:11



BusterSci

There ya go

04-01-2018 10:19:24



David Stanley

Sean Kelly, with 36 km to go, returns 3 km early to the broadcast booth.

04-01-2018 10:19:27



Marc @ Toad Hall

What's Sarah Palin's excuse?

04-01-2018 10:19:39



SF in Atx

Oss pulling for Sagan. Any other faves have team mates?

04-01-2018 10:19:50



Joanna in New York

Just in time for the fabled KU!

04-01-2018 10:20:04



BusterSci

GvA, Kwiatko

Nibs

04-01-2018 10:20:40



David Stanley

04-01-2018 10:20:48

Random question, has anyone here ridden Snake Alley in Iowa?



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 10:20:52

Moscon and Kwiatkowski for Sky. Several QS



SF in Atx

04-01-2018 10:21:37

Thx. I always forget for some reason htat Moscon is Sky. Don't know why



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 10:22:16

Nibbles must be in there somewhere.



Donny

04-01-2018 10:22:23

There is the KU



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 10:22:24

Hard to pick a winner from the crowd.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:22:29

He is. Cobrelli working for him



Donny

04-01-2018 10:22:37

Nibbles about 5th wheel



David Stanley

04-01-2018 10:22:41

Come on Sean. Say it. SAY IT!



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:22:59

Nibbles has 2



SF in Atx

04-01-2018 10:23:13

33k 33 s



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 10:23:15

Oh man, 33km with 33 secs!
Jinx, SF!



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:23:24

There are at least 3 astanas



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 10:23:40

Sep got anybody with him in the chase?



David Stanley

04-01-2018 10:23:56

Sagan looks like he could holding a cigar and a Scotch.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:24:24

Langeveld up front only.



Donny

04-01-2018 10:25:19

Just listening to the guys mention all the QS guys still in the main group sounds a bit like a who's who of classics cycling
just nuts
hehehe



David Stanley

04-01-2018 10:26:59

Listening to Carlton talk about Kristoff, it's like he forgot that Kristoff won this in 15.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:27:41

One MILLION Dollars



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 10:27:57

This town is empty. Everybody go out to a hill somewhere?



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:28:08

Yeah. Wow.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 10:28:13

Perhaps, Tim...



David Stanley

04-01-2018 10:28:15

The group of 3 Langerveld, et al, has about 35 seconds.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:28:30

Anybody want to say this break sticks?
I say not a chance



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 10:28:46

Nope.



SF in Atx

04-01-2018 10:28:59

no way



BusterSci

Oss ready to shred some legs.

04-01-2018 10:29:01



David Stanley

Our leaders are onto the Kruisberg.

04-01-2018 10:29:01



Marc @ Toad Hall

They are toast and always were.

04-01-2018 10:29:07



Donny

I think it will last until the group or someone from the group catches them

04-01-2018 10:29:13



Joanna in New York

Yum, toast...

04-01-2018 10:29:18



SF in Atx

ach!!! buffering/freeze

04-01-2018 10:29:21



BusterSci

Glad I caught my Autocorrect, which had changed "shred" to "spread"

04-01-2018 10:29:27



Donny

well before the finish

04-01-2018 10:29:27



Joanna in New York

LOL!

This is NOT that kind of chat, Buster!

04-01-2018 10:29:36



BusterSci

Tell Siri.

04-01-2018 10:29:57



Joanna in New York

Siri likes to twist everything I say.

04-01-2018 10:30:15



BusterSci

He shredded his own legs.

Moscon on the front

04-01-2018 10:30:15



Dr. Evil

Attacking out the back now...

04-01-2018 10:30:37



BusterSci

Still 38s

04-01-2018 10:30:42



Joanna in New York

Sonny Boy on the move.

04-01-2018 10:31:01



Donny

Sagan all over that attack without seeming to even try

04-01-2018 10:31:02



BusterSci

28km

36s

Sybar attacks

04-01-2018 10:31:18



David Stanley

Oss just killed it, and now he's gone.

04-01-2018 10:31:37



BusterSci

Peto jumps with Nibbles

04-01-2018 10:31:42



Joanna in New York

Conference.

04-01-2018 10:31:56



BusterSci

Nibali goes!

Kwiat and Sags looking at each other.

04-01-2018 10:32:06



Dr. Evil

Sagan unimpressed.

04-01-2018 10:32:28



BusterSci

Terpstra follows

04-01-2018 10:32:29



Tim in KY

Sep appears to have a mechanical.

04-01-2018 10:32:32



David Stanley

Serious attacks. These are the real deal.

04-01-2018 10:32:33



Joanna in New York

The Saga of Sep continues...

04-01-2018 10:32:47



Marc @ Toad Hall

You guys are about 3K ahead of me. Let's try to all watch gold for Roubaix.

04-01-2018 10:32:50



Donny

2 climbs to go

04-01-2018 10:32:50



BusterSci

Sep needs help from the car

04-01-2018 10:32:59



Joanna in New York

Fuming Dudes!

04-01-2018 10:33:17



Dr. Evil

Would they let the Shark go after San Remo?

04-01-2018 10:33:27



BusterSci

Moscon crossing to Nibbles and Terpstra
Terpstra leaves Nibali

04-01-2018 10:33:36



Donny

niki leaves Nibbles

04-01-2018 10:33:45



Charles Davis

Terpstra chases, and passes, and continues on. QS

04-01-2018 10:34:06



BusterSci

15s now

04-01-2018 10:34:07



Tim in KY

What ever Sep needed, he seems to have gotten it.

04-01-2018 10:34:23



Dr. Evil

Dangerous. Sagan needs to burn a match.

04-01-2018 10:34:40



Tim in KY

25 km.

04-01-2018 10:35:01



Charles Davis

If I was in the lead I would not let Terpstra catch up. Easy for me to say.

04-01-2018 10:35:02



SF in Atx

Terpstra being spunky or the is the QS strategy beginning to play out?

04-01-2018 10:35:03

 **Charles Davis** 04-01-2018 10:35:51

Astana missed the break so they are chasing again!

 **Donny** 04-01-2018 10:36:19

QS can now relax in the bunch and let the others try to catch Niki

 **BusterSci** 04-01-2018 10:36:26

Terpstra--always expect him to be riding for himself. it's what he does best.

 **Tim in KY** 04-01-2018 10:37:41


Who's the BMC with GvA/

 **SF in Atx** 04-01-2018 10:37:49


I should have added the other other hand re Terpstra/QS - both?

 **BusterSci** 04-01-2018 10:37:53

15s to Terpstra, 35 to the group
23km to go

 **Tim in KY** 04-01-2018 10:39:09

Va Barrle and Langefeld were teammates last year.

 **BusterSci** 04-01-2018 10:39:24

And riding like it

 **Charles Davis** 04-01-2018 10:39:55

Benoot, Gilbert, Van Avermaet, Sagan, Van Aert, Vanmarcke, Stuyven, Kristoff, Nibali, Démare, Naesen, Kwiatkowski, Trentin, Stybar, Colbrelli, Boasson-Hagen, Moscon, Roelandts, Oss, Haussler, Politt and Valgren Andersen.
Roelandts is BMC

 **BusterSci** 04-01-2018 10:40:19

That's a bit of muscle.

 **Marc @ Toad Hall** 04-01-2018 10:40:27

Thanks, Charles

 **David Stanley** 04-01-2018 10:40:45

thanks, CD.

 **Donny** 04-01-2018 10:41:09

Sagan uses a (Easter) bunny hop onto the sidewalk to move up in the group on the turn



Joanna in New York

And does so easily.

04-01-2018 10:41:28



Dr. Evil

He's not horsing around.

04-01-2018 10:41:51



BusterSci

Ed Pickering reminds us that Terpstra holds the current Strava record on the Kwaremont.

04-01-2018 10:41:51



Charles Davis

Stybar inthe pack. He is the backup for QS.

04-01-2018 10:42:07



Joanna in New York

Sagan and Stybar chatting - c'mon boys, get me some points!

04-01-2018 10:42:46



BusterSci

Cort Nielson attacks
on the kwaremont
14s to Valgren still

04-01-2018 10:42:54



Donny

Niki passing the break

04-01-2018 10:43:13



Tim in KY

Terpstra almost to the front.

04-01-2018 10:43:17



SF in Atx

I think its looking good for NT
's

04-01-2018 10:43:18



Donny

Thats a lot of QS muscle in the chase that becomes baggage

04-01-2018 10:44:01



Dr. Evil

Sagan's playing it cool in the pack.

04-01-2018 10:44:14



BusterSci

Blocking baggage. They've done that a lot this year.

04-01-2018 10:44:25



Joanna in New York

Terpstra weaves through the group "like a golden thread on a tapestry"...

04-01-2018 10:44:28



Charles Davis

Terpstra off the front Pedersen hanging on.

04-01-2018 10:44:28



David Stanley

terpstra!

04-01-2018 10:44:28



Donny

Nice Jo

04-01-2018 10:44:45



SF in Atx

If he's got time at the top of the Pater I think the faves will just wait for each other and lose out.

04-01-2018 10:44:46



Tim in KY

Just one more little climb to go.

04-01-2018 10:45:03



Joanna in New York

Wasn't me, Donny. The commentator said that. :)

04-01-2018 10:45:07



BusterSci

Kirby

Sep leads the group

04-01-2018 10:45:15



Donny

AH, watching the German feed. They are not as clever

04-01-2018 10:45:42



BusterSci

18km

04-01-2018 10:45:54



Tim in KY

Benoot at the front of the chase.

04-01-2018 10:46:10



Joanna in New York

My Dudes need to get going!

04-01-2018 10:46:10



David Stanley

that is one heck of a chasing group. Nailing it back?

04-01-2018 10:46:24



BusterSci


Sagan, Benoot, Sep all there

04-01-2018 10:46:26

Joanna in New York

 Whew!

04-01-2018 10:46:31

**BusterSci**
GvA, Valgren,
Naesen
Kwiat and Lampaert OTB

04-01-2018 10:46:34

**Donny**
SAGAN

04-01-2018 10:47:10

**Tim in KY**
No Gilbert.


04-01-2018 10:47:11

**BusterSci**
wout there


04-01-2018 10:47:32

**SF in Atx**
Sagan snacking!


04-01-2018 10:47:45

**BusterSci**
You can see everyone here on the long straight

04-01-2018 10:47:49

**SF in Atx**
oops my feed is found out

04-01-2018 10:47:56

**BusterSci**
Sagan goes!
Stybar trying to close
Gilbert too

04-01-2018 10:48:00

**Dr. Evil**
Burning a match!

04-01-2018 10:48:22

**Charles Davis**
I pick Gilbert next week.

04-01-2018 10:48:23

**BusterSci**
Langeveld passed

04-01-2018 10:48:26

**Joanna in New York**
Sagan appears to be smiling.

04-01-2018 10:48:32



Tim in KY

Last climb crests at 13 km.

04-01-2018 10:48:43



BusterSci

Van Aerts matches Sagan

04-01-2018 10:48:43



David Stanley

dudes are way way back there.

04-01-2018 10:48:46



BusterSci

Terpstra has 40s
Over Sagz

04-01-2018 10:48:49



Donny

Niki has a solid 35s with 14km to go

04-01-2018 10:49:21



Charles Davis

You can be mad about QS but they are playing team ball better than anyone else. You should smile about it.

04-01-2018 10:49:22



Joanna in New York

I have the wrong QS rider on my team. Darnit!

04-01-2018 10:49:29



BusterSci

35s
14km

04-01-2018 10:50:10



Charles Davis

Pedersen is still a few seconds behind.

04-01-2018 10:50:22



BusterSci

Pateberg

04-01-2018 10:50:31



Dr. Evil

Mads!

04-01-2018 10:50:49



Donny

Niki Niki he's my man, put him on the team last second! GOOOOOO NIKI

04-01-2018 10:50:55



David Stanley

15 km

04-01-2018 10:51:02



BusterSci

Van Baarle passed

04-01-2018 10:51:29



Donny

SAGAN!!!! giving it another go

04-01-2018 10:51:36



Charles Davis

SAGAN goes

04-01-2018 10:51:40



BusterSci

Sagan isn't letting this go

04-01-2018 10:51:58



Donny

He has 13km to catch Niki

04-01-2018 10:52:18



SF in Atx

gapped the klingons

04-01-2018 10:52:43



Joanna in New York

Push it Peto!

04-01-2018 10:52:48



BusterSci

CRUSH HIM PETO!

04-01-2018 10:52:48



Donny

I'm good with a 1 2 either way :)

04-01-2018 10:53:20



BusterSci

We need gaps. Terpstra and Peto
I have neither of them.

04-01-2018 10:53:24



Donny

12s

04-01-2018 10:53:35



David Stanley

Love to see Peto go solo after him

04-01-2018 10:53:46



Donny

12kms to SAGAN

04-01-2018 10:53:47



Joanna in New York

I'm behind a bunch of you, but I dare not refresh!

04-01-2018 10:53:57



BusterSci

Sep leading the chase

04-01-2018 10:54:11



Tim in KY

Chase needs to organize. They won't.

04-01-2018 10:54:36



Donny

Oops they may not be correct. Might be someone else between Sagan and Niki

04-01-2018 10:54:45



BusterSci

Especially since QS does everything they can to screw up chases.
Pederson

04-01-2018 10:54:52



Donny

Sagan is 33s back from Niki

04-01-2018 10:55:10



BusterSci

3s to Peto

04-01-2018 10:55:12



David Stanley

I make it 3-2 against Peto catching Niki with 11 km to go

04-01-2018 10:55:24



Charles Davis

11kms Mads mads pedersen is at 12 sec, Sagan at 32

04-01-2018 10:55:26



Donny

Penderson not on my team needs to be caught

04-01-2018 10:55:55



Dr. Evil

Sagan left it too late.

04-01-2018 10:55:55



BusterSci

Sagz asking the camera moto if he could do a guy a solid.

04-01-2018 10:56:09



Tim in KY

Anybody got Mads?

04-01-2018 10:56:14



BusterSci

I'm Madser than hell, and I'm not going to take it any longer!

04-01-2018 10:56:34



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 10:56:57

nope but I don't have Peto either so I hope Mads finishes 2nd
I do have Terpstra



Donny

04-01-2018 10:57:09

Sagan sits up to wait for the rest



David Stanley

04-01-2018 10:57:17

2 QS in the chase group?



Michael Filosa

04-01-2018 10:57:44

Terpstra and Sagan were my transfers for this race.



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 10:57:45

I also have Terpstra.



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 10:57:55

Well, Team Tourmalet J will not likely get the win...sigh.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 10:58:06

Gilbert thinking about 3rd



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:58:25

I'm likely to zero out this race unless Stybar can do something quickly



David Stanley

04-01-2018 10:58:34

5 miles for Niki. GO Niki. That'd be a fine win



Donny

04-01-2018 10:58:35

they are all thinking about 3rd at this point



Dr. Evil

04-01-2018 10:59:01

Sprint for 3rd.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:59:09

This could be closed if they try



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 10:59:16

The chase is on. 23 sec

Joanna in New York



I was really close to putting Terpstra on my team, but went with Stybar and Gilbert instead. 04-01-2018 10:59:24



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:59:43

Wout and Sep pushing



Donny

04-01-2018 10:59:43

That is so cool to see



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:59:43

Benoot

Sagz
21s



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 10:59:53

The chase has actually organized!



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:59:53

This is what we need



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 10:59:59

38 secs my bad



BusterSci

04-01-2018 10:59:59

Let's see if it's real or not



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 11:00:06

Okay, I won't give up hope just yet.



Tim in KY

04-01-2018 11:00:20

Peto looks tired now.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 11:00:27

They change the times, but aren't changing the group number.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 11:00:36

Mads is at 24 sec



David Stanley


04-01-2018 11:00:39

gap is coming down fast. Wow.

BusterSci

 So its' 23 to Pederson, 38 to the favorites group 04-01-2018 11:00:40

 **Tim in KY** 04-01-2018 11:00:51
But the chase is not closing.

 **Donny** 04-01-2018 11:01:14
These gap times are crap when you get the overhead view

 **Dr. Evil** 04-01-2018 11:01:20
Wow! That was a tease...


 **Joanna in New York** 04-01-2018 11:01:29
No kidding!

 **Tim in KY** 04-01-2018 11:01:30
5 km banner.

 **BusterSci** 04-01-2018 11:01:33
Yeah, total hose job on the graphics

 **Joanna in New York** 04-01-2018 11:02:03
That's it, let's stop watching.

 **BusterSci** 04-01-2018 11:02:13
See ya.

 **Donny** 04-01-2018 11:02:20
Makes it more like being at the race? You just wait around not knowing what is going on and just see what happens

 **BusterSci** 04-01-2018 11:02:36
Wait, you weren't serious?

 **David Stanley** 04-01-2018 11:02:38
those dang graphics gurus.

 **Tim in KY** 04-01-2018 11:02:46
QS throwing a spanner in the chase.

 **Donny** 04-01-2018 11:03:05
Wonder why tim?



David Stanley

Just a pursuit distance left for Terpstra

04-01-2018 11:03:11



Tim in KY

Seems ungentlemanly, Donny.

04-01-2018 11:03:38



Charles Davis

Looks like 18 to mads and 25 to the chase

04-01-2018 11:03:40



Tim in KY

3 km.

04-01-2018 11:04:15



Donny

Those BASTARDS, their mothers should put them in a corner at the end of this.

04-01-2018 11:04:36



David Stanley

Niki will be our winner. What a fine strong ride.Can Mads hold them off.

04-01-2018 11:04:41



BusterSci

I'm not a Terpstra fan, but he rode this well. Hope the X-Ray truck nabs him. :P

04-01-2018 11:05:32



Tim in KY

2 km.

04-01-2018 11:05:34



Joanna in New York

Maybe if Peter forgets his jersey next race...

04-01-2018 11:06:02



Charles Davis

Valgren goes Gilbert chasing

04-01-2018 11:06:14



Tim in KY

And Sep.
Fight for third.
Kite.

04-01-2018 11:06:29



Joanna in New York

It would be great to see Sep make the podium after all his bad luck.

04-01-2018 11:07:01



David Stanley

red kite
rooting hard for Mads

04-01-2018 11:07:05



Tim in KY

Mads may be caught.

04-01-2018 11:07:40



Dr. Evil

Mads deserves 2nd. Not sure he'll get it.

04-01-2018 11:07:54



Tim in KY

Long lens foreshortens.

04-01-2018 11:08:09



David Stanley

Come on mads. Great win for Niki.

04-01-2018 11:08:31



Donny

mads is 2nd

04-01-2018 11:08:34



Tim in KY

PhilGil third.

04-01-2018 11:08:44



Donny

Gilbert 3rd

04-01-2018 11:08:44



Charles Davis

Oh I did have Gilbert as well

04-01-2018 11:09:09



Donny

GVA takes 5th with SAGAN on for 6th looked like, Valgren 4th?

04-01-2018 11:09:26



BusterSci

Yup

04-01-2018 11:09:35



Joanna in New York

Wow! A great finale.

04-01-2018 11:09:41



Dr. Evil

QS played it great. Mads had the ride of the day, though!

04-01-2018 11:09:52



Charles Davis

Good race. First Dutchman to win in many years.

04-01-2018 11:10:06

Dr. Evil



Buona Pasqua, LUGNuts!

04-01-2018 11:10:28



Joanna in New York

04-01-2018 11:10:32

Happy Easter, Happy Passover! See you all again soon! Jo



BusterSci

04-01-2018 11:10:58

Happy April fools! Wednesday for Scheldeprijs. Next Sunday in Roubaix.



Marc @ Toad Hall

04-01-2018 11:10:59

Next week, for sure.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 11:11:09

Mads was in the break and stayed away. Good job. Stuyven was in the chase. Good for Trek.



David Stanley

04-01-2018 11:11:14

I'm a big Mads fan, too. Gutsy ride to hold off that power for 2nd place. And so much for my ride. It just started snowing! Have a fine Easter day. Hug your family. Next weekend, see you in France.



Donny

04-01-2018 11:11:54

Next Sunday will be Hell. This Sunday was great. Happy Easter, Passover, and of course April fools.



Charles Davis

04-01-2018 11:12:10

Lookin forward to it. Check your teams for the stage race starting tomorrow.



BusterSci

04-01-2018 11:12:31

TTFN