



Tim in KY VaE Stage 6 is 174 kilometers from Alcossebre to Castelló. Both towns are on the Mediterranean coast but most of the riding takes place inland in the mountains.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1787773075-stage-6-route.jpg>

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Tim in KY Very little of the route is flat but there are only four categorized climbs, a Cat 3. two Cat 2s and a Cat 1. Interestingly, the final two climbs are on the same mountain on the same roads up and down but the first time the riders go just three fifths of the way to the top. The second climb to the top features 1.9 kilometers of dirt road at 12%. The crest of the final climb comes 20 km from the finish. Half of that is descent, half is flat.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1787773161-stage-6-profile.jpg>

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1787773214-stage-6-bartolo.jpg>

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Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:11 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Forecast is for sunshine in the upper-20s to low-30s. Peacock stream starts at 14:30 CEST.

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Tim in KY Roel van Sintmaartensdijk (Lotto) was the only DNF on stage 5. There were no OTL.

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Tim in KY Stage 5 penalties: Alexey Lutsenko (NSN) received a Yellow Card for irregular sprinting. Orluis Aular (Movistar) received a Yellow Card, a 500 CHF fine and was relegated from 6th to 89th for irregular sprinting.

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Tim in KY Mid-30s at the finish now but basically back to hot all day.

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Tim in KY Has anyone found a video of the irregular sprints?

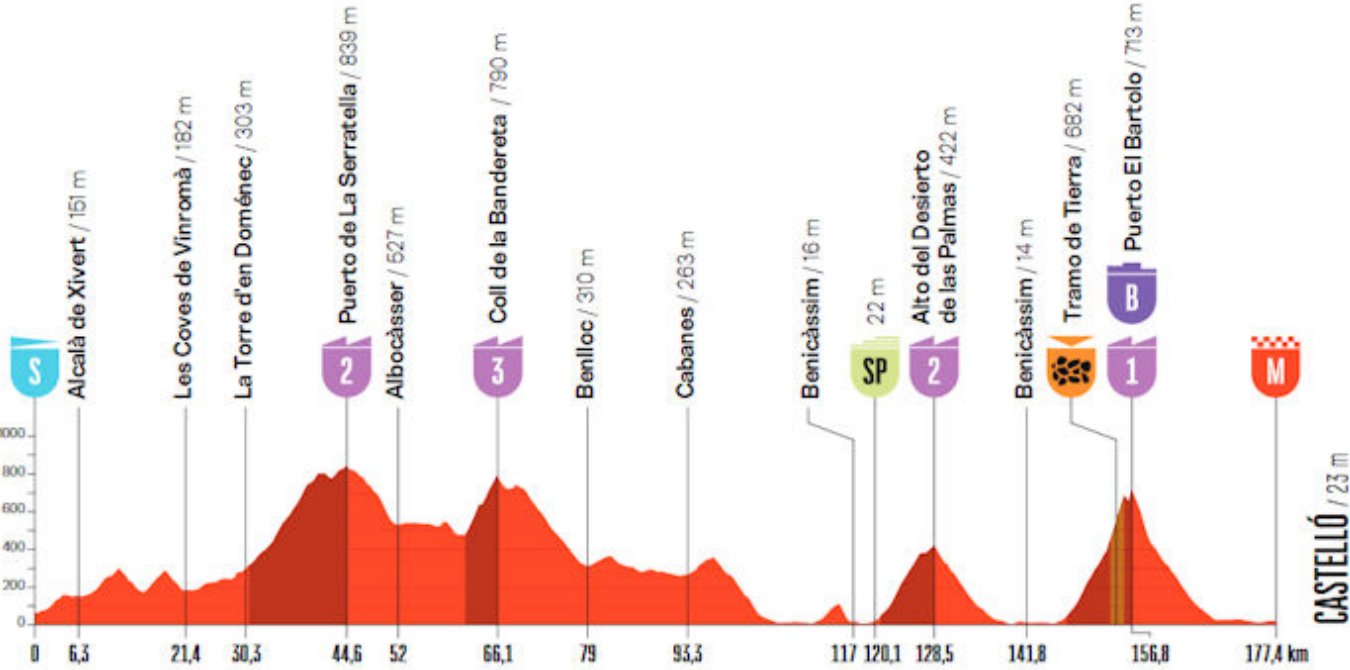
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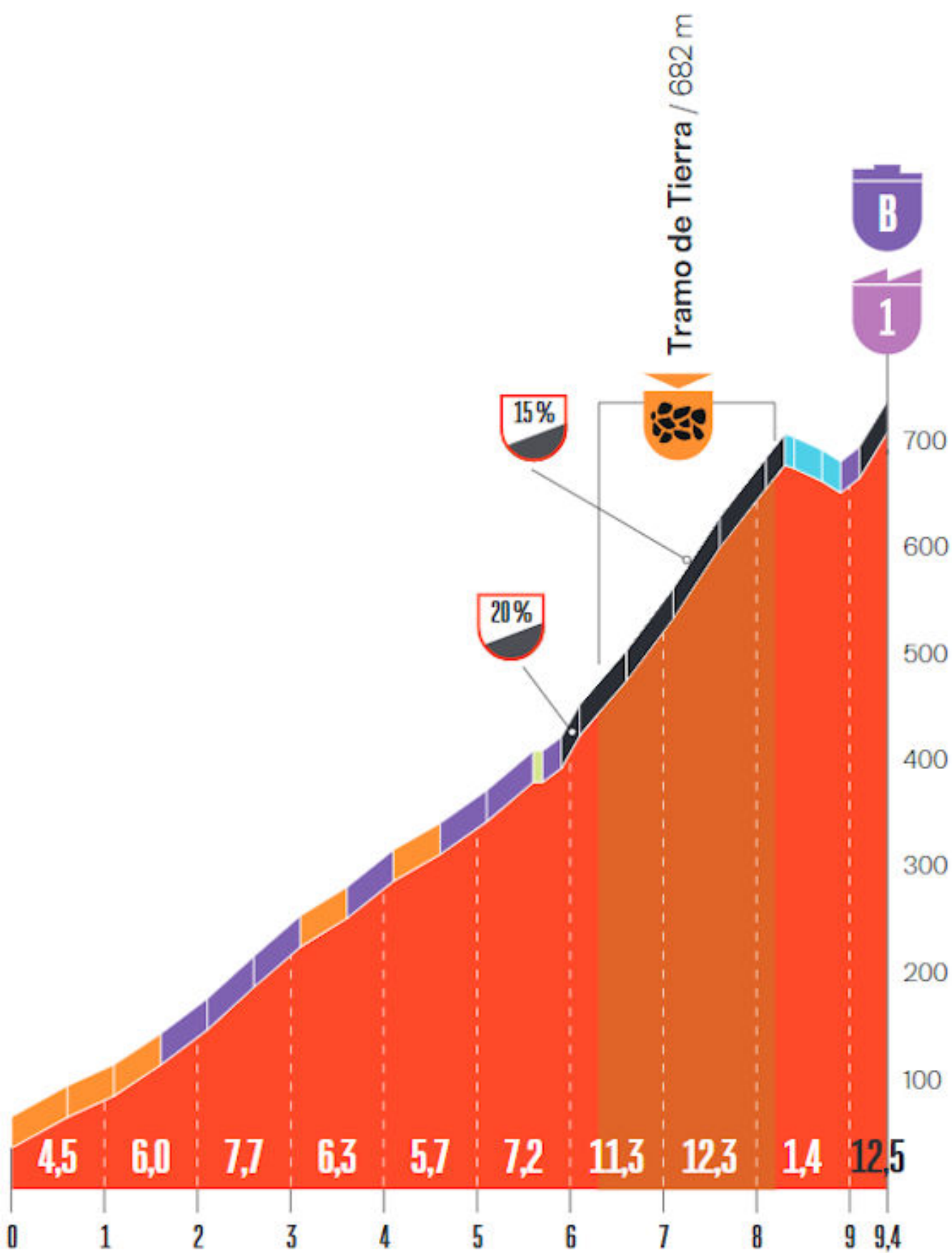
Tim in KY In neutral.

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ALCOSSEBRE / 62 m







Tim in KY No DNS today.

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Tim in KY Km0.

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Tim in KY Chores and errands for me.

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07:17:03 am



Tim in KY I have no internet.

08-27-2026
08:35:04 am



Katie S Ugh.

08-27-2026
08:36:04 am



Katie S I see that John Tarling has abandoned

08-27-2026
08:40:36 am



Tim in KY Still no break.

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08:42:17 am



Katie S And I found this in domestiquecycling.com “Orluis Aular was stripped of sixth place on stage 5 of the 2026 Vuelta a España after the race jury ruled that the Movistar rider had ridden dangerously in the closing kilometres. Alexey Lutsenko was also sanctioned with a yellow card for his role in the same incident.”

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Katie S Deviating from their lines

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Katie S And this: “Lutsenko received a yellow card for deviating from his chosen line and endangering another rider during the final sprint by throwing an elbow.” from another site

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Katie S Results at Coll de la Bandereta (cat. 3, km 66.1) 14:55 1. Buitrago, 3 pts 2. Leemreize, 2 pts 3. Bennett, 1 pt

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08:56:11 am



Tim in KY Spectrum just fessed up that I won't have internet or TV until noon at the earliest.

08-27-2026
08:56:38 am



Katie S Ugh

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08:56:52 am



SFinAus Good morning, Tim and Katie

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08:57:10 am



Katie S Finally, the feed goes to the road: 106 km to go

08-27-2026
08:57:29 am



Katie S Good morning!

08-27-2026
08:57:50 am



SFinAus Never a good time to find out internet is out.

08-27-2026
08:57:57 am



SFinAus At least Kron has some company for a break today.

08-27-2026
09:00:22 am



Tim in KY Mads appears to be ailing.

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09:00:43 am



SFinAus He didn't look good late yesterday. I hoped it was a jour sans - or the Spanish equivalent.

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09:04:56 am



Tim in KY I can get blurry TV using my phone.

08-27-2026
09:05:03 am



Katie S I wondered how you were managing getting tv

08-27-2026
09:06:43 am



Tim in KY It's very tiny.

08-27-2026
09:08:25 am



SFinAus I'm not a shill for Flo, but I've enjoyed the phone app with full quality video. I can even get the audio on the car system with Apple Car. (To be clear, I do *not* watch racing while driving!) O.S:

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09:10:08 am



Katie S Tadej looks to be in a chasing group

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09:10:57 am



SFinAus This is interesting.

08-27-2026
09:12:19 am



Katie S 16 guys now in the break.

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09:13:46 am

Tim in KY Beloki has abandoned.

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09:14:09 am

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**Tim in KY** Internet is back. Yea.

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09:24:01 am

**Tim in KY** Lars needs a new last name.

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09:25:09 am

**Tim in KY** Marco Brenner crashed on his birthday.

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09:26:04 am

**Katie S** That's no fair

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09:26:41 am

**Katie S** And, yay, internet

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09:27:06 am



Katie S Soil color has become reddish from the yellow a few km back.
Pretty backdrops for the olive trees

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09:30:02 am

**Mikey** Good Morning

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09:30:41 am

**Mikey** Yay internet

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09:31:03 am

**SFinAus** Good morning!

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**SFinAus** Hi Trish

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09:32:07 am

**Trish in MA** Good morning!

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09:32:22 am

**Tim in KY** They may be orange trees. We're in Valencia afterall.

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09:32:24 am

**Mikey** Best oranges ever in Portugal kinda next door

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09:33:12 am

Situation

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EARLY BREAK

1		24	CANAL Carlos	+23:42	
2		31	VAN AERT Wout	+24:56	
3		56	GLOAG Thomas	+15:17	
4		71	BILBAO Pello	+18:57	
5		72	BUIRAGO Santiago	+23:43	
6		84	KONRAD Patrick	+27:24	
7		103	DEBRUYNE Ramses	+4:44	
8		112	BENNETT George 🏹	+19:13	
9		123	GAROFOLI Gianmarco	+24:17	
10		135	KRON Andreas	+34:37	
11		162	ALBANESE Vincenzo	+25:05	
12		178	WILKSCH Hannes	+29:45	
13		195	DÍAZ José Manuel	+36:39	
14		203	CRAPS Lars	+32:48	
15		214	LEEMREIZE Gijs	+23:53	
16		221	BERRADE Urko	+14:20	

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PELOTON

+1:15



Trish in MA CVV sounded resigned/bored/fed up with UAE. “Yeah, they just want to keep the last climb in play...”

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09:34:31 am



Katie S Now, those are definitely orange trees

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09:37:13 am



SFinAus Does he remember USPS had that effect too? (Sky too)

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09:37:15 am



Mikey Not all super teams super

08-27-2026
09:38:06 am



SFinAus Def true

08-27-2026
09:41:08 am



Trish in MA The racing just gets boring. Why watch? Carlene and I were talking about that last night. She's just not bothering.

08-27-2026
09:43:42 am



Tim in KY Cat 2 starts in 10 km.

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09:44:40 am



Rocket City Gal Good morning, all!

08-27-2026
09:46:06 am



Tim in KY Faster than imagined right now but not faster than the fastest...

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09:46:30 am



Tim in KY How is the eye, RCG?

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09:47:14 am



Rocket City Gal A lot of the riders have been battling illness. Onley and Carapaz weren't feeling too well on stage 4. Maybe all these abandons are from a bug of some sort.

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09:47:21 am



Rocket City Gal Tim -- Weird stuff was going on starting over last weekend. The pupil got dilated and I had a bad headache. I don't get migraines... but I imagine that's what a migraine is like. Saw eye dr yesterday and he didn't see anything to explain the dilated eye and thought a brain scan would be prudent. After 5 days of the unrelenting headache and dilated eye, I woke up today and things are better....

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Rocket City Gal So, the weirdness continues. Vision is somewhat less blurry. It was scary to have one pupil suddenly bigger than the other for

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09:51:05 am

no apparent reason and stay that way for days.



Tim in KY I hope things stay calm.

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09:51:20 am



Rocket City Gal Me too, Tim. Me too. \

08-27-2026
09:51:45 am



Tim in KY Crapass is on bottle duty today.

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09:52:32 am



SFinAus Sorry to hear your recovery has been down and up. Hope it's steady from now on.

08-27-2026
09:52:34 am



Rocket City Gal I dunno what the eye drs office said to the insurance company, but the scan was approved and scheduled within just a few hours. That NEVER happens....

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09:53:02 am



Rocket City Gal I want the break to win. A continuous Pogi show gets rather boring.

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09:53:33 am



Rocket City Gal I think Pog is going to try to stay in red from start to finish just to see if he can do it, and has told his team that he doesn't want the breaks getting more than a couple of minutes ahead.

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09:55:35 am



Tim in KY Yeah, people didn't have to watch Merckx everyday in every race.

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09:56:29 am



Rocket City Gal It took me a couple of days to figure out the changes to the UnoX and lotto jerseys. The UnoX color is too close to visma.

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09:56:34 am



Tim in KY The only way to tell Uno from Viz is helmet color. Lotto is undistinguished in pink.

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09:58:21 am



Rocket City Gal The soil color in this area of Spain is similar to the "red earth" of Alabama. As anyone who gardens knows, the virgin soil is often dense clay. When it's dry it's like concrete; when it's wet it's a gloopy mess.

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10:02:19 am



SFinAus Nice that Crosswalk got ride ahead a bit to wave to the family on side of the road.

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10:02:21 am



Rocket City Gal This is one of Crosswalk's last races. Retiring at the end of the year.

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10:02:49 am



Trish in MA On a culinary note, just noticed lobsters are on sale at the supermarket. Change in dinner plans!

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10:06:24 am



Rocket City Gal Leather Bilbao leads the breakaway. Another guy who's retiring

08-27-2026
10:06:45 am



Mikey It sure looked like the racers were looking to Pog for instructions err permission to stop on the hail Mary day... do we have a patron these days???

08-27-2026
10:08:01 am



Katie S How do you prepare lobsters, Trish?

08-27-2026
10:08:47 am



Mikey Don't tell them whats coming

08-27-2026
10:09:11 am



Rocket City Gal Our neighbors in Virginia told us they had too many butternut squash to deal with. So then I had to figure out what to do with them. I found a great recipe where they were tossed with a mixture of sambal oelek, low sodium soy sauce, rice vinegar and toasted sesame seeds, grated ginger and a few other things.

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10:10:06 am



Rocket City Gal Then roasted.

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10:10:43 am



Trish in MA Mikey, for sure! We just steam them usually but I want to make a lobster noodle salad which is just awesome

08-27-2026
10:10:47 am



Katie S Sounds yummy

08-27-2026
10:10:55 am



Mikey Craps is in the break?

08-27-2026
10:12:29 am



Tim in KY They have to do this part twice.

08-27-2026
10:13:03 am



Tim in KY Yes, Mikey.

08-27-2026
10:13:18 am



Rocket City Gal 20% on gravel on roadbikes... ouch.

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10:13:40 am



Rocket City Gal (On the last climb)

08-27-2026
10:14:28 am



Tim in KY I'm not sure it's gravel. The Vuelta site says "dirt".

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10:16:03 am



SFinAus Probably not a place to do an out-of-the-saddle attack.

08-27-2026
10:16:39 am



Tim in KY Nice big road here.

08-27-2026
10:17:36 am



Tim in KY They start the Cat 1 with 35.7.

08-27-2026
10:22:04 am



Trish in MA Just picked up the sock I've been struggling to knit. I put it down for two weeks. Now I don't remember where I am in the heel pattern.

08-27-2026
10:29:46 am



Katie S Ruh roh

08-27-2026
10:30:43 am



SFinAus Flo comms says the Lidl Trek DS has called out the team for not being there to support Skeljmoose sufficiently. I hope that works as Skeljmoose is on my team and 'underperforming' for me. :)

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10:40:59 am



Rocket City Gal Just 1;29 to the break now

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10:41:20 am



Trish in MA Sigh. Ripping back the heel - again.

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10:41:58 am



Rocket City Gal Quinn Simmons buried himself for Skjelmoose and Oedersen in the Tour. No one like that here at the Vuelta.

08-27-2026
10:42:28 am



Rocket City Gal Trish — tell it to “heel”

08-27-2026
10:42:57 am



Katie S Hello heel hell... heli me out

08-27-2026
10:46:18 am



SFinAus Break is melting away. Down to 7 guys at 1:10. UAE/pelo is motoring along behind. Well, not literally motoring, right?

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10:46:58 am



Mikey heel no

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10:47:46 am



SFinAus the break is coming to heel

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10:48:47 am



Mikey quite a heel and pog knows

08-27-2026
10:50:37 am



SFinAus Ironic to see fresh tarmac laid down on the way to the gravel/dirt section

08-27-2026
10:50:38 am



SFinAus See, Trish? We're all heel for you.

08-27-2026
10:51:06 am



Mikey all heel pog

08-27-2026
10:51:29 am



Tim in KY Steep.

08-27-2026
10:52:29 am



Katie S I step away and the pub goes all to heel

08-27-2026
10:53:36 am



SFinAus Pog doing his thing.

08-27-2026
10:53:40 am



Katie S Dusty

08-27-2026
10:54:00 am



Tim in KY I wish CVV knew another word besides absolutely.

08-27-2026
10:54:12 am



Tim in KY See, it's dirt, not gravel.

08-27-2026
10:54:26 am



Rocket City Gal Ramses Debruyne the only one left ahead of Pogi McGreedy

08-27-2026
10:54:27 am



SFinAus Eejits absolutely messing with Pog

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10:54:43 am



Rocket City Gal Ramses caught

08-27-2026
10:55:03 am



SFinAus Done and dusted. Pog just dispatches breakaway riders.

08-27-2026
10:55:37 am



Trish in MA Ok. I'm bored now. I shall focus on my heel hell

08-27-2026
10:56:22 am



Katie S (Nice one)

08-27-2026
10:56:24 am



Tim in KY Theer's 10 km od descent and 10 od flat to the finish.

08-27-2026
10:57:49 am



Rocket City Gal Just as long as there's not a hole in your heel hell....

08-27-2026
10:57:54 am



Mikey holy heel

08-27-2026
10:58:21 am



Rocket City Gal This looks paved but sketchy

08-27-2026
11:00:50 am



SFinAus Mas is almost back to Pog?

08-27-2026
11:01:07 am



Katie S Gotta say, I love these dirty bits

08-27-2026
11:01:10 am



Rocket City Gal Mas catching up with Pogi

08-27-2026
11:01:18 am



SFinAus Me too

08-27-2026
11:01:18 am



Trish in MA Did they just say Mas?

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11:01:35 am



Katie S They did!

08-27-2026
11:01:50 am



SFinAus wth?

08-27-2026
11:02:16 am

Mikey Yes mas

08-27-2026
11:02:16 am



Rocket City Gal I hope the downhill tarmac is better than this

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11:02:26 am



Rocket City Gal Mas passes Pogi to get max KOM points

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11:03:09 am



SFinAus Concrete -> nice asphalt. whew

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11:03:18 am



Rocket City Gal Recently paved

08-27-2026
11:03:41 am



Trish in MA Ok. Not so bored now

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11:03:49 am



Tim in KY It's nice they such good guard rails.

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11:03:59 am



Rocket City Gal Narrow with no barriers —eek

08-27-2026
11:04:08 am



SFinAus the shoulders look like a lot of county roads around here

08-27-2026
11:04:23 am



Katie S That gully gutter is scary on the right

08-27-2026
11:04:30 am



SFinAus Tadej guttered there

08-27-2026
11:04:47 am



Rocket City Gal Pogi miscalculated

08-27-2026
11:04:56 am



Katie S Oh my

08-27-2026
11:05:02 am



SFinAus Mas was warning him.

08-27-2026
11:05:15 am



Tim in KY Too smug.

08-27-2026
11:05:17 am



Rocket City Gal Fortunately not on a dropoff

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11:05:17 am



Katie S That gutter Eek

08-27-2026
11:05:29 am



John Here's hoping Pog lets Mac have the win out of respect for his effort

08-27-2026
11:07:48 am



John *Mas, damn autocorrect

08-27-2026
11:07:55 am



SFinAus I hope the peloton navigates that gutter section safely

08-27-2026
11:08:10 am



SFinAus I hope so too, John, but I bet on no gift. :(

08-27-2026
11:12:31 am



Rocket City Gal Tadej named most combative again. I thought it should've gone to Debruyne....

08-27-2026
11:14:29 am



Katie S If it was a mountaintop finish, maybe. But I can't see Pog softpedaling on a sprint finish when everyone knows he can out sprint Mas easily. I hope to be proven wrong.

08-27-2026
11:14:45 am



Tim in KY On the flats now.

08-27-2026
11:14:50 am



Rocket City Gal Mas def got Pog thru that. A wheel to follow and signals to slow down etc.

08-27-2026
11:15:51 am



SFinAus Yeah. Chasing gaps by Ruglick and Crapass are not large and not growing.

08-27-2026
11:16:17 am



John If nothing else, losing this much time should let Kuss, Onley, etc., have freedom to target stage wins instead of the podium

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11:19:22 am



SFinAus I would have never picked a Mas-Pog two-up finish today. (Mas only chosen by 13% of VG teams.)

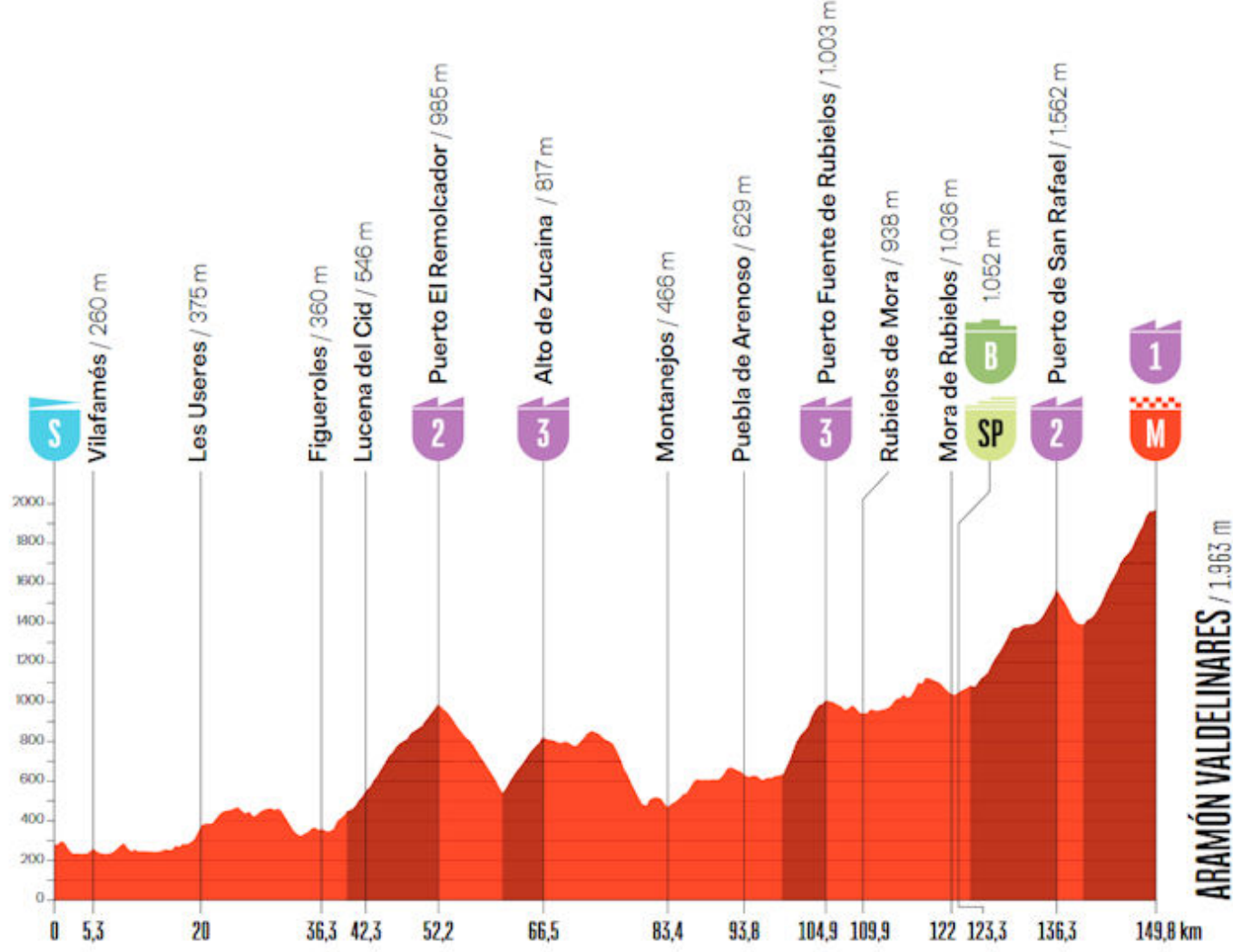
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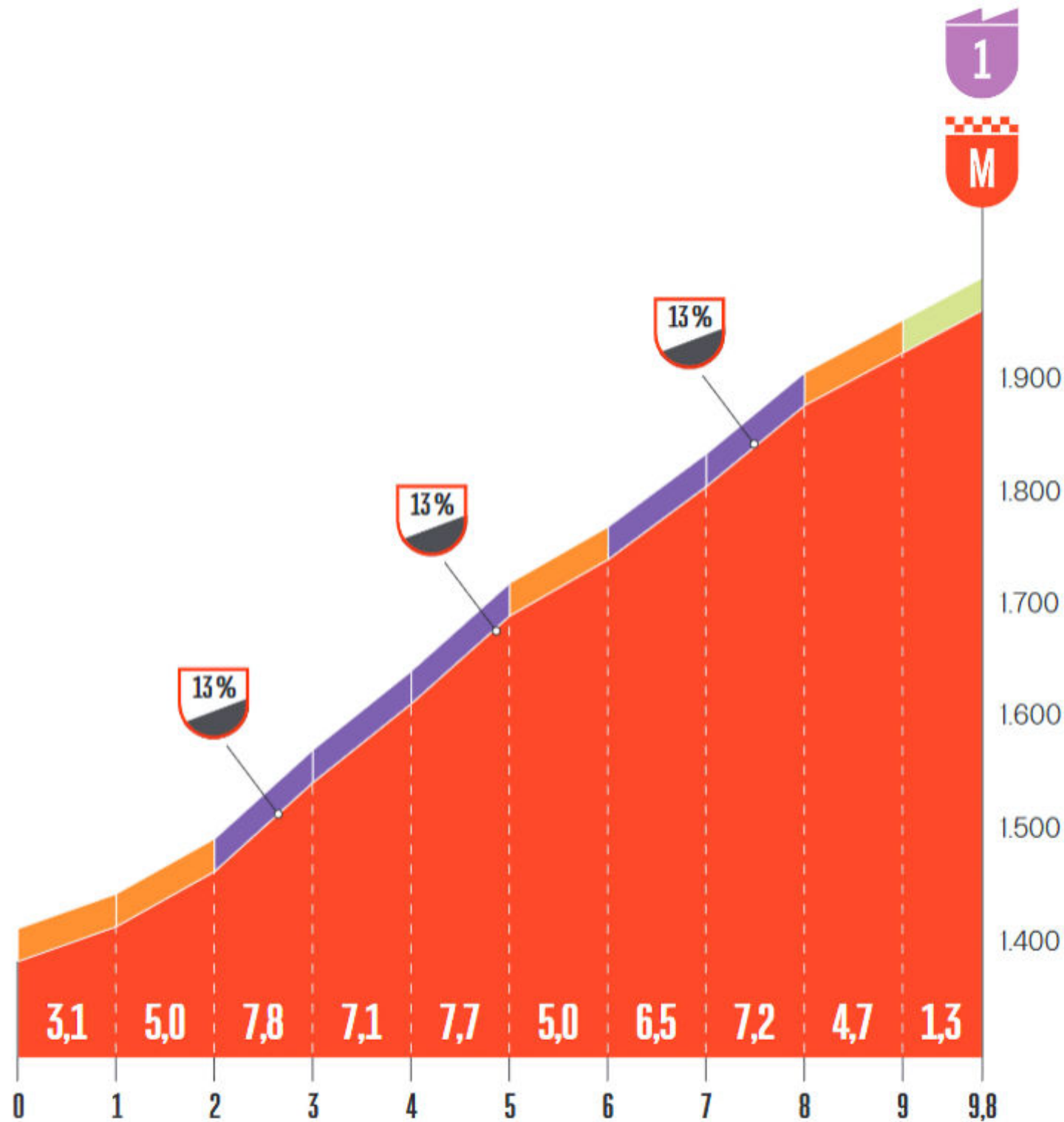


Tim in KY Mountains again tomorrow.

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VALL D'ALBA / 275 m





1	 POGAČAR Tadej UAE Team Emirates - XRG	180	80	4:12:40
2	 MAS Enric Movistar Team	130	50	"
3	 DEBRUYNE Ramses Alpecin - Premier Tech	95	35	0:46
4	 CARAPAZ Richard EF Education - EasyPost	80	25	"
5	 TEJADA Harold XDS Astana Team	60	18	"
6	 GALL Felix Decathlon CMA CGM Team	45	15	"
7	 ROGLIČ Primož Red Bull - BORA - hansgrohe	40	12	"
8	 RODRÍGUEZ Cristián XDS Astana Team	35	10	1:38
9	 BERTHET Clément Groupama - FDJ United	30	8	"
10	 SKJELMOSE Mattias Lidl - Trek	25	6	"
11	 KUSS Sepp Team Visma Lease a Bike	20	5	"
12	 ONLEY Oscar Netcompany INEOS	15	4	"
13	 KRON Andreas Uno-X Mobility	10	3	3:46
14	 CAMPRUBÍ Marcel Pinarello Q36.5 Pro Cycling Team	5	2	"
15	 KONRAD Patrick Lidl - Trek	2	1	"

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1	1	-	 POGAČAR Tadej UAE Team Emirates - XRG	20	15:38:27
2	3	▲1	 MAS Enric Movistar Team		3:34
3	2	▼1	 ROGLIČ Primož Red Bull - BORA - hansgrohe		4:21
4	6	▲2	 CARAPAZ Richard EF Education - EasyPost		4:50
5	7	▲2	 GALL Felix Decathlon CMA CGM Team		4:55
6	4	▼2	 KUSS Sepp Team Visma Lease a Bike		5:36
7	5	▼2	 ONLEY Oscar Netcompany INEOS		5:37
8	12	▲4	 DEBRUYNE Ramses Alpecin - Premier Tech		5:40
9	8	▼1	 SKJELMOSE Mattias Lidl - Trek		5:58
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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images->

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**John** That last climb looks a bit brutal

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Rocket City Gal The whole day looks a bit brutal.... Uphill at least 80% of the day

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11:25:35 am

**Mikey** No Mas

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11:26:06 am



Rocket City Gal Pogi too greedy to let Mas win

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images->

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SFinAus Christmas is still 3 months away, I suppose. What a great day for Mas all the same. Many thanks to him. I look forward to the interviews.

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11:27:40 am

**Tim in KY** Not so bad on the view, John.

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11:27:57 am

**SFinAus** (erm, 4 months)

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11:28:00 am

**John** No, not as black as it looked

08-27-2026

11:28:22 am



Trish in MA I'll miss tomorrow and Saturday. Hope someone animates the race. Have a great weekend

08-27-2026

11:28:50 am

**Katie S** Whoops... just lost internet here

08-27-2026

11:28:52 am

**Mikey** Heel away ba

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11:30:00 am

**SFinAus** Thanks everyone.

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**Rocket City Gal** <https://rumbletalk-images->

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**Rocket City Gal** GC now looks like this:

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**Rocket City Gal** <https://rumbletalk-images->

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