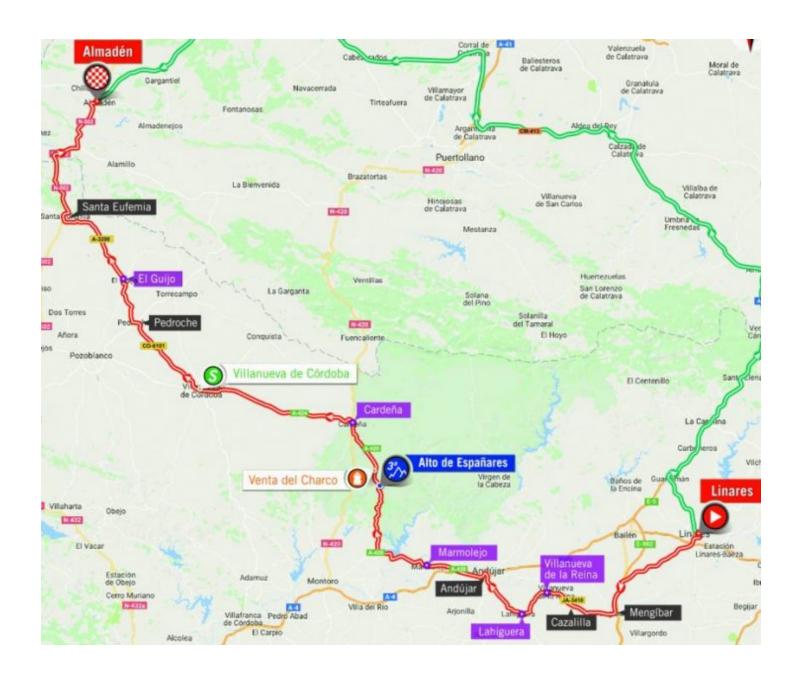
Tim in KY The stage starts early because it's long and because an early finish is imagined in order to accommodate a long transfer to the night's hotels. Kilometer 0 at 12:10 CET (06:10 EDT). Finish at about 17:10 CET (11:10 EDT). Video at about 14:30 CET (08:30 EDT).

at about 14:30 CET (08:30 EDT).

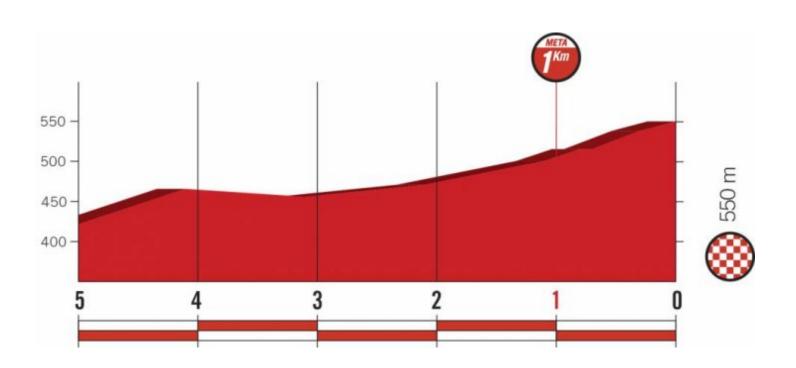
Tim in KY Riders are in neutral.

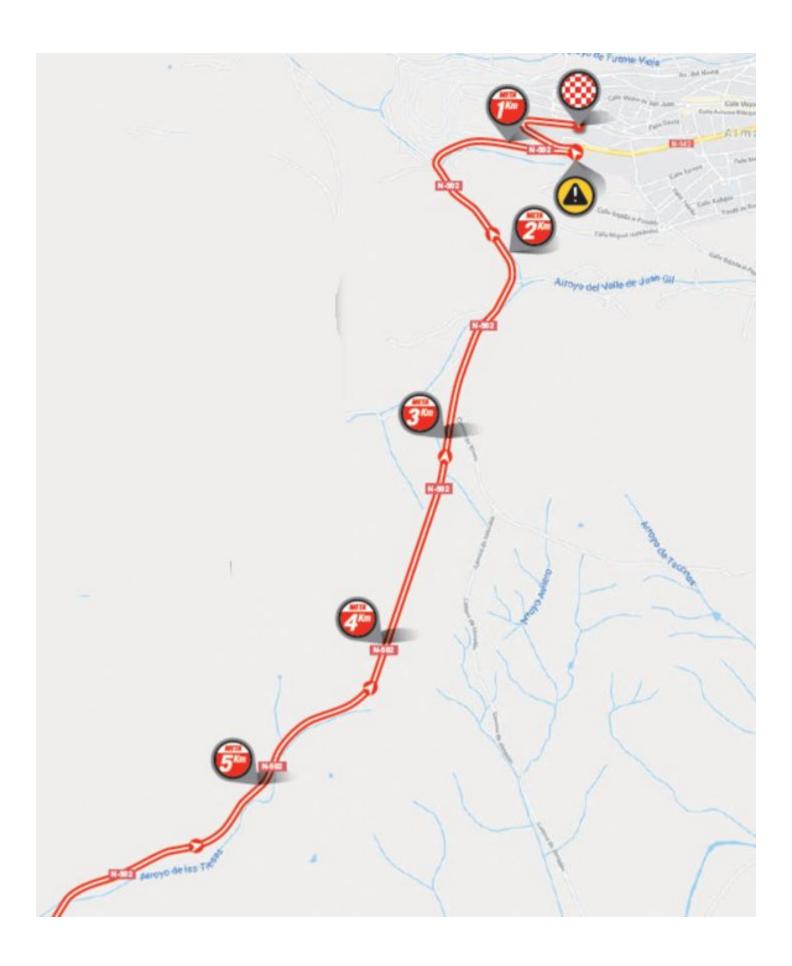
01-Sep-2018
06:00:00

Tim in KY Forecast is for 38C (100F) all afternoon. May not be conducive 01-Sep-2018 to a speedy race.











Tim in KY Steephill says no video until 15:30 but Gold is still saying 14:30. Still no abandons after seven stages.	01-Sep-2018 06:10:07
Tim in KY Race is underway. A trio of riders has 0:24. We'll see if it sticks.	01-Sep-2018 06:17:19
Tim in KY Tiago Machado (Katusha-Alpecin), Jorge Cubero (Burgos-BH) and Hector Saez (Euskadi-Murias) now have a minute, so this seems to be the break. Machado is best placed at 21:57.	01-Sep-2018 06:19:26
Tim in KY While the paint dries, I have a few small thing to tend to.	01-Sep-2018 06:20:27
Tim in KY Maurits Lammertink (Katusha Alpecin) DNS today and becomes the first abandon of this Vuelta.	3 01-Sep-2018 06:25:36
Tim in KY Abdominal pain.	01-Sep-2018 06:25:44
Miren Brinkman Buenos días, Timothy.	01-Sep-2018 06:27:36
Miren Brinkman Was he involved in that pile-up yesterday?	01-Sep-2018 06:28:18
Tim in KY Hi Maite. Did you have a good birthday?	01-Sep-2018 06:28:41
Tim in KY No, just sick.	01-Sep-2018 06:28:55
Miren Brinkman Yes, it was a great day. So many calls and messages from all over the world.	01-Sep-2018 06:30:09
Tim in KY With 15 km ridden, the gap is 3:52.	01-Sep-2018 06:30:34
Tim in KY I have to step away for a tiny bit.	01-Sep-2018 06:31:12
Miren Brinkman Ok	01-Sep-2018 06:33:09

BusterSci	In and out again today.	01-Sep-2018 06:36:28
Tim in KY	After 10, I'm just out.	01-Sep-2018 06:40:35
BusterSci done a fine	I should be able to cover, although bikerabe and Charlie have job.	01-Sep-2018 06:41:54
Tim in KY	The gap is either 6:00 or 4:32.	01-Sep-2018 06:43:01
BusterSci	Let's average it and call it 5:16	01-Sep-2018 06:43:38
Tim in KY	GPS has been stuck on 4:32 for six minutes. Now it says 8:07.	01-Sep-2018 06:46:03
Tim in KY	We'll see what race radio says next.	01-Sep-2018 06:46:42
	I was going to suggest adding them together and calling it 10:32 have been closer.	.01-Sep-2018 06:46:45
Tim in KY	Race radio says 8:15.	01-Sep-2018 06:47:55
Tim in KY	Still 166 km to go.	01-Sep-2018 06:48:24
Tim in KY	9:40!	01-Sep-2018 06:52:57
Tim in KY	For now the leash is holding at about 10:00.	01-Sep-2018 07:01:23
Tim in KY gap go to 2	FDJ is on point. If the sprint teams don't chase, FDJ can let the 1:00.	01-Sep-2018 07:07:31

BusterSci In case anyone was wondering, I found this...Rule of thumb is: 01-Sep-2018 lower case v or d or t when Dutch or of Dutch descent when using full name (Wout van Aert, Tejay van Garderen). Upper case V when Belgian. When used as standalone it's always a capital V, so Van Vleuten attacks, Ten Dam gets dropped From

Tim in KY Approaching the only categorized climb of the day.	01-Sep-2018 07:39:33
BusterSci Ok, so two for Maté, and then Mollema and Cubero I recall enough to not complain about. And to be exact, there was no combatively awarded for stage one, so it's 5 of 6.	01-Sep-2018 07:39:45
BusterSci Simón and Aranburu I can't say anything about.	01-Sep-2018 07:40:48
Miren Brinkman You're correct with lower/upper case v in Dutch surnames.	01-Sep-2018 07:44:44
Miren Brinkman That's how you know they're Dutch	01-Sep-2018 07:46:21
Miren Brinkman Same as Dutch have one n at the end if the surname as in Brinkman	01-Sep-2018 07:46:58
Miren Brinkman And the Germans have 2 as in Brinkmann	01-Sep-2018 07:47:22
Miren Brinkman And thats our lesson for today.	01-Sep-2018 07:47:43
BusterSci Recent episode of the Velocast Reading Room, an interview with Peter Cossins regarding his new book Full Gas, How to Win a Bike RaceTactics from Inside the Peloton, is available for free on iTunes (and perhaps elsewhere.). Sounds like a good book. I'm going to get a copy as soon as I have tir attention.	
Tim in KY Sprint teams still at the front, gap still 11:00.	01-Sep-2018 07:52:18
Tim in KY Break is on the climb.	01-Sep-2018 08:00:52
Tim in KY Gap is 12:05. They're going to have to get to work sometime soon if they want a sprint.	01-Sep-2018 08:02:27
BusterSci I don't recall if anyone posted this link. Maite, you'd probably be interested. https://www.instagram.com/p/BnEv8RnFJoz/	01-Sep-2018 08:04:11

Tim in KY 110 km left at the top of this climb. Just about enough to pull back 12:00.	01-Sep-2018 08:09:20
Tim in KY It will be interesting to see if Cav can even get a contract for ne year.	xt01-Sep-2018 08:10:20
Miren Brinkman Thank you, Buster. I hope he makes a full recovery.	01-Sep-2018 08:11:02
Miren Brinkman Stream8ng up in 15	01-Sep-2018 08:19:21
Miren Brinkman Streaming	01-Sep-2018 08:19:29
BusterSci I think if Cav can convince Specialized that he can still win races, they'll pony up the cash to put him, and his entourage, on any team that has the space to take them.	01-Sep-2018 08:21:52
Miren Brinkman Just showing yesterday's finish	01-Sep-2018 08:23:02
Tim in KY Gold stream is not up yet.	01-Sep-2018 08:24:38
BusterSci Is now.	01-Sep-2018 08:30:51
BusterSci The Vuelta theme music sounds a lot like a EuroVision entry.	01-Sep-2018 08:34:04
Tim in KY Feed zone for the peloton.	01-Sep-2018 08:35:08
Miren Brinkman It does.	01-Sep-2018 08:35:15
Miren Brinkman Viviani for the win today?	01-Sep-2018 08:35:25
Tim in KY EuroVision is a sponsor of La Vuelta.	01-Sep-2018 08:36:12

Tim in KY I don't think the finish favors Viviani.	01-Sep-2018 08:38:08
BusterSci Got an alternative favorite? Not enough slope for climbers to excel, so it would have to be a classics type.	01-Sep-2018 08:40:49
Tim in KY On the ASO ticker, the gap has been exactly 12:05 for a half hour now. TV isn't showing a gap.	01-Sep-2018 08:40:52
Tim in KY Race radio says 10:48.	01-Sep-2018 08:41:37
BusterSci In the microbiology lab we'd mark it TNC (Too Numerous to Count.). So TFC? Too Far to Count?	01-Sep-2018 08:42:40
Tim in KY Too hot to count.	01-Sep-2018 08:43:20
BusterSci Too hot to care?	01-Sep-2018 08:44:06
Tim in KY The peloton chases based on race radio, so it doesn't matter much if GPS fails.	01-Sep-2018 08:44:24
Tim in KY Uran has mechanical issues.	01-Sep-2018 08:46:50
BusterSci Bora, QS and Cofidis contributing to the chase.	01-Sep-2018 08:46:52
Tim in KY GPS now at 10:32.	01-Sep-2018 08:47:08
BusterSci Sprinters teams feel they have a chance.	01-Sep-2018 08:48:47
BusterSci And Katie makes 5	01-Sep-2018 08:50:01
BusterSci Not to dis the 3 lurkers, but it's hard to tell if they're real or not. I think one of them is my phone where I'm not logged in.	01-Sep-2018 08:50:48

Katie S Good morning, amigos.	01-Sep-2018 08:52:35
BusterSci Isn't Machado like 65 years old?	01-Sep-2018 08:53:30
Katie S ha! That was what I was just thinking.	01-Sep-2018 08:53:48
BusterSci He's only 32.	01-Sep-2018 08:53:50
BusterSci He must have been riding since he was 6.	01-Sep-2018 08:54:02
Tim in KY Peloton is really cutting it close 9:27 with 84 km.	01-Sep-2018 08:54:27
BusterSci First world tour team was RadioShack in 2010. That shocks me	01-Sep-2018 08:55:49
Gilliemarie Morning all	01-Sep-2018 08:56:03
BusterSci High, GM!	01-Sep-2018 08:56:11
BusterSci High, GM! Tim in KY Maybe there was a previous Machado.	
	08:56:11 01-Sep-2018
Tim in KY Maybe there was a previous Machado.	08:56:11 01-Sep-2018 08:56:24 01-Sep-2018
Tim in KY Maybe there was a previous Machado. Tim in KY Anacona on banana duty.	08:56:11 01-Sep-2018 08:56:24 01-Sep-2018 08:56:57

linkage issue for me, at least.

Katie S If he's "65," what's that make US? (based on your logic)	01-Sep-2018 08:59:20
BusterSci (doing metric to imperial unit conversion)	01-Sep-2018 08:59:57
BusterSci 26!	01-Sep-2018 09:00:03
Katie S i like it	01-Sep-2018 09:00:23
BusterSci He's 65 in penguin years.	01-Sep-2018 09:01:36
Katie Lane 'Morning all. I looked at the profile. That does NOT look like a "flat" stage to me. But, this IS the Vuelta	01-Sep-2018 09:01:57
Tim in KY Stolen from ASO: Elia Viviani's lead-out man Michael Morkov (Quick-Step Floors) discussed today's finale ahead of stage 8: "Basically, there's not much elevation today, so from that it should be a good stages for fast ghaving said that, the last 700 metres are very tricky. We come from a big road to a roundabout, and then we will be climbing to the finish line like 5%, so it's not going real sprint, but probably the fast guys will be there. It's perfect for Sagan or Valver a lot of this type of riders here. For us, it's not the perfect final."	g to be a
Miren Brinkman I've reached that magic number mentioned in a Fab 4 song.	01-Sep-2018 09:03:03
Katie Lane Yup. Sagan, Valverde, Gallopin, Trentin	01-Sep-2018 09:03:36
Katie Lane and about 25 others	01-Sep-2018 09:03:51
Katie Lane I love that Gallopin galloped in ahead of everyone else yesterday.	01-Sep-2018 09:04:23
Katie Lane Every time I see his name I grin a bit.	01-Sep-2018 09:04:40

Tim in KY Stolen from David Hunter: Once through the flamme rouge, the riders have to deal with a roundabout, where they do a u-turn. Just after exiting, they head up a very narrow road, which will see an almighty battle for control of the

peloton. With around 300m to go, the riders are faced with another big turn, this one is incredibly tight. This will be a very tough finish.

Katie Lane A Giro-esque finish, then.	01-Sep-2018 09:06:21
Katie Lane Sans moat and alligators.	01-Sep-2018 09:06:31
Katie Lane And, hopefully, bollards.	01-Sep-2018 09:06:39
Tim in KY Sprint point uncontested.	01-Sep-2018 09:10:38
Katie S are there any buildlings in Spain? Every time i look up, i see wide open spaces.	01-Sep-2018 09:11:22
Tim in KY There were buildings at the sprint point.	01-Sep-2018 09:11:53
★ Katie S i blinked	01-Sep-2018 09:12:06
Tim in KY I think the four sprint teams are going to have to put more than one man each on the front.	01-Sep-2018 09:13:11
one man each on the front.	09:13:11 01-Sep-2018
one man each on the front. Tim in KY Buildings, Katie.	09:13:11 01-Sep-2018 09:17:37 01-Sep-2018

BusterSci Aight. I have to go clean the basement. Cleaned there yard and 01-Sep-2018 the upstairs yesterday to entertain friends. Basement today because my parents are staying over. When in the midst of a project like the deck/porch, all the tools and materials stack up in the basement. Once more unto the breach, dear friends...



Tim in KY They are currently riding slightly faster than the fastest imaginable speed.

Tim in KY 59 km, 6:18.	01-Sep-2018 09:27:46
Tim in KY The chase has been reducing the lead by a minute every 10 km since the feedzone. Textbook. But that's not going to be enough to catch the break.	
Tim in KY QS puts a new guy up front.	01-Sep-2018 09:30:59
Katie S I dunno, i think they could if they want to. But it's so durn hot, I'm not sure why they would. Their skins already look like shiny vinyl	01-Sep-2018 09:34:36
Tim in KY Current math is that the break will be caught with 400 meters to go. Entirely hypothetical.	01-Sep-2018 09:34:41
Tim in KY Sagan needs a rear wheel.	01-Sep-2018 09:35:58
bikerabe Sagan has a mechanical	01-Sep-2018 09:36:13
Tim in KY Sagan is a minute behind the peloton.	01-Sep-2018 09:38:26
bikerabe 45 seconds now for Sagan	01-Sep-2018 09:43:08
Tim in KY Sagan at the way back of the peloton now.	01-Sep-2018 09:44:00
Katie S Does anyone know where Sagan is?	01-Sep-2018 09:47:20
Tim in KY He's in the peloton.	01-Sep-2018 09:47:37
Katie S (hee hee)	01-Sep-2018 09:48:16

Tim in KY And he has a radio.

01-Sep-2018
09:48:41

Gilliemarie How many in the break?	01-Sep-2018 09:54:21
Tim in KY Three.	01-Sep-2018 09:54:40
Tim in KY Looking better for the peloton 39 km, 3:33.	01-Sep-2018 09:55:11
Tim in KY Break: Tiago Machado (Katusha-Alpecin), Jorge Cubero (Burgos-BH) and Hector Saez (Euskadi-Murias)	01-Sep-2018 09:56:24
Tim in KY Just really noticed the name of the finish town. Do they make cheep wine in Almaden?	01-Sep-2018 09:58:10
Tim in KY 40.5C on the road.	01-Sep-2018 10:00:27
Gilliemarie Ouch, that's hot!	01-Sep-2018 10:01:01
Tim in KY Okay. I must be gone for the duration.	01-Sep-2018 10:01:12
Gilliemarie Hey bikerabe - are you the 'fill in' moderater now?	01-Sep-2018 10:05:43
Katie S OMG, we're ON OUR OWN! Remember in grade school when the teacher left the classroom to, I dunno, go huff mimeograph fluid? Kids ruled!	01-Sep-2018 10:06:46
Gilliemarie Ok Katie S - you can be in charge! I have no video	01-Sep-2018 10:07:35
Katie S situation on the road, then, is 29.1k to go, 2.41 the gap.	01-Sep-2018 10:08:14
Katie S the big question is whether the break can make it.	01-Sep-2018 10:09:01
Gilliemarie They won't likely	01-Sep-2018 10:09:20

Katie S today's roads are narrow but much better condition than yesterday's. Just lots of wide open space with olive trees and scrub	01-Sep-2018 10:09:50
Gilliemarie No grapes?	01-Sep-2018 10:10:15
Katie S nope	01-Sep-2018 10:10:21
Gilliemarie Or buildings	01-Sep-2018 10:10:44
Katie S there's a decrepit ancient castle on a hill	01-Sep-2018 10:11:05
Katie S ;-)	01-Sep-2018 10:11:10
Gilliemarie P&P would be giving all the historical info!	01-Sep-2018 10:11:50
Katie S i'm not worthy, i'm not worthy	01-Sep-2018 10:12:53
Marc @ Toad Hall I pity those video commentators who have to fill up these paint-drying stages. I hoping for a Valverde/Sagan shootout for the finale.	01-Sep-2018 10:13:45
Katie S oh my, apparently somethign in my previous post was "offensive".	01-Sep-2018 10:15:32
Katie S perhaps the word "daunting"?	01-Sep-2018 10:15:41
Katie S 23.0km, 2:36 the gap	01-Sep-2018 10:16:08
Katie S it's gonna be close	01-Sep-2018 10:16:21
Charles Davis Moring all	01-Sep-2018 10:16:39

Katie S three guys in the break are still workign well together but not panicking.	01-Sep-2018 10:16:45
Charles Davis Morning	01-Sep-2018 10:16:46
Katie S there is drooling, hwoever	01-Sep-2018 10:16:48
Katie S morning, Charles!	01-Sep-2018 10:16:54
Marc @ Toad Hall I thinbk it's time for some of the fresher guys to attack out of the peleton. But at 40°, who has the stamina?	01-Sep-2018 10:17:22
Gilliemarie Hey Charlie	01-Sep-2018 10:17:26
Katie S bingo, Marc. i think the break has to be counting on that.	01-Sep-2018 10:17:39
Gilliemarie Especially in this heat!	01-Sep-2018 10:17:58
bikerabe 20 km to go 2: 02 gap	01-Sep-2018 10:21:44
bikerabe Bora on the front for Peter	01-Sep-2018 10:23:03
Katie S OK, i'm putting my money on the catch at 500 meters	01-Sep-2018 10:23:19
bikerabe 16.5 km toi go 1:30 gap	01-Sep-2018 10:25:31
Katie S Monday a rest day?	01-Sep-2018 10:26:17
Marc @ Toad Hall Yes	01-Sep-2018 10:26:25

bikerabe Si	01-Sep-2018 10:26:29
Katie S Sprint, no one cares	01-Sep-2018 10:27:04
bikerabe Molard will lose red jersey tomorrow	01-Sep-2018 10:27:16
Marc @ Toad Hall Machado for combativity.	01-Sep-2018 10:27:19
bikerabe 14 km 1 minute gaop	01-Sep-2018 10:28:17
Katie S ok, i'm takign my money off that bet i think the catch will come at oh, soon. how's tht?	01-Sep-2018 10:30:13
Charles Davis I am pulling a Buster. I am trying to finish drywall on my renovated room. I may or may not be here much. I pick Valverde, Sagan, Nizzolo today.	01-Sep-2018 10:30:18
Marc @ Toad Hall Again, I think the other tours should follow the Giro with a "mosk kms. in break award." The checkered jersey?"	01-Sep-2018 10:31:02
Katie S a good plan	01-Sep-2018 10:31:17
Marc @ Toad Hall I'm w/Charles on the finish.	01-Sep-2018 10:31:39
bikerabe Here's a thought. On narrow climbs, replace moto cameras with cameras on electric bicycles.	01-Sep-2018 10:33:36
Marc @ Toad Hall 10k 32"	01-Sep-2018 10:33:49
Marc @ Toad Hall This is going to hairy. Keep safe, guys.	01-Sep-2018 10:34:53
Katie S break still working well with each other.	01-Sep-2018 10:34:54

Katie S oh! Is that Machado making a break for it?	01-Sep-2018 10:37:46
Marc @ Toad Hall Madchado on his own,	01-Sep-2018 10:37:55
Katie S the catch, she is imminent, but Machado ain't giving up	01-Sep-2018 10:38:21
Katie S machado looks over his shoulder	01-Sep-2018 10:39:13
Katie S it's over	01-Sep-2018 10:39:15
Katie S buh-bye	01-Sep-2018 10:39:29
Katie S 5 k to go	01-Sep-2018 10:40:43
Katie S Lotto pushing out on attack	01-Sep-2018 10:41:20
Katie S the pointy end is stretching out longer	01-Sep-2018 10:41:43
Katie S Astanas look hungry	01-Sep-2018 10:41:56
Gilliemarie Where is Sagan?	01-Sep-2018 10:42:02
Marc @ Toad Hall About 30 spaces back	01-Sep-2018 10:42:20
Katie S guys dropping off the back now, can't hold the pace	01-Sep-2018 10:42:51
Katie S Bora driving up front, well, one Bora, followed by several Astanas	01-Sep-2018 10:43:12
Marc @ Toad Hall Sagan 15.20 slots behind	01-Sen-2018

Marc @ Toad Hall Sagan 15-20 slots behind.

01-Sep-2018 10:44:13

Katie S 2.2 to go	01-Sep-2018 10:44:18
Katie S no more pointy end. it's a scrum	01-Sep-2018 10:44:39
bikerabe 1.5 km	01-Sep-2018 10:45:09
Marc @ Toad Hall Lotto J massing	01-Sep-2018 10:45:33
bikerabe Ultimo Kilo	01-Sep-2018 10:45:38
Katie S Jumbo wants it badly	01-Sep-2018 10:45:50
bikerabe LottoJumbo on front	01-Sep-2018 10:46:13
Katie S around the hairpin	01-Sep-2018 10:46:21
Katie S Peto looking in 4th place	01-Sep-2018 10:46:38
Katie S Peto in 2	01-Sep-2018 10:46:50
Katie S there he goes	01-Sep-2018 10:47:03
Katie S he loses it to	01-Sep-2018 10:47:16
Katie S VALVERDE	01-Sep-2018 10:47:20
bikerabe Valverde	01-Sep-2018 10:47:33







Katie S that little uphill looked a bit much for Sagan. a rare inability to crank ^{01-Sep-2018} up that surge



Katie S All righty, friends. See you tomorrow. I'm off to ride bikes and visit 01-Sep-2018 our brand new library.



Gilliemarie Thanks

01-Sep-2018