



**Tim in KY** TdF Stage 3 is 194 kilometers from inland Spanish Basque country at Amorebieta-Etxano into French Basque country on the Bay of Biscay at Bayonne.

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1688328492-stage-3-route.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** The first half of the route has four categorized climbs, the first starting just 7.5 kilometers into the stage. Because the climbs offer only a total of 7 KOM points, Nielson Powless can take the day off and still keep his dots into stage 4. The second half of the stage is a bit lumpy but should allow for the sprinters to have their first go at a stage win. It will be an "interesting" bunch sprint with five roundabouts in the last 5 km and a 360° turn with 2 km to go.

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1688328594-stage-3-profile.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1688328607-stage-3-route-finale.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:15 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:40. Forecast is for cloudy skies with temps in the low-20s.

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**Tim in KY** Neutral start actually went off early today.

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

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**Tim in KY** ASO feed having major sound break up problems today.

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**BusterSci** Kinda unforgivable. I can see the issue on day one, but it's been three days now and they haven't fixed it--it's gotten worse.

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**Tim in KY** Powless and Pichon of Arkea are the only breakers.

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Océan Atlantique

**BAYONNE**



**Côte de Millot 4**

**Côte d'Orioko Benta 3**

**Saint-Sébastien 3**

**Côte de Trabakua 3**

**Col d'Itziar 3**

**AMOREBIETA-ETXANO**



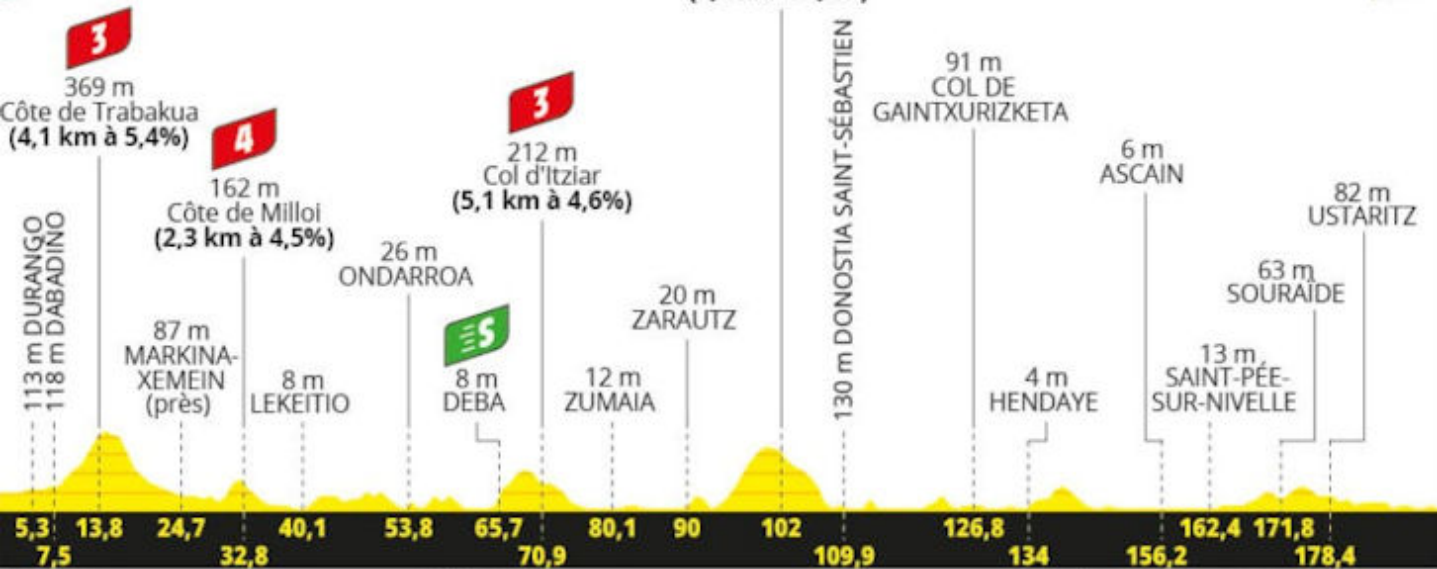
# AMOREBIETA-ETXANO

86 m



# BAYONNE

13 m





2 000 m

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4 000 m

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**DERIVATION GÉNÉRALE 600 m**

**INSERTION DES VÉHICULES HORS COURSE**

**PROVENANCE DES VÉHICULES PORTE-CHARS depuis AP8 (Espagne)  
A63 (France) sortie n°6 (Bayonne/Saint-Esprit)  
Rond-point du Grand Basque, Avenue d'Aquitaine**

**BAYONNE**

**PROVENANCE DES VÉHICULES HORS COURSE depuis Amorebieta-Extano, AP8 (Espagne)  
A63 (France) sortie n°6 (Bayonne/Saint-Esprit)  
Rond-point du Grand Basque**

**VIRAGE SERRÉ**

**PASSAGE À DROITE**

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**Tim in KY** I'm actually not sure if it's ASO or Peacock that's the source of the problem.

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**Tim in KY** Powless has on red shorts today. Looks dumb.

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**BusterSci** Agreed on the feed problems. Â Don't care which it is, there's no excuse for it. Â If the video is working, which consumes way more bandwidth, there's no reason to have glitchy audio.

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**Tim in KY** First Cat 3 starts.

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**Tim in KY** Powless gets 2 more KOM points.

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**Tim in KY** On the first Cat 4.

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**Tim in KY** Another point for Powless.

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**Tim in KY** McCrossen just admitted that the ASO feed has audio problems.

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08:16:17 am



**Katie S** G'day, gents

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08:25:11 am



**Tim in KY** It's a boring day so far Katie.

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08:29:41 am



**Katie S** so it appears. Pogacar had a puncture. There's a lighthouse. The Burmeister trio is playing with their holodeck.

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**Tim in KY** You missed Cav's puncture and two tunnels.

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08:35:33 am



**Tim in KY** Scenery is currently interesting.

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08:40:58 am



**Rocket City Gal** Good morning, all.Â I'm glad they changed the final kms of the route today to include less traffic furniture.Â Too bad it takes a rider's death for the organization to step back and actually start listening and taking (long-term) steps to

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make things a little safer for the racers.

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**Rocket City Gal** Picked a bunch more tomatoes yesterday. Was happy that soaping up arms / legs with my "anti-bug" homemade soap (with citronella, lemongrass, peppermint etc) resulted in ZERO bites. Usually I come in with at least half a dozen, sometimes more.

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**Rocket City Gal** Planning on tomato pie for dinner tonight.

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**Katie S** Look, Ma, no bug bites! Hurrah!

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**Tim in KY** Hi, RCG. I have errands to run now. I'm planning leftovers tonight.

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**bikerabe** Giro Donne Longo Borghini wins 3 up sprint over American Veronica Ewers and Van Vlueten who increases Giro lead

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**Rocket City Gal** There are tomatoes all over the front yard. A contractor did some work and ran over and over and over the ground, compacting the soil and rendering it devoid of life. 3 huge oak trees died last year as a result. I've been trying to rehab the soil by drilling fairly closely-spaced holes with an auger drill attachment, filling those holes with compost and peat most, and mulching over them with bark mulch. Well..... we worm compost (vermicompost) our non-meat/non-fat table scraps / veggie scrapings and such. Part of the compost I used for the hole-filling was worm compost. About 8-10 pretty healthy volunteer tomato plants came up in the area where I "drilled and filled," and we just left them there to see what would grow. It looks like they include yellow cherry tomatoes, either grape tomatoes on steroids or small Romas or a grape/Roma hybrid, and some pretty good-sized "regular" tomatoes. They look healthier than the pampered garden tomatoes!

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**Rocket City Gal** I also planted some things that are varieties that develop long roots in the hopes that those will push through some of the clay. (Like sunflowers, Daikon radishes that I'll snap the tops off of and leave to enrich the soil, and the like). It will take years to restore the microbiome and get worms to like the yard again. As an indicator of how bad it is, we dug a hole to plant a small dogwood tree and didn't come across a single worm..

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**Katie S** Geez. I could send you some of my gophers to work through all that soil compatto.

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**John** Afternoon everyone!

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09:11:35 am

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**Katie S** Hello, John!

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**PasadenaK8** Mornin' ~ Looks like a lovely day in Spain. 2 more KOM pts for Powless. And the beat goes on...

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**John** I have sad news to share - the beinSports feed is no longer available in Dubai. I'm not 4-500m ahead of everyone anymore ;)

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**Katie S** G'morning, K8.

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**Katie S** Oh, John, what tragic news.

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**PasadenaK8** Morning, Katie. No more BeinSports here either. One of my bosses was very sweet to let me in on his Peacock.

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**Katie S** Quinn Simmons looks very 1970s retro with those flowing locks, shiny silver bike and stars & stripes jersey. I hope he can bring me some points in the VeloGame. I continue to rue not picking Powless, as was my first idea.

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**Katie S** now, that's a good boss

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**Rocket City Gal** I am still doing "business stuff," but I was so frustrated with the sound cutting out continually on the ASO feed that I'll be watching the other one today. I mean, c'mon guys. Three days of this... shouldn't be too hard to fix.

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**Katie S** What is the ASO feed? I just watch Peacock - both the Phil & Bob show and the "World" feed show. I flip between them.

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**Rocket City Gal** It's the "world" feed, with Nico Roche and co.

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**Rocket City Gal** Wow, lots of thunder and a torrential downpour (here, not the race). Again. It's been doing this for 3 days now off and on. It rumbled a lot yesterday but we didn't get much rain. This morning, though, the heavens opened.

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**Tim in KY** If you have Peacock, Katie you can choose the Yellow "TDF World Feed" option to get the ASO feed. No ads, no Phil.

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09:33:52 am



**Tim in KY** We've had the same weather here, RCG.

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**Rocket City Gal** No ads, but you get a black screen with little peacocks on it while the 'Murican feed is showing ads.

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**Tim in KY** I don't get little peacocks.

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09:35:27 am



**Rocket City Gal** I think I'm getting the same storm systems as you, Tim. There have been tons of ever-evolving t-storms generally coming out of the NW.

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09:35:28 am



**Tim in KY** That's what weather we have, too.

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09:36:14 am



**Rocket City Gal** Dots? Maybe it's not peacocks, but there's something -- but a basically black, non-race view for a minute or so at a time. I'll have to pay more attention.

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**Rocket City Gal** Usually that's when I go to get coffee or whatever.

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**Katie S** I wondered if they were one in the same (World and ASO). I also have created an account on letour to get some spotty radio feed.

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**Katie S** but my French isn't good enough to keep up

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**Tim in KY** This stage isn't even half way over.

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**Tim in KY** The break is way slower than the slowest imaginable...

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**PasadenaK8** I've been occasionally listening to those RaceCenter radio clips that they post in their main feed. Was taken aback a bit when I heard some race strategy being relayed to the riders. :S-

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**Tim in KY** ASO has access to 17 of the teams' radios with permission to post and broadcast them.

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**Tim in KY** They are on time delay, though.

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**PasadenaK8** That's good to know, 'cause what I heard was that in x-amount of kilometers was going to be the time to attack.

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**PasadenaK8** Was just looking up some areas along the route today, trying to find that really beautiful and unusual costal area that they just spotlighted on the Peacock feed. Still haven't found it, but came across this interesting little tidbit about Getaria, Spain. "Getaria is known for being Juan Sebasti n Elcano's hometown, a seaman well-known for being the first man to circumnavigate the earth. He was captain of the Nao Victoria, the one ship in Magellan's ill-fated fleet which completed the voyage."

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**Katie S** Wout gets a visit from the farrier

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**Tim in KY** Bothe the EFE DS and Arkea DS have told the breakers to keep going after the last KOM line.

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**PasadenaK8** Wash, rinse, repeat. 2 more points for Powless.

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10:00:55 am



**Tim in KY** Powless how has 18 KOM points after two days of riding. A single Cat 1 mountain top finish yields 20 KOM points.

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10:02:47 am



**Katie S** Traffic jam

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10:05:10 am



**Katie S** crash

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10:05:21 am



**Tim in KY** Bloody elbow.

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**Katie S** yeah, hardly a "crash" ... more of a mishap.

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10:06:12 am



**Tim in KY** Pichon takes off on his own.

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10:14:29 am



**Katie S** Powless has done his thing

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**Katie S** Powless got himself some lunch and is back with the peloton

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**Trish in MA** Sitting in the office, grumbling quietly to myself since the rest of the world has the day off. Â No idea why we have to do a half-day. Â Grumble, grumble. Â Will now go put on Peacock on my other screen.

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10:25:23 am



**Katie S** Oh, I'm working, too, Trish. It's a half-day for the NYSE, so we'll close up shop at 1 ET (which is 10 PT for me). In fact, I'm on a conference call right now.

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10:26:03 am



**Katie S** as my retired friends constantly hound me, RETIRE!

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**Trish in MA** I'm thinking about it. I look at my garden beds which need serious work and all the stuff in my house that need sorting and throwing and my rather large yarn stash and go, hmmm.....

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10:28:02 am



**Tim in KY** Tomorrow is very flat and the final 3 km are on a motorsports race track.

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**Katie S** so the final 1 km should be the moment to tune in?

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10:28:57 am



**Tim in KY** The last 350 meters would probably do.

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10:32:03 am



**PasadenaK8** Except for one quick sprint, thatâ€™s pretty much what Le Monde, â€œSieste/Non Siesteâ€ is also saying. Tune in around 4:37pm, Yurp time.

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**Trish in MA** Watching the guys take their sticky bottles, I remembered this short GCN clip: Â <https://www.globalcyclingnetwork.com/video/sticky-bottles-harder-than-it-looks>

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**Tim in KY** Almost to France.

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10:41:02 am



**Alaska Dave** Having failed at retirement, I now find myself the boss who can give everyone the day off. Iâ€™m wondering why?

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**Alaska Dave** Why I found this position and why I didnâ€™t give everyone the day off? Itâ€™s a while before everyone shows up in the office and I can

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tell them to go home.



**Katie S** Now thereâ€™s a good boss

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**Tim in KY** Over 20 minutes slower than the slowest....

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**PasadenaK8** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1688396299-1688395996650.jpeg>

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**Tim in KY** It's going to be well after 18:00 before they finish.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Good day folks.

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11:04:58 am



**Tim in KY** Where are you today, Charlie?

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**Katie S** greetings, Charlie

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11:05:51 am



**John** Hey Charlie

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11:06:31 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I am in Utah moving furniture with my fil. The vacation has gone well. I have a slight idea about the 2 races going on but plan to catch up some tonight.

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**Charlie in Tenn** In Dutch John Utah.

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11:07:07 am



**Mikey** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1688397127-1688396826853.jpeg>

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**Charlie in Tenn** Nice.

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11:07:32 am



**Mikey** Mobile checking in

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11:07:35 am



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**Charlie in Tenn** OK, I am off on another project. We might raft the Green River today, if we gets these chores done soon enough. See ya tomorrow.

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11:08:57 am



**Mikey** Pretty cool to have started something. They now have five memorial benches!

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**Mikey** Saying hello to mons from all the gang

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**Katie S** Wonderful!

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11:11:30 am



**PasadenaK8** :FL: Lovely, and thank you :FL:

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11:12:36 am



**Katie S** The catch

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11:13:04 am



**PasadenaK8** Catch replay <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFufoOgCMW8>

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11:17:05 am



**Katie S** good'un

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11:18:46 am



**Trish in MA** I was at a party yesterday, and said something along the lines of defying expectations, at which point one member of our group (who I had just met) said, "No one expects the Spanish Inquisition!" And we were off - Monty Python, Tom Lehrer, and Marx Brothers quotes went flying around fast and furiously.

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**Trish in MA** Mickey, what a great picture and it is nice that we started a tradition. And Mons lives on.

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**Trish in MA** 2.8 KM to the No Begging Zone

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**Katie Lane** I miss Mons's wit. I miss his daily grand tour essays. We all learned so much from him. He was truly a polymath, in addition to being a wonderful on-line friend.

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11:38:01 am



**Trish in MA** All the Monseigneurs I ever knew in my youth were old and humorless. And Mons was a breath of fresh air

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**Tim in KY** Things have sped up. Now just 12 minutes slower than the slowest...

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1688399262-stage-3-route-finale.jpg>

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**Trish in MA** Jeez. Â That doesn't look like Bayonne....New Jersey.

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**Katie S** Since we're remembering Mons ... Here is a snippet from his book "Reflections from Rome"

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**Katie S** Cycling Through Lent Hemmingway said, "It is by riding a bicycle that you learn the contours of a country best since you have to sweat up the hills and coast down them. Thus you remember them as they actually are, while in a motor car only a high hill impresses you, and you have no such accurate remembrance of country you have driven through as you gain by riding a bicycle." Throughout life I have always enjoyed riding a bike, something I find almost impossible to do here in Rome. The WiiFit Plus bicycle, while it gives a workout, is not just a substitute. When I hit the road on my bike, I realize just how hilly Illinois can be, as I survey it from the pedals, sometimes quickly as I am coasting, sometimes in an uphill climb, with muscles which haven't been used in a while screaming from lack of use. In life we seldom stop and reflect on how much good God has brought into our lives, how well we have dealt with adversity, but how much further we have to go to become more faithful. The Season of Lent calls us to get out of the car, perhaps, and to get on the bicycle, to stop witnessing life from a high speed and to examine it more closely.

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**PasadenaK8** Was just browsing through the Mons collection of essays that I had saved off over the years. Thank you for sharing that one, Katie S. Lovely one, indeed.

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**Trish in MA** 10K to go.

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**Trish in MA** 5K to go. Â Lots of positioning going on.

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**Toulouse** I'm at 1.5K.

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**Trish in MA** Just fast forwarded. Â Now I'm at 3.2K

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11:57:47 am







**Trish in MA** Inside 3K

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11:58:02 am



**Katie S** just crossed the line on my feed

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11:58:27 am



**Trish in MA** Go ahead and shout if you need to.

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**Toulouse** It seems up in the air.

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11:59:11 am



**Tim in KY** I had no one in the top ten.

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**bikerabe** Jasper Phillipson wins

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**Trish in MA** I just hit the Red Kite.

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**Trish in MA** I'm done. ^ Looked like Phillipson elbowed out Wout who just stopped pedaling.

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12:01:32 pm



**Katie S** you'll see in the replay that the barriers nosed out into the lane/line

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**Katie S** so it wasn't really Phillipson doing anything untoward

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12:02:01 pm



**Katie Lane** Phi linden, Bauhaus, Ewen top 3

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12:02:55 pm



**Trish in MA** Yup. ^ And now I am done with everything - word and today's stage. ^ Happy day before the 4th, everyone

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**Katie Lane** Philipsen, Bauhaus, Ewen

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**PasadenaK8** See you all tomorrow at the motorsports race track...

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12:09:33 pm



**Katie S** Enjoy the day, all.

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12:10:22 pm

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**Katie Lane** Delayed results while they try to decide if Philipsen deviated or if the barriers were set up poorly to squeeze van Aert.

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**Katie Lane** Philipsen declared the official Winner.

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