



Tim in KY VaE Stage 8 is 164 kilometers from Monzón Templario west and south to Zaragoza in northern Spain. 08-29-2025 04:01:45 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1756498017-stage-8-route.jpg> 08-29-2025 04:01:57 pm



Tim in KY The profile is lumpy but not so lumpy as to have any KOM points available. The route crosses the finish line and makes a big loop to the south before returning for the actual finish. 08-29-2025 04:02:48 pm



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Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:52 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Live video starting an hour after Km0. Forecast is for sunshine and heat with temps in the upper-20s. 08-29-2025 04:04:22 pm



Tim in KY Yesterday's fines: Higinio Fernandez (Movi) and a Movi soigneur were fined 200CHF each and yellow carded for bad feed zone behavior. Intermarché - Wanty team car was fined 1000CHF for leaning out of a moving car to fix a bike. That use to be okay. Lorenzo Fortunato and the Astana team car were fined 200CHF and 100CHF, respectively for that missing number thing. 08-30-2025 06:54:56 am



Tim in KY Forecast remains hot and sunny. 08-30-2025 06:55:40 am



Tim in KY PCS says this is the flattest non-TT stage of this Vuelta. 08-30-2025 07:07:01 am



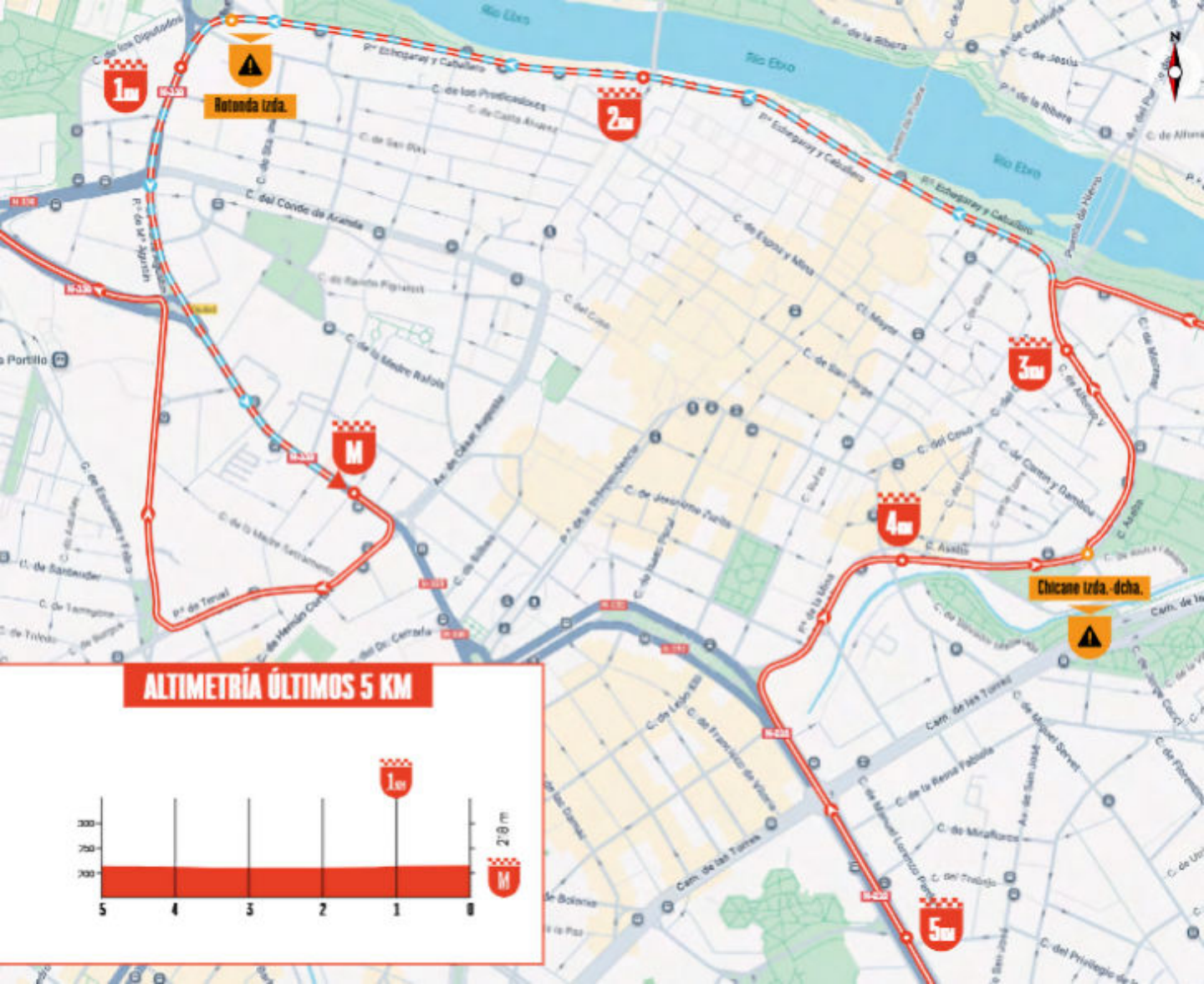
Tim in KY In neutral. 08-30-2025 07:45:37 am



Tim in KY Google translates the start town, Monzón Templario, as Templar Monsoon. 08-30-2025 07:48:33 am

MONZÓN TEMPLARIO / 311 m







Tim in KY "There have often been echelons in Zaragoza" says Bryan Coquard.

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07:54:17 am



Tim in KY Km0 achieved.

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07:55:52 am



Tim in KY Chores now.

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07:56:03 am



Tim in KY Easy break as befits a sprint stage. Three Spaniards.

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08:05:29 am



John Re: fines - if you can't lean out of a car to fix a bike, what are you supposed to do?

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08:17:38 am



Tim in KY UCI new rule. You have to stop by the side of the road to do the work.

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08:18:54 am



John Huh. Seems to make as much sense as requiring the women to have wider bars than is safe for them

08-30-2025
08:19:50 am



Tim in KY Safety.

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08:19:59 am



John Right

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08:21:10 am



Tim in KY Luca Vergallito (Alpecin - Deceuninck) DNF yesterday. must have been a very late thing because I didn't see it on the ASO crawl or hear it on Peacock.

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08:29:00 am



Tim in KY If there are echelons it will be after the route turns south with 102 km to go.

08-30-2025
08:40:06 am



Mikey So many Mons things this morning.... I wish he was here to discuss.... When we went to Spain we were in Zaragoza. Got to ride the bullet train by the way!! Anyway our guide showed us many of the routes the Tour of Spain takes and the area is home to many cyclists. Castles, roman aqueducts, bridges and the like.

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Mikey The Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar (Spanish: Catedral-Basílica de Nuestra Señora del Pilar) is a Catholic church in

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the city of Zaragoza, Aragon. It is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of the Pillar,[1] praised as "Mother of the Hispanic Peoples" by Pope John Paul II.[2][a] It is reputed to be the first-ever church dedicated to Mary.[3] Local traditions take the history of this basilica to the spread of Christianity in Roman Spain attributing to an apparition to Saint James the Great, the apostle who is believed by tradition to have brought Christianity to the country.[4] This is the only reported apparition of Mary to have occurred before her reputed Assumption.[2] Many of the kings of Spain, many other foreign rulers and saints have paid their devotion before this statue of Mary. Saint John of the Cross, Saint Teresa of Ávila, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, and Blessed William Joseph Chaminade are among the foremost ones.[5] The Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar is one of two minor basilicas in the city of Zaragoza, and is co-cathedral of the city alongside the nearby La Seo de Zaragoza. The architecture is of Baroque style, and the present building was predominantly built between 1681 and 1872.



Mikey Zaragoza is one of the few cities in the world outside of Rome that have two Basilicas just down the street from each other.

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Mikey Now the not so much fun part

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Mikey Yesterday I was out visiting churches on the Illinois side of the river to let them know we are having a Catholic author and speaker Chris Stefanick come to our parish. I checked in with Mons sister Cheryl.

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08:45:57 am



Tim in KY More chores.

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08:47:19 am



Mikey She is having serious health issues and asked that I let the lugnuts know.

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08:47:28 am



Mikey She sent me a lengthy text telling of her health battles the last couple of years. Cancer in 2018 which she beat. But after a hip examination they found that it was back this year. Several surgeries with several more scheduled at the Mayo clinic for renal cancer.

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08:50:21 am



Mikey I'm going to go see her this coming week.

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08:51:11 am



Mikey She asked that I let you all know how much we mean to her and her family.

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08:52:06 am



Katie S Good morning. Thank you for being there for Cheryl, Mikey

08-30-2025
08:54:34 am



Tim in KY Done with the potato salad and clean up.

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09:17:22 am



Tim in KY Lisa Bike taking a group nature break.

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09:18:42 am



Katie S Tim, your Greek salad is the hit in my summer repertoire. Thank you again for the recipe.

08-30-2025
09:19:20 am



Tim in KY You're welcome. I'm glad it's being enjoyed.

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09:21:23 am



Tim in KY Getting close to the left turn south and the crosswinds.

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09:24:17 am



Joanna in Virginia Good morning!

08-30-2025
09:25:39 am



Katie S good morning!

08-30-2025
09:26:16 am



Tim in KY Interesting topography.

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09:26:38 am



Katie S neat fort thing

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09:26:53 am



Katie S Are crosswinds worse for a break or a peloton? Will the gap come down quickly in the crosswinds?

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09:29:27 am



Tim in KY Much worse on the peloton. Because the peloton really speeds up in strong crosswinds, the break usually gets caught.

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09:31:42 am



Tim in KY Wow! Because of the headwind on the first 80k, they are more than 20 minutes slower than the slowest...

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09:35:48 am



Tim in KY Jo, what's the ETSweep today?

08-30-2025
09:36:42 am



Katie S that's slow

08-30-2025
09:36:56 am

Tim in KY Wind is only 5kph right now.

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09:49:08 am



Mikey Had to step out with Norman dodging raindrops but back to dry paint

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09:51:20 am



Tim in KY Feed zone.

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09:51:55 am



Tim in KY Perhaps for Norman as well.

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09:52:13 am



Mikey Norman would be all over the bison

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09:52:46 am



Mikey Do they still have trash zones that are marked on the route Tim?

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09:53:11 am



Tim in KY Yes.

08-30-2025
09:53:35 am



Mikey Good spot to hang out for bisons!

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09:54:34 am



PasadenaK8 Mornin', all. Mikey: Thanks for the Mons memories in Spain, and the update on Cheryl. Please give her our love and very best wishes when you see her next. She has a tough road ahead of her.

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Mikey I noticed that most places in Europe they have adopted single use water bottles with caps that don't totally screw off to limit trash

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09:56:15 am



Mikey I just said screw off....

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09:56:30 am



PasadenaK8 (heh-heh)

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09:56:54 am



Mikey I so so SO want to tell Buster

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10:00:08 am



Tim in KY Down to 5 minutes slower than the slowest...

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10:02:04 am



Mikey Bobbke has mentioned the wind several times (what else is there to talk about) When we were there it was so windy even in town

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10:12:33 am

that it was difficult to eat lunch on the plaza. Wine was good though



Tim in KY Back up to 15 minutes slower than the slowest... Now crosswinds = rolling rest day.

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10:12:42 am



Mikey Did have a chance to try orange wine.

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10:13:09 am



PasadenaK8 How was it?

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10:13:57 am



Tim in KY Never heard of it.

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10:14:35 am



Mikey There were four of us and 3/4 of us didn't care for it. Our guide said it is something that grows on you. If I remember correctly they leave the skins on ... A little bit bitter I thought. REALLY expensive

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Mikey Orange wine, also known as skin-contact white wine, skin-fermented white wine, or amber wine,[1] is a type of wine made from white wine grapes where the grape skins are not removed but stay in contact with the juice for days or even months, as is more typical with red wines.[2] This contrasts with conventional white wine production, which involves crushing the grapes and quickly moving the juice off the skins into the fermentation vessel. The skins contain color pigment, phenols and tannins that would normally be considered undesirable for white wines, while for red wines skin contact and maceration is a vital part of the winemaking process that gives red wine its color, flavor, and texture.[3] Orange wines tend to be natural (a.k.a. minimal intervention) wines. The International Organisation of Vine and Wine describes orange/amber wine as "White wine with maceration" and prescribes the minimum duration of the maceration phase to be 1 month.

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PasadenaK8 I once had orange beer. "Once" is the operative word. (blech)

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10:21:19 am



Tim in KY 2 KU.

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10:21:43 am



Katie S 2KU on my feed

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10:21:51 am



Katie S we had buffering issues so wasn't sure if I'd caught back on

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10:22:31 am



Mikey The temp in Zaragoza is about 84 now. When we were there the wine producers were concerned about so much hot weather with so little rain.... and the wind.

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10:22:38 am



Mikey Hard to remove the beer peels k8

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10:23:05 am



Katie S heat and wind. Ick.

08-30-2025
10:23:14 am



Mikey Did you know Rog was a ski jumper?

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10:24:20 am



PasadenaK8 Hard to remove from my memory, too. Never again. I'd try the orange wine, though.

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10:24:27 am



PasadenaK8 Huh, gee, didn't know that, Mikey 8*~}

08-30-2025
10:25:19 am



Mikey At least Trek driving the wind train today makes sense Tim

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10:27:08 am



PasadenaK8 Charlie's here! How'd the surgery go?

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10:30:43 am



Charlie in Tenn Hi gang. Thanks for the update on Cheryl, Mikey. My eye surgery went well. Check up later yesterday was excellent. I got so bored with resting yesterday. I put an eye patch on and watched "The Sandlot" with my daughter. She loved it, as one would expect.

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Mikey Hi Charlie

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10:32:44 am



Tim in KY Oliver Knight (Cofidis) has abandoned due to sick.

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10:33:13 am



PasadenaK8 Good to hear all went well, Charlie.

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10:34:00 am



Tim in KY Gerbilizer pulling for Lidl.

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10:38:01 am



Mikey 50 k left at least 40 k of paint to dry

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10:42:28 am



Tim in KY Gap slowly coming down.

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10:44:57 am



Charlie in Tenn We are going camping later this afternoon. Had to give me a half-day to recover. I have been doing all of the prep work that I would have done yesterday. Of course, I should have done it earlier in the week. Trailor battery charged, water filled to a reasonable level, cleaned the trailer, got the dog stuff ready, checked flashlights, first aid kit, fire starter bag, trailer hitch attached. Still need the clothes, food, chairs, and random crap that we will carry and never use.

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Katie S Wow, Charlie. I swear you are World's Best Dad

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Mikey Bridge

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Tim in KY Eric Antonio Fagúndez (Burgos Burpellet BH) has abandoned due to sick. He's the third Burgos to abandon.

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PasadenaK8 25K left. Cabeza at 31"

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11:10:44 am



PasadenaK8 🎵 All together now... 🎵

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11:20:21 am



Mikey Okay... time for predictions Phillipsen? Mads ? or the field?

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11:20:23 am



Tim in KY I'll take the field.

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11:21:30 am



Mikey I like the field too

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11:23:29 am



bikerabe Jasper needs to get back in Green jersey contention

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11:23:33 am



Tim in KY four minutes slower than the slowest right now.

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Mikey 45kph at this point is still under the normal speed for such wide roads
















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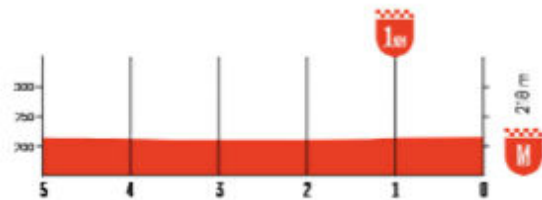
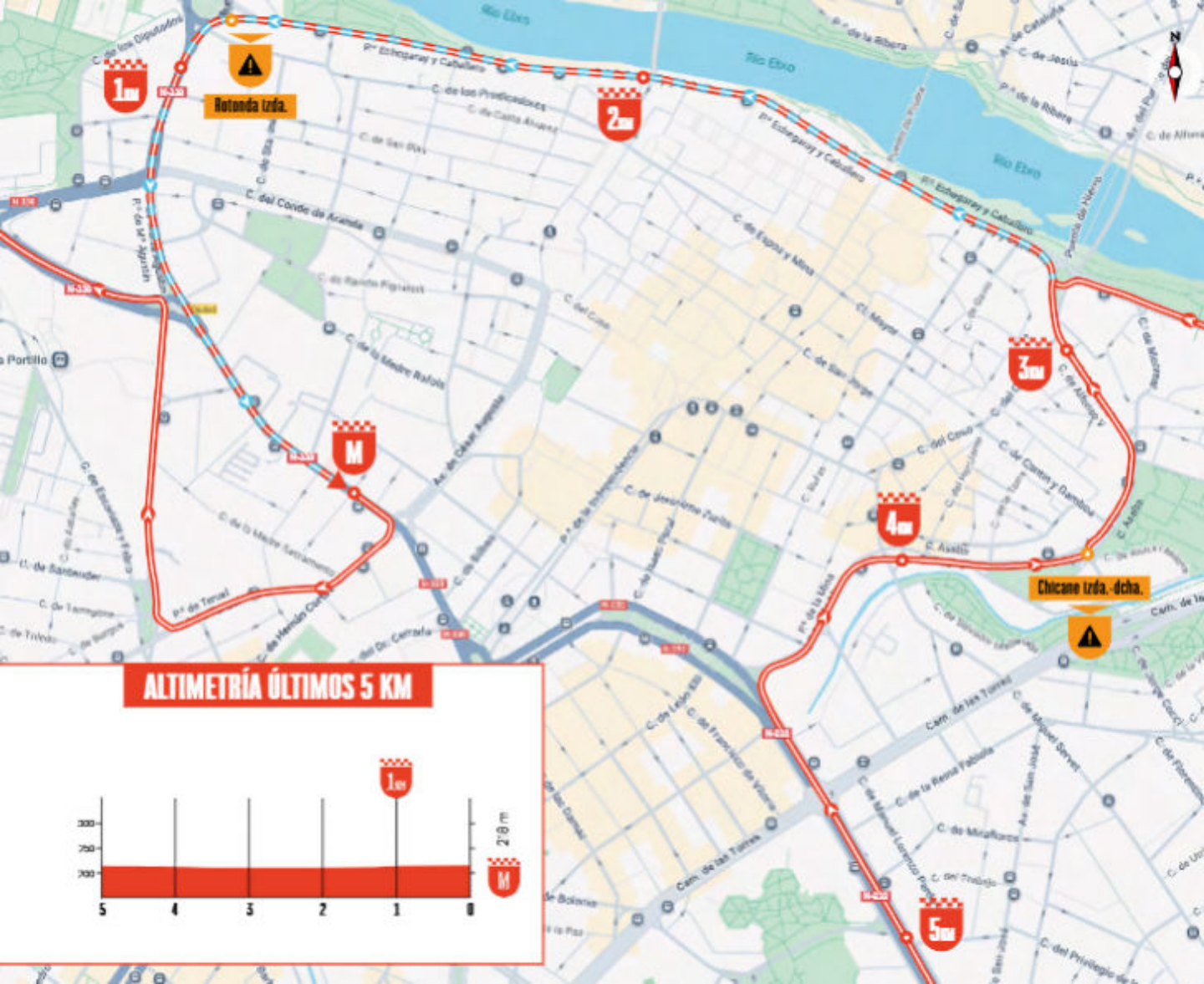


Mikey Commercial! Zest energy


























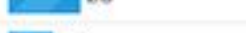







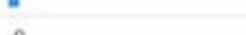

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**Mikey** Gambling08-30-2025
11:28:34 am**Katie is Lurking** I got logged out and can't log back in... I need Jasper to win this for my team08-30-2025
11:28:35 am**Mikey** Air Bnb Now painting (how perfect) for Sherwin Williams08-30-2025
11:29:43 am**Mikey** 9k08-30-2025
11:29:58 am**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1756568165-stage-8-route-finale.jpg>08-30-2025
11:31:06 am**PasadenaK8** You might get your Jasper win, Katie. Impressive, the stats that PCS has on things like this...08-30-2025
11:31:56 am**PasadenaK8** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1756568223-1756567923491.jpeg>08-30-2025
11:32:05 am**Mikey** up over 50kph now08-30-2025
11:33:32 am**Mikey** They were just resting08-30-2025
11:33:53 am**Mikey** 4k08-30-2025
11:34:45 am**PasadenaK8** Uh, oh. Think I'm behind. Hate to have to refresh. I'll get stuck in Dante's commercial inferno.08-30-2025
11:36:22 am**Tim in KY** One minute slower than the slowest...08-30-2025
11:37:09 am**PasadenaK8** 2K (??)08-30-2025
11:37:37 am**Katie is Lurking** Yup08-30-2025
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	PasadenaK8 Whew! Thx	08-30-2025 11:38:17 am
	Mikey Now single file	08-30-2025 11:38:45 am
	Mikey Wow lots of barrier stuff	08-30-2025 11:39:57 am
	PasadenaK8 You got your win, Katie!	08-30-2025 11:40:03 am
	Katie is Lurking did I win?	08-30-2025 11:40:05 am
	Katie is Lurking yay!!!	08-30-2025 11:40:18 am
	bikerabe Jasper !	08-30-2025 11:40:30 am
	Mikey Time for cherry juice	08-30-2025 11:40:36 am
	PasadenaK8 I guess they probably don't have orange wine at the finish.	08-30-2025 11:41:19 am
	Tim in KY Summit finish tomorrow.	08-30-2025 11:41:50 am
	bikerabe Mads only got 5 sprint points	08-30-2025 11:42:35 am
	Mikey No bike throw at the end might have lost the race for number two	08-30-2025 11:42:53 am
	Mikey okay ba	08-30-2025 11:43:36 am
	bikerabe Cat 1 finish tomorrow	08-30-2025 11:43:50 am
	Katie is Lurking ciao	08-30-2025 11:45:27 am



Sprinters effectiveness in sprints the day after a climbing stage.

#	RIDER	#RESULTSTOP-10S	TOP-10 %	
1	 PHILIPSEN Jasper	37	35	 95
2	 COQUARD Bryan	54	37	 69
3	 MIHKELS Madis	16	10	 63
4	 VIVIANI Elia	68	41	 60
5	 PEDERSEN Mads	43	23	 53
6	 MARIT Arne	19	10	 53
7	 AULAR Orluis	20	10	 50
8	 ANIOŁKOWSKI Stanisław	24	12	 50
9	 VERNON Ethan	19	9	 47
10	 GARCÍA CORTINA Iván	38	13	 34
11	 VAN DIJKE Tim	18	6	 33
12	 VAN UDEN Casper	19	6	 32
13	 TURNER Ben	18	5	 28
14	 STEWART Jake	22	4	 18
15	 PIDCOCK Thomas	23	4	 17
16	 GANNA Filippo	46	4	 9
17	 KÜNG Stefan	43	2	 5
18	 JORGENSON Matteo	24	0	0

climbing stages with a profile score above 100 / only riders with at least 10 results shown



PasadenaK8 Me too ~ mañana...

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