



Tim in KY TdF Stage 17 is the shortest road stage in at least 30 years. It is 65 kilometers west from the Spanish border over three high Pyrenean climbs. The strange starting arrangement is explained here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjvV6Ja5HEw>

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Tim in KY The climbing starts right from the beginning and there isn't a flat kilometer the whole way. The first two climbs are Tour stand-bys. ASO says the third climb is new to the Tour, but that's only half true. The first half of the climb is the familiar route up to the ski station at Pla d'Adet but instead of turning off to it, the route continues up another 9 km on a road that didn't exist when my map was printed 12 years ago.

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Tim in KY //rumbletalk-images-
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Tim in KY Start time is 15:15 CET (09:15 EDT). Imaginary finish is at 17:30 CET (11:30 EDT). Live stream from the start. Rain is predicted for the duration of the stage.

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Tim in KY Demare finished a few minutes inside the time limit. Well done. Stage 17 will be another challenge.

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Tim in KY It is currently not raining anywhere on the route but it's still in the forecast for later today. Still 3 hours to start time.

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Tim in KY The team hotels for tonight are 2 hours away in Pau (except EF and Bora that are an hour and a half away in Tarbes). The good news is they stay in the same hotels after stage 18.

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06:22:09



Tim in KY QS lost two riders on stage 16. DeClercq to stomach problems and Gilbert to a fractured knee cap. So far they are the only DNS for today.

25-Jul-2018
06:44:03



Joanna in New York Excellent preview, Tim! Thank you!. Sadly, I will miss the fun...

25-Jul-2018
07:27:07



Tim in KY Got some weeding done in the garden while it's still cool. Ish.

25-Jul-2018
07:29:35



Charles Davis Finished doing mold abatement this morning. Now watching the wall dry out. Kinda like a long flat stage. Next step is re-sealing the walls which will have it's own watching paint dry thing. On another note, I was voted down, we are changing the ceiling.

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Tim in KY It's usually hard to do anything but a drop ceiling in a basement. But they don't have to be ugly.

25-Jul-2018
08:02:47



Tim in KY Light rain is beginning to pop up in the area, but so far not on the route.

25-Jul-2018
08:12:24



Katie S Good morning ... inexplicably jolted awake at 3:30 this morning on this, the shortest day of the tour. Go figure. Charles and Tim have already accomplished some chores. My afternoon yetserday was spent squatted behind the washer and dryer in my mom's house yesterday reconnecting things the floor installers reconnected incorrectly. I think my next career may be a contortionist in the circus. My reward, however, was a beer at our tiny brewery, Hop Dogma. I believe the beer I had was called Blue Collar Tweeker, an IPA. My partner had Schnauz-Wazzle another IPA, unfiltered. Both delicious and ever so rejuvenating.

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08:23:05



Steve in CO Can't go wrong with a couple good IPAs Katie.


25-Jul-2018
08:38:02





Katie S Just looking at La Gazzetta Dello Sport and saw this picture from yesterday's farmer protest ... look at the expression on the gendarme's face and compare it to that of the farmers. I've also never seen tear gas administered at such


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close range. The picture's a bit jarring...

 **Katie S** //rumbletalk-images- 25-Jul-2018
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teargas.jpg


 **Katie S** (That's right, Steve! And it were durn good!) 25-Jul-2018
08:38:37


 **Tim in KY** That's pepper spray, Katie. 25-Jul-2018
08:39:20

 **Tim in KY** The start grid courtesy of CN: 25-Jul-2018
08:40:18


 **Tim in KY** //rumbletalk-images- 25-Jul-2018
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 **Katie S** Still... 25-Jul-2018
08:41:02


 **Katie S** And, Tim, thanks for the grid video. Very cool. It does seem to be a 25-Jul-2018
little counter-intuitive, though. The best-placed riders aren't teh ones who are 08:42:15
going to jockey for the breakaway, which means what? I've not seen this kind of start in
cycling before, and it will be interesting to see how the riders get themselves sorted out.


 **Steve in CO** The video above about the start makes this seem even more 25-Jul-2018
absurd.....I truly hope I'm wrong and this inspires the GC riders to attack right 08:42:43
out of the gate.


 **KinPA** That's quite a narrow start. 25-Jul-2018
08:44:30


 **Steve in CO** I think the mistake is using the F1 style start.....something akin 25-Jul-2018
to the Kentucky Derby starting gates. Maybe with the little stuffed lion on a 08:47:27
track that the riders chase like the mechanical bunny in greyhound racing.


 **Charles Davis** First, I hate IPAs but am OK that anyone else likes them. 25-Jul-2018
Second, I think the police were under pressure from above to clear the road 08:47:49
ASAP. Tough spot for them. With video from the start of the race, it is even more pressure to
keep the action going.


 **Steve in CO** that was suppose to say "something akin to the kentucky derby starting gate would have been better....." Not enough coffee yet 25-Jul-2018 08:48:14


 **Tim in KY** The consensus among DSs seems to be that the top guys aren't going to attack from the start but we'll see. 25-Jul-2018 08:48:18


 **Charles Davis** Still on the fence about the start. I am pretty sure that nothing is going to happen but want to see it just in case. 25-Jul-2018 08:49:33

 **Tim in KY** Still light rain in the area but not on the course right now. 25-Jul-2018 08:50:05


 **KinPA** Ooooh, today's LUGNuts contest - stage start for next year's Giro. 25-Jul-2018 08:50:40


 **KinPA** Figure 8 like they use in demolition derby. 25-Jul-2018 08:50:42


 **KinPA** Leave the bikes on the ground & make riders run to them like certain car races? 25-Jul-2018 08:51:15

 **Slaughter MacDuff** Morning all. Unfortunately I'm going to miss a lot of the fireworks today. This whole start has me 25-Jul-2018 08:53:57

 **Slaughter MacDuff** Comfused 25-Jul-2018 08:54:05

 **Katie S** Or, like the start of a sailing race ... you have to amble about getting as close to the start line as possible by the time the start gun goes off. 25-Jul-2018 08:54:27

 **Steve in CO** How about a stage sponsored by mail order bike company Canyon Cycles, where each rider has to unbox and assemble their own bike before riding off. 25-Jul-2018 08:55:51

 **BusterSci** Not generally an IPA fan, but like Charles, who am I to worry about what other's drink. But I do have an issue in general with IPAs because craft breweries spend so much time trying to out-hop each other that the stop making good beer, and other interesting beers. But as with all fads, including grid starts, this too shall pass. 25-Jul-2018 08:55:57

 **Katie S** OH BOY! it's starting! 25-Jul-2018 08:56:29



Steve in CO And hey, perhaps today's start will be so successful they will want to arrange the bike boxes in an F1 style grid.

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08:56:33



Katie S Hop Dogma also makes a fine kolsch and pils, as well as bourbon-barrel aged porter, and other things.

25-Jul-2018
08:57:12



Katie S You never know what you'll get, it changes all the time. Only Alpha Dankapotomus seems to be a standard brew.

25-Jul-2018
08:57:33



Rob Buster, I get round all these silly drinks by brewing my own. I have a mini mini micro brewery at home.

25-Jul-2018
08:59:52



Rob As for the start, I am glad they are trying to do something to stop it being so predictable.

25-Jul-2018
09:00:43



Tim in KY That sky does not look promising.

25-Jul-2018
09:01:18



BusterSci That Sky, on the other hand...

25-Jul-2018
09:01:35



Steve in CO I have been a hoppy beer fan for quite some time, so I am enjoying the current IPA trend. However, for those non-hoppers among us, I can see where this can be annoying. I felt that way about the sour beer thing that went around a couple years ago....I couldn't develop a taste for that and was annoyed to see sours taking up valuable tap space at the local brewery.

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09:02:31



BusterSci Sours can be really good, but I think they're easier to make badly than any other style. However, they sure are trying to prove me wrong with IPAs.

25-Jul-2018
09:03:38



BusterSci Can't be watching on the big screen today because I've got that circuit shut down until I get my electrical rough-in for the porch.

25-Jul-2018
09:04:55



Rob I do like a nice IPA one that was made with the purpose of being taken to India, not these ones with lemon and things added.

25-Jul-2018
09:06:49

















Katie S fruit does not belong in beer.

25-Jul-2018
09:07:18



BusterSci Hmmmm. Long, long tradition of fruit in beers. And some of it is really quite tasty. But way too much is crap.

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09:09:20

-  **Donny** Beer has 3 ingredients. They should be used to create a refreshing delishes lager. 25-Jul-2018 09:09:33
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-  **BusterSci** German boringness. 25-Jul-2018 09:09:48
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-  **Donny** The start is a stupid gimmick. 25-Jul-2018 09:09:57
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-  **BusterSci** We'll know for sure in minutes. 25-Jul-2018 09:10:39
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-  **Donny** 65km and over 3000m verticle is hard. 25-Jul-2018 09:10:56
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-  **Donny** It should be a fun day. 25-Jul-2018 09:11:06
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-  **Katie S** surprisingly orderly ... I expected this to look like getting kindergarteners to line up on the first day of school. 25-Jul-2018 09:11:31
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-  **Donny** I of course am very typically German! 25-Jul-2018 09:11:32
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-  **Katie S** Hop Dogma has another brew called Silly Gimmick 25-Jul-2018 09:11:45
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-  **Katie S** perhaps I should pop open a can in honor of today's start. 25-Jul-2018 09:12:04
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-  **BusterSci** German beers are really good, but don't have the variety or imagination of Belgiums. Surly in MSP calls one of their IPAs "Overrated" 25-Jul-2018 09:12:39
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-  **Tim in KY** Radar does not look promising but still no rain on the route. For now. 25-Jul-2018 09:12:46
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-  **BusterSci** Robbie trying to talk up the start. 25-Jul-2018 09:13:36
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-  **Katie S** doggedly optimistic 25-Jul-2018 09:13:47
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Katie S I can't tell if Thomas is looking sanguine or if he's wondering if this is his last day in yellow. 25-Jul-2018 09:14:46



BusterSci He's just bored with the silliness 25-Jul-2018 09:15:08



Tim in KY Lots of watermelon at the very back. 25-Jul-2018 09:15:21



Donny I think that they all look bored. Like good German beer 25-Jul-2018 09:15:25



BusterSci Drunk and bored. Let's do it together. 25-Jul-2018 09:15:41



BusterSci Snooze 25-Jul-2018 09:15:50



Donny I'm there man! 25-Jul-2018 09:15:55



BusterSci Yawn 25-Jul-2018 09:16:05



BusterSci Attack! 25-Jul-2018 09:16:09



Dave Ringle Anti-social start to the stage. It can't be called a queen stage. Wildcard stage? Joker stage? Crazy uncle in the corner? 25-Jul-2018 09:16:18



BusterSci Calamity Jane and Latour 25-Jul-2018 09:16:20



Donny Yeah that was stupid 25-Jul-2018 09:16:28



Steve in CO that was amazing!!!! 25-Jul-2018 09:16:45



Katie S Steve is easily impressed 25-Jul-2018 09:16:58



BusterSci It's one of those games where 3/4 of the cards are wild that ends up being incredibly stupid.

25-Jul-2018
09:17:01



Steve in CO I vote for this on every stage

25-Jul-2018
09:17:03



BusterSci Is Demare the last pure sprinter in the race?

25-Jul-2018
09:17:39



Katie S the beer?

25-Jul-2018
09:17:39



Charles Davis Guys out the back already

25-Jul-2018
09:19:04



Tim in KY Phinney being one.

25-Jul-2018
09:19:20



Katie S how would you classify Kristoff, Buster? He's in the mix.

25-Jul-2018
09:19:25



Katie S Phinney's beginning to wear on me ... the chill thing. Did I speak blasphemy?

25-Jul-2018
09:20:02



BusterSci Not pure. Hybrid classics/sprinter. Like Boonen but not as good.

25-Jul-2018
09:20:03



Tim in KY Cobrelli?

25-Jul-2018
09:20:09



BusterSci Nope.

25-Jul-2018
09:20:09



BusterSci He's a Sagan type

25-Jul-2018
09:20:17

















BusterSci Cobrelli, that is.

25-Jul-2018
09:20:23



BusterSci Matthews type.

25-Jul-2018
09:20:28

-  **Steve in CO** Being dropped off the back within sight of the starting line reminds me of my very brief experiment with bike racing. 25-Jul-2018 09:20:36
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-  **Katie S** Alaphillipe is #6 in the green jersey competition, so that'll tell you something 25-Jul-2018 09:20:37
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-  **Tim in KY** La Porte? 25-Jul-2018 09:20:44
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-  **BusterSci** Phinney can be chill if he does something. 25-Jul-2018 09:20:47
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-  **BusterSci** Yeah, maybe. But Cofidis thinks he's more versatile. Haven't seen enough to argue. 25-Jul-2018 09:21:09
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-  **Tim in KY** Are we calling this a break? 25-Jul-2018 09:21:49
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-  **BusterSci** Yup 25-Jul-2018 09:22:05
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-  **bikerabe** Ala goes 25-Jul-2018 09:23:41
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-  **BusterSci** Back to Phinney, I'm totally with Katie on this. His personality is more of a gimmick than the start was. 25-Jul-2018 09:24:06
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-  **Katie S** It disturbs me to confess it because his family is such a compelling story, but there you go. Can't help it. 25-Jul-2018 09:25:01
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-  **Tim in KY** A Cofidis up with Kanga. 25-Jul-2018 09:26:59
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-  **Tim in KY** Edet. 25-Jul-2018 09:27:24
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-  **bikerabe** Taylor's 'personality; is better than Tejay's 25-Jul-2018 09:27:35
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-  **BusterSci** Perhaps. But Tejay doesn't make it a thing to tell us how great his personality is. Makes Phinney more annoying. 25-Jul-2018 09:28:31



Katie S putting on my amateur psychotherapists cap ... Phinney's got something he's hiding, which may be a simple case of inferiority complex vis a vis his folks. Anyway.

25-Jul-2018
09:29:26



Donny "Just win dude. Then chill the F O yo

25-Jul-2018
09:29:29



bikerabe peculiar start made no difference. I like there was no neutral start

25-Jul-2018
09:29:38



BusterSci Agreed on the no neutral.

25-Jul-2018
09:30:04



Tim in KY De Gendt attack the break.

25-Jul-2018
09:30:40



Donny I'll say this for the strange start. It peeked our interest like a Trump tweet. Then we scrolled down.

25-Jul-2018
09:31:08



Katie S snork

25-Jul-2018
09:31:19



Donny Snarkasm like sarcasm for the disgruntled.

25-Jul-2018
09:32:16



Rob Im at work and missed it all, what happened?

25-Jul-2018
09:32:17



BusterSci Nothing

25-Jul-2018
09:32:24



BusterSci They just rolled out slowly.

25-Jul-2018
09:32:33



Katie S and snorkasm means milk comes out your nose at the same time.

25-Jul-2018
09:33:18



Donny NOTHING, it was hugely nothing. I've read things about how no one cared. It obvious. Just amazing. Cofeveve

25-Jul-2018
09:33:32



Donny Lol Katie! Seriously

25-Jul-2018
09:34:25



BusterSci Some are saying that the purpose of the grid start was to avoid drama. By queuing up they wanted to eliminate that fight for position.

25-Jul-2018
09:34:25



Charles Davis Donny, how many beers have you had already?

25-Jul-2018
09:34:27



Donny 6 ish

25-Jul-2018
09:34:46



Donny It was a late start for all of us

25-Jul-2018
09:35:10



BusterSci 6 different kinds, all tasted the same. German.

25-Jul-2018
09:35:20



Charles Davis Seems about right. Only 9:30 here so I am a few behind you.

25-Jul-2018
09:35:23



BusterSci I need to be sober for the electrical inspector, otherwise...

25-Jul-2018
09:35:45



Donny Wine time!

25-Jul-2018
09:36:08



BusterSci But I don't waaaant to waaait for the inspector. I waaaant to driiiiink NOOOOOOW!

25-Jul-2018
09:36:44



Tim in KY Short leash on this climb. 1:43.

25-Jul-2018
09:36:54



Donny I actually poored out one. Tasted like soap? Not one of the traditional ingredients.

25-Jul-2018
09:37:09



Donny We are not stopping you buster! This is a support group for those of us that miss the LUG. We will only support our own.

25-Jul-2018
09:38:31

















Tim in KY Kangert off by himself now.

25-Jul-2018
09:40:36



Tim in KY 5 km to the top.

25-Jul-2018
09:40:50

-  **bikerabe** Ala pedaling in big ring and big pie plate 25-Jul-2018
09:41:19
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-  **BusterSci** "I did all the [urrrp] wiring myssshelf. I'm shure it'sh all good. I'll even shtick my tongue on that shircuit. Here, hold my beer. 25-Jul-2018
09:41:29
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-  **bikerabe** LOL ! 25-Jul-2018
09:41:50
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-  **Katie S** This climbs don't seem as treacherous on the profile as they do on longer stages (when the X axis has to be so compressed) 25-Jul-2018
09:41:52
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-  **Miren Brinkman** Good morning! Just finished Uni class. 25-Jul-2018
09:42:12
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-  **bikerabe** If they did that on final HC it would look almost vertical 25-Jul-2018
09:42:54
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-  **Tim in KY** Big break group falling apart. 25-Jul-2018
09:44:38
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-  **Tim in KY** Ala off on his own now. 25-Jul-2018
09:45:13
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-  **bikerabe** What an animal is Ala 25-Jul-2018
09:45:39
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-  **Katie S** a happy one, for starters 25-Jul-2018
09:45:59
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-  **Katie S** some ibex, some terrier, some hamster 25-Jul-2018
09:46:46
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-  **Katie S** (Sorry, Abe, thought you said what KIND of animal...) 25-Jul-2018
09:47:17
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-  **BusterSci** Still valid 25-Jul-2018
09:48:07
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-  **Slaughter MacDuff** Article in today's NY Times about the decline in the number of Americans in the peloton -
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/25/sports/cycling/tour-de-france-americans.html> 25-Jul-2018
09:49:29
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Slaughter MacDuff Who knew that Chad Haga had a degree in Mechanical Engineering. 25-Jul-2018 09:50:07



Tim in KY String does not make an effective crowd control barrier. 25-Jul-2018 09:50:33



BusterSci Haw about silly string? 25-Jul-2018 09:50:55



BusterSci I knew. Not as often as I knew Adam Hansen made his own shoes or that Roglic was a ski jumper. 25-Jul-2018 09:51:32



BusterSci Wheel change for Quintana 25-Jul-2018 09:53:00



Katie S No panic for Nairo ... BECAUSE HE AIN'T IN CONTENTION 25-Jul-2018 09:53:03



Slaughter MacDuff Perhaps Ian Austen is a longtime LUG Lurker. 25-Jul-2018 09:53:35



Tim in KY Kanga over. Then Ala. 25-Jul-2018 09:54:16



Katie S Ala cruises right over Barguil's name in paint at the KOM line 25-Jul-2018 09:54:28



BusterSci Yeah. Maybe that Austen is one of those jerks who uses a fake identi...errrm...I'm sure he's a lovely fellow. 25-Jul-2018 09:54:48



Donny Sorry John you failed to use HWSNBN so I had to monitor that comment 25-Jul-2018 09:54:51

















BusterSci Nairo having a chicken day 25-Jul-2018 09:55:35

















John fair enough, though i was merely quoting the times 25-Jul-2018 09:55:53



Donny [edit] HWSNBN 25-Jul-2018 09:56:31

-  **BusterSci** Yeah John. Just following orders. We know all about that defense. 25-Jul-2018 09:56:52
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-  **Tim in KY** Newly paved descent. 25-Jul-2018 09:57:22
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-  **John** well, i'm in the office so can't blame it on tainted meat 25-Jul-2018 09:57:49
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-  **BusterSci** Rimshot 25-Jul-2018 09:57:59
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-  **bikerabe** Most successful American cyclists right now are Women. Coryn Rivera, Katie Hall Megan Guarnier and more 25-Jul-2018 09:58:22
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-  **BusterSci** True dat. 25-Jul-2018 09:58:37
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-  **BusterSci** Like soccer teams 25-Jul-2018 09:58:42
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-  **Slaughter MacDuff** Unfortunately, as with most sports in the US, they're only taken seriously when the men do well. 25-Jul-2018 09:59:48
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-  **bikerabe** 2019 Women's World Cup We're defending Champions 25-Jul-2018 10:00:14
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-  **Donny** Or tennis 25-Jul-2018 10:01:10
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-  **Katie S** Coryn is a great rider 25-Jul-2018 10:01:17
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-  **Tim in KY** Ala catching Kangert on the descent. 25-Jul-2018 10:02:00
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-  **Tim in KY** Boy, you wouldn't want to hit one of those bollards. 25-Jul-2018 10:02:45
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-  **Donny** Though, I think tennis is a forerunner of champions of women's sports. 25-Jul-2018 10:03:16
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-  **Donny** Beginning to think you just don't want Ala chasing you on a desecnt 25-Jul-2018
10:04:11
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-  **Tim in KY** Sunshine gone. 25-Jul-2018
10:04:32
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-  **Tim in KY** Still no rain on the course. 25-Jul-2018
10:05:18
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-  **Tim in KY** Oh boy. Sprint time. 25-Jul-2018
10:05:49
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-  **Katie S** good lord, we're almost to the 1 KU point. Don't blink or you'll miss it. 25-Jul-2018
10:06:17
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-  **Slaughter MacDuff** Heading out guys. Enjoy the rest of the stage. 25-Jul-2018
10:08:04
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-  **Tim in KY** On the second climb. 25-Jul-2018
10:08:13
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-  **BusterSci** Ala could win the dots and podium for green. 25-Jul-2018
10:08:17
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-  **Tim in KY** Um. No. 25-Jul-2018
10:08:47
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-  **BusterSci** Um. Yes. 25-Jul-2018
10:09:02
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-  **Tim in KY** I mis-read that. 25-Jul-2018
10:09:16
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-  **BusterSci** That's how screwed up the green jersey competition is this year. 25-Jul-2018
10:10:06
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-  **KinPA** Would he then get a green dot jersey? 25-Jul-2018
10:10:27
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-  **BusterSci** HA! 25-Jul-2018
10:10:45
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Katie S Red dots on green jersey.

25-Jul-2018
10:10:52



BusterSci He's only 14 points off of 3rd.

25-Jul-2018
10:11:01



Katie S eye popping

25-Jul-2018
10:11:03



bikerabe call that the Xmas jersey

25-Jul-2018
10:11:18



BusterSci I didn't see how many points he took at the intermediate.

25-Jul-2018
10:11:30



KinPA Sounds like a Christmas in July jersey, Katie

25-Jul-2018
10:11:36



Tim in KY 15 Buster.

25-Jul-2018
10:12:22



BusterSci So he's in third now.

25-Jul-2018
10:12:30



BusterSci Unless GvA or Degenkolb got any

25-Jul-2018
10:12:54



Tim in KY No, they didn't.

25-Jul-2018
10:13:39



Tim in KY AG2R has decimated the peloton.

25-Jul-2018
10:17:21



BusterSci Awesome

25-Jul-2018
10:17:28



BusterSci Sagan climbing with the GC guys.

25-Jul-2018
10:18:47



David Stanley G'day, all.

25-Jul-2018
10:19:07



Tim in KY Latour trying to lead Bardet off the front with no success.

25-Jul-2018
10:19:20



BusterSci Now Sagan dropped

25-Jul-2018
10:19:23



KinPA 1989 was the last year of the combined jersey. Who's had podium in two of them since then? My guess is maybe a yellow & polka-dots?

25-Jul-2018
10:19:43



Tim in KY 1 KU 2:56

25-Jul-2018
10:20:17



BusterSci Didn't Ullrich win white and yellow?

25-Jul-2018
10:21:02



Katie S i think you're right on that one

25-Jul-2018
10:21:13



Tim in KY '98?

25-Jul-2018
10:21:44



Donny Ja!

25-Jul-2018
10:23:11



KinPA Contador & Schleck(ish), too.

25-Jul-2018
10:23:40



BusterSci Yup

25-Jul-2018
10:23:49



KinPA Sastre & Froome for "Yellow-dots"

25-Jul-2018
10:25:30



BusterSci 97 for Jan

25-Jul-2018
10:25:54



KinPA '97 is correct; '98 was Pantani

25-Jul-2018
10:26:44



Tim in KY Ala, et al nearing the top.

25-Jul-2018
10:27:48



BusterSci In 69, Merckx won yellow, points and mountains.

25-Jul-2018
10:27:56



Katie S of course he did

25-Jul-2018
10:28:34



Tim in KY Latour done.

25-Jul-2018
10:28:53



BusterSci There wasn't a young rider jersey, but at 24 he would have won that, too.

25-Jul-2018
10:29:21



David Stanley BTW- has anyone tried Canada Dry's Ginger ale lemonade?

25-Jul-2018
10:29:33



Tim in KY Robbie says this descent is not good.

25-Jul-2018
10:29:38



BusterSci No. My mom brought that up last week.

25-Jul-2018
10:30:21



BusterSci Haven't seen it anywhere.

25-Jul-2018
10:30:30



Tim in KY Radar shows showers at the finish but M&R have not mentioned it.

25-Jul-2018
10:30:47



Tim in KY Ala gets top points.

25-Jul-2018
10:31:58



David Stanley I'd like to try it. I enjoy a shandy. I like ginger all. Could be tasty. I haven't seen it yet. Just the commercial x120.

25-Jul-2018
10:32:24



Tim in KY Valverde not far behind.

25-Jul-2018
10:32:31



Tim in KY Soler leading the peloton.

25-Jul-2018
10:33:14



Tim in KY Yellow group over.

25-Jul-2018
10:34:13



Tim in KY Sunshine on the descent.

25-Jul-2018
10:35:05



Tim in KY 25 km banner.

25-Jul-2018
10:35:26



bikerabe think Valverde will fade on final climb (sigh) hope I'm wrong

25-Jul-2018
10:35:34



David Stanley Few guys appear to have as much fun on the bike as JuJu. Maybe Sagan. Who else?

25-Jul-2018
10:35:47



Katie S Sagan crashes?

25-Jul-2018
10:38:25



Tim in KY Yup.

25-Jul-2018
10:38:31



Katie S did i miss this/did you see this? (been on acall)

25-Jul-2018
10:38:33



bikerabe Yes

25-Jul-2018
10:38:35



Katie S is he up?

25-Jul-2018
10:38:39



Tim in KY On the descent.

25-Jul-2018
10:38:40



Tim in KY No word.

25-Jul-2018
10:38:52



bikerabe that's not good

25-Jul-2018
10:39:05



Charles Davis I hope he is ok and continues.

25-Jul-2018
10:40:02

















Katie S everyone has been saying "all he has to do is finish" and the jersey's his...

25-Jul-2018
10:41:04



David Stanley Wow. That never happens. No word anywhere, as yet.

25-Jul-2018
10:41:35

-  **Katie S** that is really odd/scary 25-Jul-2018
10:41:47
-
-  **Tim in KY** Not back up yet. 25-Jul-2018
10:41:55
-
-  **Katie S** oh, here ... being treated roadside 25-Jul-2018
10:41:57
-
-  **Katie S** did it happen on camera? The crash? 25-Jul-2018
10:42:55
-
-  **Tim in KY** Almost to the last climb. 25-Jul-2018
10:43:06
-
-  **Tim in KY** No video so far Katie. 25-Jul-2018
10:43:39
-
-  **BusterSci** Sagan on his bike 25-Jul-2018
10:44:49
-
-  **David Stanley** Leaders on the final climb. 16 km. 25-Jul-2018
10:45:01
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-  **BusterSci** I'll be out most of the rest of the stage. 25-Jul-2018
10:45:15
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-  **Katie S** Yes ... let's hope he's OK ... not riding w/ a broken anything, a la Gilbert (or Craddock) 25-Jul-2018
10:45:38
-
-  **David Stanley** Interesting call from Dan Martin. The UCI should ban the "Butt on the TopTube" descending position. Too dangerous, he says. per Sticky Bottle. 25-Jul-2018
10:45:45
-
-  **BusterSci** Pride. I'm sure his pride is shattered. 25-Jul-2018
10:46:33
-
-  **Tim in KY** Ala has sat up. 25-Jul-2018
10:47:02
-
-  **bikerabe** just because Dan doesn't do it, no reason to ban 25-Jul-2018
10:47:18
-



Katie S Right, not good for Mr. Wheelie/yoga man. His bike-handling skills are legend.

25-Jul-2018
10:47:39



Charles Davis About to get interesting, I think....

25-Jul-2018
10:49:38



Tim in KY Martin and Quintana attack

25-Jul-2018
10:50:07



David Stanley When you have guys doing it with less than stellar descending skills, that position puts the other riders at serious risk. I see his point. Don't know if I agree with it.

25-Jul-2018
10:50:22



Tim in KY Low altitude eejits.

25-Jul-2018
10:50:51



BusterSci Physical low altitude. Physiologically, probably very high.

25-Jul-2018
10:51:37



Charles Davis I don't care one way or the other about the riding the tube.

25-Jul-2018
10:51:47



Tim in KY Crosswalk and Ruglick thinking about it.

25-Jul-2018
10:51:59



David Stanley Why do these guys ride like trojans and not spartans?

25-Jul-2018
10:52:05



bikerabe will Nairo & Martin pass Ala?

25-Jul-2018
10:52:30



David Stanley Funny, Charles.

25-Jul-2018
10:52:32



Charles Davis Nairo has 25 secs

25-Jul-2018
10:53:02



bikerabe Supertuck good for RRBBB

25-Jul-2018
10:53:14



Tim in KY Everybody will pass Ala.

25-Jul-2018
10:53:27



David Stanley Nice moment between JuJu and Yates.

25-Jul-2018
10:54:47



bikerabe Ruglick goes

25-Jul-2018
10:54:56



David Stanley Roglic goes. This one counts.

25-Jul-2018
10:55:01



Charles Davis I am confused on who is ahead of the peloton. Exciting to watch though.

25-Jul-2018
10:55:05



David Stanley Kangert away and leading alone.

25-Jul-2018
10:55:32



Tim in KY Froome goes after Ruglick.

25-Jul-2018
10:55:37



Tim in KY Thomas doesn't.

25-Jul-2018
10:55:53



David Stanley Froome on Roglic like a limpet.

25-Jul-2018
10:56:25



Tim in KY Tommy Doom trying to catch Froome and Ruglick.

25-Jul-2018
10:57:49



bikerabe Sky orders Thomas just follow Doom

25-Jul-2018
10:57:53



David Stanley Dumoulin pulls the yellow jersey group. Down to a handful.

25-Jul-2018
10:58:00



Charles Davis BTW,I don't think Thomas or Froome are going to lose much to Tommy D in the Time Trial. They are all good time trialists.

25-Jul-2018
10:58:23



David Stanley Dumoulin is about to put the yellow jersey group together.

25-Jul-2018
10:58:43



BusterSci Yes. Analysis I saw was Froome might lose 30s tops and G might lose 60 tops.

25-Jul-2018
10:58:59



David Stanley Agreed, Charles. Roglic can TT as well.

25-Jul-2018
10:59:16



bikerabe Valverde & Nairo together

25-Jul-2018
10:59:40



Charles Davis True.

25-Jul-2018
11:00:26



Charles Davis Bernal on the front

25-Jul-2018
11:00:34



Tim in KY Road turns to crap at about 9 km to go.

25-Jul-2018
11:00:53



bikerabe Porino 'I don't see Froome & Thomas swapping wheels if they get a mechanical.' so they need Bernal with them

25-Jul-2018
11:02:42



David Stanley FYI- Nairo started at (-4:23). That's about 2:00 off the podium. About.

25-Jul-2018
11:03:09



Tim in KY Kangert only has a minute on the Valverde trio.

25-Jul-2018
11:05:18



Tim in KY Cows!

25-Jul-2018
11:05:30



Tim in KY 10 km banner for Kangert.

25-Jul-2018
11:05:58



David Stanley Did TV show the Borat guys? Velo-news' Andrew Hood tweeted out a pic. Anyone want to see it? Anyone?

25-Jul-2018
11:06:24



Tim in KY Valverde dropped.

25-Jul-2018
11:07:08



Charles Davis Anyone seen Landa?

25-Jul-2018
11:07:29



Charles Davis Any new word on Sagan?

25-Jul-2018
11:07:55



Tim in KY No to both.

25-Jul-2018
11:08:27



Charles Davis Nevermind I see Landa with the yellow jersey

25-Jul-2018
11:08:30



David Stanley Kangert about to get caught by Nairo and R-fal

25-Jul-2018
11:11:13



Tim in KY Quintan and Mijka catching Kangert.

25-Jul-2018
11:11:17



Katie S very odd that the cameras have never gone back to Sagan (even before things hotted up here on the upper slopes)

25-Jul-2018
11:11:31



Charles Davis Kangert done

25-Jul-2018
11:12:30



David Stanley Can Tanel hang on for third on the day?

25-Jul-2018
11:12:58



David Stanley Dan Martin riding ,like a Trojan and passes Tanel. Or a Spartan. Your choice.

25-Jul-2018
11:13:40



Charles Davis Water moto almost ran over the leaders. Majka got a bottle. Quintana got one from a team member.

25-Jul-2018
11:13:42



Charles Davis No on Tangert. Martin passed him

25-Jul-2018
11:14:25



Katie S Gold feed shows Sagan ahead of the peloton, by himself, 11 minutes back from the leaders but 6 minutes ahead of the peloton.

25-Jul-2018
11:15:46



Tim in KY Road looks daunting from the air.

25-Jul-2018
11:15:47



bikerabe Martin riding like a Gladiator

25-Jul-2018
11:16:11



bikerabe Nairo needs to distance Majka

25-Jul-2018
11:17:23



Charles Davis So Quintana/Majka out front, Martin 18 sec back, Tangert next, then the yellow jersey group? Anyone else that I missed?

25-Jul-2018
11:17:33



David Stanley This is one goat-path of a road. And Quintana drops Majka. 4 Miles to go

25-Jul-2018
11:17:34



Tim in KY Mijka done.

25-Jul-2018
11:17:47



Charles Davis Yellow jersey group about a minute back

25-Jul-2018
11:18:01



Donny What a beautiful ride. Way to go NQ. About time

25-Jul-2018
11:18:43



Donny Though sky strength is going to make the final as anticlimactic as the start

25-Jul-2018
11:19:26



David Stanley Dumoulin in 3rd of course on GC. 1:50 behind. Nairo started 4:23 behind. Nairo ahead by 1:10. Tommy D needs to be nervous.

25-Jul-2018
11:19:29



David Stanley Bardet on une jour sans. Popped.

25-Jul-2018
11:19:52



bikerabe Tangert will get red #s good for the Asstonian

25-Jul-2018
11:19:53



Tim in KY Bardet OTB.

25-Jul-2018
11:19:59



Tim in KY Martin passes Mijka.

25-Jul-2018
11:20:27



Donny Froome looks like he is finally feeling the giro

25-Jul-2018
11:20:31



bikerabe Martin passes Majka

25-Jul-2018
11:20:40



Katie S Bardet's wobbling

25-Jul-2018
11:21:31



Donny Or not. Just had a precious moment and is fine

25-Jul-2018
11:21:32



Charles Davis Froome always looks like that.

25-Jul-2018
11:21:45



Donny The coat hanger goes

25-Jul-2018
11:22:14



David Stanley Twitter reports Sagan is riding but looks sore. Will head straight to hospital for precautionary eval, not the green jersey podium. Just as a precaution.

25-Jul-2018
11:22:20



Tim in KY Crosswalk attacks.

25-Jul-2018
11:22:51



bikerabe wait for the xrays

25-Jul-2018
11:22:53



Donny David, is sagan stepping off?

25-Jul-2018
11:23:05



Tim in KY Poels done.

25-Jul-2018
11:23:07



Charles Davis Poels gone

25-Jul-2018
11:23:12



memb54 I as usual am totally lost. What are IPAs? I'm trying to catch up with all the comments. It might be a lost cause.

25-Jul-2018
11:23:34



David Stanley Not according to the twitter reports I've seen. Not much info

25-Jul-2018
11:23:35



Rob India pale ale

25-Jul-2018
11:23:50



KinPA IPA is a type of beer

25-Jul-2018
11:24:23



BusterSci Froome is big on pacing. he often gets dropped and then comes back.

25-Jul-2018
11:24:45



KinPA ...& with this group, it probably IS a lost cause

25-Jul-2018
11:24:50



Donny IPA=not real beer just a trendy way of making beer.

25-Jul-2018
11:25:07



David Stanley 20 seconds from Martin up to Nairo.

25-Jul-2018
11:25:20



bikerabe IPA is Totaly real ale !

25-Jul-2018
11:25:56



Donny Aren't we all lost causes? One askes oneself philosophically in the voice it TP

25-Jul-2018
11:26:27



David Stanley 4 km to go. THis is crazy steep.

25-Jul-2018
11:27:17



Donny Sky just tapping out the rule of law

25-Jul-2018
11:27:50



Tim in KY Looking foggy up there but no rain.

25-Jul-2018
11:27:58



Charles Davis IPA has lots of hops which makes it not good in my opinion.

25-Jul-2018
11:28:21



Donny NQ owns the stage though

25-Jul-2018
11:28:23



David Stanley Nairo looks darned composed at 3 km to go.

25-Jul-2018
11:28:50



Tim in KY Still 3 km to go.

25-Jul-2018
11:28:50

















John Hops are part of what make an IPA good for me















25-Jul-2018
11:29:02



Donny I think tommy D is going to push this soon.

25-Jul-2018
11:29:27

-  **memb54** I see that Quintana has today's excuse ready 25-Jul-2018
11:29:35
-
-  **David Stanley** Balance is key with IPA- hops are good. Too many are terrible. 25-Jul-2018
11:29:37
-
-  **David Stanley** Roglic goes. Big G on him. Froome at the back. 25-Jul-2018
11:29:56
-
-  **David Stanley** Froomey gapped but will probably get back on. 25-Jul-2018
11:30:35
-
-  **Tim in KY** Froome will be back if history means anything. 25-Jul-2018
11:30:54
-
-  **Charles Davis** We have a new leader at SKY! 25-Jul-2018
11:31:01
-
-  **Tim in KY** 2 km for Q. 25-Jul-2018
11:31:05
-
-  **Donny** "Life is like riding a bike [or making beer] balance is key". 25-Jul-2018
11:31:08
-
-  **bikerabe** about 12 yrs ago I didn't like IPAs, too bitter. Then a hops shortage was reported and I started drinking a lot of IPAs and got accustomed to taste and like them now. 25-Jul-2018
11:31:18
-
-  **Tim in KY** And, Froome is back. 25-Jul-2018
11:31:33
-
-  **Donny** Froome is fine 25-Jul-2018
11:31:44
-
-  **Donny** Tommy D! 25-Jul-2018
11:31:52
-
-  **Donny** With G on his wheel 25-Jul-2018
11:32:13
-
-  **David Stanley** Bernal adjusting the audio of his earpiece. Maybe some Salsa for the last. TD goes. Roglic goes. Big G goes. Froome gapped again. 25-Jul-2018
11:32:14

-  **Donny** The precocious says no 25-Jul-2018
11:32:32
-
-  **Katie S** Doom wakes up 25-Jul-2018
11:32:36
-
-  **bikerabe** Go G Go 25-Jul-2018
11:33:04
-
-  **David Stanley** Froome and Bernal are gapped for real. G looks great. TD going for six. 25-Jul-2018
11:33:09
-
-  **Donny** Flame rouge 25-Jul-2018
11:33:44
-
-  **bikerabe** Six stage wins ? 25-Jul-2018
11:33:45
-
-  **David Stanley** Red Kite for Nairo. Danny-boy still charging. 25-Jul-2018
11:33:58
-
-  **Tim in KY** Tunnel! 25-Jul-2018
11:34:01
-
-  **Katie S** Will Danny-boy make it? 25-Jul-2018
11:34:08
-
-  **David Stanley** Froome's cracked. He can't hold Bernal. 25-Jul-2018
11:34:16
-
-  **bikerabe** Thomas the Tank Engine from Gold 25-Jul-2018
11:34:24
-
-  **Katie S** oh goodness. Cracked like a crab. 25-Jul-2018
11:34:28
-
-  **David Stanley** Roglic goes and GT is with him. TD a few meters back. 25-Jul-2018
11:34:40
-
-  **Donny** Thomas can put in time he will need on Tommy d, but will he? 25-Jul-2018
11:34:47
-



Tim in KY Ruglick and Thomas gap TD.

25-Jul-2018
11:34:59



Donny Nope

25-Jul-2018
11:35:03



Donny I like that Dutch dude

25-Jul-2018
11:35:39



David Stanley TD back. Praying they don't catch Danny. That'd be sad. 800 meters to go.

25-Jul-2018
11:35:44



Tim in KY TD getting back.

25-Jul-2018
11:35:55



Tim in KY Crosswalk gapped.

25-Jul-2018
11:36:20



Katie S is Froome regretting that escapade in Italy?

25-Jul-2018
11:36:20



David Stanley venga Nairo Venga!

25-Jul-2018
11:36:30



Donny Did I hear that right? NQ is only 28?

25-Jul-2018
11:36:40



bikerabe Welsh Wonder from Gold

25-Jul-2018
11:36:48



David Stanley Right. NQ born in 90.

25-Jul-2018
11:37:04



Katie S is that a grin forming on Nairo's face (I take it all back, btw)

25-Jul-2018
11:37:20

















David Stanley CHEERS< DANNY-BOY!!!















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11:37:22

















Tim in KY 5 years since he's won a stage at le Tour.

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11:37:34

-  **Donny** G goes 25-Jul-2018
11:37:39
-
-  **David Stanley** G drops them for the time bonus. What 25-Jul-2018
11:37:48
-
-  **David Stanley** s the Welsh Anthem? 25-Jul-2018
11:37:56
-
-  **Katie S** There by dragons in the Tour ... Welsh dragons 25-Jul-2018
11:38:51
-
-  **David Stanley** Froomey 49 seconds back of G. whoa. 25-Jul-2018
11:38:53
-
-  **Katie S** wow 25-Jul-2018
11:39:09
-
-  **Donny** G needs every second if he wants to beat Froome and Tommy D. Let's face it the last TT is going to decide this Tour 25-Jul-2018
11:39:17
-
-  **Katie S** he's not THAT much faster in the TT than Thomas, is he? 25-Jul-2018
11:39:18
-
-  **mcnally_mi** Froome will be in a TT fight Saturday with Roglic for the final podium spot. 25-Jul-2018
11:39:34
-
-  **David Stanley** G is great TTer, on the right course. He's a world pursuit champ, remember. He can motor. 25-Jul-2018
11:39:50
-
-  **Donny** Katie, yeah kind of, yeah 25-Jul-2018
11:40:07
-
-  **Katie S** and France's great home ... fades. Sigh. 25-Jul-2018
11:40:18
-
-  **Donny** Now to the important things. Is Sagan still riding? Where is Ala? Are they using radios and where the f is HESNBN? 25-Jul-2018
11:41:37
-
-  **Steve in CO** OK, silly start aside, that was good! 25-Jul-2018
11:41:45
-

-  **Donny** Franco is of course dead. 25-Jul-2018 11:41:49
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-  **Charles Davis** Other than the start, this was a good stage. 25-Jul-2018 11:42:07
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-  **David Stanley** When Friday hits, the Tourmalet will tell.Wait, What - Francisco Franco is still dead? 25-Jul-2018 11:42:08
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-  **Donny** Still 25-Jul-2018 11:42:26
-
-  **Donny** I checked 25-Jul-2018 11:42:37
-
-  **Charles Davis** I did too. 25-Jul-2018 11:42:48
-
-  **Tim in KY** I liked the start. Beat a neutral ride. 25-Jul-2018 11:42:48
-
-  **memb54** Thank God, Donny, that the Generalissimo is dead. He in our house is also HWSNBM. 25-Jul-2018 11:43:02
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-  **mcnally_mi** Here is a good piece on the upcoming TT --- <https://cyclingtips.com/2018/07/today-at-the-tour-tom-dumoulins-dilemma/> 25-Jul-2018 11:43:03
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-  **Charles Davis** OK, but lots of the neutral starts are to get the riders out of town and away from PR crap. 25-Jul-2018 11:43:51
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-  **David Stanley** //rumbledtalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1532533738-sagan%20post%20ctrash.jpg 25-Jul-2018 11:44:00
-
-  **David Stanley** I liked the start. Here's Sagan post-crash. 25-Jul-2018 11:44:05
-
-  **Tim in KY** No places to go but things to do. 25-Jul-2018 11:44:15
-
-  **Katie S** Oh my. Sagz! 25-Jul-2018 11:44:19

-  **Katie S** On that note, signing off... 25-Jul-2018
11:44:26
-
-  **Donny** Road rash won't keep green off his back 25-Jul-2018
11:44:54
-
-  **David Stanley** Need to get some work done so I can ride this afternoon.
Cheers. 25-Jul-2018
11:44:54
-
-  **memb54** See you all tomorrow. Please let me know what most of you were
on? 25-Jul-2018
11:45:13
-
-  **Donny** Crazy stage crazy NRRBBB 25-Jul-2018
11:45:58
-
-  **Steve in CO** Have a great day all! Thanks for the commentary! 25-Jul-2018
11:46:24
-
-  **Steve in CO** and good NRRBBB too! 25-Jul-2018
11:46:47
-
-  **BusterSci** What are we on, Maite? We're on NBCSports Gold, 5 hours a
day. What are you on? 25-Jul-2018
11:47:30
-
-  **Rob** Snigger 25-Jul-2018
11:47:50
-
-  **mcnally_mi** Buster -- Well Played!!! 25-Jul-2018
11:48:10
-
-  **Charles Davis** Beer. At least Donny and I. 25-Jul-2018
11:49:15
-
-  **memb54** That's what I mean, Buster. 25-Jul-2018
11:49:37
-
-  **Charles Davis** I am watching on Tiz but it is sometimes a lot of refreshing. 25-Jul-2018
11:49:47
-
-  **Steve in CO** That Gold is some primo sh*t! 25-Jul-2018
11:50:13
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memb54 I haven't been able to use the Tiz link for some reason. I'm using firstontv. And use the French or Portugues or whatever channel is available.

25-Jul-2018
11:50:33



BusterSci ASO does their best to shut down Tiz during the Tour.

25-Jul-2018
11:50:53



bikerabe Oregon understands your reference Steve in CO

25-Jul-2018
11:56:48



Charles Davis For Tiz you have to get to the website, turn off your ad blocker, refresh the main page, turn on your ad blocker, click the main video feed, and last turn the sound on if it is not already on. You MUST have a good ad blocker or don't try Tiz. If that does not work you can try the back-up feed on Tiz but you will have to refresh a few times over about 3 hours or you will be way behind the other feeds. This is due to ASO attacking the TIZ feeds to try and disable it during the Tour. Something about pirate feeds and such. Good luck.

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