



Tim in KY TdF Stage 21 is the usual celebratory parade through the suburbs of Paris culminating in sprint laps around the Jardin des Tuileries and Arc de Triomphe. This year the race starts west of Paris and makes a counterclockwise loop to enter the city from the south. Then eight laps of the finish circuit.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626548301-stage-21-route.jpg>

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Tim in KY There is a small but interesting change to the finish. This is the map of the 2020 finish. As always, the red kite is halfway along the Tuileries on the rue Rivoli.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626548368-stage-21-sprint-route20.jpg>

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Tim in KY This year the red kite is several hundred meters west, in the Place de la Concorde, just at the point where the route sweeps left toward the Champs. That means the finish line is several hundred meters farther up the Champs making it a more uphill sprint. The intermediate sprint is also more uphill.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626548431-stage-21-finish-route.jpg>

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Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 16:30. Finish is imagined either side of 19:10. Live stream at 16:00 on NBCSN, 16:05 on peacock. Forecast is for sunshine in the upper 20s.

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Tim in KY Here's the scoop from VeloNews: "The finish line will be 150 meters farther up the avenue this year. That's because alterations to the Rue de Rivoli have made the road narrower and the last corner a little tighter. So, moving the finish line back gives the sprinters a better chance to fight with equal arms"

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Tim in KY In the recent past le Tour has used planes or the TGV for long transfers. But today the riders were cruelly subjected to a six hour bus ride from Libourne to Paris.

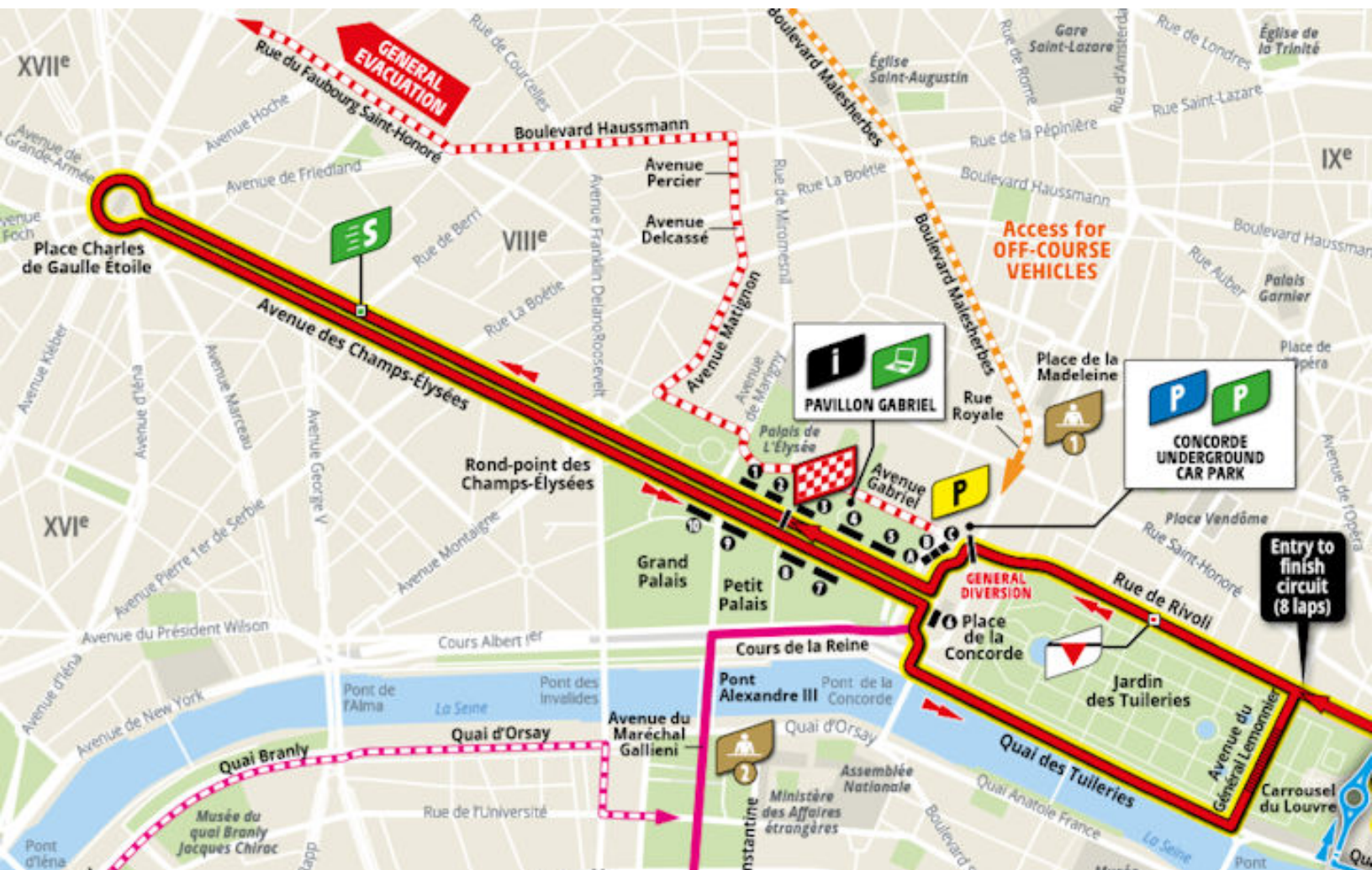
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Charlie in Tenn Morning all. I am cheering for a break-away win today. With only a couple of sprint teams that think they can "try to beat" Cav, it seems like an opportunity for a break-away. I am about to hit the road and go to a stamp show in

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Johnson City TN. It will be my first show since 2018, I think. I am vaccinated so not to worried about that. This is a small show and usually only 5-15 people in the room at any one time. I was a regular member of the club when we lived up that way. It is more of a visit with the members than buying but I am sure I will find something that I have to have. Everyone have a good summer and I will see everyone at the Vuelta or on FB if you go that route.



Tim in KY I don't know, Charlie. Alpecin has a guy, BIV has a guy, Trek has a guy, Cofidis has a guy, BEX has a guy, DSM has a guy. DQS may have a guy. I think the sprinters will be there. Happy stamping.

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Tim in KY One source says the line move 150 meters, another says 300m. From what I see on the map and what I know from walking the rue Rivoli 2 zillion times, 300 sounds more like it.

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Tim in KY CN now also saying 300m, so we'll go with that.

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Tim in KY Neutral start.

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10:16:12 am



Mikey Good Morning

07-18-2021
10:22:57 am



Tim in KY Hi, Mikey.

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10:24:13 am



Mikey Ok, here is today's pot stirring.... As much as I like Cav I secretly do not want him to win today. Doesn't seem to me to be the way to score a record. Is it ok for him to own a record without earning it? Seems to me with all the crashes and things he got a gift. Wasn't even suppose to be on the team...

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Mikey Hi Tim Thanks for 21 days of graphics and the Lugnotes every day.

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10:28:10 am



Mikey Hi Katie

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10:28:43 am



Katie S Good morning, Mikey and all fellow Nuts. I've got the race on the iPad because the telly is tuned to The Open. It's easier to see bikes on a small screen than a small white ball on a small screen.

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mmcally Good morning all!

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10:36:23 am



Katie S No dotty bike for Poelsâ€™ grateful for that. I think Virenque might have been the first mountains guy to bring dots to the hardwareâ€™ on his wheels.

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10:36:48 am



Tim in KY Well, Poels isn't the actual KOM, so dotty bike would be a bit outrÃ©.

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10:38:34 am



Katie S True dat. As Vinge isnâ€™t actually the owner of the white. But he is the palest rider in the peloton.

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10:40:10 am



Tim in KY Fulgsang DNS? That's strange on the last day.

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10:41:06 am



Tim in KY And, there off and racing! Or not.

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Katie S Tokyo awaits, but it seems an unnecessary early departure

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10:41:53 am



Katie S 141 riders riding into Paris.

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10:43:54 am



Tim in KY Tacky UAE jersey.

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10:44:44 am



Katie S It has yellow, it has whiteâ€™ should have included some dots

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10:45:42 am



Mikey Tim do you have access to the fine list for the whole race?

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10:48:43 am



Katie S WHF looking especially happy

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10:48:52 am



Tim in KY No, Mikey. I have had no luck finding it.

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10:50:06 am



Katie S Simon and McCrossan pointing out Pogâ€™s footwear choice. One yellow, one white. Reminds me of the day around 1988 that I packed my dress shoes in my back, laced up my sneakers for the commute to work. When I got to the office, I found I had two red dress sheâ€™s, but one was a flat and one was a heel. I left the sneakers on all day and discovered a new fashion comfort sensation.

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Katie S (Apologies for the typosâ€¦ blame fat fingers and autocorrect)

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Katie S Tim (or anyone), have you done any recon on the Tokyo road race? What kind of rider does it favor?

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11:12:22 am



Tim in KY I haven't seen any champagne yet.Â Maybe I just missed it.

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11:12:36 am



Katie S I havenâ€™t either

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11:13:21 am



Tim in KY Maybe it would offend the Emirates.

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11:14:32 am



Katie S I was going to make some crack about Pog being barely weaned, but your suggestion actually has merit.

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11:17:42 am



Tim in KY 10 km until Versailles.Â Ville, I assume, but I'm sure there will be aerial shots of the chateau.

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Katie S I am itching to get back to France. Closest Iâ€™ll come soon, though, is flying to Las Vegas (probably my least favorite place in the world), where thereâ€™s a fake Eiffel Tower. Iâ€™m going to surprise my best friend on her 60th birthday trip with her hubby (who is on board with said surprise).

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Tim in KY We plan to be in Paris next March after a two year absence.

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11:24:38 am



Katie S Wonderful. Is March the choice to avoid crowds? Or some other reason?

07-18-2021
11:25:46 am



Katie S Froome gets the prize from the media crews for being the most polite and nicest guy in the peloton.

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Tim in KY Weather, crowds, university spring break.

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Mikey Walkie with wif. Back soon

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11:31:56 am



mmcally Where do you normally stay when you are in Paris, Tim?

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11:36:37 am



Tim in KY We rent a flat near the Tour Eiffel.

07-18-2021
11:38:04 am



Alaska Dave Just a short check in to say thanks. Too much going on this July to join to often, but I'm hoping that life will calm down (Hah!). Went to a live theater performance last night. The audience was masked and the cast vaccinated. The Tempest, we are such things as dreams are made of...Â It was good to have the escape theater provides, a lot like this little group.

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11:43:24 am



Tim in KY Getting close to Paris propere.

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11:48:01 am



Trish in MA Good morning, all. Â Am combining watching the final stage with one of my least favorite things - sewing. Â I figure it will keep my mind off how much I hate sewing.

07-18-2021
11:49:05 am



Tim in KY Most beautiful stained glass in the world.

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11:50:26 am



Tim in KY 2 KU to go.

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11:57:04 am



David Stanley Weeds have been pulled and/or sprayed, depending. Dead stuff from last week's storms picked up. And here we go!

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11:58:27 am



David Stanley You have probably had this conversation, but WTH is Fuglsang doing; quitting on the last day? He's afraid he'll test positive? Or his bike? Or has his Covid vax excuse made him soft in the cerebellum?

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Tim in KY I think he didn't want to finish 37th.

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12:01:54 pm



David Stanley I think you're right, Tim. I just checked his wiki, 37th would be about average for him. His 12th was an outlier. And he has two other DNFs.

07-18-2021
12:05:54 pm



Mikey Really? How bent are the sponsors?

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12:06:49 pm



Mikey Something else going on. Online speculation was that he took additional steroid injections. Injury?

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12:07:53 pm



Tim in KY Astana has a rider in the top ten, I don't think they care about Fuglsang.

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12:07:57 pm



David Stanley Well, Astana has somehow kept their noses clean this race. Lutsenko has ridden pretty well and he is a Kazakh. That's a good look for Astana.

07-18-2021
12:11:03 pm



David Stanley Mikey, I don't doubt those rumors at all.

07-18-2021
12:11:31 pm



Katie S McCrossan's pronunciation of I.M. Pei's structure sounded more like "œparoxysm"

07-18-2021
12:14:44 pm



Tim in KY That's quite a reconfiguration of the rue Rivoli.

07-18-2021
12:16:15 pm



David Stanley Vive le France!

07-18-2021
12:16:33 pm



Katie S Race on

07-18-2021
12:17:16 pm



Tim in KY The Champs is being reconfigured, too. No more riding in the gutters to avoid the cobbles.

07-18-2021
12:18:12 pm



Katie S In what way?

07-18-2021
12:20:08 pm



David Stanley Whenever I see a guy go off the front, I think of my Michigan mate Jeff Pierce somehow soloing to victory on the Champs in 87.

07-18-2021
12:20:58 pm



Tim in KY Fewer car lanes,, more pedestrian and bike lanes.

07-18-2021
12:21:19 pm



Tim in KY No more Norwegian corner!

07-18-2021
12:22:12 pm



David Stanley For many years, the Tour finished at the Parc des Princes velodrome. This is better.

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12:22:32 pm



Katie S One of the extremely small number of benefits of the pandemic is the conversion of urban space to be more pedestrian and cyclist friendly.

07-18-2021
12:23:34 pm



mmcally I think I read they will not begin the makeover until after the 2024 Olympics. 07-18-2021 12:23:43 pm



Katie S Not worth the trade-off, mind you 07-18-2021 12:24:24 pm



Mikey Hi Trish 07-18-2021 12:25:47 pm



Tim in KY You can see the makeover under construction where all those black and yellow barriers are at the side of the road. 07-18-2021 12:26:31 pm



Tim in KY Looks very different than it did in 2019. 07-18-2021 12:27:02 pm



David Stanley Hoe many times have you been to Paris, Tim? Besides "not enough" I mean. 07-18-2021 12:27:49 pm



Mikey Must be quite the logistical challenge to move all the traffic furniture and crash barriers. And they have the new electronic signs too. 07-18-2021 12:28:11 pm



Tim in KY Every year from 2000 to 2019 and a few years, twice a year. 07-18-2021 12:28:40 pm



mmcally Here is a good article with some photos included.
<https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/paris-champs-elysee-project-scli-intl/index.html> 07-18-2021 12:29:18 pm



David Stanley That's very cool, my friend. Do you speak passable French? Or your wife? Any issues if you don't? 07-18-2021 12:29:19 pm



Tim in KY I can understand in-store French. My wife has a PhD in French. 07-18-2021 12:30:11 pm



David Stanley WOW! tres, tres, tres bien. 07-18-2021 12:30:38 pm



Katie S David, I have found wherever I have traveled that if you try or even can simply say please and thank you in the local language, you are in good stead. 07-18-2021 12:31:53 pm



David Stanley That is true, I've found, too. Make the effort.

07-18-2021
12:32:18 pm



Katie S I did have to make a police report in French once, and the off wasn't very kind. However when she attempted to say don't to me in English and I replied in French that it's difficult, isn't it? She softened and actually smiled.

07-18-2021
12:33:15 pm



David Stanley Morkov is brilliant.

07-18-2021
12:33:18 pm



Katie S And selfless

07-18-2021
12:33:38 pm



Katie S It's his job, yes, of course

07-18-2021
12:34:02 pm



David Stanley I'm flipping between the race, on NBCsports, and the British Open on our local NBC affiliate. They are on the same commercial break schedule.

07-18-2021
12:36:02 pm



Katie S It's frustrating, isn't it. Are you cheering for a particular player, David?

07-18-2021
12:36:47 pm



Alison Quarles I'm pulling for Spieth.

07-18-2021
12:37:19 pm



Mikey Not a very good Spieth day yesterday

07-18-2021
12:37:52 pm



David Stanley I'm a Morikawa fan these days. Sweet swing, great mindset and attitude on the course. But I've been a Spieth fan since day One. Plus, you have to root for Louie, just because he's like the Poulidor of golf, always second.

07-18-2021
12:38:08 pm



Katie S Agree re Louis

07-18-2021
12:38:33 pm



Mikey Still major hair points for Pog

07-18-2021
12:40:44 pm



Alison Quarles (y)

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12:41:17 pm



David Stanley Kittel had some great hair.

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12:45:07 pm



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David Stanley He is absurdly handsome, isn't he?

07-18-2021
12:45:50 pm



Katie S Indeed

07-18-2021
12:46:43 pm



Tim in KY Bling would have to get 39 more points than Cav in the finish sprint to take the Green Jersey.Â That means Bling would have to win and Cav would have to be 8th or worse.Â If Bling doesn't win, he has no chance.

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12:47:01 pm



David Stanley Only a catastrophe brings that about, I think, eh, Tim?

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12:48:09 pm



Tim in KY It would seem. If Bling doesn't win the stage, Cav could walk his bike home.

07-18-2021
12:49:18 pm



Katie S Pacher has men very visible these past weeks

07-18-2021
12:50:30 pm



Katie S Been

07-18-2021
12:50:36 pm



David Stanley 14 miles to go.

07-18-2021
12:53:54 pm



David Stanley Israel Start-up Nation has 7 guys. I can see them putting a train together for Greipel. But doubtful if they have the horsepower to match with DQS, eh?

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12:58:35 pm



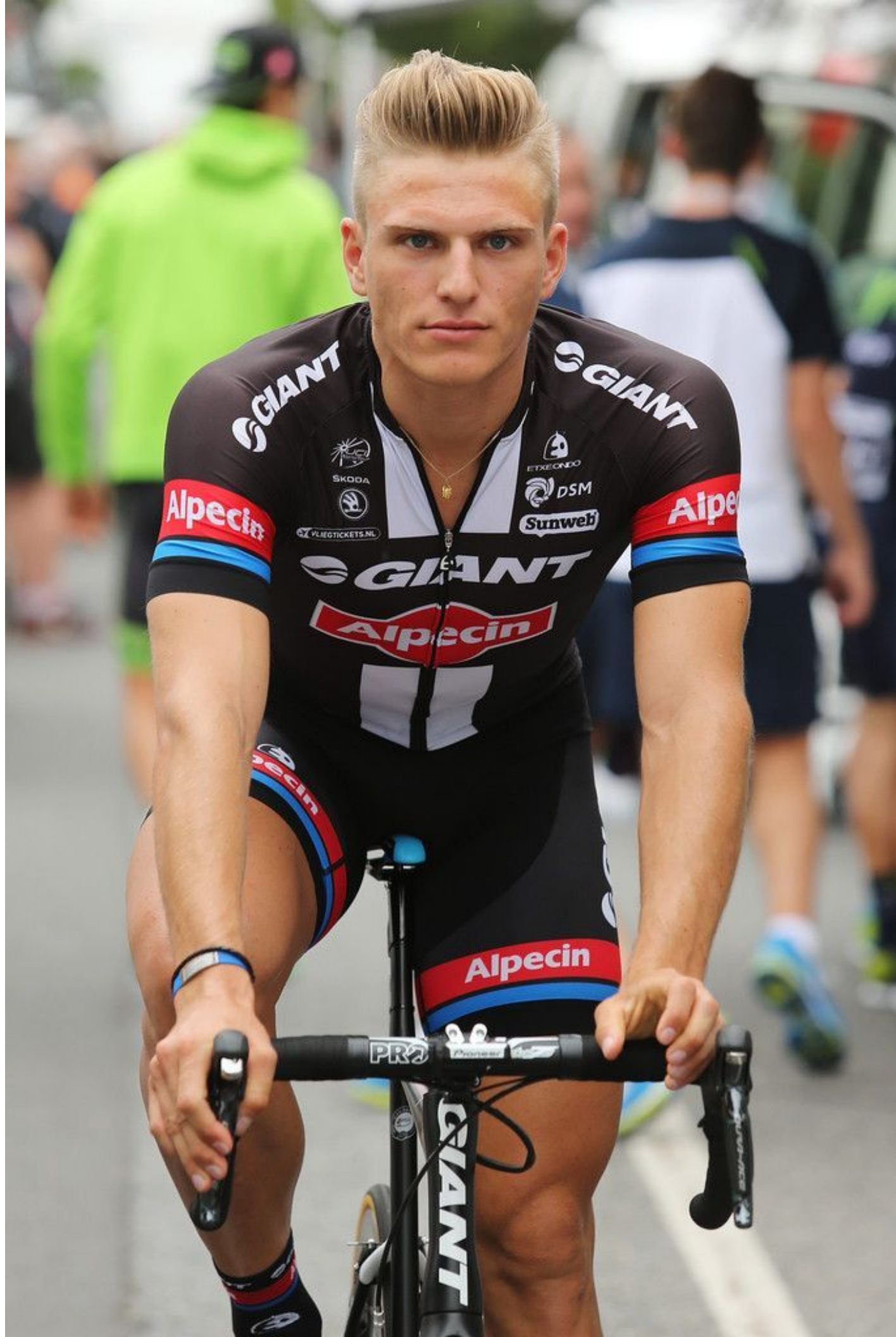
Katie S Iâ€™m so torn over which storybook finish I prefer: Greipelâ€™s retirement or Cavâ€™s record-breaker.

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Tim in KY Not a chance, DStan.

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01:00:02 pm





BusterSci Just swapped drivers so I could follow

07-18-2021
01:00:28 pm



Katie S Itâ€™s about time!

07-18-2021
01:01:16 pm



BusterSci As far as Cav "not earning it" I say total BS. Staying upright and healthy and getting to Paris is earning it.

07-18-2021
01:01:23 pm



David Stanley No one is saying,except for some dumbasses, that Cav is Merckx's equal. Not Mark, not anyone. Just that Cav has won the most stages.

07-18-2021
01:02:17 pm



Tim in KY I think the (absolutely worthless) question is "what if Caleb hadn't screwed himself?"

07-18-2021
01:03:13 pm



BusterSci There's been a lot of nonsense that Eddy won mostly TTs, so Cav was better.

07-18-2021
01:03:22 pm



Tim in KY Sigh.

07-18-2021
01:03:45 pm



David Stanley Bah! Eddy won at every stage -Â he

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01:05:33 pm



David Stanley s the GOAT. Cav is terrific, at his one job. Eddy, no comparison.

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01:06:02 pm



Katie S Like, what if Rog hadnâ€™t crashed out, or what if pog was up against HWSNBN in a time warp? All meaningless. As the riders always say, thatâ€™s cycling.

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01:06:05 pm



Tim in KY Rolland futils again.

07-18-2021
01:06:12 pm



BusterSci Cav is the GSOAT. Eddy needs no qualifier.

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01:07:06 pm



David Stanley GSOAT. I like that.

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BusterSci There are two people alive who could argue about greatness with Eddy

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01:08:08 pm



BusterSci In cycling.

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BusterSci One has an excellent case. One has a case worthy of not being laughed at but still falls short.

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Katie S Ballerini mechanical

07-18-2021
01:09:46 pm



David Stanley I'm drawing a blank, and I narrated the damn book, on who Bill McGann says is the GOAT. Maybe Coppi? I really can't recall. Help.

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01:11:12 pm



David Stanley 4.5 miles. 14 seconds. Vamos!! Venga! Allez!

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01:12:00 pm



Katie S Why so much touch paper at 7 km?

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01:12:29 pm



BusterSci C'mon, ReDStan! What's this miles shit?

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01:12:33 pm



David Stanley Stranger things. Frank Andreu was leading with just a couple of kilometers to go, and Eddy Seignur caught him to win in 94.

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David Stanley KILOMETERS!!!

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01:13:54 pm



BusterSci Thank you. You saved yourself from a banning.

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01:14:15 pm



Katie S Youâ€™re absolved

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01:14:20 pm



Tim in KY Where is Cav?

07-18-2021
01:14:55 pm



Tim in KY There he is.

07-18-2021
01:15:20 pm



David Stanley The WHF did a big turn.

07-18-2021
01:16:19 pm



David Stanley Cav's laser vision could set fire to a waste bin right now

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01:16:44 pm



Katie S My hands are sweating

07-18-2021
01:16:51 pm



David Stanley I just took my pulse. 108.

07-18-2021
01:17:05 pm



David Stanley WvA is making me nervous. He can freelance like nobody's business.

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01:18:11 pm



David Stanley 1000 meters to go. 1 kilometers. 10,000 centimeters

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01:19:05 pm



BusterSci Doesn't have Cavs speed but can hold what he has longer. Very dangerous with extra uphill.

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01:19:08 pm



Alison Quarles Damn!

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01:20:16 pm



Tim in KY Cav got boxed.

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01:20:18 pm



BusterSci Awww

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01:20:18 pm



Katie S Poop

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01:20:22 pm



David Stanley So. Freaking Strong.

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01:20:23 pm



Katie S Poop poop poop

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01:20:31 pm



Katie S Poop

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01:20:48 pm



David Stanley greipel hugs Wout.

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01:21:16 pm



Tim in KY Things to do now.

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01:22:02 pm



Katie S Tim, thanks again for being such a strong foundation for our pub experience.

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David Stanley Thank-you, Tim, for poting the previews every day, and the snarky comments on FB. Much appreciated.

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Mikey That's a 5 poop Katie

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01:23:30 pm



David Stanley Brandon MacNulty, damn. On the winning team.

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01:24:25 pm



David Stanley Sepp Kuss.

07-18-2021
01:24:41 pm



David Stanley BTW- McGann puts out the argument that Philippe Thys is the greatest Tour rider of all time.

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01:28:24 pm



Katie S But letâ€™s be real: Cav wasnâ€™t supposed to be here. Matches Eddyâ€™s record. Wins the green jersey. Not bad.

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01:28:37 pm



David Stanley Agreed, Katie. It's a terrific story. "The Feel-Good Story of the Tour!"

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01:29:05 pm



David Stanley If Morikawa doesn't totally blow up on the last hole, he's the Open champion this year. He can double bogey and still win.

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01:29:58 pm



David Stanley Morikawa is 24. Pogocar is 23 in September. It's a young guy's world, eh?

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01:31:57 pm



Katie S See you all at the Vuelta! Stay well. Enjoy the day.

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Mikey Tah

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David Stanley I have to run the grocery for mom now so I can ride later. Peace, y'all. Much peace!

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