



**Tim in KY** TdF Stage 18 is 130 kilometers in a counterclockwise loop through the Pyrenees from Pau to a summit finish in the ski resort Luz-Ardiden.

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626287628-stage-18-route.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** The first 77 kilometers are a rising false flat punctuated by two Cat 4 climbs. The remainder of the stage is the climb and descent of the HC Col du Tourmalet and the HC climb to the finish.

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626287709-stage-18-profile.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626287719-stage-18-tourmalet.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626287735-stage-18-luz-ardiden.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:50 after a 15 minute neutral zone. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Live stream at 13:00 on NBCSN, 13:25 on Peacock. Forecast is for sun and clouds with temps in the upper teens.

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**Joanna in Virginia** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626288448-1626288148287.jpeg>

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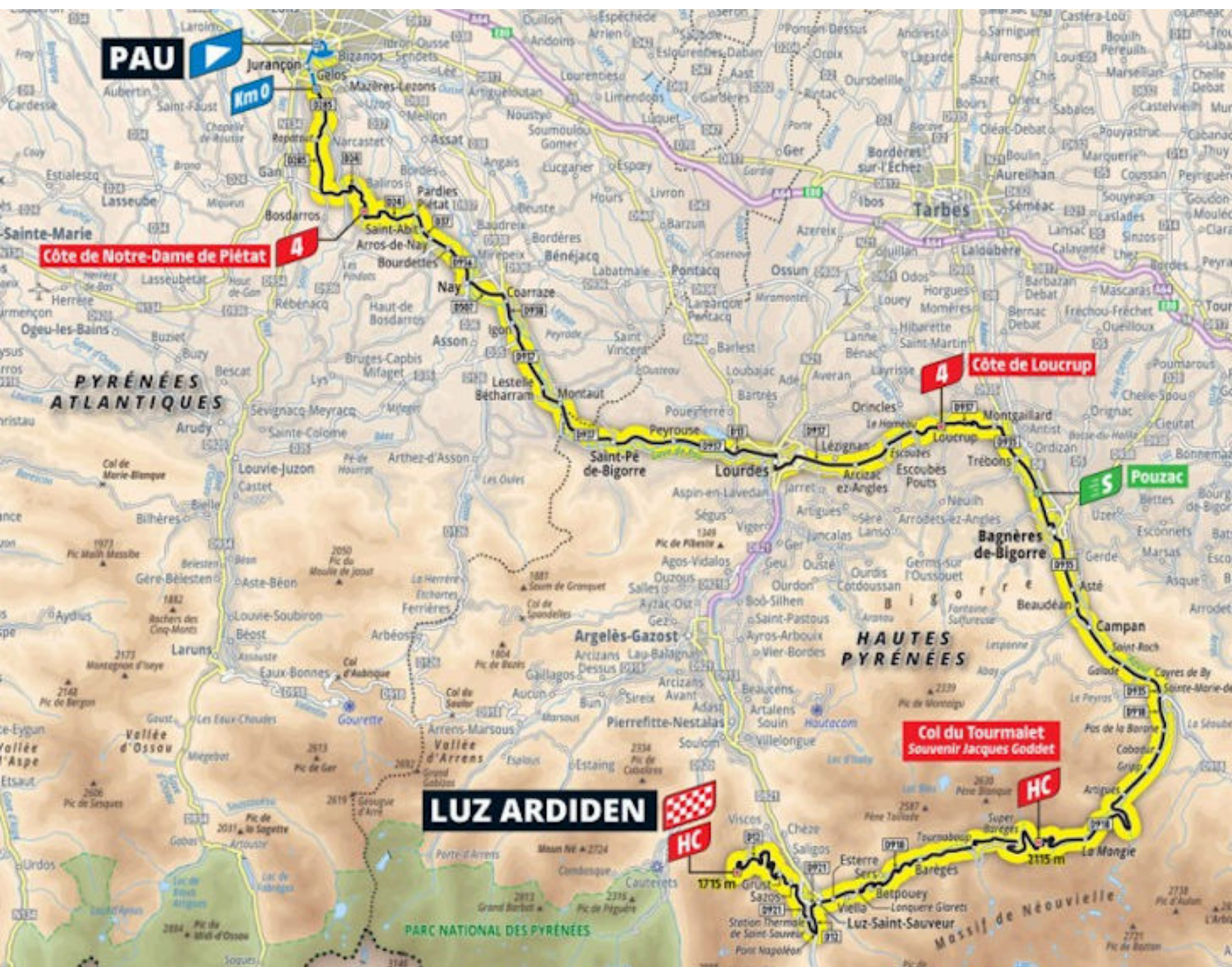
**Joanna in Virginia** Sadly I will miss every day from this point forward as I am taking Maddie to a Breed Show Thursday and Friday, then judging two different shows Saturday and Sunday. I had to pull this graphic from the archives in celebration of "Tourmalet Day". Thank you for joining us in the Pub - it was great to get together!

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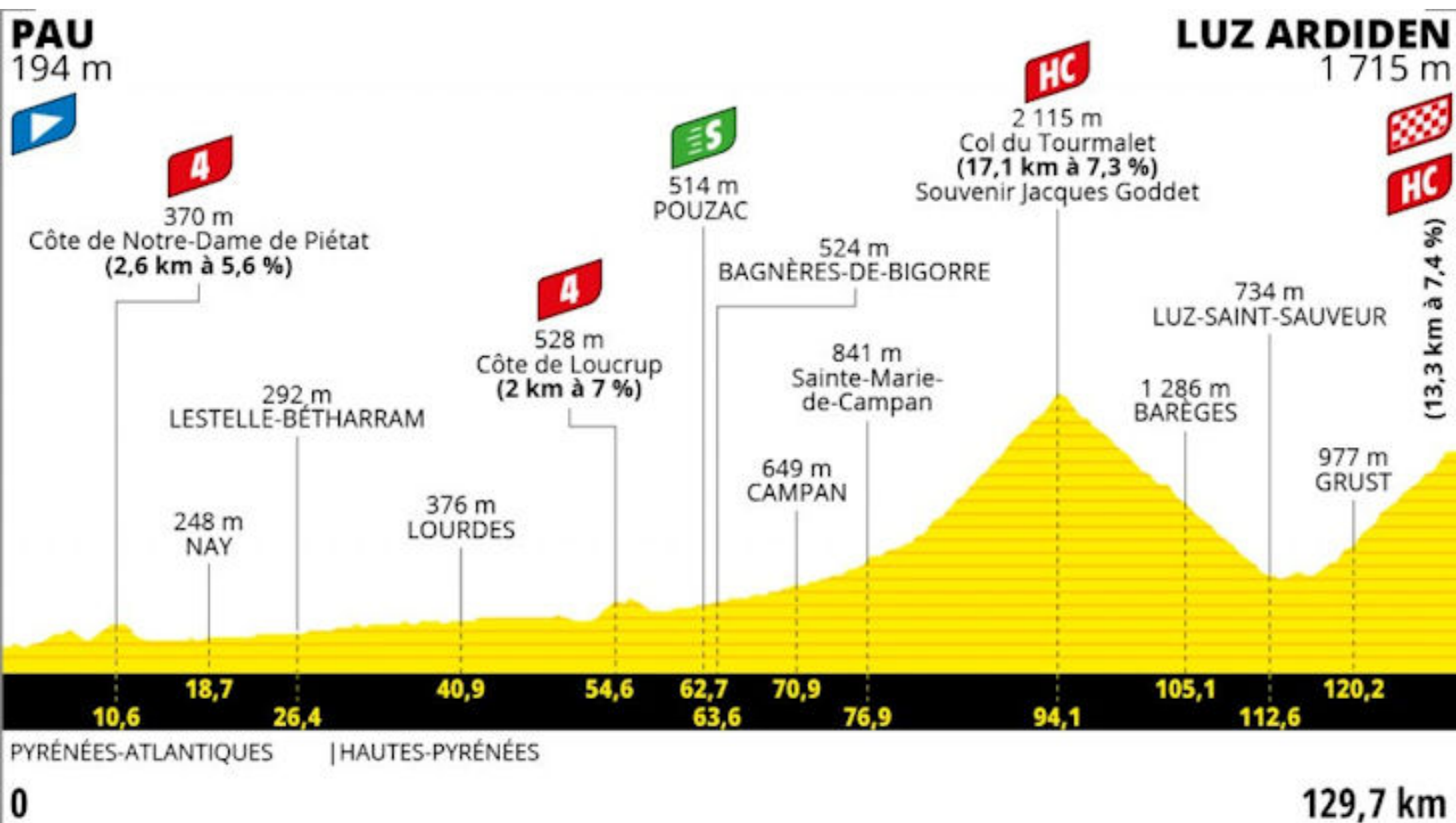


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860 m Sainte-Marie-de-Campan - **km 77,5**

Pied de col

929 m Pas de la Barane - **km 79,5**

1 000 m Gripp - **km 81**

1 190 m Artigues - **km 83,5**

1 690 m La Mongie - **km 89,5**

## Col du Tourmalet

Souvenir Jacques Goddet  
2 115 m - km 94,5  
(17,1 km à 7,3%)





736 m Station thermale de Saint-Sauveur - **km 116,5**

830 m SAZOS - **km 118,5**

999 m GRUST - **km 120,5**

**LUZ ARDIDEN**  
1 715 m - km 130  
(13,3 km à 7,4%)









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**As we complete Le Tour, and the renewal of the Chat Room looms, you may find yourself interested in contributing to the cause.**

**Donations are certainly welcome to defray costs. If you are so inclined, you can donate to my PayPal account:**

**[jemgrayonline@gmail.com](mailto:jemgrayonline@gmail.com)**



**Joanna in Virginia** With last year's funds generously donated to, and held in reserve for, the Mons Memorial Fund projects, the Tip Jar was empty at the start of the Tour. I appreciate all the donations made thus far and contributions are always welcome, if you are so inclined.

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**BusterSci** So the police searched the BIV hotel last night. Â No arrests, and apparently no bikes examined or taken. Â Authorized by the same prosecutor in Marseille that targeted Nairo and Arkea last year and we all know what happened there...nothing. Â Expect the same here.

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**Tim in KY** Not OTL yesterday. Crosswalk was the only DNF. No word yet of any DNS today.

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**Tim in KY** Buster is this stage a coefficient 4 or 5?Â The chart says 5 is for "short mountain" stages but doesn't define "short".

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**BusterSci** This is a 5

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**Charlie in Tenn** Morning all. Kinda saw that police raid coming, didn't we? Seems like the announcers all thought Crapass was pissing Pog and Vinge off yesterday but everything I read seemed to say "we knew he would attack, it is a bike race" or something like that.

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**BusterSci** Knowing somebody is faking it doesn't necessarily mean they aren't pissing you off at the same time.

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**Tim in KY** DQS has been very efficient is bringing Cav to the line just inside the limit. Yesterday the cut was 39 minutes, Cav at 34.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Yep, and what people say may not always be the truth.

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**Tim in KY** Pos and Vinge certainly looked pissed.

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**BusterSci** And as I think about it, wasn't Pog pretty much saying "I know he's a lying sandbagger" just in a more politic way?

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**Tim in KY** There is an interesting chart on PCS called "Stages with highest profile score in Tour de France history".Â All of the top 20 are in this century

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and only two are before 2010.



**mmcally** Phillipa York roasted Carapaz in her column for cyclingnews yesterday.

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**BusterSci** I haven't been a big fan of her columns this Tour. Â Liked much stuff in the past, but this year seems a bit off.

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**BusterSci** I say that having not read the article you mention yet.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Still, in the big picture, pulling with the tour leader and another guy that is in front of you on GC seems more like a Movistar move than anyone else.

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**BusterSci** Update: <https://www.cyclingnews.com/news/french-prosecutor-opens-preliminary-investigation-into-doping-allegations-at-bahrain-victorious/>

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**Tim in KY** Anybody else having trouble with Peacock?

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**BusterSci** BNope

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**Tim in KY** It's working on my computer but not iPad.

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**BusterSci** Streaming on the TV just fine. Â Reboot and retry.

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**Tim in KY** Did that already.

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**Charlie in Tenn** Vinge changed bikes during neutral

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**Mikey** Good Morning

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**Tim in KY** I had to delete the app and reload it. Now it's working.

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**Charlie in Tenn** You guys sent the cops to harass Bilbao didn't you? My fantasy team finally has a good day and this happens. Coincidence? hmm...

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**Tim in KY** Easy break?

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**bikerabe** Sean Bennet in break of 3

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**bikerabe** 1 minute

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**Tim in KY** Well, with the break in place and Peacock fixed, I will run errands.

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**bikerabe** Kom in group trying to bridge

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**bikerabe** No

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**bikerabe** Mohoric of BIV in break

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**bikerabe** Go Sean Go

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**BusterSci** Any time a break forms I await the "Go go" to see who you're pulling for.

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**bikerabe** JuJu goes !

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**bikerabe** my OCD shows in my predictably ty

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**bikerabe** predictabiity

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**bikerabe** just 74 miles to go

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**bikerabe** crash

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**Rocket City Gal** Iâ€™m having some connection issues too. Â I keep getting the Peacock âœ“Uh oh, something went wrongâ€ message with the big-eyed tabby with white bib and paws.

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**Rocket City Gal** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626351150-1626350850355.jpeg>

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**Rocket City Gal** Similar but different catâ€

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**Mikey** Hi RCG! Â Was reading a couple of articles last night and the general opinion was that this was the worst tour for watching. General classification decided early. Crashes made for little if any excitement for the green and polka dot jerseys. Early breaks making for boring racing. Cav only in green because of crashes. Your thoughts?

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**BusterSci** Not the case. Â The first week was FABULOUS. Â The second week was fun for the first 3 or 4 stages. Â The MVP story, the Cav story, even the crashes allowed us to see the human side of guys like Rog. Â The race for dots has been back and forth throughout. Breaks have won regularly. I think people put way too much emphasis on the battle for yellow.

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**BusterSci** The battle for 2nd is really interesting, too.

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**BusterSci** I will agree that this week has been less inspiring, though.

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**BusterSci** On the other hand, if you were looking forward to a Rog-Pog-Innie battle, and all you got was Pog, then yeah, it's a let down.

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**Mikey** Stirring the pot some more... teams trying to please sponsors to the detriment of racing. Perfectly happy with second or third or top ten just to please sponsors. Little if any risk taking.

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**Rocket City Gal** The battle for dots and green are far from over. Â Not much suspense over yellow, but the rest of the top 10 has been changing around enough that itâ€™s interesting.

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**Mikey** We need a Movistar bad decision day!

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**Charlie in Tenn** Yes, I thought the first half was very exciting for all of those reasons. Also WVA trying to get yellow. The weather has been the worst ever so that also made things unpredictable though sometimes unexciting. If the couple of articles were from Great Britain there might be a Ineos slant. Ineos fans probably have not enjoyed the race.

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**Mikey** Interesting Charlie. I hadn't thought of that.

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**BusterSci** Mikey, I'm arguing to stir the pot in the other direction now, not to say the conservative racing comment is wrong. Â What else do you do with a guy like Pog that covers every attack? Â People love saying "Why don't they attack?" As John from Velocast responds "Because they're already breathing through their arses and have no more to give!"

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**bikerabe** Mikey, I disagree, also. Pogacar has been dominant, but the stage wins for domestiques and Superdomestiques first week crashes has made the Tour very interesting, much more than the Giro.

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**Charlie in Tenn** The fight for 40-65 kms for the break was fun to watch. If fans only watched the last half of stages they missed a lot of racing this tour.

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**bikerabe** Perichon has joined JuJu

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**BusterSci** After the stage yesterday PhilGil saw an amateur rider crash on a bend and fall 20m. Â He, Froome and Jell-Jensen stopped to go help the guy.

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**Katie S** Good morning. I think the race for green, which seemed a foregone conclusion and now is less certain, is a slow burn, which makes it interesting. Can Cav hold off Bling? Is his age and lack of Tour-specific preparation going to be his undoing? Enquiring minds want to know.

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**BusterSci** Auto-translation: "In the Col de Portet, I was greatly encouraged and I thank people for that, because it's heartwarming," Philippe Gilbert told the RTBF. Together, with Rick Zabel and Marco Haller, we were able to enjoy the atmosphere. I can tell you that a lot is happening in a pass! In the descent, after crossing the finish line, I was following a cyclo, it missed a turn and found itself about twenty meters below. We stopped to rescue him with Chris Froome and Christopher Juul-Jensen. These are facts that are not known to the press, but yesterday I lost almost twenty minutes to help this man! We called for help because he was still dirty. These are experiences that we also have."

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**Rocket City Gal** Ineos has been a let- down. Â I agree that the breakaway wins have been great. Â And the near-breakaway wins.

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**Rocket City Gal** The Cavendish story has been heartwarming. Â I canâ€™t believe heâ€™s still in it. Â He hadnâ€™t been training for the Tour. Â Matthews going for the intermediate sprint points has added suspense.

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**Rocket City Gal** And unless Poels gets into the break, the polkadot jersey is likely coming down to who wins the final climb today, the last mountain stage.

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**Charlie in Tenn** I am not a Cav fan but the story has been amazing. He has been the 3rd string sprinter all year that pops up when someone has an injury or whatever. He went to Turkey and won 4 stages because someone else couldn't go. Same here. The team has definitely rallied around him.

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**bikerabe** chase catching break

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**Charlie in Tenn** Even if Poels gets in the break, he needs to score some points on the last mountain. BTW there are only two cat 4s left after today. Those are only 1 point each.

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**bikerabe** Vaughters on NBCSN says that Carapaz has to crack today for Rigo to make up time lost yesterday

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**bikerabe** shost leash for break Gap 1:28

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**Charlie in Tenn** Speaking of Cav, I expect he will ride with DQS again next year. Sam Bennett is going back to Bora, Fabio is still recovering, Hodeg is not second level sprinter. Cav could be the number one sprinter.

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**Rocket City Gal** We are at our more rustic backwoods digs this week, where Tour viewing can be a bit more challenging. But Iâ€™m glad we finally figured out the technological end of things and are able to watch it on the TV through the computer.

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**Rocket City Gal** I get to see that sad-eyed Peacock cat a little bit too much though.

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**bikerabe** that stupid Photoshopped cat

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**Rocket City Gal** Yesterday was a little bit exciting. When I went down to the basement laundry room I was greeted by a very large rat snake (black snake) at least 4 feet long. Went to pick it up to relocate it and didn't get close enough to the head, and it whipped its head around and bit my base of my thumb. Said snake experienced a brief period of flight as it was relocated out the basement door into a Woodland habitat..

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**Alison Quarles** Oh no!

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**Mikey** Yikes

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**Charlie in Tenn** Poor snake.

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**Katie S** Ouch! How does one treat that particular snake bite? (Oh, Charlie!)

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**bikerabe** for Bear Gryls that would be a meal

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**BusterSci** Bear Gryls. Read a great article about him called "Man vs Room Service."

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**Rocket City Gal** Non-venomous was washed it good with soap and water, put antibiotic ointment/bandaids over it. It's fine.

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**BusterSci** Talked about how all his stuff was staged. Maybe it was a rival that wrote it.

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**Rocket City Gal** I wasn't rough with the snake. It was not very far off the ground when launched. I've never seen one that aggressive!

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**BusterSci** <https://inrng.com/2021/07/ineos-team-budget-2020/>

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**Katie S** it wasn't used to being grabbed around the throat...

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**BusterSci** Wonder if Jim Ratcliffe is happy with his current investment level?

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**Rocket City Gal** Sucker drew blood.

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**Katie S** how rude

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**Katie S** LOURDES!

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**Charlie in Tenn** Sorry that you that experience. Get well soon.

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**Rocket City Gal** No idea how it got in. Weâ€™re pulling out the washer and dryer today to have a look-see.

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**mmcally** I imagine Jim Ratcliffe will ensure Bernal is racing the Tour next summer.

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**Charlie in Tenn** He followed the rats evidently.

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**Katie S** On that 2003 TdF trip, we stayed in Lourdes. Our group was astounded at the degree of tourism there, and one in our group, a woman from Georgia, declared it "Six Flags Over Mary."

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**BusterSci** Love that!

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**Charlie in Tenn** that is funny.

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**Rocket City Gal** Good one!

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**BusterSci** Charlie nailed the snake issue. Â They go where the food is. Â Same with spiders.

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**Mikey** Nice Katie

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**Charlie in Tenn** Ineos brought an awesome looking team. Jim Ratcliffe was probably happy at the start.

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**BusterSci** With all the talent on that team it really comes down to one thing for Ineos and the Tour. Â Bring Egan.

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**BusterSci** I think a healthy Bernal could compete.

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**BusterSci** Good tweet: "Guy from Bahrain saying that his riders are "super positive". You may want to rephrase that, my man"

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**Charlie in Tenn** I think a healthy Thomas/Crapass combo could complete.

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**Rocket City Gal** We re-insulated under the crawlspace this winter. Â Put some rat/mouse poison under there. Part of yesterdayâ€™s adventures was hauling 4 dead mice out of the crawlspace. The crawlspace access door is in the laundry room. Â My guess is that when I opened the door to look in there to check the mouse status, the snake saw the light (literally) and, since his crawlspace supply of food was depleted, he decided to check out the laundry roomâ€¦

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**Mikey** HWSNBN had a super positive along with a few of his friends

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**Katie S** The other day I went to put some scraps (veg only) in the compost bin and surprised the heck out of a rat who was treating it as his personal pantry. Feeling magnanimous, I waited while the rat charged for the side of the bin (hard plastic), slid down, backed up, gave it another two tries before finally getting over the parapet and disappearing into the fuchsias.

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**BusterSci** Charlie, I think Thomas was and will remain a one-hit wonder for GTs. Â GT got his GT. Â Crapass is healthy, still has a good team, and doesn't have that final kick. Â I think it's all on Egan. Â and I would LOVE to be wrong, because I think the sport needs to see Pog defeated.

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**Tim in KY** I was gone for a half hour yesterday and there were two posts while I was gone. today there were 472.

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**Katie S** Yesterday, RCG hadn't been bitten by a snake.

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**Katie S** and welcome back.

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**BusterSci** Cuter experience: A couple springs ago we were out for our walk

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with the dog. Â Part of the walk is along some railroad tracks. Â Mama duck and ducklings were crossing the track and saw us while they were between the rails. Mom and all but 1 chick made it over the rail and booked down to the pond, but the last chick couldn't make it over the rail. Â We decided to help, but lil dude was having none of it. Â He was running faster than Frau down the tracks so I took off and got around her and it. Â We closed in the scared bugger and finally Ivanka was able to scoop it up and over. Â Mom was quaking and it was doing it's little duckling squeak and they found each other in the water, 20 feet down and 30 feet off. Â No blood was spilled in the event.



**Charlie in Tenn** and Mikey wasn't stirring the pot with "this is a boring tour stuff"

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**Tim in KY** 10 km to the sprint.

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**BusterSci** And I was driving and fishing instead of spouting my usual nonsense.

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**Charlie in Tenn** well I didn't want to mention that

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**BusterSci** Sure you did. Â You were just too nice.

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**Mikey** Way to bring us back Tim

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**Mikey** I didn't even mention Cobrelli's motor

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**Tim in KY** PhilGil says he's coming back next year.Â He shouldn't.

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**Katie S** very sweet, Buster.

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**Rocket City Gal** Cute duck story

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**bikerabe** 7th place sprint points for Cav, sonny and Bling to contest

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**BusterSci** If Phil is coming back to be a road captain, then wonderful. Â If he thinks anybody should ride for him he needs to buy a rocker.

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**Katie S** 10 KM to the sprint

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**Katie S** but he's FRENCH

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**Rocket City Gal** Iâ€™m sort of mystified at the two category 4 climbs today. Most days they wouldnâ€™t have even categorized such small blips, Especially on a day that has 2HC climbsâ€¦

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**BusterSci** Belgian

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**bikerabe** no 6th place sprint points

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**Mikey** <https://www.facebook.com/steve.rodan/videos/10224083046797520>

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**BusterSci** RCG, I think it's, as Tim says, lying on the y axis. Â They're solid Flanderian type climbs but they look like nothing because of the scale of the big boys at the back side of the race.

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**Rocket City Gal** Now that theyâ€™re actually climbing up one I see that they are not so puny after allâ€¦

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**bikerabe** gap 70 seconds

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**Charlie in Tenn** Matthews and his team tried to get a gap on Cav. Seems to have come to naught.

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**Tim in KY** The Bling attack seems to have been caught by the peloton.

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**Tim in KY** Cav on Cobreli's wheel for now.

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**Tim in KY** That Katie/ Buster exchange sounds right out of Poirot.

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**bikerabe** WolfPack is with Cav

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**Mikey** Well that was exciting

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**Katie S** so, he got how many points?

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**bikerabe** Cav beats Bling

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**Tim in KY** It was?

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**bikerabe** Morkov got second

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**Tim in KY** Rolland does futile again.

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**Katie S** (Yes, Tim, love the way Hercule Poirot sniffs his offense at being called French.)

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**bikerabe** 3 Trek GO

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09:16:08 am



**Tim in KY** Tourmalet climb starts with 53 km to go.

07-15-2021  
09:16:31 am



**Katie S** Cav: 298 to Bling: 260

07-15-2021  
09:16:32 am



**Katie S** they say on TV

07-15-2021  
09:16:41 am



**Tim in KY** Says that on letour.com, too.

07-15-2021  
09:18:49 am



**BusterSci** They should have to go all the way to the weather station. Whimps.

07-15-2021  
09:19:18 am



**bikerabe** 10 km to start of Tourmolet climb

07-15-2021  
09:19:34 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Well, I am sad to say but I have to leave today to go do some work in my wife's classroom. Today is the only day that she can do it because next week is all day training and she has students coming the following week. Yes, we start school the last week of July.

07-15-2021  
09:20:02 am



**Tim in KY** Wouldn't be surprised if they did someday, Buster.

07-15-2021  
09:20:07 am



**Alison Quarles** Bye Charlie!

07-15-2021  
09:20:44 am



**Mikey** Done that many times Charlie. The wif taught for 40 years

07-15-2021  
09:20:53 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Hard to get all the finshline crap and TV stuff up there. Not enough room to turn around.

07-15-2021  
09:20:58 am



**BusterSci** Tim, it'll be the year after the Giro has them go inside Etna.

07-15-2021  
09:21:16 am



**Charlie in Tenn** See ya tomorrow. Someone cheer for Bilbao. He needs it.

07-15-2021  
09:21:37 am



**bikerabe** Tour starts in Basque country 2023

07-15-2021  
09:22:35 am



**Tim in KY** Speaking of gone... We will be flying to LAX on 08/13 and I will be MIA for most of the first four stages of la Vuelta.

07-15-2021  
09:24:10 am



**Katie S** Well where's the fun in that?

07-15-2021  
09:26:34 am



**BusterSci** Grandkids

07-15-2021  
09:26:46 am



**Katie S** wonderful

07-15-2021  
09:27:32 am



**BusterSci** Unless you were referring to the Basque Country. Then it's food.

07-15-2021  
09:27:39 am





**BusterSci** Bling has blung.

07-15-2021  
09:28:15 am



**Tim in KY** One grandson in Manhattan Beach.

07-15-2021  
09:28:56 am



**BusterSci** Is Pog going to just ride defensively or is he going to punish the field?

07-15-2021  
09:34:20 am



**Katie S** One of my dearest friends grew up in Manhattan Beach!

07-15-2021  
09:34:28 am



**Katie S** Perhaps a few flesh wounds, Buster

07-15-2021  
09:34:44 am



**Mikey** He sits back and covers. Love Manhattan Beach

07-15-2021  
09:35:37 am



**Tim in KY** On the climb.

07-15-2021  
09:36:22 am



**BusterSci** I wonder if the DQS guys argue about who gets to escort Â Cav on mountain stages so they can take it a bit easy.

07-15-2021  
09:36:27 am



**Tim in KY** Not very steep as HCs go, but long.

07-15-2021  
09:36:38 am



**BusterSci** The most alpine of Pyrenean climbs

07-15-2021  
09:38:05 am



**bikerabe** all the WolfPack are going to get thank you gifts from Cav

07-15-2021  
09:39:34 am



**BusterSci** Yup

07-15-2021  
09:39:45 am



**BusterSci** Like a QB or RB to his O Line.

07-15-2021  
09:40:18 am



**Mikey** Errands ! Hope to be back soon

07-15-2021  
09:40:31 am



**Tim in KY** Stripey lead duo.

07-15-2021  
09:40:46 am



**Bill Wilkinson** World's Happiest Breakaway...

07-15-2021  
09:41:15 am



**Rocket City Gal** Just read that Simon Clark has been riding since stage 3 with a vertebral fracture, just diagnosed a few days ago.

07-15-2021  
09:41:27 am



**BusterSci** Yup

07-15-2021  
09:41:37 am



**Rocket City Gal** Ouch.

07-15-2021  
09:41:45 am



**BusterSci** I'm jaded. Show me an X-ray before I'm impressed.

07-15-2021  
09:43:17 am



**Rocket City Gal** Video of Alaphilippe riding; Â Dancing on the pedals. Â Video of Cavâ€™™ riding: Â Grind, grind, grind, grimace

07-15-2021  
09:43:24 am



**bikerabe** Mohoric has already won on a mountain stage Il est dangereuse

07-15-2021  
09:43:31 am



**BusterSci** Matej Motoric?

07-15-2021  
09:43:53 am



**bikerabe** high school French

07-15-2021  
09:43:59 am



**Tim in KY** The real challenge of the Tourmalet is navigating the livestock wandering loose over the road on the descent.

07-15-2021  
09:44:10 am



**BusterSci** Has anyone ever ridden into a cow?

07-15-2021  
09:44:30 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Or sheep in the clouds...

07-15-2021  
09:44:54 am



**BusterSci** Maybe a Morkov, but what about a milk cow?

07-15-2021  
09:44:56 am



**Tim in KY** Somebody rode into a sheep once.

07-15-2021  
09:45:03 am



**Tim in KY** Mostly it's dodging and stopping.

07-15-2021  
09:45:27 am



**Bill Wilkinson** A moose bit my sister once...

07-15-2021  
09:45:45 am



**Alison Quarles** Oh no.

07-15-2021  
09:46:04 am



**BusterSci** I was bitten by a Siamese bat

07-15-2021  
09:46:07 am



**bikerabe** Moose are very dangerous

07-15-2021  
09:46:22 am



**Alison Quarles** I got stung by a yellow jacket last week.

07-15-2021  
09:46:43 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Mind you, moose bites ken bei pretti nasti...

07-15-2021  
09:46:44 am



**bikerabe** Vultures ?!

07-15-2021  
09:47:47 am



**BusterSci** Or Eagles. I didn't look closely

07-15-2021  
09:48:17 am



**Tim in KY** Looked like vultures to me.Â Eagles don't fly together.

07-15-2021  
09:48:50 am



**mmcally** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEKS2prRJnk>

07-15-2021  
09:49:05 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Ali: kind of puts a different spin on this: <https://youtu.be/Ai-qERsyalk>

07-15-2021  
09:49:10 am



**Alison Quarles** There were some hawks or falcons yesterday.

07-15-2021  
09:49:12 am





**Bill Wilkinson** Ineos masses at the front of the bunch

07-15-2021  
09:51:22 am



**BusterSci** How many calories does Kenny burn with the gurn?

07-15-2021  
09:52:20 am



**Bill Wilkinson** masseter is a fairly small muscle....I'd be more concerned with a choking hazard when the climb gets tough...

07-15-2021  
09:53:19 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Porino does a bit on the security for Macron.

07-15-2021  
09:55:37 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Porte struggling

07-15-2021  
09:55:42 am



**BusterSci** He's really been nowhere this year.

07-15-2021  
09:56:25 am



**BusterSci** In the Tour

07-15-2021  
09:56:39 am



**Bill Wilkinson** I was going to say, didn't he win the Dauphine?

07-15-2021  
09:57:10 am



**Tim in KY** [https://rumbletalk-images-](https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626357767-stage-18-finish-route.jpg)

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07-15-2021  
09:57:49 am



**Tim in KY** Where Gerens is now.

07-15-2021  
09:57:58 am



**Rocket City Gal** Simonâ€™s pronunciation of names/places is pretty atrociousâ€¦.

07-15-2021  
09:59:23 am



**Rocket City Gal** Tao GO-GONE-HEART

07-15-2021  
09:59:49 am



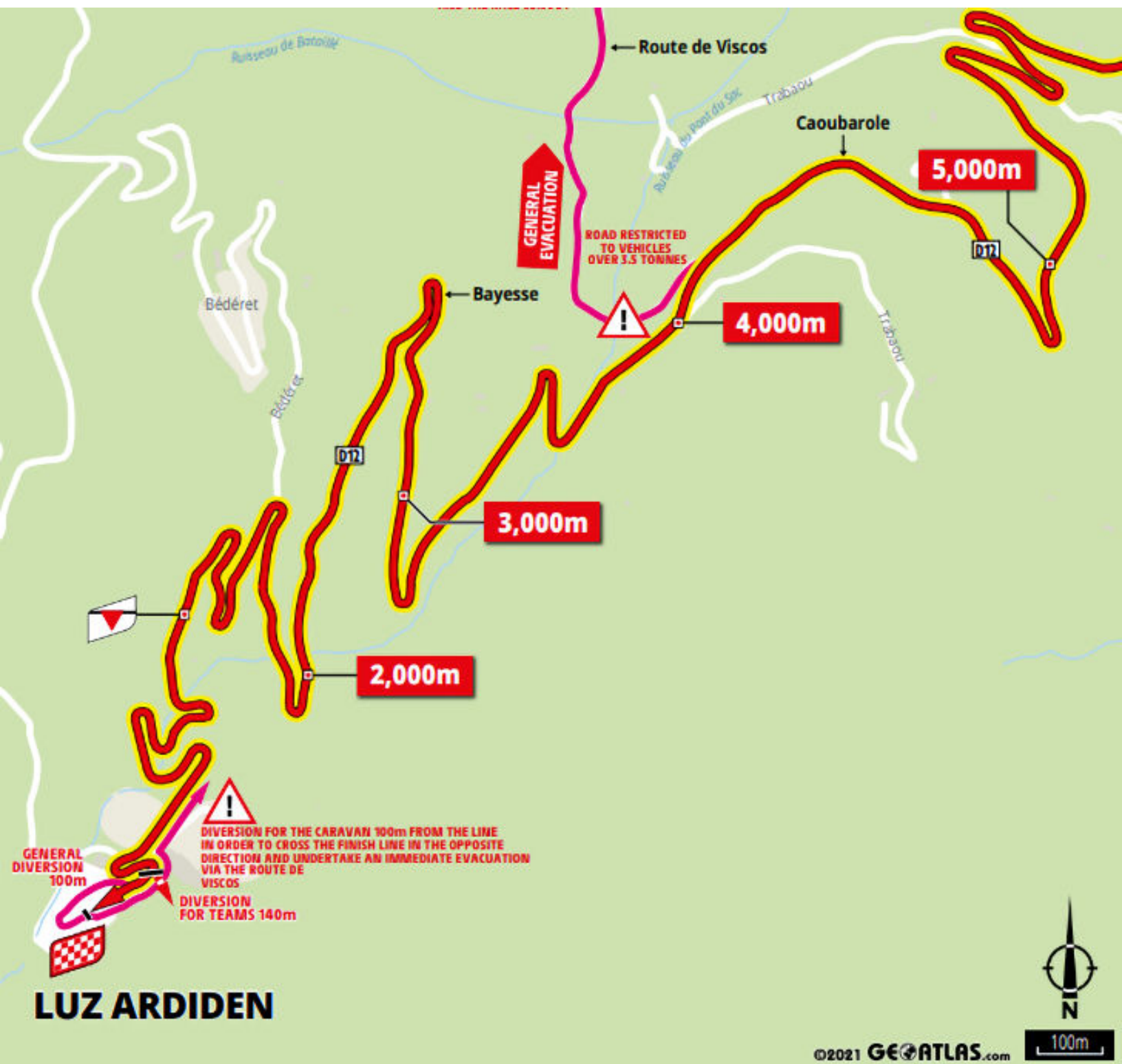
**Tim in KY** McCrossen, on the other hand is pretty good.

07-15-2021  
10:00:01 am



**Tim in KY** With French

07-15-2021  
10:00:17 am





**Katie S** But how does one really pronounce Pogacar?

07-15-2021  
10:00:53 am



**Alison Quarles** Phil says it different every single time.

07-15-2021  
10:01:18 am



**John** So do I, to be fair

07-15-2021  
10:01:28 am



**Bill Wilkinson** A little snark on the le tour site: Peloton led by Ineos (but not Richie Porte) at 45s

07-15-2021  
10:01:39 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Katie: Likely with plenty of throat hawking...

07-15-2021  
10:01:59 am



**Rocket City Gal** <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=WAGKH-zrEf0>

07-15-2021  
10:03:08 am



**Rocket City Gal** Not PO-go-char

07-15-2021  
10:03:51 am



**Katie S** Aha!

07-15-2021  
10:04:09 am



**Rocket City Gal** Or PO-go-car

07-15-2021  
10:04:20 am



**Tim in KY** Now the common Tourmalet mist.

07-15-2021  
10:05:44 am



**Rocket City Gal** Or Pogo Jar

07-15-2021  
10:06:32 am



**Katie S** Henao looks like a casualty from the Crimean War with that bandage

07-15-2021  
10:08:03 am



**Tim in KY** When McCrossen says it, it sounds to me like Po-gotcha.

07-15-2021  
10:08:31 am



**Tim in KY** Mohoric's battery has died.

07-15-2021  
10:10:23 am





**Tim in KY** Crest is at 35.6.

07-15-2021  
10:10:56 am



**bikerabe** peloton catching

07-15-2021  
10:11:37 am



**Bill Wilkinson** WHB was up to 9 riders, briefly. WHF, Gaudot Guerrerro and LaTour are all that's left

07-15-2021  
10:12:09 am



**Tim in KY** In La Mongie now.

07-15-2021  
10:12:10 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Fewer eejits today....

07-15-2021  
10:13:07 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Mohoric swept up by the bunch, slotted in in front of Pog

07-15-2021  
10:13:31 am



**Tim in KY** WHF distanced.

07-15-2021  
10:14:54 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Fraile drops WHF

07-15-2021  
10:15:22 am



**Katie S** We should start a drinking game every time McCrossan mentions Gaudu's sickness

07-15-2021  
10:15:47 am



**John** We'd be drunk by 1030

07-15-2021  
10:16:02 am



**bikerabe** Guerrerro in front for EF

07-15-2021  
10:16:10 am



**BusterSci** Rigo popped

07-15-2021  
10:16:51 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Uran looks to have cracked

07-15-2021  
10:16:55 am



**Tim in KY** Sigh.

07-15-2021  
10:17:07 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Thomas back with Uran Uran

07-15-2021  
10:18:02 am



**bikerabe** Geraint otb

07-15-2021  
10:18:05 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Yellow Man Group in the house...

07-15-2021  
10:18:20 am



**Bill Wilkinson** The "Bunch" catches WHF

07-15-2021  
10:18:44 am



**BusterSci** Woods and Wout go for points

07-15-2021  
10:21:02 am



**bikerabe** Vinego with Poels

07-15-2021  
10:21:11 am



**bikerabe** no Woods

07-15-2021  
10:21:34 am



**bikerabe** Over

07-15-2021  
10:24:39 am



**bikerabe** Poels goes

07-15-2021  
10:24:55 am



**bikerabe** Wva Vinego Kuss together

07-15-2021  
10:25:51 am



**BusterSci** Try to gap Pog on the descent?

07-15-2021  
10:26:13 am



**Katie S** 1 KU

07-15-2021  
10:26:49 am



**Katie S** and probably a pretty exciting one (i hope, but in a good way, of course etc.)

07-15-2021  
10:27:15 am



**BusterSci** Gaudu waits for no man

07-15-2021  
10:27:29 am



**Bill Wilkinson** The Fear TM

07-15-2021  
10:28:20 am



**BusterSci** Moto can't keep up with him.

07-15-2021  
10:28:33 am



**Katie S** good thing Jo's out breeding horses

07-15-2021  
10:28:36 am



**Tim in KY** Showing horses.

07-15-2021  
10:30:26 am



**Alison Quarles** Riding horses.

07-15-2021  
10:31:02 am



**Tim in KY** No livestock so far.

07-15-2021  
10:31:12 am



**Katie S** showing breeding horses whilst riding. Are they Belgian?

07-15-2021  
10:31:21 am



**Tim in KY** Jo doesn't ride in competition.

07-15-2021  
10:32:01 am



**bikerabe** 4 chasers 42" behind Gaudu

07-15-2021  
10:32:42 am



**bikerabe** Gadou

07-15-2021  
10:33:07 am



**Tim in KY** Gaudu is at the fastest imaginable time.

07-15-2021  
10:33:18 am



**Katie S** Wheeeeeee

07-15-2021  
10:35:16 am



**bikerabe** 25 km

07-15-2021  
10:35:33 am



**BusterSci** This isn't even scary any more. It's just flat out.

07-15-2021  
10:35:38 am



**bikerabe** 33" chase

07-15-2021  
10:36:12 am



**BusterSci** I don't trust the gap right now

07-15-2021  
10:36:44 am



**Katie S** don't scrape your knee on those walls, Gaudu

07-15-2021  
10:37:16 am



**BusterSci** And neither does the director

07-15-2021  
10:37:26 am



**BusterSci** There we go. 45s

07-15-2021  
10:39:14 am



**bikerabe** Guerreo caught

07-15-2021  
10:39:36 am



**bikerabe** 20 km

07-15-2021  
10:39:55 am



**Tim in KY** Descent ends at 17.1.

07-15-2021  
10:39:57 am



**Tim in KY** If this speed holds up to the line, the time cut will be over an hour.Â I think.

07-15-2021  
10:44:06 am



**Bill Wilkinson** 15k for Gaudu

07-15-2021  
10:44:44 am



**BusterSci** We're going to see a WVA Kuss Vinge assault

07-15-2021  
10:44:59 am



**Katie S** Cool bridge

07-15-2021  
10:45:39 am



**Tim in KY** Pont Napoleon.

07-15-2021  
10:45:57 am



**BusterSci** No fishing from the bridge.

07-15-2021  
10:46:07 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Uran down 1:56

07-15-2021  
10:46:15 am





**Katie S** just long-line fishing

07-15-2021  
10:46:17 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Not enough line to fish from that bridge....

07-15-2021  
10:46:23 am



**BusterSci** Royal Gorge bridge has that sign.

07-15-2021  
10:46:45 am



**Mikey** Long way for sheep to fall

07-15-2021  
10:47:01 am



**bikerabe** Yellow 14" gap to front

07-15-2021  
10:47:17 am



**BusterSci** 955 feet above the water

07-15-2021  
10:47:20 am



**Tim in KY** Gaudu only has 0:13.Â He's a gonner.

07-15-2021  
10:47:20 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Mikey: Notice how they do not so much fly as plummet...

07-15-2021  
10:47:27 am



**BusterSci** As god is my witness, I thought turkeys could fly.

07-15-2021  
10:47:58 am



**John** The best WKRP episode ever

07-15-2021  
10:48:14 am



**Bill Wilkinson** John: I still lean "Phone Cops"

07-15-2021  
10:48:34 am



**Mikey** Nice Bill

07-15-2021  
10:48:37 am



**BusterSci** Both are fab.

07-15-2021  
10:48:56 am



**BusterSci** We lost Herb recently

07-15-2021  
10:49:09 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Yeah...and Charles Robinson from Night Court this week...

07-15-2021  
10:50:10 am



**John** Charles Robinson died? Hadnâ€™t heard that yet. Shame.

07-15-2021  
10:50:50 am



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

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07-15-2021  
10:50:55 am



**Katie S** Green jersey group still descending

07-15-2021  
10:51:00 am



**bikerabe** 9" gap

07-15-2021  
10:51:03 am



**bikerabe** no 21" ?

07-15-2021  
10:51:22 am



**Bill Wilkinson** John: Yeah, within the last couple days...

07-15-2021  
10:51:33 am



**BusterSci** That graphic is AWFUL

07-15-2021  
10:52:27 am



**Tim in KY** Which one?

07-15-2021  
10:52:44 am



**Katie S** the braking graphi

07-15-2021  
10:52:48 am



**Katie S** c?

07-15-2021  
10:52:50 am



**Katie S** (sorry, i hit the brakes mid word)

07-15-2021  
10:52:59 am



**Bill Wilkinson** <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/obituaries/charlie-robinson-night-court-actor-dies-75-n1273803>

07-15-2021  
10:53:21 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Katie: descending like a married lady? (Sorry...couldn't resist)

07-15-2021  
10:53:39 am



**BusterSci** Yes. The 5% one had 6 or 7 colored bars and the other one was

07-15-2021  
10:53:45 am

736 m Station thermale de Saint-Sauveur - **km 116,5**

830 m SAZOS - **km 118,5**

999 m GRUST - **km 120,5**

**LUZ ARDIDEN**  
1 715 m - km 130  
(13,3 km à 7,4%)



worse but was just dumb.



**Katie S** maybe figuring braking helps recharge the battery...

07-15-2021  
10:54:00 am



**Katie S** (rather than the married lady thing)

07-15-2021  
10:54:11 am



**BusterSci** Regenerative

07-15-2021  
10:54:14 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Regenerative braking on a bike...could be interesting...

07-15-2021  
10:54:27 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Gaudu has 14s.

07-15-2021  
10:55:00 am



**BusterSci** I'm sure they're working on it. But you'd need to use super caps instead of batteries.

07-15-2021  
10:55:03 am



**Katie S** i don't think 14s is enough.

07-15-2021  
10:55:13 am



**Katie S** but who wants it most?

07-15-2021  
10:55:22 am



**bikerabe** 10 km Kwiat on front

07-15-2021  
10:55:24 am



**John** Thanks Bill

07-15-2021  
10:55:35 am



**BusterSci** Almost too Kwiat

07-15-2021  
10:55:40 am



**Bill Wilkinson** np John

07-15-2021  
10:55:42 am



**Katie S**

07-15-2021  
10:56:05 am



**bikerabe** Poels otb

07-15-2021  
10:56:20 am





**Bill Wilkinson** Poehls pops

07-15-2021  
10:56:22 am



**BusterSci** All Kwiat on the western front

07-15-2021  
10:56:27 am



**Katie S** someone muzzle the penguin

07-15-2021  
10:56:37 am



**bikerabe** good one Buster

07-15-2021  
10:56:43 am



**Mikey** A bridge too fat

07-15-2021  
10:57:02 am



**Mikey** FAR! crap

07-15-2021  
10:57:11 am



**BusterSci** If you were talking about me you were right the first time.

07-15-2021  
10:57:27 am



**bikerabe** Kwiat gone Tao now on front

07-15-2021  
10:58:12 am



**BusterSci** Is he gaggin' or gogin'?

07-15-2021  
10:58:45 am



**Tim in KY** Buster do a time cut calc uses 37 kph and 18%. I keep getting over an hour.

07-15-2021  
10:59:21 am



**bikerabe** WVA on Pog's wheel

07-15-2021  
10:59:27 am



**BusterSci** Tim's just trying to get me occupied so I don't say any more stupid things.

07-15-2021  
11:00:00 am



**John** Impossible task? ;)

07-15-2021  
11:00:19 am



**BusterSci** Tim's always up for a challenge.

07-15-2021  
11:00:50 am



**SFinAus** Tim wants Buster to be Kwiat?

07-15-2021  
11:01:17 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Uran group down 5:30....

07-15-2021  
11:01:19 am



**BusterSci** Oof

07-15-2021  
11:01:36 am



**bikerabe** Ben O'Connor virtual 4th GC

07-15-2021  
11:01:52 am



**Tim in KY** Tao looks tired.

07-15-2021  
11:03:17 am



**BusterSci** I'm seeing 19%

07-15-2021  
11:03:55 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Poehls catching back up

07-15-2021  
11:04:02 am



**Tim in KY** Go with 19, then.

07-15-2021  
11:04:13 am



**Rocket City Gal** Tao gasping like a beached fish

07-15-2021  
11:04:55 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Poehls doing some quality gurning there...

07-15-2021  
11:05:47 am



**BusterSci** 42m?

07-15-2021  
11:05:49 am



**BusterSci** It'll drop though. I'm think it'll end up 16%

07-15-2021  
11:05:56 am



**bikerabe** smile from Tao

07-15-2021  
11:06:25 am



**BusterSci** 35-40m most likely.

07-15-2021  
11:06:28 am



**BusterSci** I think smiles and grimaces look much the same.

07-15-2021  
11:06:44 am



**BusterSci** It's like when the baby smiles. Diaper change time.

07-15-2021  
11:07:09 am



**bikerabe** 6 km to go

07-15-2021  
11:07:18 am



**Katie S** agree! I was JUST going to say that.

07-15-2021  
11:07:19 am



**BusterSci** Poor Rigo.

07-15-2021  
11:08:21 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Van Aert pops

07-15-2021  
11:09:27 am



**bikerabe** should the Tour have a Slovenian start?

07-15-2021  
11:09:30 am



**Katie S** How's Valverde look?

07-15-2021  
11:09:41 am



**BusterSci** It certainly is going to be ending that way

07-15-2021  
11:09:46 am



**BusterSci** Old

07-15-2021  
11:09:52 am



**BusterSci** With hair plugs

07-15-2021  
11:10:00 am



**John** He always looks old, but never rides like it

07-15-2021  
11:10:05 am



**bikerabe** Kuss still there

07-15-2021  
11:10:06 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Didn't Valverde pop early?

07-15-2021  
11:10:20 am



**BusterSci** Still there but riding behind his GC guy too much.

07-15-2021  
11:10:28 am



**Bill Wilkinson** OK, might have been a mechanicalÂ I remembered....

07-15-2021  
11:10:50 am



**BusterSci** No. I meant Kuss

07-15-2021  
11:11:04 am



**bikerabe** I mean in Pog and Rog;s country

07-15-2021  
11:11:18 am



**Tim in KY** at 16% it's 36:40.

07-15-2021  
11:11:44 am



**BusterSci** I know you did, bikerabe. I was just joking that it's already too Slovenian.

07-15-2021  
11:11:47 am



**SFinAus** Who's on first?

07-15-2021  
11:11:48 am



**bikerabe** Pog now ahead of Innies

07-15-2021  
11:11:59 am



**John** The Ineos guys seem to have dropped in number

07-15-2021  
11:12:31 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Majka on the front

07-15-2021  
11:12:34 am



**bikerabe** Rafja earning his money

07-15-2021  
11:13:14 am



**Tim in KY** That's an interesting view down from the finish.

07-15-2021  
11:14:38 am



**BusterSci** Agreed

07-15-2021  
11:14:46 am



**bikerabe** Pog goes

07-15-2021  
11:14:50 am



**John** Crazy number of switchbacks

07-15-2021  
11:15:01 am





**Katie S** ho-hum. here we go.

07-15-2021  
11:15:03 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Pog goes

07-15-2021  
11:15:20 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Carapaz on his wheel, Kuss there, too, with Vino-de-go-go

07-15-2021  
11:15:41 am



**bikerabe** Go Sepp Go !

07-15-2021  
11:15:46 am



**John** Cue my daily â€œthe is slightly too incredibleâ€ comment. Copy/paste

07-15-2021  
11:16:02 am



**John** Go Kuss!

07-15-2021  
11:16:48 am



**Katie S** Have not seen Didi on these climbs ... did I miss him?

07-15-2021  
11:17:07 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Yeah...the Russian Hackers are looking more credible, no/

07-15-2021  
11:17:29 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Katie: I think I missed him too, but I thought P&B mentioned him even before the Tourmalet...

07-15-2021  
11:17:57 am



**bikerabe** 2 km !

07-15-2021  
11:18:14 am



**BusterSci** Oh oh. No Mas

07-15-2021  
11:18:39 am



**BusterSci** Now he's back

07-15-2021  
11:18:52 am



**Katie S** barriers keeping the not-hoarded away. Really aren't very many folks up here.

07-15-2021  
11:19:15 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Martin closing with the leaders

07-15-2021  
11:19:45 am



**Katie S** He'd sure like a win. Can he do it?

07-15-2021  
11:20:07 am



**BusterSci** Nope

07-15-2021  
11:20:17 am



**Bill Wilkinson** kite

07-15-2021  
11:20:19 am



**bikerabe** Ultimo KM !

07-15-2021  
11:20:28 am



**mmcally** Pog will win yellow, white and dots for the second straight year.

07-15-2021  
11:20:34 am



**BusterSci** They're totally overhyped it

07-15-2021  
11:20:35 am



**bikerabe** Mas !

07-15-2021  
11:20:43 am



**BusterSci** Sepp done

07-15-2021  
11:20:51 am



**Tim in KY** Kuss cooked.

07-15-2021  
11:20:53 am



**Bill Wilkinson** P&B are suggesting Kuss is setting up for vingagogogogogogog

07-15-2021  
11:20:59 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Mas goes

07-15-2021  
11:21:15 am



**bikerabe** Carapaz Vin ego

07-15-2021  
11:21:18 am



**BusterSci** Mas goes

07-15-2021  
11:21:31 am



**bikerabe** Mas is gone !

07-15-2021  
11:21:31 am



**bikerabe** P og !

07-15-2021  
11:21:42 am



**Bill Wilkinson** Pog punching

07-15-2021  
11:21:50 am



**Katie S** goodness

07-15-2021  
11:21:53 am



**BusterSci** They keep hyping Martin who was nowhere close.

07-15-2021  
11:22:29 am



**Katie S** they like English-speaking riders...

07-15-2021  
11:22:43 am



**bikerabe** Vinego 2nd

07-15-2021  
11:22:54 am



**Katie S** but there is a gap

07-15-2021  
11:23:05 am



**Katie S** and bonus time, yes? so Pog extends his lead, again.

07-15-2021  
11:23:23 am



**BusterSci** Yup

07-15-2021  
11:23:32 am



**bikerabe** Pog gives a good interview in English

07-15-2021  
11:23:55 am



**Tim in KY** Time cut is 0:37.

07-15-2021  
11:24:00 am



**Katie S** le sigh. Je m'ennuie.

07-15-2021  
11:24:19 am



**mmcally** croyez-vous aux miracles, Katie?

07-15-2021  
11:25:48 am



**Katie S** oui, dammit.

07-15-2021  
11:26:42 am



**BusterSci** Looks like 38:39 per leTour

07-15-2021  
11:26:58 am



**SFinAus** letour.fr

07-15-2021  
11:28:54 am



**Mikey** I don't think it would have made any difference but I was wondering why Sepp led the group up the hill? Let Rog lead, ride in front of your teammate to give him a shot?

07-15-2021  
11:29:11 am



**Mikey** Pog!

07-15-2021  
11:29:31 am



**Tim in KY** racecenter.letour.fr/en

07-15-2021  
11:29:33 am



**Mikey** Wishful thinking I guess

07-15-2021  
11:29:52 am



**Tim in KY** Mikey, to put pressue on crapass for vineguard.

07-15-2021  
11:30:35 am



**John** While I have plenty of reservations about Pogâ€™s achievements, I do like how he takes control and wins mostly on his own. Itâ€™s a nice change from the Ineos/Sky trains of recent years.

07-15-2021  
11:31:20 am



**Katie S** good point.

07-15-2021  
11:31:31 am



**Katie S** all righty, all. See you tomorrow.

07-15-2021  
11:31:59 am



**Bill Wilkinson** I might be in for a bit early, but Most likely not til Sunday.

07-15-2021  
11:33:26 am



**Charlie in Tenn** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626363551-stage%2018.PNG>

07-15-2021  
11:34:13 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Just missed the finish

07-15-2021  
11:34:23 am



**Tim in KY** 207 kilometers tomorrow, but dead flat.

07-15-2021  
11:38:36 am



## Preliminary results.

RNK.	RIDER	TEAM	TIME
1	 <a href="#">POGAČAR Tadej</a>	UAE-Team Emirates	3:33:45
2	 <a href="#">VINGEGAARD Jonas</a>	Team Jumbo-Visma	0:02
3	 <a href="#">CARAPAZ Richard</a>	INEOS Grenadiers	0:02
4	 <a href="#">MAS Enric</a>	Movistar Team	0:13
5	 <a href="#">MARTIN Dan</a>	Israel Start-Up Nation	0:24
6	 <a href="#">KUSS Sepp</a>	Team Jumbo-Visma	0:30
7	 <a href="#">HIGUITA Sergio</a>	EF Education - Nippo	0:33
8	 <a href="#">O'CONNOR Ben</a>	AG2R Citroën Team	0:34
9	 <a href="#">KELDERMAN Wilco</a>	BORA - hansgrohe	0:34
10	 <a href="#">VALVERDE Alejandro</a>	Movistar Team	0:40



**John** See you all tomorrow

07-15-2021  
11:39:08 am



**bikerabe** not totally dead flat

07-15-2021  
11:49:21 am



**bikerabe** 10 minutes to cutoff 22 still riding

07-15-2021  
11:51:21 am



**Tim in KY** Here's DQS.

07-15-2021  
11:53:48 am



**bikerabe** Cav coming in no problem

07-15-2021  
11:53:59 am



**SFinAus** Big,big smiles all around.

07-15-2021  
11:54:46 am