



**Tim in KY** Gdl Stage 14 is 194 kilometers from Sierre, Switzerland east and south to finish back in Italy at Cassano Magnago. 05-19-2023 03:26:31 pm

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1684524699-stage-14-route.jpg> 05-19-2023 03:26:40 pm

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**Tim in KY** The first 36 kilometers and last 93 km of the route are flat. The intervening 66 km are the climb and descent of the Simplon Pass (officially 20 km averaging 6.5%). The final kilometer is slightly uphill at just under 3%. 05-19-2023 03:28:32 pm

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1684524821-stage-14-profile.jpg> 05-19-2023 03:28:42 pm

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1684524837-stage-14-simplon.jpg> 05-19-2023 03:28:58 pm

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1684524853-stage-14-profile-finish.jpg> 05-19-2023 03:29:14 pm

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**Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 12:15 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:15. Forecast is for the possibility of rain on and off along the entire route with temps in the mid-teens. 05-19-2023 03:30:36 pm

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**Joanna in Virginia** Thank you to Trish for the generous donation to the Tip Jar, greatly appreciated. Thanks also for letting me know about the broken link. My site server is odd in that links occasionally disappear - I appreciate the "head's up". 05-19-2023 07:56:40 pm

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**Tim in KY** Samuele Battistella, Astana and Stefan de Bod EFE DNS today. Both have non-Covid infections. 05-20-2023 06:04:31 am

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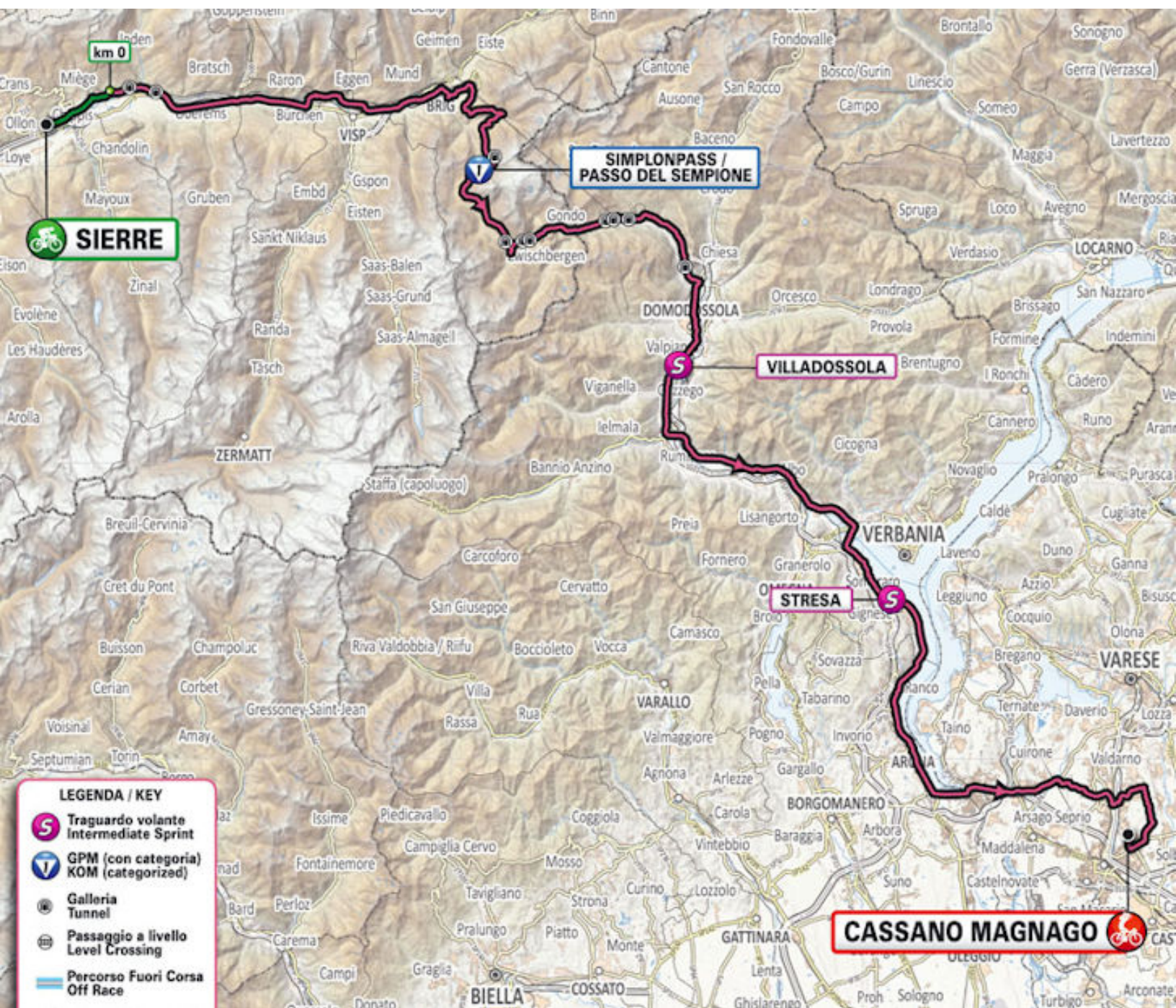
**Tim in KY** Neutral start in actual sunshine. Showers still likely on the Italian side. 05-20-2023 06:08:51 am

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**Tim in KY** Chores now. 05-20-2023 06:09:21 am

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**555 - SIERRE (Valais)**



**282 - CASSANO MAGNAGO**

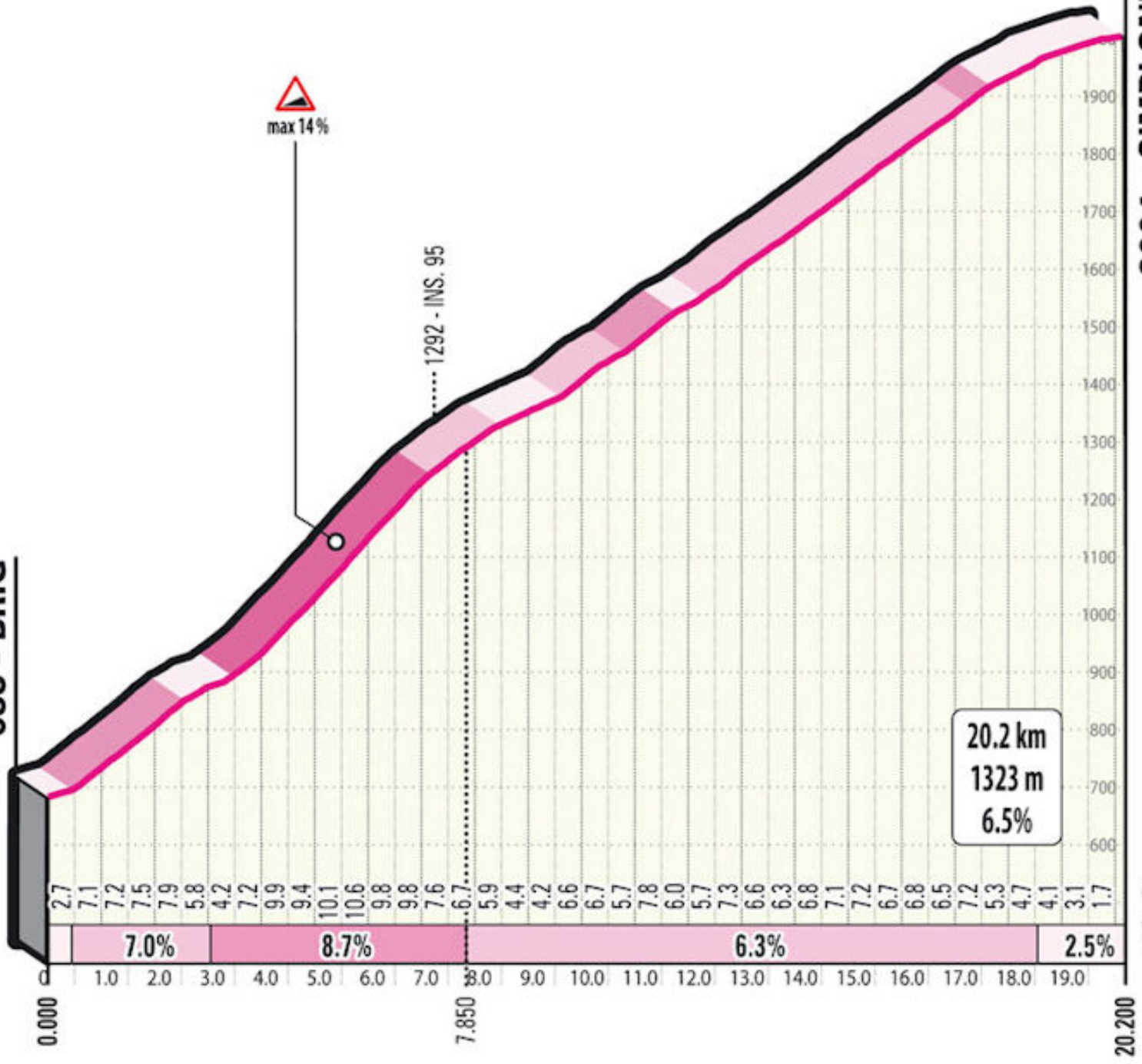
683 - BRIG

2004 - SIMPLONPASS  
PASSO DEL SEMPIONE

max 14%

1292 - INS. 95

20.2 km  
1323 m  
6.5%



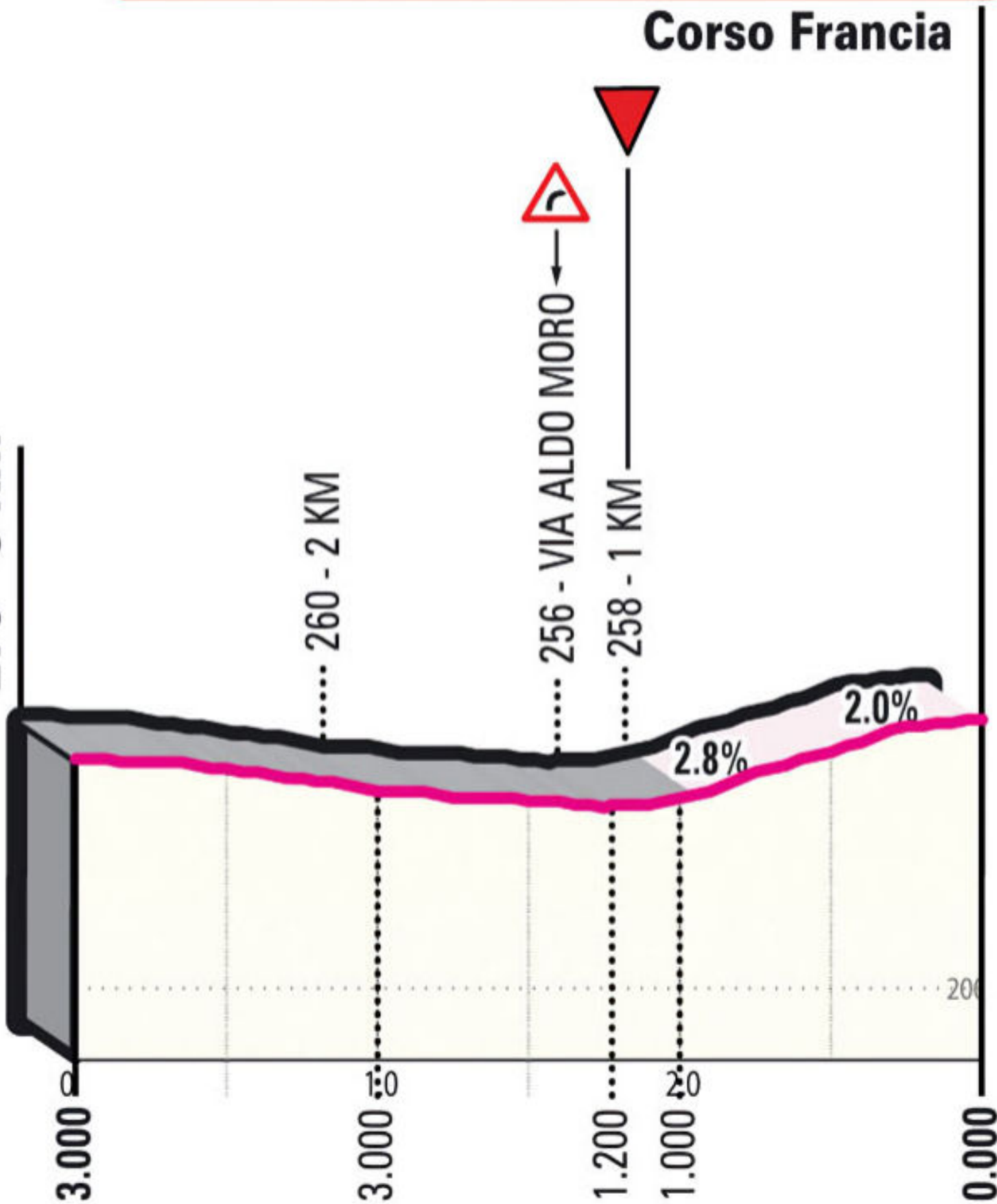
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# 282 - CASSANO MAGNAGO



Corso Francia

270 - 3 KM





**Tim in KY** No break and probably won't be until the climb.

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06:42:52 am



**Tim in KY** When I saw Simplon Pass I assumed it had some connection to the original Venice Simplon Orient Express. But I can't find any confirmation of that on the tubes.

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06:45:27 am



**Tim in KY** Group of 17 has 43 seconds..

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06:50:58 am



**Tim in KY** Rain on the moto lens.

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06:56:31 am



**BusterSci** I found this, Tim: In the 1957 novel From Russia, with Love by Ian Fleming, protagonist James Bond fights his enemy, SMERSH agent Donovan Grant, eventually killing him, while passing through the Simplon Tunnel on the Orient Express.

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07:11:26 am



**Tim in KY** I found that the train "sometimes" uses the tunnel, but I can't find where the name Simplon actually comes from.

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07:18:27 am



**Tim in KY** 27 riders in the front group. That will thin out as the climb progresses.

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07:19:12 am



**BusterSci** Best I found there is it is the name of a town in Switzerland, "Simplon is first mentioned in 1267 as Simpilion. In 1285 it was mentioned as Xeiplon.[3]"

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07:23:20 am



**Tim in KY** Looks like it maybe snowing at the top of the mountain. It's definitely raining in Italy.

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07:23:44 am



**Trish in MA** I'm in long enough to eat breakfast, before heading out to the local plant sales. Â One of my friends is channeling the Dad in A Christmas Story - "we're missing all the good trees."

05-20-2023  
07:25:38 am



**BusterSci** That's so often true, though, with weekend plant sales.

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07:31:03 am



**Trish in MA** That's why we're arriving at the big one just as it opens.

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07:31:53 am



**Tim in KY** Closest guy in the lead group is at 18:37 so Innies can soft pedal as much as they want.

05-20-2023  
07:32:28 am



**Tim in KY** Sleet at the top Hannah says.

05-20-2023  
07:36:25 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Hi gang. Another birthday today. My daughter Ceci turns 9. Time really goes fast except for long boring stages.

05-20-2023  
07:43:57 am



**Tim in KY** Crests in 10 km.

05-20-2023  
07:46:56 am



**Tim in KY** I'm surprised the front group hasn't thinned-out on the climb.

05-20-2023  
07:50:48 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I will miss most of the race. I have volunteered to help The Ecumenical Storehouse. It is a charity formed by a bunch of local churches that collects furniture and household items. They then give the items away to families in need (vetted through the churches) or sell better items to raise money. I have said that I would help about a dozen times and actually made only 3 times. I am stepping up today and actually going to miss a race and show up. I think I am maturing as fast as the kids. About time.

05-20-2023  
07:58:01 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Jens says the weather is getting really bad.

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07:58:50 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Katie, that shirt that you made inspired by your new flowers was crazy good. You are a true artist.

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08:00:42 am



**Katie Lane** Good morning. I'm going to miss most of the stage for a much-needed hair appointment. It will be a gloomy, rainy day here in North Alabama so it was NOT a Saturday to offload tie dyes at the local vending venue that I go to intermittently in the summer. Rain, wind and possible hail do not go well with my tie-dye set-up. I have not been able to get to the Saturday market yet this year (it started the first day of the Giro).

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08:02:36 am



**Tim in KY** There are 5 tunnels on the descent.

05-20-2023  
08:04:55 am



**Katie Lane** Today I plan to finish up some "mad scientist" dye experiments -- how does dye placement affect the final appearance. If you put the dye above the sinew, at the sinew, or just below the sinew ties on an incline ice dye, how does that affect the look of the finished thing? My next experiment may be how the shape of ice affects the outcome. (Sno-cone fine crush vs. irregular hunks vs. those round hollow things vs. the rounded stuff with a flat side (what my icemaker makes) vs square/rectangular ice vs "thin" cubes like you'd get by filling an ice cube tray only part way) -- if I can even find the various kinds of ice locally.

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08:06:16 am





**Katie Lane** The variables can drive a person crazy. When I'm going for a certain look, I'd like to know how to do it. I'm bad about taking notes as I go, so a side-by-side comparison is the way to go.

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08:06:58 am



**Katie Lane** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1684584835-1684584535799.jpeg>

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08:08:57 am



**Katie Lane** These are the Forever Susan Asiatic lilies in our yard

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08:09:23 am



**Katie Lane** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1684584835-1684584571721.jpeg>

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08:09:33 am



**Katie Lane** This was the set-up

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**Katie Lane** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1684584835-1684584590715.jpeg>

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08:09:52 am



**Katie Lane** This was the end result. I got pretty close on the colors.

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08:10:12 am



**BusterSci** Colors are amazing

05-20-2023  
08:10:22 am



**Tim in KY** Going down now.

05-20-2023  
08:16:11 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Yep, Katie is ok if you like crazy colorful tie dyed shirts.

05-20-2023  
08:16:28 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Switzerland reminds me of Italy.

05-20-2023  
08:18:29 am



**Tim in KY** Border comes with 117 km to go.

05-20-2023  
08:27:08 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I looked at all of the fantasy teams last night. A variety of helpers that may make this race Cort, Mollema, various boras, Healy, Kuss,

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08:30:19 am















Dennis, Denz, etc. Sakia has Rog, Dennis, Kuss, Bouman, Cav, Cort, and G. I say she moves up the ranks faster than anyone. Her only problem is she is starting way behind. At the top, Katie's teams only have 4 riders are like sprinters on a mountain, starting at the front and sliding back through as the day goes on. I am low middle and plan to stay there.



**Charlie in Tenn** OK, leaders back in Italy. It is raining at the finish. I am out for the day. Hope everyone stays safe.

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08:33:57 am



**Katie S** Happy Birthday to Ceci! And good morning, Nuts

05-20-2023  
08:35:18 am



**Katie S** I'm guessing I missed the climb and now am in for a long, wet stage! would say paint-drying, but

05-20-2023  
08:36:48 am



**Tim in KY** Nothing drying in Italy.

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08:45:44 am



**Tim in KY** Put clean sheets on the bed. Booster deltoid hurts.

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08:46:33 am



**Katie S** No other issues, though, I hope

05-20-2023  
08:49:20 am



**Tim in KY** Nope.

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08:49:56 am



**Katie Lane** Yes, I will be plummeting in Velogames now. No sprinters left. No GC guys left.

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08:51:41 am



**Katie S** The Attrition Edition of the Giro

05-20-2023  
08:52:18 am



**Katie Lane** If you see the Eolo guys wearing black armbands, it's because a promising 25-year-old on their team lost his battle with brain cancer yesterday.

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08:52:41 am



**Tim in KY** Still 99 km to go.

05-20-2023  
08:53:10 am



**Katie Lane** Arturo Gravalos.

05-20-2023  
08:54:08 am



**Katie S** Too damn young. So very sad.

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08:54:31 am



**Katie S** I think the teammates learned of it just before yesterday's stage started

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08:55:22 am



**Katie Lane** Alberto Contador and Ivan Basso are finders /co-owners of the Eolo-Komata team

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08:57:09 am



**Katie Lane** Funders

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08:57:22 am



**Katie Lane** In the women's Burgos yesterday, Weibes got relegated to 3rd, so it was Volling, Dygert, Weibes. Should be a sprint stage today, and a hard climbing finale for the last stage.

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08:58:57 am



**Katie S** And dry

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08:59:24 am



**Katie Lane** In other races: Today is stage 5 of the 4 Days of Dunkirk.  
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09:03:35 am



**Katie Lane** This just looks so fun!

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09:04:27 am



**Katie S** Takes so much energy to put on gloves in the wet

05-20-2023  
09:05:13 am



**Katie S** I have really enjoyed having Jens as a commentator

05-20-2023  
09:08:05 am



**Katie Lane** I don't know how they can survive the wet shorts day after day. Doing just one day in the wet, about half the distance these guys ride, does bad things to one's delicate skin.

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09:11:10 am



**Katie Lane** Swimming rider

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09:11:27 am



**Katie Lane** You know it's wet when you have to change into a dry rain jacket. And if you're wet and the jacket's dry, it's hard to thread your wet arm into the dry sleeve.

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09:13:28 am



**Katie S** Digging around in a musette in the ran also looks like fun.

05-20-2023  
09:17:45 am



**Tim in KY** It wasn't that long ago that the four days of Dunkirk was four days because they had two stages on two of the days.

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09:18:45 am



**Katie S** Official word on Remco is no TdF, no Vuelta.

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09:19:25 am



**BusterSci** I get no TDF. Â I don't get no Vuelta.

05-20-2023  
09:28:29 am



**Katie S** Maybe just being coy?

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09:29:09 am



**BusterSci** Possibilities: 1) the routes don't suit. Â The guy needs races with ITTs. Â 2) Points. Â If you've got a big gun like Remco are you better off sending him to one-day and one-week races he can win vs a GT he can't.

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**BusterSci** 3) training program he needs doesn't accommodate an unscheduled GT.

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**Rob** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1684590130-1684589830652.jpeg>

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09:37:13 am



**Rob** Afternoon all, just walked to Scrooby and back with the dogs.

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09:37:44 am



**BusterSci** Ruh roh!

05-20-2023  
09:37:53 am



**Katie S** Scrooby Doo!

05-20-2023  
09:38:16 am



**BusterSci** Did you get snacks there, Rob? Â Scrooby Snacks?

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09:39:11 am



**BusterSci** And I would have gotten away with it, too, if it weren't for those meddling kids!

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09:41:39 am



**Katie S** Very mod meddling kids

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09:42:11 am





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MAYFLOWER PILGRIM



**Tim in KY** In its time Scrooby was considered a nest of heretics and traitors. Brewster exiled himself in Holland. 05-20-2023 09:49:13 am



**Tim in KY** Despite the rain and mountain, the lead group is at the fastest imaginable... 05-20-2023 10:19:11 am



**Katie S** Remind me how Ivan Basso redeemed himself. He was persona non grata for a time, I believe. 05-20-2023 10:19:46 am



**Tim in KY** Not the sort of thing I keep track of. 05-20-2023 10:22:13 am



**Katie S** Just for chits and sizzles, I pick Ballerini for the win 05-20-2023 10:42:53 am



**Toulouse** Wikipedia, font of all knowledge, lists a detailed report of Basso's did he-didn't he doping history (eventually he admitted to "intending to dope," followed by a departure from cycling due to testicular cancer. He now lives on a farm with his wife and four children. 05-20-2023 10:43:06 am



**Katie S** So he laid low for awhile and people forgave his intentions 05-20-2023 10:44:07 am



**Rob** Wasn't his sister involved? Or am I thinking of another rider? 05-20-2023 10:44:42 am



**Toulouse** Wiki didn't mention a sister, but I was doing a great deal of skimming. 05-20-2023 10:46:00 am



**SFinAus** That was someone else although I can't quite pull the name up. Baltic or central/eastern European? 05-20-2023 10:46:02 am



**SFinAus** Chits and sizzles is one I hadn't heard before. 05-20-2023 10:46:27 am



**Katie S** Oh yeah! Raimondas Rumčikas??? 05-20-2023 10:48:09 am



**SFinAus** Yeah, close enough. 05-20-2023 10:48:34 am





**SFinAus** Or spot on.

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10:48:54 am



**Katie S** There was a car and a birder crossing and a sick mom or something

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10:49:10 am



**Katie S** Border crossing

05-20-2023  
10:49:21 am



**Katie S** And a trunk load of dope

05-20-2023  
10:49:44 am



**SFinAus** Yeah, IIRC it was one of those "you can't make this stuff situation". A lack of contrition on their parts too.

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10:50:00 am



**SFinAus** ^up

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10:50:13 am



**SFinAus** Will the trio see it through? It's a near thing.

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10:52:38 am



**SFinAus** 12", 3.5 km

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10:52:56 am



**SFinAus** I'm rooting for Gee, but I don't think it's going to happen today either

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10:55:24 am



**Trish in MA** I'm back - just in time!

05-20-2023  
10:56:03 am



**SFinAus** Oldani going from 800m

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10:56:16 am



**SFinAus** Nope

05-20-2023  
10:56:30 am



**SFinAus** OOOOOOhhhhhh!!

05-20-2023  
10:57:20 am



**Trish in MA** Photo

05-20-2023  
10:57:24 am





**Katie S** We are having a debate here on the sofa

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10:57:41 am



**SFinAus** I'm having a debate with myself.

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10:58:01 am



**Katie S** I say Denz, she says the other one

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10:58:11 am



**SFinAus** I tend to agree.... mostly.

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10:58:36 am



**SFinAus** Ah, actually not that close.Â Denz by half a wheel

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11:00:26 am



**Katie S** Which one of you was right, Shawn?

05-20-2023  
11:00:30 am



**SFinAus** The wise, savvy, and experienced one.

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11:00:54 am



**Rob** Back in 2010 Elisa Basso was banned from attending sporting events.

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11:01:26 am



**SFinAus** Peeps close again today too.

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11:01:56 am



**Toulouse** And Gee: bridesmaid of the Giro.

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11:02:10 am



**Katie S** Ring bearer

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11:02:27 am



**Trish in MA** Wait - the peloton is 18 minutes away?

05-20-2023  
11:05:09 am



**SFinAus** Oh yeah.Â I'd actually forgotten about them.Â GCN/Eurosport is in full post stage analysis.

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11:05:49 am



**Toulouse** Somebody who has already finished may end up in pink.

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11:06:10 am



**Trish in MA** Amarail started in 23rd and is now going to (probably) take the jersey? Â Crafty Innies

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11:08:18 am

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**SFinAus** Long list of house, yard, and garden to-dos, so I'm out for today.Â  
Ciao

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11:13:31 am

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**Tim in KY** The Innies don't appear to be in any hurry.

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11:13:48 am

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**Trish in MA** Now I must go plant plants. Â Had a nice haul.

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11:15:28 am

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**Katie S** Enjoy the day, all

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11:21:20 am

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**Charlie in Tenn** Thanks for the report. Go Denz!

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