



Tim in KY VaE Stage 9 is 185 kilometers from Cartagena, on the Mediterranean Coast, north and west to a summit finish at Caravaca de la Cruz, which is located in the mountains of Murcia.

09-02-2023
01:28:56 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1693676047-stage-9-route.jpg>

09-02-2023
01:29:09 pm



Tim in KY The first 48 kilometers are a false flat leading to the start of a Cat 1 climb of 12 km averaging 5%. This is followed by 110 km of lumpy terrain leading to the start of the final climb, an 8 km Cat 2 of very inconsistent gradient.

09-02-2023
01:29:37 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1693676086-stage-9-profile.jpg>

09-02-2023
01:29:47 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1693676096-stage-9-marina-de-perdiz.jpg>

09-02-2023
01:29:57 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1693676115-stage-9-caravaca-de-la-cruz.jpg>

09-02-2023
01:30:16 pm



Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 12:39 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:15. Forecast is for clouds at the start with the possibility of rain increasing as the route moves inland. Temps in the upper 20s.

09-02-2023
01:31:04 pm



KimC Benefit of leaving the LUG pub as an open tab if you have to work late on a Saturday night- Tim previews the race profile and keeps your motivation up!Â My pile of work is not as steep as the route tomorrow!

09-02-2023
10:14:29 pm



Tim in KY 25 riders have a tiny gap.

09-03-2023
06:46:13 am



Tim in KY No DNS today.

09-03-2023
06:48:41 am

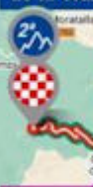


BusterSci Didn't expect such an early start.

09-03-2023
06:51:03 am

**Collado de la Cruz
de Caravaca**

**Alto de Caravaca
de la Cruz**



**Caravaca
de la Cruz**

Cehegín

**Puerto Casas de
la Marina la Perdiz**



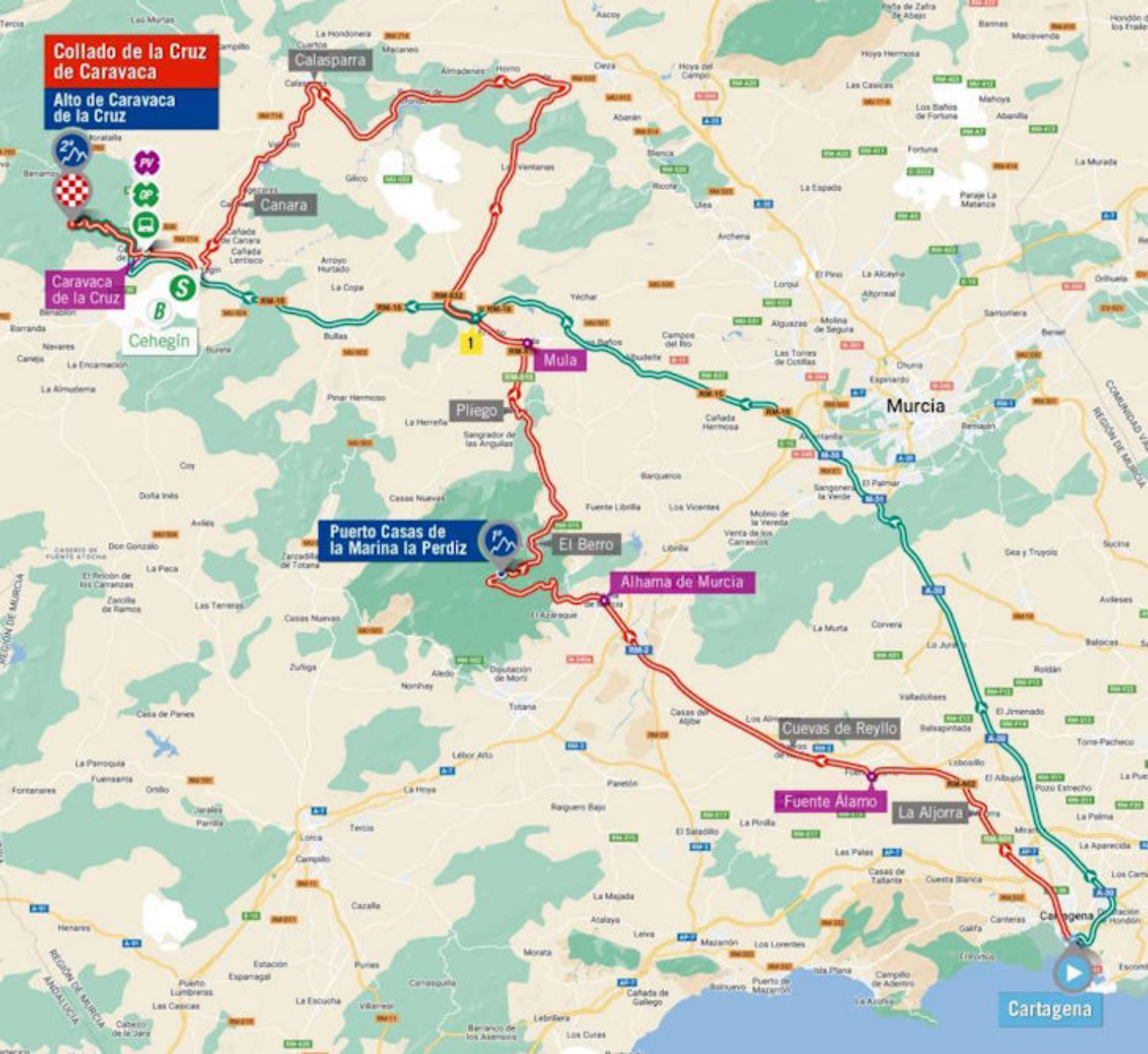
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Cuevas de Reyillo

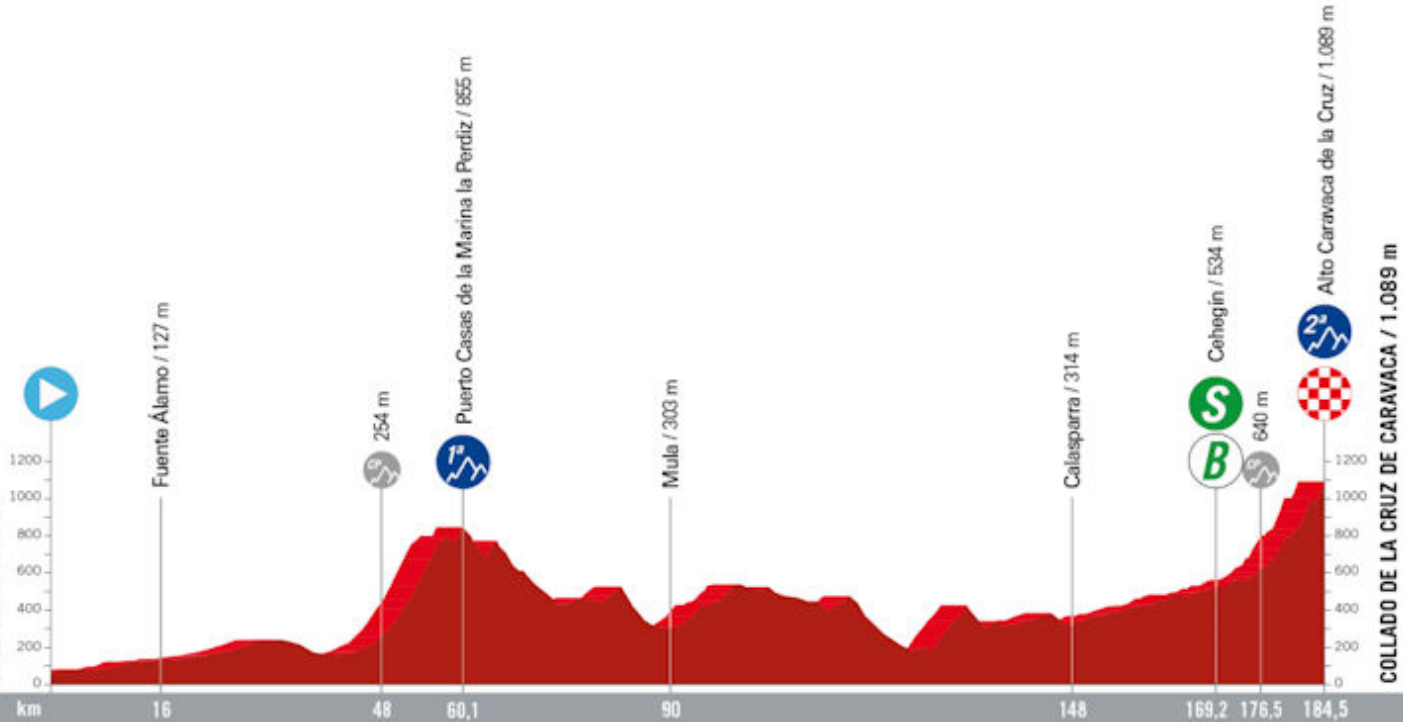
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La Aljorra

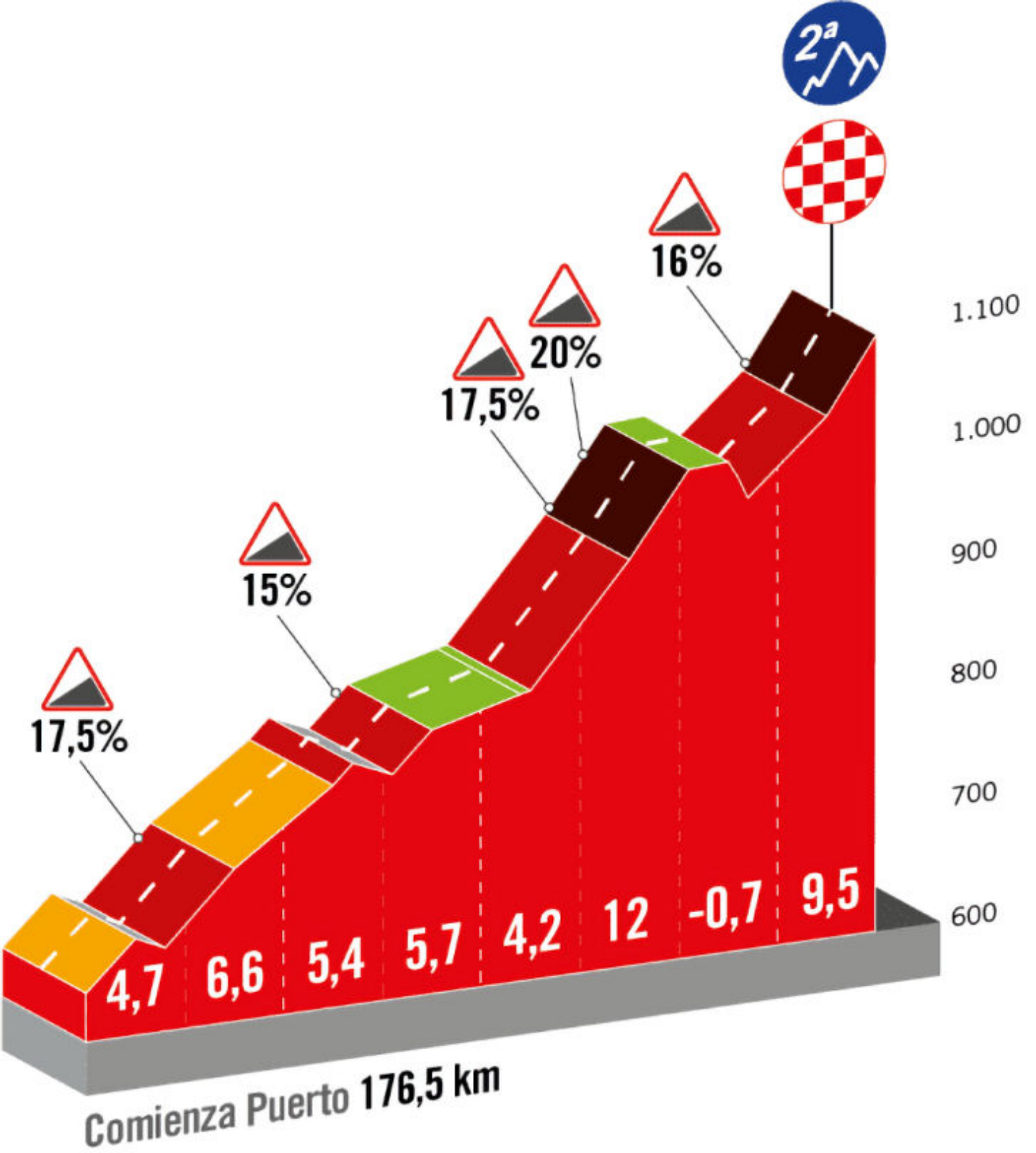
Cartagena



CARTAGENA / 55 m









Tim in KY The entire J-V team is off the front with about six other riders.

09-03-2023
06:56:26 am



BusterSci I've mostly given up on Velogames. A similar thing has happened to it as put me off fantasy football back in the day. With FF, it started as simple "you get the points your players score" but evolved into something way more complex and time consuming. A With VG, it started with GTs, a handful of 1 week races and the Monuments. A Now with one nonsense race after another it's just too much. A I'll play the big races and when the mood strikes me.

09-03-2023
07:00:04 am



BusterSci Not that anyone cares. A Just sayin.

09-03-2023
07:00:18 am



Tim in KY I have developed that feeling myself.

09-03-2023
07:02:01 am



BusterSci Perfect example of too much of a good thing

09-03-2023
07:03:51 am



Tim in KY Time for my walk.

09-03-2023
07:17:08 am



BusterSci Looks like things might come back together on the climb here. A Gap decreasing. A Never got more than a half minute or so.

09-03-2023
07:42:13 am



BusterSci Together, and a new group off the front.

09-03-2023
07:42:14 am



BusterSci Navarro and Kamna at 22 minutes and change are closest to GC threats in the group of 6

09-03-2023
07:42:44 am



BusterSci <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1693741693-Screenshot%202023-09-03%20at%206.42.57%20AM.png>

09-03-2023
07:43:14 am



Tim in KY I wonder what J-V was trying to do.

09-03-2023
07:53:34 am



BusterSci Was seeing talk of echelons, and distancing Mas would be helpful

09-03-2023
08:05:00 am















BusterSci 6 minute gap now

09-03-2023
08:05:07 am

Situation

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1		54	GHEBREIGZABHIER Amanuel	1:17:16	
2		75	KÄMNA Lennard	22:34	
3		127	SOBRERO Matteo	55:50	
4		156	FERNÁNDEZ Rubén	37:53	
5		206	NAVARRO Daniel	22:48	
6		214	BARRENETXEA Jon	1:04:30	

2

+0:40

1		103	CAICEDO Jonathan Klever	30:40	
2		165	HAMILTON Chris	53:30	

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+0:50



Charlie in Tenn Good Morning. Yes, the 30 race fantasy thing is not fun. No idea what JV is doing. Maybe an homage to Discovery, Sky, eyc.

09-03-2023
08:12:24 am



BusterSci If they really think that Kuss is a valid GC winner, they must know he's going to need even more minutes over Remco going into the TT.

09-03-2023
08:15:13 am



Charlie in Tenn Yes, that is the Kuss problem. But it is a problem for everyone.

09-03-2023
08:24:46 am



Katie S You have to defenestrate your team leader to get there, like Froome did with Brave Brave Sir Wiggo etc. I donâ€™t see that yet for Sepp

09-03-2023
08:32:13 am



Tim in KY Okay. 1.5 liters of gazpacho chilling in the fridge. Back just in time to watch the paint dry.

09-03-2023
08:36:01 am



Tim in KY Looks like a day for the break and I got nobody in there.

09-03-2023
08:39:19 am



BusterSci It is much less a problem for Rog and Vingo, though.

09-03-2023
08:40:31 am



BusterSci Katie, I'm not convinced defenestration is required. A lot of today's personalities are different than those we grew up on. Â I can see Rog and Vingo both willingly paying Sepp back for his assistance. Â Not only that, but Vingo may have less in the tank due to Tour fatigue. I'm not saying that IS the case, just that I don't think it's as unreasonable as it may have been (ahem) 20 years ago.

09-03-2023
08:47:35 am



Katie S Could be true, Buster, and agree Vingo may be riding in eco mode.

09-03-2023
08:49:14 am



Tim in KY Something I hadn't noticed before today. Except for Rog the bib numbers on J-V are arranged alphabetically.

09-03-2023
08:52:20 am



BusterSci That's normal. Â Or are you getting at something else?

09-03-2023
08:58:20 am



Tim in KY I just looked at all the teams. Some are alphabetical, some aren't. I'd just never noticed it before.

09-03-2023
09:01:30 am



Katie S We still have to see, says Sepp, re whether he is still in the service of Jonas and Primosz

09-03-2023
09:01:57 am



Katie S Ugh, crosswinds

09-03-2023
09:03:31 am



BusterSci Standard practice is the designated leader (be he GC or Sprinter or whatever the team likes) gets the 1 and the remainder are alphabetical.

09-03-2023
09:03:39 am



bikerabe 80 km to go over 8 min. gap very interesting

09-03-2023
09:03:45 am



Katie S Any rain forecast?

09-03-2023
09:06:13 am



bikerabe crosswinds splitting the peloton

09-03-2023
09:06:40 am



bikerabe gap down to 7 min.

09-03-2023
09:07:02 am



Tim in KY Small chance, Katie but not zero.

09-03-2023
09:07:33 am



bikerabe 75 km to go 6 min. gap

09-03-2023
09:10:51 am



BusterSci Tim, it's interesting that even when they aren't alphabetical, it's generally just one guy out of place. Â I wonder how much of that is last minute changes within the team?

09-03-2023
09:10:52 am



BusterSci Except Astana is all over the place.

09-03-2023
09:10:54 am



Charlie in Tenn I have to read a sermon about Labor Unions at church so I need to hit the road. See ya tomorrow.

09-03-2023
09:16:43 am



Katie S On Tuesday youâ€™ll have to tell us about it.

09-03-2023
09:18:27 am



bikerabe 67 km to go 4 min. gap

09-03-2023
09:22:21 am



BusterSci I've been to churches where they're considered an expression of christian brotherly love and others where they're the spawn of satan. Â Which is one of the reasons I don't bother with churches any more.

09-03-2023
09:22:22 am



Katie S Me either, but I admire my brother the preacher for keeping his flock well centered as much as he can. 09-03-2023 09:25:22 am



BusterSci Not an enviable position to be in these days. I can admire anyone who can stick to the core tenets in the midst of wildly divergent secular pressures. 09-03-2023 09:30:02 am



Katie S Dam! 09-03-2023 09:51:10 am



Katie S The tarmac was not refreshed hereabouts. Looks like on of our backroads. Cracked and patchy 09-03-2023 09:55:52 am



BusterSci Yikes! <https://twitter.com/friebos/status/1698325268547457329?s=20> 09-03-2023 09:56:03 am



Katie S Yipes! 09-03-2023 09:56:51 am



PasadenaK8 It's the Strade Bianche stage of the Vuelta. 09-03-2023 09:59:51 am



BusterSci Imma go burn some calories. 09-03-2023 09:59:52 am



Katie S I just ingested calories. Mom made sausage rolls a La Scotland for us. Mmmmmmm 09-03-2023 10:03:54 am



PasadenaK8 Just looked up that Scottish version online, and "Mmmmmmm" is definitely an understatement! 09-03-2023 10:07:40 am



PasadenaK8 1 KU, 4:29 (dang, almost got a 4:20) 09-03-2023 10:09:46 am



bikerabe 28 km 5 min. gap Go break ! 09-03-2023 10:19:45 am



PasadenaK8 Looks like they're moving along faster than the fastest scheduled time estimate. 09-03-2023 10:19:47 am



Katie S The finish looks like the Playa at Burning Man this week. 09-03-2023 10:21:03 am



Katie S <https://rumbletalk-images->

09-03-2023

10:21:10 am

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PasadenaK8 Oh my... Guess it should be called the "Burning Man" stage of the Vuelta *;-)

09-03-2023

10:24:25 am



Tim in KY They are indeed faster than the fastest K8.

09-03-2023

10:25:57 am



PasadenaK8 Race Center says there was an "Oh dear" moment: "Among the attackers, Jon Barrenetxea (Caja Rural-Seguros RGA) has hit the deck."

09-03-2023

10:26:20 am



Trish in MA <https://rumbletalk-images->

09-03-2023

10:27:12 am

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Trish in MA Just got to my hotel room. I am prepared

09-03-2023

10:27:32 am



Mikey Very nice

09-03-2023

10:27:47 am



Tim in KY Sangria?

09-03-2023

10:27:58 am



Trish in MA Si. All of 7 euros. I need 2hands to hold the glass

09-03-2023

10:29:07 am



PasadenaK8 Â¡Salud!

09-03-2023

10:29:54 am



Mikey Cheers!

09-03-2023

10:30:29 am



Tim in KY Peacock has had more ads than racing today.

09-03-2023

10:31:54 am



PasadenaK8 True ~ especially so for a supposed "No Ads" subscription... :-/

09-03-2023
10:33:29 am





c/o Alice



Tim in KY The very fine Peacock print says some shows will have ads despite a "No Ads" subscription.

09-03-2023
10:35:21 am



Rocket City Gal Hello all. A brief check in.

09-03-2023
10:38:45 am



Rocket City Gal Loved the "defenestration" reference. When we were in Prague, one of the buildings we went to had a bit about a defenestration that occurred there. Not nice.

09-03-2023
10:39:17 am



PasadenaK8 Ah, thanks Tim - that explains it. (I was about to send a nasty email off to Peacock) On the days that I missed it live, I noticed that the Replays cut the commercials out. Don't know if it's the same on the regular subscription - ?

09-03-2023
10:40:49 am



Tim in KY Climb starts with 8 km to go.

09-03-2023
10:44:10 am



Rocket City Gal Buster -- re gas in the tank... if I'm not mistaken, this is Kuss' 3rd GT this year.

09-03-2023
10:44:46 am



Tim in KY It is, RCG.

09-03-2023
10:45:03 am



PasadenaK8 So... times will be taken with 2.6km to go, due to the "Burning Man" conditions at the finish.

09-03-2023
10:45:20 am



Rocket City Gal And he's expended a lot more gas towing Rog and Vingo, for sure.

09-03-2023
10:45:38 am



Tim in KY The Gerbilizer won the sprint.

09-03-2023
10:45:42 am



Rocket City Gal Despite that, and despite that heavy crash in the penultimate stage of Le Tour, he says he's "feeling good."

09-03-2023
10:46:13 am



Rocket City Gal Had a decent day at the Outdoor Market yesterday. Not spectacular, but not bad. Much better than the 1st too outings there. Its wasn't miserably hot and there was a nice breeze.

09-03-2023
10:47:14 am



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10:48:18 am





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RCG https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1693752815-IMG_3175.jpeg

09-03-2023
10:48:40 am



Trish in MA and onto the final climb we go

09-03-2023
10:48:51 am



Tim in KY Steep.

09-03-2023
10:49:26 am



Rocket City Gal I was at the base of the water tower.Â About 1 to 2 pm I was in the shade of the water tower, which was extra nice.Â The only negative was that the guy vending next to me smoked stinky cigars non-stop all day... stinky and off-putting, drove some of my potential customers away.Â And potentially got stinky smoke into my stuff since I was downwind.

09-03-2023
10:50:05 am



Trish in MA RCG, thatâ€™s a lot of inventory youâ€™re packing in and out!

09-03-2023
10:50:33 am



PasadenaK8 Wow - beautiful, Trish!! (drag about Mr. Stinky, though)

09-03-2023
10:50:56 am



Tim in KY Road surface looks awful.

09-03-2023
10:51:36 am



PasadenaK8 Meant RCG (4 hrs of sleep, and not enough caffeine)

09-03-2023
10:51:38 am



Rocket City Gal Waaaayyy too much.Â Trying to sell as much locally as possible.Â Etsy has been jerking sellers around.Â Changed the way photos display, now headers / labels are cutting off and stuff like that.Â I'm supposed to go in and take "new" pictures and edit my headers for 400+ items?Â I don't think so.

09-03-2023
10:51:48 am



Trish in MA Break breaking up

09-03-2023
10:53:48 am



RCG The top will be interesting. Â Just think of all the messiness the mechanics are going to have to deal with after the stage.

09-03-2023
10:55:28 am







RCG Another stage where the end isn't where the times will be taken. 09-03-2023 10:56:40 am



Trish in MA Lotto setting the pace. Â JV's content to follow so far 09-03-2023 10:57:20 am



Trish in MA Sorry Soudal QS. Â Brain cramp 09-03-2023 10:58:07 am



Mikey Drink Trish 09-03-2023 10:59:06 am



Trish in MA could be. 09-03-2023 10:59:23 am



Trish in MA Sabrero is closing on Kemna 09-03-2023 11:02:58 am



RCG Steep steep steep 09-03-2023 11:03:19 am



RCG JoWOW makes a dig 09-03-2023 11:03:48 am



RCG Vlasov goes with him 09-03-2023 11:04:37 am



RCG Once again, the commentators say, "How are they going to time this?" Â No line and no indication of timing equipment at the point where times are supposed to be taken. 09-03-2023 11:06:59 am



PasadenaK8 <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1693753976-1693753628117.jpeg> 09-03-2023 11:07:58 am



PasadenaK8 (live shot of officials calculating times) 09-03-2023 11:07:59 am



Trish in MA And there is a winner 09-03-2023 11:08:02 am



BusterSci Rather ahead of us 09-03-2023 11:08:38 am





BusterSci He just crossed now

09-03-2023
11:08:47 am



RCG KÅmna now his his triple

09-03-2023
11:09:12 am



RCG A stage win in each of the three grand tours

09-03-2023
11:09:28 am



BusterSci Pop goes Sepp

09-03-2023
11:10:15 am



Trish in MA Foggy up top

09-03-2023
11:10:33 am



Tim in KY Sepp looks wobbly.

09-03-2023
11:10:35 am



BusterSci Rog dropped by Mas

09-03-2023
11:10:58 am



Trish in MA Nobody is peddling hard

09-03-2023
11:11:40 am



RCG Mas and Vlasov laughing and chatting as they pedal in

09-03-2023
11:12:25 am



BusterSci I guess since the times were taken 2.5km down the hill the rest doesn't matter

09-03-2023
11:14:54 am



Trish in MA Those are some filthy bikes

09-03-2023
11:15:47 am



Mikey Gate keeper

09-03-2023
11:16:08 am



Tim in KY If times were take at 2.5, they're not showing up anywhere.

09-03-2023
11:17:03 am



Mikey Maybe another hour or so Tim

09-03-2023
11:17:26 am



RCG The official finish line was 2 small orange cones, a dude with a yellow flag, a guy videoing with his smart phone and a guy writing stuff down on a clipboardâ€¦.

09-03-2023
11:17:41 am



Mikey All I saw was the gate and a policeman

09-03-2023
11:17:54 am



Trish in MA Itâ€™s amazing to me that the riders can go so long riding no hands and turning around and waving their arms, etc. Â I would have fallen over as soon as the second hand came off

09-03-2023
11:18:20 am



Tim in KY Back Tuesday.

09-03-2023
11:19:58 am



RCG Trish, have you seen videos of the â€œwheelie contestâ€?

09-03-2023
11:20:04 am



RCG Happy rest day and Labor Day, all

09-03-2023
11:20:20 am



Mikey Ba

09-03-2023
11:20:33 am



Trish in MA I have. I think they made those guys stop doing it on the course

09-03-2023
11:21:01 am



Trish in MA we fly back tomorrow so I will get 1.5 rest days

09-03-2023
11:21:45 am



KimC Trish- so grateful for your photos! Safe travels tomorrow!

09-03-2023
11:22:32 am



Trish in MA Now to go finish off the giant glass of sangria

09-03-2023
11:22:40 am



PasadenaK8 Ta-ta, 'till TT Tuesday...

09-03-2023
11:23:18 am



RCG https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1693755077-IMG_3178.jpeg

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11:26:20 am

LIVE

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Vuelta a España: Stage 9

Cycling - September 3

2:34:03 / 3:10:00





RCG Official Vuelta finish-line timing. Â Lady with clip board on left. Â Dude
with cell phone taking video on rightâ€¦

09-03-2023
11:27:07 am