



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 07:07:20

For Steephill's information on E3 Harelbeke, just type: Standings



**memb54**

03-23-2018 07:24:54

Good morning! Are we on? Or do I go back to work?



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 07:25:59

I believe Buster plans to be here. But, it is a little early still.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 07:28:59

Lafayette, I am here!



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 07:29:05

Buster's ears must have been ringing!



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 07:29:56

Buster's ears are always ringing.



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 07:32:14

Mine too, come to think of it...



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 07:33:51

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**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 07:34:14

Adorable!

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**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 07:35:32

I have a live view version where you can see that she's "nursing" in her sleep. It's too cute. Snofie!



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 07:38:36

Sofie just loves the snow. The moment she gets outside, she rolls and rolls and rolls. Too freaking cute!



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 07:39:03

Anybody else think, when you see the Roompot team, that the sponsor might be a bedpan manufacturer?



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 07:39:35

:P

Do you have video already? I haven't even looked for video yet.



**memb54**

03-23-2018 07:42:01

Morning, All. No live video yet. Only tickers.



**Maite**

03-23-2018 07:42:35

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**memb54**

03-23-2018 07:43:39

No snow, but my mini pumas keepign me company at 5 a.m.



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 07:44:12

Pretty Kitties!



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 07:44:33

Rip rolls infrequently. She far prefers to bound around and hunt small critters under the. snow like a fox. When the snow is fresh she plows, running with her nose to the ground and snow plowed off to either side. After it firms up she does the fox leap, head first into the drifts.



**memb54**

03-23-2018 07:45:25

I've come to the conclusion that you can't take photos of black cats with you mobile phone. They don't show up in all their majesty.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 07:45:57

Yup. I was going to ask where the cats were to get such interesting shadows.



**memb54**

03-23-2018 07:47:11

Your pup has grown so much, Buster. Is she at full height?



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 07:50:15

Yes. About 26 pounds. We expected 20-22, but she must have some big dog in her. By the Giro we should have her DNA test results and know what the pieces are in her puzzle.



**memb54**

03-23-2018 07:51:19

That'll be interesting. Just sent my DNA off as my sister did hers and something funny turned up. So I'm having mine done, to see if something funny (weird not haha) turns up in mine.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 07:55:45

I'm thinking of doing it, too. I know the basics will be Scandinavian and Central European (Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Czech and Pole) but theres some reason to believe there will be other things mixed in. Frau isn't going to bother, because it's Ukrainian turtles all the way down. But it would be interesting to see if there's some Mongol or Scandinavian DNA picked up in hers. Both the Vikings and the Mongols were prominent in Ukraine



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 07:58:04

Good morning. Got the kid off to school, now to fix some breakfast and catch up. I did notice none of my riders are in the break.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 08:00:39

3:20 the gap. Can't find a distance, though.  
They'll swallow up some break points (for Velogames) but they aren't going to win this thing.  
Maite, you don't have to answer this if you don't want to, and I apologize in advance if you perceive the question as too personal, but is the "weird" result an ancestry thing? Or is it a potential health concern?  
I'm a bit annoyed with myself. I was going to transfer in Sep Vanmarcke last night, but I ended up having an absolutely brutal reflux attack that lasted about 6 hours and I forgot all about it.



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 08:07:08

Are you feeling better this morning?  
I picked my team awhile ago, and like Dr. Evil, I am going to assume "it will all go to plan".



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 08:08:56

I'm still right on the edge.



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 08:09:23

Crash reported, taking down Sagan. I am not amused.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 08:11:01

Better be minor.  
Back on the bike



**memb54**

03-23-2018 08:13:07

Buster. it's nothing related to health, thank goodness. It shows a 9% unknown, and this is strange because of our background. We're just very curious about this amount and what it means.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 08:13:29

I think it's a fairly good assumption that if Jo's boy hit tarmac it's somebody else's fault.



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 08:13:44

Preach!  
;)



**memb54**

03-23-2018 08:14:30

But... Cav isn't there!



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 08:15:45

He has had a rough spring.



**memb54**

03-23-2018 08:16:46

Yes, he has indeed. But this time, he can't be blamed for Sagan's fall! :D



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 08:16:49

I did add Vanmarcke. I always think today will be his day.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 08:17:24

There's been a lot of turmoil with people getting "odd" results from DNA tests, the most amusing (to me) are the white supremacists who find they have African DNA.



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 08:17:41

here,here.



**memb54**

03-23-2018 08:17:59

Yes, that always gives me a giggle.



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 08:20:00

Not here as in me. I am not a white supremacist, though I am white. Mostly I assume English/Scottish with some Native American, maybe. I guess I should do one of the tests.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 08:21:40

The notion that anyone of European descent could be genetically "pure" is ridiculous. as our knowledge of the genome advances we'll continue to see how mixed we really are.



**memb54**

03-23-2018 08:21:49

My sister got what we expected except for that niggling 9%. I should get my results in about 5 weeks' time.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 08:25:30

Even something as apparently clearcut as Charles' English/Scottish, as you work back, probably includes Celtic, Pictish, Roman, Norse, Danish, Saxon and more. I suspect we'll eventually be able to tease that stuff out.



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 08:26:57

Yep, those islands were a hodgepodge of different cultures for a long time.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 08:28:06

And isn't far more fascinating to be able to wonder about where that 9% came from?



**memb54**

03-23-2018 08:31:24

The mind boggles!!!  
Anyone know what happened to Adam Yates? I know he fell, but no more news on his status.





**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 08:33:20

Broken pelvis

Stable fracture. Total rest for 10 day, re-examine, then if proceeding normally he can get back on a trainer. 43kph for the first hour.

I wonder if anyone imagined that speed?

Ok, I'm out for a bit. Time to get Ripley to the doggie daycare.



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 08:59:24

OK, breakfast is over, I have my second cup of coffee. Let's talk about Valverde.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 08:59:47

I'm back

What's the hot take on Alejandro, Charles?



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 09:00:12

Movistar looked awesome yesterday. Quintana, Soler, Valverde...



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 09:00:20

Yay! Sorry I have been absent, been working on website updates.



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 09:00:44

No problem, seems we are all back now.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 09:01:18

Well, this tweet kinda says what I think...

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**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 09:02:11

Arnaud Demare says "Greg Van Avermaet and Peter Sagan will be the favourites, and if they go, it's up to the rest of us to follow" - I have both on my team. Hopeful for a better showing than I am having in Volta.



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 09:02:58

The Spanish have a history of great recovery between stages...

BTW, Landa is racing E3 today to practice on the cobbles. He says he is going to try and enjoy the day. Funny sport.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 09:04:57

Jo, I have both, and Demare, too.



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 09:05:21

I also have Demare.



**BusterSci**

Why I oughta...

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**Charles Davis**

I have Sagan, Vanmarcke, Naesen, Moscon, Gilbert, LaPorte, and some 4s and 6s. Trying the as many different teams as possible plan.

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**BusterSci**

That's an impressive lineup, Charles.

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**Charles Davis**

Naesen said (paraphrasing) it is relatively easy to be in the top ten. You ride hard and go for the sprint at the end but to win you have to do something special. I hope one of these guys does something special.

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**Joanna in New York**

Buster and I can "duke" it out at the finale!  
I may have to step away in about 20 minutes, hopefully not for long. Satellite is coming to (again) replace my cracked windshield. There is something about the conformation of my vehicle's windshield that is prone to chips and cracks. I have now lost count...

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**Charles Davis**

Quit tailgating those big trucks and/or horse trailers.

03-23-2018 09:12:08



**Joanna in New York**

I never tailgate. Some of the chips have happened when I am the only person on the road. Upright windshield...argh!

03-23-2018 09:12:39



**Charles Davis**

Sorry about the window. At least Satellite is somewhat convenient.  
Matthews is here today after fracturing a shoulder at Omloop Het Nieuwsblad. Take that soccer players.

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**Joanna in New York**

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Artie says "Good Morning".

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**BusterSci**

Hell, he got 7th at MSR.  
Matthews, not Artie.

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**Joanna in New York**

Artie hopes to compete at MSR next year...

03-23-2018 09:18:10



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 09:18:37

Artie has had his own surgical issues. Glad he has recovered.



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 09:19:32

Sadly, Charles, we have had a small set-back. I may be scheduling another surgery - too depressing to contemplate.

That said, all I wanted was for him to survive the accident, so I have come out well ahead.



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 09:23:19

Yes, it is tough but setting "goals" and getting them sometimes is all that we can hope for. Fingers crossed for Artie.



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 09:24:01

Thank you. There are worse things than having to retire him to a life of luxury...



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 09:24:01

Wait, have you called Movistar or Sky? Maybe them can help?



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 09:24:36

Sky can only help marginally.



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 09:25:21

True Dat

At Catalunya 12 escapees are 4:10 ahead: Wyss (BMC), Swamp (Trek), Didier (Trek), Bidard (AG2R), Laengen (UAE), Monfort (Lotto Soudal), Visconti (Bahrain), Agnoli (Bahrain), Chernetski (Astana), Simon (Burgos), Molina (Rural Box) and Bol (Apple Postobon)



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 09:31:52

Swamp? Wasn't that drained?

Seriously, though. Who is Swamp? Nickname or Autocorrect?



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 09:33:45

I am just the messenger. Pantanp must translate to Swamp.

Pantano

I was reading the translated page.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 09:34:36

FUNNY!



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 09:34:36


Now I have to check all of the names.




**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 09:35:06

It's Pantano  
Swamp must be replacing the Accountant at Trek.


 **Donny** 03-23-2018 09:36:09  
Morning ladies and gents. Have caught up but won't be able to stay long. Busy Friday.


 **Charles Davis** 03-23-2018 09:36:24  
I noticed Swamp but but had become distracted by my daughter.  
Hi Donny. What are your thoughts on Movistar?


 **BusterSci** 03-23-2018 09:37:27  
Apple Postobon is Manzana Postobon.

 **Donny** 03-23-2018 09:38:09  
Can't translate Postobon?


 **Charles Davis** 03-23-2018 09:38:38  
Ha, didn't even look at that. It was on the internet! Facts, who needs facts.


 **Donny** 03-23-2018 09:41:25  
Well, I think Movistar has a very strong team. They seem to be able to win stages in "faster than the fastest imaginable time". Sooooo

 **Charles Davis** 03-23-2018 09:45:04  
Egan Bernal was able to stay with the Movistar gang. Impressive marginal gains for him this year with Sky.

 **BusterSci** 03-23-2018 09:46:29  
Ok, since it's a small group--anybody going to argue with Astana and Movistar as the least trustworthy teams?

 **Donny** 03-23-2018 09:47:32  
Would have to toss Sky under that bus as well Buster.

 **Charles Davis** 03-23-2018 09:47:43  
A few minutes ago at E3, "Consonni goes down. It was a bit of inattention on his behalf that caused it."  
Reminded me of this article from yesterday " Quick-Step boss: 'Gaviria needs to concentrate to avoid crashing'  
Read more at <http://www.velonews.com/2018/03/news/quick-step-boss-gaviria-needs-to-concentrate-to-avoid-crashing>"  
Yes, you have my vote for all three.

 **BusterSci** 03-23-2018 09:48:25  
I think there is a qualitative difference between the Sky issues and Astana/Movistar.  
Happy to consider them for 3rd.



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 09:49:24

Wait, what, teams are trustworthy?



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 09:49:56

Novo Nordisk

Yikes, that's a mess!

HUGE crash

Bikes and riders all over

Nothing looks serious yet

Mostly people getting off each other



**Donny**

03-23-2018 09:52:17

Jo, that is a good question. Wish I had a credible answer. I think we are reduced at this point to various degrees of untrustworthy rather than the idea that any are trustworthy.

On that jolly note, have a great day and a lovely weekend and Easter holiday.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 09:55:23

Vanmarcke delayed by that crash

The gap is dropping. Trying to determine if that's because QS is putting the hammer down to gap the crash victims.



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 09:56:37

Stay classy, QS.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 09:56:42

Landa delayed, too.

If you ask me, you take advantage of everything. There are no unwritten rules. If you want them to be rules, write them down.

And I don't have Vanmarcke or Landa on my team.

Demare was slowed

He's in the cars. I think it's totally uncalled for trying to gap Demare.

Since he's on my team.

A LottoS on the front.

Now QS.

Naesen with a mechanical.

1:17 the gap between the main chase and the crash victims

Hard to see what happened on the crash replay but it was about 20-30 riders back that it started and a majority of the peloton was held up and had to "cross" around the jam.

There are some race ending injuries from that.

The 2nd chase is larger than the first.

Astana leading it

Looks like the whole team

A DiData rider and a Michelton helping out.

Coquard broke his bike

About 1:26 the gap between the first and second chase, First chase about 3m back of the break

96km to go



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 10:07:55

My daughter has awful timing. Is that about 30 riders in the first chase group?



**BusterSci**

Yes, Charles

03-23-2018 10:08:08



**memb54**

I laughed out loud with the Pantano/Swamp comment, Charles! Hilarious!!!

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**Charles Davis**

Notice that was my last update from Catalunya!

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**memb54**

I have GVA, Keukelaire, Bauer, Van Poppel, Kristoff, Degenkolbe and some other unknowns in my team.  
No Sagan, no Landa,

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**BusterSci**

I'd love to see Degenkolbe back in the mix. He just hasn't been able to win since that horrible training crash a few years ago.  
If you're watching a stream, the first chase is led by a line of blue QS riders. The second chase is led by light blue Astana riders.

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**memb54**

Re: trustworthiness; Astana wins by a huge margin. Movistar with Valverde is raising suspicion, followed by Sky.  
None of my links are working. Depending on you guys, and video tonight at home.

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**BusterSci**

I'm biased against Bahrain and UAE because, well, they aren't really places known for their probity.  
89km to go. 1:50 to the QS group, 2:07 to Astana group.

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**Charles Davis**

Don't forget all teams in Costa Rica.

03-23-2018 10:18:34



**Tim in KY**

Waiting for Gold to go live.

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**BusterSci**

I see the neighborhood just got a bit better. Hi Tim  
Doing mostly E3 right now  
And hi GM

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**Charles Davis**

Hi Tim and GM

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**BusterSci**



That should have been 3:07 to the Astana group above  
1:39 and 2:47 the gaps  
QS looks to have let off the gas for a bit.

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**Charles Davis**

That looks more like what I was seeing

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**Joanna in New York**

Buster, what video are you seeing, I cannot get anything.

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**Charles Davis**

I say the winner comes from the first chase group.

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**BusterSci**

When they were really hammering I caught a glimpse of Tony Martin in his Katusha kit smiling and saying "Glad I'm not still at QS."  
I'm watching one of the Sporza feeds from Steephill.

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**Charles Davis**

I am watching Sporza

03-23-2018 10:23:09



**Tim in KY**

Only 21 km left in Catalunya.

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**BusterSci**

They're going to finish before the feed goes live?

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**Tim in KY**

Feed is live.

03-23-2018 10:25:09



**BusterSci**

Well, well, well.  
It could be worse. It could be raining.  
Oh, wait. It is raining  
More of a fine mist

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**Tim in KY**

Nice weather in northeast Spain today.

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**BusterSci**

Jungels takes a flier in Spain

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**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 10:29:24



Bresk is breaking up.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 10:29:51

Tim, do you want to cover Catalunya and I'll keep up with E3?  
80km, 1:41 and 2:39 at E3.



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 10:30:58

I have given up on video of the E3 - I cannot get anything to load or play.



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 10:31:07

Sure. But not much will happen here until they get over this unrated climb.



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 10:32:15

Unrated but should be a Cat 2 at least.



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 10:32:18

Barguil is off the front of the peloton with Jungles.  
At least.



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 10:33:15

The first Dutch link on steep hill will work but you might need to reload a couple of times.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 10:33:17

Now we have Sagan staying close to the front of the QS led first chase.  
E3: Camera lenses look wet, but the roads still look mostly dry. Must be a bit of a misty fog.



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 10:35:12

Pantano and a UAE are all that's left of the break. Gap is a bit over 2 minutes.  
Crosswalk now attacks the peloton.  
Half a KU left.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 10:36:26

E3: We have an AG2R helping out the Astana group. But they still have a gap of a minute to the QS group



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 10:37:44

Nope, I get a black screen with white lettering - I'm sure telling me to go pound sand.  
Where's a good pirate feed when you need one?



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 10:39:00

E3: 75km, 50s and 1:55



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 10:39:17

Movi decides to reel in Crosswalk and Jungels.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 10:39:19

Perseguidor is my favorite Spanish cycling word.



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 10:39:55

It sounds a bit unhygienic.



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 10:41:27

Whoo hoo! Finally got the E3 on Tiz.  
What a PIA!



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 10:42:10

Sky on point now. Gap is 1:48 with 14 km to go.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 10:42:53

E3: QS splitting up their group on a climb



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 10:43:31

Racing in the gutters, exactly where the spectators are, gives me the FEAR!



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 10:43:51

We have idiot cars on the cobbled climb, stopped and taking up over half the tiny road.



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 10:44:00

There is not enough room for cars and riders, good grief!



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 10:44:51

Huge wide road here.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 10:45:04

We're showing 16s now from the leaders to the two QS riders who are bridging.  
Lampaert and Terpstra  
Oss and a couple others behind  
And Sagan decides he needs to close, too



**Joanna in New York**

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Let's see if anyone will work with him...



**BusterSci**

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The QS duo meet up with Gaudin and Ligthart in the front  
Nice to see Didier in Spain racking me up some points from a 4point rider.



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 10:47:23

Apropos of nothing, I need to stop picking my fantasy teams the way I place exotic bets at the racetrack...



**BusterSci**

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25s from the Sagan group to the lead 4.



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 10:48:53

Lots of futile attacks out of the peloton, including by Green Valley.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 10:49:07

But there are QS dudes in the Sagan group and they are clearly trying to throw a spanner in the works.



**Joanna in New York**

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And I just got bumped from Tiz - some bogus error message "Resource Limit Has Been Reached". Some days, it just doesn't pay to be a cycling fan...



**BusterSci**

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38s now the gap. It's still early, but it looks like nobody wants to tow Peto to the front



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 10:50:14

Imagine that.



**BusterSci**

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GvA et al are going the Sagan group



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 10:50:37

The 2 breakers are headed downhill now.



**BusterSci**

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On another climb at E3 and things are breaking up in the chase



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 10:51:27

Gap is 0:38 but it's all downhill for the last 6km.



**BusterSci**

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20s now as Sagan has decided to close things up  
17s



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 10:52:56

Sagan, 2 QS , BMC, someone in red is that right



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 10:53:13

Sagan and a QS alone  
Darmok and Gilad at Tanagra  
I think it's Gilbert with Sagan  
Stybar, Benoot and GvA follow  
You're ahead of me, then  
You're watching stuff from an hour ago?  
10s to Sagz, 24 to GvA  
8s to Sagz  
63km



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 10:56:03

I will no longer comment, my feed is unreliable. That crash might have been another race or another time in this one. My apologies.



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 10:56:08

Doesn't look like to breakers will be caught.  
Pantano takes it.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 10:56:49

SWAMP!



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 10:56:59

Swamp Monster!



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 10:57:42

Lampaert and Terpstra have dropped their mates



**memb54**

03-23-2018 10:57:48

Joanna, same problems here. No pirate link, nada.



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 10:57:49

Moving up. Swamp is on my team!



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 10:58:05

Back out to 22s



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 10:58:07

28 minutes faster than the fastest imaginable time.



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 10:58:08

OK let's watch Sagan.



**BusterSci**

Peto is waiting for help

24s

03-23-2018 10:58:15



**Joanna in New York**

Wish i could...

03-23-2018 10:58:21



**BusterSci**

Benoot, Gilbert,GvA, Sagan and one I couldn't catch are the main chase

03-23-2018 10:59:12



**Tim in KY**

Some idiot Bahrain celebrated coming in third.

03-23-2018 11:00:01



**BusterSci**

30s to Sagan, 41 to Oss, coming up to help

03-23-2018 11:00:12



**Joanna in New York**

Mohric (sp)

03-23-2018 11:00:17



**BusterSci**

There's a discontinuity

03-23-2018 11:00:35



**Tim in KY**

No change in GC at Catalunya.

03-23-2018 11:00:47



**BusterSci**

37 and 41 now

Stybar is with the Sagan group. Litghart too

03-23-2018 11:00:59



**Charles Davis**

OK I am with Buster wherever we are

03-23-2018 11:01:31



**BusterSci**

Here's Oss to help Peto

39s

59km

03-23-2018 11:01:34



**Charles Davis**

and another QS

03-23-2018 11:02:07



**BusterSci**

On the Eikenberg

03-23-2018 11:02:08

Benoot is really hammering  
but now it's 41s



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 11:02:45

How many km left in Belgium?



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:03:04

58

Another group 1:13 back  
41s and 1:16 back from the QS duo  
QS has 5 guys in the first 3 group  
If GvA and Sagan pull back the Terpstra duo, they'll have brought along Stybar and Gilbert for free  
Senegal is also there for QS



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 11:06:45

Sagan, Oss, GvA, Benoot, Goudin, Durbridge, Ligthart, Stybar, Gilbert, Senechal



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:06:49

Slightly wet cobbled descent. Yikes  
GvA breaking out  
Don't know if he's trying to create a gap or the QS guys are blocking Sagan



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 11:07:29

On Tiz, the video is off-line, but the inane chatter lives on. There is no justice...



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:07:30

Another moto leadout  
For Greg, as he takes off on his own  
35s  
QS definitely look to be blocking Sagan  
32s to GvA  
55km  
This is a beautifully chaotic race



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 11:08:41

With great commentary from you.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:09:01

There are a bunch of chasers who could get on, too.  
GvA has a nice gap on the rest of the Sagan group.  
37 to Terpstra in front, though



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 11:09:36


It does look like QS let GvA go instead of pulling Sagan to him.


**Tim in KY**


 Sporza pirate is doing fine on my iPad. 03-23-2018 11:09:45

 **Joanna in New York** 03-23-2018 11:09:56  
Since everyone is conspiring against Sagan (understandably), I will now start cheering on GvA!

 **BusterSci** 03-23-2018 11:10:14  
Moto are definitely pulling GvA along  
Gilbert attacks

 **Joanna in New York** 03-23-2018 11:10:25  
I cannot get Sporza on my iPad, have tried many times.

 **BusterSci** 03-23-2018 11:10:32  
Sagan trying to close.  
QS is going to try to pick apart Sagan in the chase group  
Reading 40 and 51s, but not sure if that's between 2 chases or GvA and the Sagan group

 **Joanna in New York** 03-23-2018 11:11:44  
Narrow, narrow roads.

 **BusterSci** 03-23-2018 11:11:51  
Theres a good 12s from GvA to Sagz

 **Tim in KY** 03-23-2018 11:12:01  
There is sure a lot of QS up there.

 **BusterSci** 03-23-2018 11:12:06  
Gilbert and Benoot bridged, I think  
Not quite

 **Joanna in New York** 03-23-2018 11:12:25  
Almost

 **Tim in KY** 03-23-2018 11:12:28  
Getting close.

 **BusterSci** 03-23-2018 11:12:44  
QS riding like Astana/Movi/Sky  
PhilGil catches  
45s and 1:06  
51km

 **Tim in KY** 03-23-2018 11:13:47



Is G3 Sagan?



**BusterSci**

48 and 1:09

03-23-2018 11:13:47



**Charles Davis**

Of the front 2 who is the chosen one?

03-23-2018 11:13:49



**BusterSci**

Terpstra

I think Lampaert is there to pull  
Yes, Tim

03-23-2018 11:13:58



**Charles Davis**

They are switching off but I agree.

03-23-2018 11:14:26



**Tim in KY**

PhilGil will certainly not be taking any pulls.

03-23-2018 11:14:38



**Charles Davis**

Oss has caught back up to Sagan.

03-23-2018 11:14:57



**BusterSci**

Oss gives him break on the flats and falls back on the climbs  
Kapelberg is next  
49km, 46 and 1:12  
Benoot is a beast. Holy cow, has he done a lot of work.

03-23-2018 11:15:21



**Charles Davis**

David said this was going to be his year.

03-23-2018 11:18:56



**BusterSci**

There's a large group of about 30 riders about a half minute back of group Sagan

03-23-2018 11:19:23



**Tim in KY**

Still five climbs to go.

03-23-2018 11:19:30



**Charles Davis**

If my Dutch is correct Naesen and Vanmarcke are in that group.

03-23-2018 11:19:53



**BusterSci**

Kapelburg, Paterberg, Kwaremont, really long name straat, something else and a bump.  
Those are the climbs

03-23-2018 11:20:20

50s and 130



**Tim in KY**

What is SOP HOS?

03-23-2018 11:21:04



**BusterSci**

Where do you see?

03-23-2018 11:21:29



**Tim in KY**

GvA butt.

03-23-2018 11:22:06



**BusterSci**

Catch by the large group of the Sagan group  
Sophos. Cybersecurity  
1:40 back for the large group containing Sagan and a bunch of also rans  
Really good riders, but right now they're also rans  
44km 50s and 1:43

03-23-2018 11:22:52



**Tim in KY**

Benoot is doing all the pulling but G2 is loosing time.

03-23-2018 11:25:31



**Charles Davis**

Gilbert wants to make it a QS sweep.

03-23-2018 11:25:50



**BusterSci**

Is this a gap that can't be closed or is this like any other sprint finish where nobody wants to catch too early?

03-23-2018 11:26:20



**Tim in KY**

Terpstra is doing all the pulling up front.

03-23-2018 11:27:14



**Charles Davis**

I think they can catch them but then Gilbert just rides away.

03-23-2018 11:27:20



**Tim in KY**

Who's the ED?

03-23-2018 11:28:52



**BusterSci**

Paterberg  
Lampaert is done  
The Sagan group has closed to 1:26, 32s back of GvA

03-23-2018 11:28:52



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 11:29:10

vanmarcke



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:29:48

Peto hiding quite a ways back in that group  
The lead dup are swapping out battery packs  
40km. 47s and 1:21



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 11:32:10

Horse!



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:32:49

Kwaremont  
Gaps holding steady  
Lead duo on the cobbles  
Sagan is not in group 3. Is he saving it for Sunday?  
Anyone want to guess the beverage consumption per spectator on the Kwaremont?  
44s to GvA, 1:35 to Sagz



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 11:35:42

Lampeart's battery change has helped.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:35:48

Not showing a time to the Vanmarcke group  
Benoot dropped off and it looked like GvA tried to go by but didn't quite work that way



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 11:37:07

That doesn't look like 0:42.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:37:27

42s now to the GvA group  
No. 30ish  
Tops  
1:16 to Sagan group  
Vanmarcke group goes by  
Matthews group is next.



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 11:39:00

The guys out front look tired.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:39:13

Terpstra definitely looks the stronger in the front duo. Lampaert helps, especially on the flats, but Nikki is the guy for today.



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 11:39:22

Actually Lampaert looks spent.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:39:22

Assuming PhilGil doesn't catch  
1 minute no to the Vanmarcke group  
46s to GvA



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 11:40:07

I am assuming Gilbert is the freshest rider out there.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:40:20

Group 4 is Matthews, I think



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 11:40:56

I agree



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:41:01

Naesen trying to get his group to work together.  
Local dude gettin passed  
Vanmarcke group closing within 10s of GvA  
33km, 46s and 56s



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 11:42:19

G3 has two BMCs, so might help GvA.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:42:46

Lampaert keeps digging out a few extra watts. Thats Volts times Amps, in case you were wondering.  
The moto behind the GvA group keeps signaling to the camera moto in front to move and stop pulling the riders.



**memb54**

03-23-2018 11:43:50

Thanks, Buster, I was wondering about that.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:44:01

32km, 45s and 57s  
The Vanmarcke group will catch the GvA group



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 11:44:48

In other news, Trump totally tanked the stock market this morning.  
And here's G3.  
Now PhilGil goes.



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 11:46:55

Gilbert goes!



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:46:57

Phil is like, "Now I get to ride behind an even bigger group. Cool. Suckers.  
I see Terpstra go  
There goes Phil  
They want a 1-2-3  
Now its a race between Terpstra and PhilGil  
I think GvA called Phil something that started with the same sound but was spelled with a different letter.  
14s back to Phil  
39 to the large group  
12 to Phil



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 11:49:42

And my feed froze.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:49:45

Frozen feed  
Tiz 720p feed is working  
27km, 35 and 37  
Not sure where Phil is  
GvA and Benoot are caught  
Gilbert looking back and sitting up  
37s  
We have two groups  
Moscon there  
Stuyven  
Naesen  
Vanmarcke  
Benoot  
Moscon looking for someone to assault, verbally or physically  
41s  
25km  
Commercial  
At least Tiz doesn't make us watch the commercials. Especially since it's Eurosport and those stupid olympics commercials  
Trentin also in that group



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 11:55:01

I still got nothing.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:55:25

I'm picking up from other sources.



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 11:55:25

Terpstra goes. Really just rides away.  
Sporza still good.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:55:47

Yeah, he needs to buy Lampaert a beer  
38s

33s to the Vanmarcke group  
Kung driving hard  
Kung (BMC is leading the trio with Moscon



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 11:57:44

Kung Stybar and Moscon pull away



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:57:52

They're about to catch Lampaert



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 11:58:15

Sporza back.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:58:47

Terpstra might be foaming a bit at the mouth



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 11:58:51

PhilGil caught?



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 11:59:07

PhilGil sat up to join the chase  
That's Lampaert in the quartet  
Moscon pushes the chase



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 12:00:02

The quaertet?



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 12:00:15

Yaes



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 12:00:37

Polka-dotted mushroom house.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 12:01:00

Haven't been there since college  
39s  
19km



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 12:01:33

Well, I finally have another new windshield. Gotta' run a couple errands this afternoon, how quickly will the damn thing chip?



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 12:01:48

Terpstra holding 40s



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 12:02:08

Trek tryhing to dent the 40.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 12:02:10

34s now

Stuyven closing things down

31s

Theres a gap back to Trentin, Vanmarcke and one other

30s

That group is back toether

Back to 35s

Benoot leading again

18km

Phil telling Stybar how to mess with the other guys



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 12:04:22

Chase is not organized enough.



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 12:04:30

Jury telling off the QS team car.



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 12:04:45

They better or Terpstra is not gonna make it.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 12:05:10

The chase is in an echelon

Now riding well together

bouncing between 32 and 28 seconds, depending on who is pulling

Starting to hold in the lower 30s now

15km and 35s



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 12:08:02

Who is the fastest sprinter in the chase? Stuyven?



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 12:08:13

Maybe Moscon

Stuyven is good too

Trentin



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 12:09:00

Yes, Trentin is probably the best.

So everyone else needs to attack. GVA is pretty good after these long races.

**BusterSci**





13km and 35s  
Not much happening right now  
12km and 31s

03-23-2018 12:09:41



**Joanna in New York**  
Who has the blue touch paper?

03-23-2018 12:10:08



**BusterSci**  
I'll be curious to hear why Sagan gave up

03-23-2018 12:10:19



**Charles Davis**  
Seems like they are racing for 2nd.

03-23-2018 12:10:32



**Tim in KY**  
Chase seems to have given up, too.

03-23-2018 12:10:47



**BusterSci**  
They're a big enough group to close it down fast  
Moto draft

03-23-2018 12:10:48



**Tim in KY**  
But they're not.

03-23-2018 12:11:20



**BusterSci**  
11km and 32s

03-23-2018 12:11:20



**Charles Davis**  
There are 3 BMC in there.

03-23-2018 12:11:44



**BusterSci**  
29s  
11km

03-23-2018 12:11:59



**Joanna in New York**  
Hmmm...

03-23-2018 12:12:23



**Charles Davis**  
They are rolling again.

03-23-2018 12:12:40



**BusterSci**  
27s  
25s  
23s

03-23-2018 12:12:52

9.3km



**Tim in KY**

Who's the QS in white?

03-23-2018 12:13:22



**Charles Davis**

Stybar

03-23-2018 12:13:30



**BusterSci**

22s 9km

I'm pulling for Sep  
Not on my team, but what the heck

03-23-2018 12:13:31



**Charles Davis**

They can see him I bet

03-23-2018 12:13:57



**BusterSci**

19s

8.7km  
Gonna come down fast when they decide to go

03-23-2018 12:13:59



**Joanna in New York**

Yup, Charles.

03-23-2018 12:14:22



**Charles Davis**

Sep has never won a sprent but I am ok with it.

03-23-2018 12:14:27



**Tim in KY**

He's on my team.

03-23-2018 12:14:44



**Joanna in New York**

I need GVA!

03-23-2018 12:14:53



**BusterSci**

I didn't say I thought he'd win. just that I'm cheering for him.  
I'll give it to Moscon  
7.7km holding at 19s

03-23-2018 12:14:53



**Charles Davis**

Terpstra is a pro. He will stay out to the very end just for his team.  
Sep and Moscon are good for me

03-23-2018 12:15:27



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 12:16:36

Holding at 19s  
6.7km



**Tim in KY**

Not denting.

03-23-2018 12:17:09



**BusterSci**

Somebody has to attack out of here

6km

20s

Looking around

03-23-2018 12:17:20



**Charles Davis**

GVA Gilbert

03-23-2018 12:17:45



**BusterSci**

GvA goes

Gilbert with

Trentin closes

Moscon brings the group back

Tentin on his own

25m

17s

03-23-2018 12:17:48



**Tim in KY**

This won't work.

03-23-2018 12:18:27



**BusterSci**

5km

03-23-2018 12:18:30



**Charles Davis**

Stybar closes it

03-23-2018 12:18:30



**BusterSci**

Together

17s

Benoot

Kung tries to close

Roelendts, sorry

03-23-2018 12:18:35



**Charles Davis**

Stuyven I think

03-23-2018 12:19:01



**BusterSci**

14s

4.6km

03-23-2018 12:19:06

Eases off  
Looking  
BMC again  
Phil follows  
Moscon  
Trentin  
12s  
4km



**Tim in KY**

QS worried now.

03-23-2018 12:19:51



**BusterSci**

Together again

03-23-2018 12:19:58

12s  
Benoot  
12s  
3.6km  
11s  
Sep goes the wrong way around a roundabout  
He's done  
Or was that an eejit?



**Tim in KY**

GPS not good at short gaps.

03-23-2018 12:21:03



**BusterSci**

He's in

03-23-2018 12:21:09

13s  
True  
3km  
15s  
16s



**Tim in KY**

That was a local.

03-23-2018 12:21:33



**BusterSci**

17s

Stybar leading  
Attack from BMC  
Sep follows

03-23-2018 12:21:35



**Tim in KY**

C at and mouse looses.

03-23-2018 12:22:22



**BusterSci**

Yup

03-23-2018 12:22:31



**Charles Davis**

The group is to big they can't break it.

03-23-2018 12:22:34



**BusterSci**

2km

15s

Too much looking

1.8km

18s

19s

20s

03-23-2018 12:22:35



**Joanna in New York**

They are sealing their collective fates.

03-23-2018 12:23:15



**Charles Davis**

Stybar and Gilbert patrolling

03-23-2018 12:23:17



**BusterSci**

They're giving it away to race for second

03-23-2018 12:23:18



**Tim in KY**

Riding for second now.

03-23-2018 12:23:25



**BusterSci**

Moscon goes

Pulls back

26s

03-23-2018 12:23:36



**Charles Davis**

Porlants

03-23-2018 12:23:56



**BusterSci**

IHard attack

03-23-2018 12:24:00



**Charles Davis**

Roelants

03-23-2018 12:24:02



**BusterSci**

Trentin tries to close

They're racing now

03-23-2018 12:24:06

**Charles Davis**



Racing for 2nd

03-23-2018 12:24:23



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 12:24:24

Looking around again  
Kite for the chase  
Terpstra getting no camera love  
Here he comes  
he's dead and was ripe for the picking



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 12:24:55

Terpstra gets gifted.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 12:24:57

But he'll win  
Stuyven going  
Terpstra crosses.  
hers comes second  
Group  
Phil



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 12:25:31

Gilbert, Gva.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 12:25:31

Hil  
]Phil



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 12:25:47

QS ran an awesome race.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 12:25:54

I think that may have b been the other BMC. Not sure  
QS rode the race they should be able to ride in every spring classic



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 12:26:16

said GVA on sporza



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 12:26:20

OK  
My sound is off



**Charles Davis**

03-23-2018 12:27:01

On out of here. Tell Mons it is over.



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 12:27:18

Well, if indeed GVA, one of my fantasy team members made the podium. A huge improvement. :-)



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 12:27:57

Matthews and Valgren come across, sprinting for minor places  
Peto coming in  
Soft pedaling across



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 12:29:05

Does not look happy.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 12:29:42

Terpstra likes pushing around the race officials.  
He's shoved at least two, maybe three so far



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 12:29:56

That was pretty funny.



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 12:30:40

I suspect Tepstra will be out a few CHF for that.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 12:31:22

"Leave me alone. I need to get to the guy who's going to slip me my masking agent!"  
Confirmed GvA at 3rd



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 12:31:49

That was my first thought.



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 12:32:51

Yes, I suspect a fine or two will be coming his way.



**Tim in KY**

03-23-2018 12:34:11

Gotta go.



**BusterSci**

03-23-2018 12:34:52

Sunday for Gent Wevelgem? Make your transfers.  
Tah



**Joanna in New York**

03-23-2018 12:35:36

Bye!

















**Brent Bookwalter** ✓

@brentbookwalter

The French seem to prefer their cycling heroes suffering while here in Spain the Spanish seem to prefer the guys who win while nose breathing and maybe an occasional yawn over the finish line. How about you Americans, what do you like?

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