



Tim in KY

03-07-2018 06:19:00

P-N Stage 5 is 165 kilometers northeast (!) from near the Mediterranean into the Alps. That was a terrible long transfer after the time trial. A Cat 2, a Cat 1, and two Cat 3s are on the menu. Start time is 13:15 CET but no live streaming until 15:55 CET. Preview with maps and profiles is here:
<http://www.ciclismointernacional.com/paris-nice-2018-stage-5-preview/>



BusterSci

03-08-2018 06:41:14

In Italy we have a 4 man break with a 3:45 gap. Video via Fubo or pirate stream begins in just under an hour.
Cav broke a rib yesterday



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 06:49:21

I won't repeat my FB observation about Cav.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 06:49:45

I'll snicker again remembering it, though.
Hi, Donny



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 06:52:01

If the time estimates for PN hold up today, it could be nearly dark by the finish.



Donny

03-08-2018 06:53:32

Morning Gents
two bold predictions for today. A sprinter will win in Italy, no sprinters will be in the front group in France.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 06:55:47

It's keen analysis like that we miss when you're not here, Donny.
:P



Donny

03-08-2018 06:58:22

Many years spent studying and watching this sport allows one to intuit certain things. A bit like Malcom Gladwell describes in his book, "Blink"



BusterSci

03-08-2018 06:58:58

10,000 hours, eh?



Donny

03-08-2018 07:02:47

That only makes one an expert. He never does explain what happens when you have devoted far more time to something than that which is necessary to become an expert.
For example, you Buster, are much more than a snark expert!



BusterSci

03-08-2018 07:04:09

If I'm the prototype, you become annoying and pedantic.



Donny

03-08-2018 07:04:19

I am willing to wager you have spent far more than 10,000 hours perfecting your snark.
perhaps then after expert comes indifferent ?



BusterSci

03-08-2018 07:06:25

Listening to the Cycling Podcast. Daniel Friebe's nickname for Groanwagon in "The Atomic Tadpole."



Donny

03-08-2018 07:06:57

seems random?



BusterSci

03-08-2018 07:07:14

He claims it's because he's a lot smaller than anybody thinks.
Donny, after 10,000 you master the known knowns and you're aware of the known unknowns. After that you work on the unknown knowns and the rest of your life you try to know the unknown unknowns.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 07:10:10

Still chilly in France but dry. Any crosswind possibilities along the coast in Italy?



BusterSci

03-08-2018 07:10:49

Sorry, I'm not glued in enough, just typing as I walk past the computer while taking care of breakfasts for Ripley and Frau.
I'll be fully engaged in another 10m or so.
4:25 gap



Donny

03-08-2018 07:16:36

That stretch of coast is known for its winds but doubt there will be enough to shake up the boys on the road today.
Morning Jo!



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 07:17:50

Morning, All!
I've been meandering through FB this morning, didn't mean to be so late to the party.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 07:18:49

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They do 3 circuits of that thing.
Neutral zone now in France.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 07:20:04

The storm hit us hard for a few hours, and we ended up with 6-8 inches of really heavy, wet snow. Not the type of snow that you can easily push aside with a shovel or fling about the yard with a snow-blower. I think we'll try to wait for it to melt. :-P

Tim in KY



It takes a while for 8" to melt.

03-08-2018 07:21:12



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 07:21:48

Our Lab, Sofie (who we dub Snofie in the winter) just loves the stuff. Every time she takes a paw outside, she stops, drops and rolls, shoving her snout as deep as she can. It is too cute. Yeah, well, David is working from home again today; and, I doubt I'll be teaching...



BusterSci

03-08-2018 07:25:25

Checking Jo's mesmerizing wind website I see there will be crosswinds along the end of the route.
At TA
ON is tailwinds all the way.,



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 07:25:52

PN ticker reporting three riders with a 0:05 lead. Waste of bandwidth.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 07:25:53

PN. Freakin' autocorrect



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 07:27:21

I can turn the autocorrect off, but then you won't get such gems as: "fightous"



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 07:30:44

Chrome underlines words it doesn't recognize and offers suggestions but doesn't autocorrect.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 07:31:33

Chrome clearly doesn't have a "know it all" persona. :-)



BusterSci

03-08-2018 07:32:06

MacOS can do either or nothing. It used to allow the word if you backspaced over the correction and retyped it. Now it insists.
I'm not Chrome, obviously.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 07:33:18

Speaking of OS, I got my new iPhone battery yesterday. It feels heavier.



Donny

03-08-2018 07:34:13

Moving from Chrome to bronze adds weight, Tim. Or am I missing something like usual?



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 07:36:26

PN ticker has gone silent.



Donny

03-08-2018 07:37:02

With that I am outta here. Stuff to do on the first snow free day in recent memory. We even have a bit of

sun and 8c.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 07:39:23

Bye, Donny!

Are you already noticing an appreciable difference in battery life, Tim - or is it too early to tell?



BusterSci

03-08-2018 07:41:32

One of the guys in the TA break has sat up and the break becomes 3. 4:50 the gap
About 35km into the race.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 07:42:01

Too soon to tell, Jo. The real test will come in Paris this weekend.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 07:42:10

I looked into upgrading to allow multiple Keywords. Not sure it is worth it, I'd have to purchase a minimum of 20 additional Keywords, for \$40/year. I will throw it open to a vote, though - there's always "fund raising". :)



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 07:42:41

Not worth it.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 07:43:08

I wish I could have just picked up one or two more for a couple bucks...



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 07:43:39

Nicolas Edet (Cofidis), Jerome Cousin (Direct Energie), Julien El Fares (Delko Marseille Provence) and Nils Politt (Katusha) have 3:20 after 15 km.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 07:51:02

I'm with Tim. If we could get 5 for \$10 it would be worth it. 20 is 15 wasted.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 07:53:36

Gap is 3:45. Probably not much more leash than that. El Fares is only 4:04 behind LuLe.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 07:56:39

Write up an email and send a copy to Fubo and NBC. Ask for a \$40 sponsorship for your group of cycling fans, and for that amount you'll put their logo and link on your community chat page. Set up a deal with the codeword "Lugnuts" for a free month of their service. It works for podcasters.
If Fubo agrees, I'll sign up immediately after canceling my Comcast TV service.
6:50 the gap to the BMC led peloton at TA.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 08:07:18

Astana holding the gap to 3:30 at PN.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:10:05

I wonder if Sky has considered having Froome ride for Thomas at TA. Froome could still get in his race days, he could keep Thomas happy, and he and the team could defuse some of the discontent in the peloton and elsewhere by not having a virtual asterisk on the leaderboard. While there is certainly suspicion of the whole team, cycling does have a history of ignoring suspicions until they are backed up by a positive test (or AAF, if that's what you prefer.)



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 08:13:53

I am averse to AAF.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:14:43

I find them too analytical.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 08:15:42

Not a fan of findings...



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:16:24

The break of three wildcard riders (Gazprom, ICA and Williers) has jumped to 7:23



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 08:16:57

PN break is on the first climb.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 08:18:35

However, I am a fan of Standings.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:18:40

Froome appears to be doing a lot of chatting with riders from other teams. From my perspective they don't seem very congenial. The other riders, that is. Froome is smiling and talking with his head cocked to the side as is his wont, but the other riders appear to be giving him a bit of the ol' WTF.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 08:20:13

Uncomfortable tableau...



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:20:50

Ripley is telling me it's time to play tug o war. 89km to go, 7:17 in Italy.



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 08:24:34

Hi all.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 08:24:40

Hi Charles!



Tim in KY

Good morning.

03-08-2018 08:24:43



BusterSci

Charles, are you on Tiz or a steephill link today for TA?

03-08-2018 08:24:59



Joanna in New York

Uh oh, someone off the road inT/A
Boivin

03-08-2018 08:25:13



BusterSci

Boivin (ICA) just went head over heels

03-08-2018 08:25:32



Joanna in New York

He was in the middle of the pack, and just zig-zagged off to the left and into the ditch.

03-08-2018 08:26:02



BusterSci

He wears tGetting on a new bike
Touch of wheels and off he goes
Jo, what are you. streaming?

03-08-2018 08:26:11



Joanna in New York

L'Equipe

03-08-2018 08:27:01



BusterSci

Man, my wrists are dragging on my trackpad
Tiz or the Steephill link?

03-08-2018 08:27:09



Joanna in New York

SteePhill

03-08-2018 08:27:23



BusterSci

Is it clear? The Tiz link was quite choppy.

03-08-2018 08:27:40



Joanna in New York

Had to reload to get it to work. None of the other links worked for me yesterday. Yes, quite clear.

03-08-2018 08:28:00



BusterSci

The RAI links are pretty low res.

03-08-2018 08:28:00



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 08:28:19

Not the primo resolution, but clear enough.
No jumping or pixelation.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:29:00

About the same as RAI.
Maybe a bit better.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 08:30:52

There's the World Champ!! :)
Though the T/A Feed Zone.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:32:08

4.2km is the gap in distance at TA.
Michelson, BMC, QS have one rider each leading the chase, followed by the entire remaining DiData team.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 08:33:33

KOM points in France: 1. Cousin 7 points, 2. El Fares 5 points, 3. Edet 3 points, 4. Politt 2 points, 5. Pierre-Luc Perichon 1 point.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:33:36

81km to go



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 08:34:55

Sorry, I am on Tiz. I agree that it is not so good.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:35:45

I suspect TA will be finishing up about 15-20m after PN live feed starts.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 08:37:59

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Town of Brookhaven plow truck ends up fully engulfed by flames while pushing wet heavy snow overnight.
Yup, this kind of heavy, wet snow...
Taking the "Let's just melt this crap" approach.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 08:40:02

RAI coming in fine on my iPad.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:40:14

That's a maintenance problem. Snow was trigger, but the fault was already present.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 08:42:18

QS really pushing the pace at TA.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:42:35

I've got ads on my feed.
They're back.
Sure are. Cut 2 minutes off the gap in about 8km



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 08:44:39

At PN, the break is about to start the Cat 1 climb.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:45:21

Another 30s cut from the gap, it's 4:35 now
10s more



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 08:46:08

I wonder why the sudden urgency.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:46:26

Crosswinds ahead?
4:12



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 08:47:04

They don't look very near the coast yet.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:47:10

Tim, do you hotel or apartment in Paris?



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 08:47:48

We rent a flat near rue Cler.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:48:36

Ah. That's the area we typically stay in, too. A bit closer to Champ de Mars.
We've been thinking the next time we go we'd like to try a different area.
Bodnar (Bora) is off the back
Not sure why.
3:47



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 08:49:54

Unfortunately, the forecast is for some rain everyday.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:50:03

Majka in the cars
Bodnar must be dropping back for him
Or last Paris trip rained every day for two weeks, except the last.

3:33

Majka is back

Working up to the front. Gotta help somebody's favorite today.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 08:54:20

Terpstra doing the heavy lifting for QS.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:55:02

DiData sitting right behind the pullers but not adding any help.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 08:55:55

I wonder why DiDa is so up there. They've lost their sprinter.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:56:07

Training?

Quite near the coast, now.

About 5km or so.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 08:57:19

First they need to get to the other side of the motorway.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:58:03

It's flat enough they don't need to be directly on the coast.



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 08:58:29

Intermediate sprint coming up at 59 to go also. The break will get the points but maybe the pack wants a shot at the second intermediate sprint



BusterSci

03-08-2018 08:59:35

The chase has eased a bit. Been around 3:05 for a while.

Being below the motorway won't get them any wind, though.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 09:01:10

On the Cat 1 the gap is up to 4:15, o El Fares is virtual yellow.



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 09:01:35

Go El Fares.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 09:04:06

So that's what TV stands for.

Terpstra has pulled off.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:06:03

TV stands for Terpstra Vamoose.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 09:07:29

Big group, including all of Sky is OTB.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:08:44

Froome had something to do off to the side of the road.



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 09:08:55

Still going up the Cat 1 at PN



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:08:58

Not sure if it was mechanical or a Dumoulin break.



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 09:09:50

Sorry that was a question. Still going up the Cat 1 at PN?



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 09:10:24

Break is at the top.
Now over.



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 09:11:15

I am having no luck watching anything, except commercials. May be my internet provider or router or all of the above.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:12:08

I've had no ads for 30 minutes.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 09:12:54

KAT has put a man at the front.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:13:31

What will that KAT man do?



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 09:13:41

I have a new plan. I am going to spend the day cleaning and updating my laptop. It is bound to help.
Nice one and I am not talking about Mons.
How long have you been saving that one?



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:15:31

Just came to my mind when Tim typed.



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 09:15:59

You have a beautiful mind.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:16:50

For as long as I remember my brain has twisted sentences and words in odd ways. Not sure why or how it functions, but it happens.
GvA in the cars



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 09:18:25

I've got ads.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:18:38

Clean here.
50km to go, 2:24 the gap



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 09:18:55

Mine does not. That is why I have never done Limericks or Haiku or songs or anything creative. I appreciate those Lugnuts that do that stuff.
I am watching an italian eurosport feed. Not great but better than anything else today.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:21:31

Much of my career was spent writing and reviewing documents. Because of the various "needs" involved, it frequently involved compromise between saying things as directly and accurately as possible and saying things in a way that wouldn't draw attention or raise suspicions. Going back to Donny's 10,000 hrs comment, its a skill I never stopped using.
We've got a 2:00 gap now with 47.6km to go
KAT, QS, DE, BMC then the DiData boys lead the pack
Hi, Marc.
Welcome aboard.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 09:25:32

KOM points on the Cat 1: 1. Cousin 10 points, 2. Edet 8 points, 3. El Fares 6 points, 4. Politt 4 points.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:25:36

Jo, whazzup? You've said nothing since your plow blew up 45 minutes ago.



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 09:25:51

Buster, you might call Sky and offer your skills. They could use you.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 09:27:05

I suspect Jo has wandered off.



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 09:27:59

Probably playing in the snow.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:28:12

Charles, there's a story about that I've been dying to tell for 9 months, but I can't for a variety of reasons. Maybe some day.
It doesn't involve Sky, but it does involve a pro team.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 09:30:42

Tease.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:30:45

Now we have that period where the chase rests a bit and leaves the gap just far enough to dissuade attackers and close enough to close down quickly.
39km, 1:35 in TA
DiData has come off the front



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 09:36:28

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Snofie and I were out shoveling...



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 09:38:10

At PN a 1:00 difference between the race radio gap and the GPS gap. 5:20 or 4:15. Take your pick.
Did either of you catch fire Jo?



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 09:39:22

We managed to stay fire-free. :-) Although, my left arm is on fire, I fear tendonitis.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:39:22

:D



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 09:39:58

Canine conflagration is no joke!
:D



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 09:40:35

Now GPS admits to 5:15.
About 2 KU to go in France.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:42:54

I'm in a commercial break, preparing for the finale in Italy.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 09:43:21

Is Gold live yet? I have the "Begin Shortly" screen, just checking.



BusterSci

12 minutes

03-08-2018 09:43:32



Joanna in New York

Thanks!

03-08-2018 09:43:37



Tim in KY

1 KU to go in Italy.

Majka back in the cars again.

03-08-2018 09:44:13



Marc @ Toad Hall

I don't have Gold yet, and following T/A on Tiz (OK quality), but mostly stalling on getting out there to attack what looks to be 20" of damp white stuff. I may have to deal with it in installments, lest I become a snack for the coyotes.

03-08-2018 09:46:05



BusterSci

Under a minute

In TA

03-08-2018 09:46:39



Joanna in New York

Yup, Hubby and I have taken clearing it out in stages, and we have much less than you, Marc. It is melting and really heavy.

03-08-2018 09:47:16



Tim in KY

On the first of two Cat 3s at PN.

03-08-2018 09:49:00



Charles Davis

Who is the fav at TA?
I swear I just saw an animal...
upside down maybe

03-08-2018 09:49:21



BusterSci

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My lap has been taken over. Hard to type

03-08-2018 09:51:24



Charles Davis

Sweet.

03-08-2018 09:52:05



Marc @ Toad Hall

How about a pic of Artie in trhe snow?

03-08-2018 09:52:10



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:52:41

41 seconds at 27km. in TA



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 09:53:53

Oh yeah, Gaveria is here. Then Danny Van Poppel, Sagan. Ewan and Kittle off the podium. Eddie Bos maybe



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 09:54:33

I don't think they got snow in VA, which is where Artie currently resides.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:55:07

The break crosses the finish for the first time at TA



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 09:55:28

McLay, the ED sprinter has abandon PN.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:55:49

McLay down and quit.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 09:56:12

Gold is Live.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 09:56:49

I'm going to stick with TA until the finish.



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 09:57:09

3 laps at TA.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:57:37

Thats why they wanted to close things down early.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 09:57:40

Those turns on the circuit don't look as fierce as they do on the map.



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 09:57:51

24 Km 32 sec. Just rolling around until the last lap?



BusterSci

03-08-2018 09:58:30

MONS



RSoseman

03-08-2018 09:58:30

Hey everyone
Are they in the last laps at the TA for today's stage?



BusterSci

yes

03-08-2018 09:58:58



RSooseman

I am still down with the flu or allergies, or cold what have you?

03-08-2018 09:59:03



Charles Davis

yes in the 3 rd lap now

03-08-2018 09:59:11



Tim in KY

Over the first Cat 3, the gap is 4:02.

03-08-2018 10:00:38



Charles Davis

Theraflu is the answer

03-08-2018 10:00:40



Tim in KY

Fierce road furniture, though.

03-08-2018 10:01:52



RSooseman

someone brought me some generic theraflu, but I haven't tried it yet, I tend to stay away from remedies... but enough is enough

03-08-2018 10:03:26



Tim in KY

Even the hairpin is tame.

03-08-2018 10:03:26



Charles Davis

I have Cav on my fantasy team. 1st time ever, I believe. figures. Go Ewan.

03-08-2018 10:04:12



BusterSci

18km, 12s gap

03-08-2018 10:04:13



Joanna in New York

Flag Dude having to do the "shuck and jive" to avoid riders missing the turn.

03-08-2018 10:04:26



RSooseman

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new coin honors the only Sky member who didn't partake

03-08-2018 10:04:41



Joanna in New York

Snark from the Monsignor.

03-08-2018 10:05:31



RSoseman

03-08-2018 10:05:48

I was talking about the one on the right



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 10:06:07

Cat 3 KOM: 1. Cousin 4 points, 2. Edet 2 points, 3. El Fares 1 point.



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 10:06:10

So the Queen did partake?



BusterSci

03-08-2018 10:06:16

Ah, good. I've never seen Queenie on a bike ooh. Charles wins that one.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 10:07:01

It is difficult to effectively cycle while constantly giving the "Royal Wave", trust me...



RSoseman

03-08-2018 10:07:18

Joanna, you'll always reign in our hearts
Long Live Joanna!



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 10:07:29

11 secs 2 laps to go



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 10:07:36

:-*



BusterSci

03-08-2018 10:07:39

Nessie is three Cat 3s and an HC finish.



RSoseman

03-08-2018 10:08:02

LOL must be the crypto stage



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 10:08:42

Good one. I keep wanting to say Nice one but I afraid Mons will think I am talking to him.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 10:08:46

That makes the new coin cryptocurrency?



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 10:08:52

Aren't you guys glad I'm back from shoveling outside, so I can shovel inside?



Charles Davis

yes, my Queen.

03-08-2018 10:09:08



Joanna in New York

SAGAN! Sorry, just couldn't contain myself any longer.

03-08-2018 10:09:30



RSooseman

Only in fantasy

03-08-2018 10:10:23



Joanna in New York

Methinks the lads are about to be caught.

For Marc, not a current photo (from 2015), but one of my faves.

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Charles Davis

Trek has had a few wins this year and have three good sprinters maybe Nizzolo can be in the top three. Beautiful.

03-08-2018 10:13:17



BusterSci

Awesome

03-08-2018 10:13:57



Charles Davis

Caught. Now to some serious sprint trains.

03-08-2018 10:14:52



Marc @ Toad Hall

Ahh, I remember that pic showed up last fall when I mentioned Artie gamboling in my dream snow. Bleeding glorious. On another matter, who are the sadists who arrNGE THE FINAL BITS OF ITALIAN CYCLE RACES.

03-08-2018 10:14:56



Joanna in New York

ACME Course Designers?

03-08-2018 10:16:13



Tim in KY

This finish is tame compared to the Giro.

03-08-2018 10:16:48



Joanna in New York

Oh, cool! A Livestock Guardian Dog was just racing down the fenceline at PN. Beautiful dog!

03-08-2018 10:17:12



RSooseman

More like the Coyote hoping the finishes will knock the Roadrunners off the course. Yikes, some of those finishes are terrible, aren't they Marc?

03-08-2018 10:17:15



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 10:17:27

Probably a Maremma.
We had a lovely Maremma Sheepdog, named Madrigal, Maddie for short.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 10:17:56

Thats a mess!



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 10:18:20

Lots of Dudes on the deck!



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 10:19:04

A much reduced peloton.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 10:19:06

Very small lead group now with 6km to go.
Argy bargy going on!



BusterSci

03-08-2018 10:19:34

Dude tried to take out Sagz there!



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 10:19:43

Caruso and Sagan trading elbows.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 10:19:56

Sagan stood his ground, so to speak.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 10:20:20

Still 5 km to go.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 10:21:06

Sagan says "Remember when Cav tried that?"



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 10:21:17

My thoughts exactly...



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 10:22:31

Coming to the hairpin.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 10:22:58

ED staying up front



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 10:23:13

More bumping shoulders - should be an interesting finale.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 10:23:16

LottoS likes their chances



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 10:23:26

Who does ED have to sprint?



BusterSci

03-08-2018 10:23:55

Maybe just keeping Uran safe?

No.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 10:24:18

Hotting up!



BusterSci

03-08-2018 10:24:18

Kite



Donny

03-08-2018 10:24:21

Buster! ED staying up. Wow even for you wow



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 10:24:23

Kite.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 10:25:03

Sprint

Sagan can't close

Marcel



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 10:25:34

Crappy camera work.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 10:25:52

Kittel and Satz slap hands.



Joanna in New York


03-08-2018 10:25:54

Sagan congratulates Kittel.

Echo

Dudes look happy.

BusterSci


 That win opens the door for Marcel. Now we look for a Kite-Groanwagen head-to-head. 03-08-2018 10:26:33

 **Joanna in New York** 03-08-2018 10:26:52
I heard Groanwagen abandoned.
Is that incorrect information?

 **BusterSci** 03-08-2018 10:27:24
No idea. I was referring to future races.


 **Joanna in New York** 03-08-2018 10:27:31
Oh...

 **Tim in KY** 03-08-2018 10:27:33
All the sprinters are abandoning PN.


 **BusterSci** 03-08-2018 10:27:50
That's what I was hoping for when I picked my team.

 **Tim in KY** 03-08-2018 10:27:54
Looked like Noz got third.


 **BusterSci** 03-08-2018 10:28:11
Doe she have a Roman Noz?

 **Tim in KY** 03-08-2018 10:28:33
Now to Gold.

 **BusterSci** 03-08-2018 10:28:54
Does he >> Doe she. Interesting.

 **Charles Davis** 03-08-2018 10:29:21
Exciting finish though I could not see much due to the camera work and I still can't pick out the team COLORS YET.
Let's go PN.

 **Tim in KY** 03-08-2018 10:29:53
29 km in France 3:30.

 **BusterSci** 03-08-2018 10:31:40
Looks like everyone is haVING TROUBLES with inadvertent caPS LOCKS!



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 10:33:32

TA results: 1 Marcel Kittel (Ger) Katusha-Alpecin 2 Peter Sagan (Svk) Bora-Hansgrohe 3 Giacomo Nizzolo (Ita) Trek-Segafredo 4 Michal Kwiatkowski (Pol) Team Sky 5 Patrick Bevin (NZI) BMC Racing Team 6 Jakub Mareczko (Ita) Wilier Triestina-Selle Italia 7 Fernando Gaviria (Col) Quick-Step Floors 8 Danny van Poppel (Ned) LottoNL-Jumbo 9 Eduard Micheal Grosu (Rom) Nippo Vini Fantini 10 Simone Consonni (Ita) UAE Team Emirates



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 10:33:46

Typing is another skill that I lack.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 10:34:46

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Charles Davis

03-08-2018 10:37:05

Congratulations to Kittle and Bevins
Bevin



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 10:38:20

The last time PN finished in Sisteron the stage winner was LuLe.



Charles Davis

03-08-2018 10:39:34

Can the break stay away? Not many sprinter teams left.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 10:40:26

Lotto S and QS seems to want the gap closed.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 10:40:30

Every time I see "Sisteron", in my mind's eye I see/hear Darth Vader saying "Sisteron".
<https://youtu.be/w3MCLTXYFmc>



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 10:42:41

Crossing the finish line with 18 km to go.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 10:43:10

Drove this road 2 Novembers ago. Gorgeous. It was one of those mostly cloudy days with rain building but regular crepuscular rays coming through everywhere. One of the most glorious days of driving I've ever experienced.



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 10:43:49

Snow.



Joanna in New York

It's only a model.

03-08-2018 10:44:03



BusterSci

Good night, ding-ding-ding-ding-ding

03-08-2018 10:44:43



Tim in KY

Peloton crosses the line 2:00.

03-08-2018 10:44:47



BusterSci

Attacking isn't polite.

It's Politt

03-08-2018 10:45:24



Tim in KY

But futile.

03-08-2018 10:45:44



BusterSci

The name and country flag on the side is a nice touch on the Katusha kit. Should be bigger, though.

03-08-2018 10:46:28



Tim in KY

On the final Cat 3.

03-08-2018 10:46:28



Joanna in New York

He has some long legs...

03-08-2018 10:47:03



Tim in KY

Steepish.

03-08-2018 10:49:24



BusterSci

Anybody else getting audio glitches on Gold?

03-08-2018 10:49:25



Tim in KY

Yes.

03-08-2018 10:49:31



Joanna in New York

Yes, occasionally.

03-08-2018 10:49:52



BusterSci


OK, good. Not my connection, then.

03-08-2018 10:50:19


Tim in KY

 And narrowish. 03-08-2018 10:50:23

 **Joanna in New York** 03-08-2018 10:50:56
Snowyish, too.
And autocorrect didn't touch that one...

 **BusterSci** 03-08-2018 10:51:15
Sunnyish as well


 **Joanna in New York** 03-08-2018 10:51:27
Not very windyish.

 **Tim in KY** 03-08-2018 10:51:33
Cousin wants more points.
Gap under 1:00.

 **BusterSci** 03-08-2018 10:52:23
Haussler and a Didata looked to have gotten tangled

 **Joanna in New York** 03-08-2018 10:52:35
Bummed Dudes.

 **BusterSci** 03-08-2018 10:52:38
about a minute

 **Marc @ Toad Hall** 03-08-2018 10:53:10
I'd love to drive this road with something lithe, like an Alfa 4C.

 **BusterSci** 03-08-2018 10:53:10
55s
I'll take a motorcycle.

 **Joanna in New York** 03-08-2018 10:53:36
Horse.

 **Tim in KY** 03-08-2018 10:53:56
Wettish on the descent.

 **BusterSci** 03-08-2018 10:54:20
Luge board

Joanna in New York



Steepish, too. But in the other direction. :)

03-08-2018 10:54:20



BusterSci

Back up to 59s

03-08-2018 10:54:57



Tim in KY

standings

03-08-2018 10:55:45



BusterSci

Over a minute again
Sky has fallen off the front
Michelson Scott in front

03-08-2018 10:55:51



Tim in KY

This may stick.

03-08-2018 10:56:34



Charles Davis

Good racing.

03-08-2018 10:56:42



BusterSci

Very possible
and magically it's 50s again
45s

03-08-2018 10:56:43



Tim in KY

No, I think they're toast now.

03-08-2018 10:58:12



BusterSci

Agreed

03-08-2018 10:58:17



Tim in KY

Cousin has the dots, though.

03-08-2018 10:58:41



BusterSci

Max Headroom doing coverage.

03-08-2018 10:59:09



Tim in KY

Pollit Pissed.

03-08-2018 10:59:27



Marc @ Toad Hall

I'd be.

03-08-2018 10:59:39



BusterSci

Chicken man?

5.5km, 42s

03-08-2018 11:00:00



Joanna in New York

That's fowl...

03-08-2018 11:00:55



BusterSci

5km

40s

03-08-2018 11:01:09



Joanna in New York

Cousin found the front

Briefly

03-08-2018 11:01:17



BusterSci

5km for the chase

Sex sex sex, he said.

03-08-2018 11:01:56



Joanna in New York

I didn't think this was that SORT of chat.

03-08-2018 11:02:31



Tim in KY

The peloton doesn't seem to have their heart in it.

03-08-2018 11:03:07



Joanna in New York

Mountains = Max Headroom

03-08-2018 11:03:14



RSoseman

LOL

03-08-2018 11:03:23



BusterSci

I think they know when they turn it on they can close it down fast.

03-08-2018 11:03:42



Tim in KY

3 km.

03-08-2018 11:03:43



BusterSci

35s now

03-08-2018 11:03:48



Joanna in New York

Politt is really unhappy.

03-08-2018 11:04:30



BusterSci

03-08-2018 11:04:30

Politt is being less polite now.

27s

2.4km

2km, 25s



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 11:05:07

2 km.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 11:05:35

Managed to shame Cousin to take a pull, but it has doomed them both.



BusterSci

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20s

Polite tries to attack but gets no gap

17s

1.2km

16s

Kite



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 11:06:15

Kite.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 11:06:39

Astana leading

That was brutal fall



Tim in KY

03-08-2018 11:07:05

Tree trunk.



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 11:07:11

I don't want Politt to lose, but I don't want Cousin to win.



BusterSci

03-08-2018 11:07:24

Cousin goes



Marc @ Toad Hall

03-08-2018 11:07:36

I'm with Her Majesty



BusterSci

03-08-2018 11:07:50

Greipel 3rd?

Tim in KY



Cousin isn't going to win the sportsmanship trophy.

03-08-2018 11:09:00



Charles Davis

yep

03-08-2018 11:09:02



BusterSci

He's French. It's France. He wins every trophy today.

03-08-2018 11:09:18



Charles Davis

Two wins for Direct Energy. Same tactics for two wins. Not nice but it works.

03-08-2018 11:09:48



BusterSci

No prize for working hardest

03-08-2018 11:10:05



Charles Davis

It is a tough game

03-08-2018 11:10:57



BusterSci

I'll get tops 10s when CN posts them.

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Tim in KY

Finish faster than the fastest imaginable time. By 0:06.

03-08-2018 11:13:57



Charles Davis

In the crash at TA, Adam Yates was involved but rode on in.

03-08-2018 11:14:08



RSoseman

I was hoping my Cousin would win
I cannot Greipel about that

03-08-2018 11:14:43



BusterSci

That my be why we're waiting for the top 10 GC.
Quit being imPolitt, Mons.
GC stays as is.

03-08-2018 11:15:01



Marc @ Toad Hall

Thanks, everyone.

03-08-2018 11:16:33



BusterSci

Maybe not. Gold says Chaves was 10th before the stage. Now its Simon Yates.

03-08-2018 11:16:36



Joanna in New York

03-08-2018 11:17:07

Okay, gotta' go. Thanks, everyone! Have a great day!



RSooseman

03-08-2018 11:18:07

Don't be Kort with me.

Hasta la vista



BusterSci

03-08-2018 11:18:27

Magnus or Koen de?

Still waiting for a top 10 GC

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TTFN!