



**Tim in KY** VaE Stage 21 is a short 97 kilometers entirely within Andorra. And because of that the riders will find themselves reusing roads as they meander the Principality.

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**Tim in KY** //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1536948968-stage-20-route.jpg

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**Tim in KY** Reusing mountains, as well. Two climbs are done twice, one in opposite directions. Being as it's Andorra, there's next to no flat road. The first climb starts just one kilometer after the start. There are six categorized climbs on the day, a Cat 3, a Cat 2, three Cat 1s and the finish at the top of an HC.

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**Tim in KY** //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1536949154-stage-20-profile%20(1).jpg

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**Tim in KY** The final climb of the day is only 3.5 km long, but it averages 8.7%. In that 3.5 km there are 18 switchbacks.

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**Tim in KY** //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1536949502-stage-20-coll-de-la-gallina.jpg

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**Tim in KY** //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1536949512-stage-20-finish.jpg

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**Tim in KY** Start is scheduled at 14:54 CET (08:54 EDT), finish is imagined at 17:40 (11:40 EDT). Live video from the start. Forecast is for a good chance of rain and temps in the upper teens C.

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**BusterSci** Wait, are those route maps or X-rays of Alberto Contador's small intestine?

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**Marc @ Toad Hall** Tim, I hope you don't get much "backwash" from Florence.

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**Tim in KY** This is the best photo of the final climb that I can find.

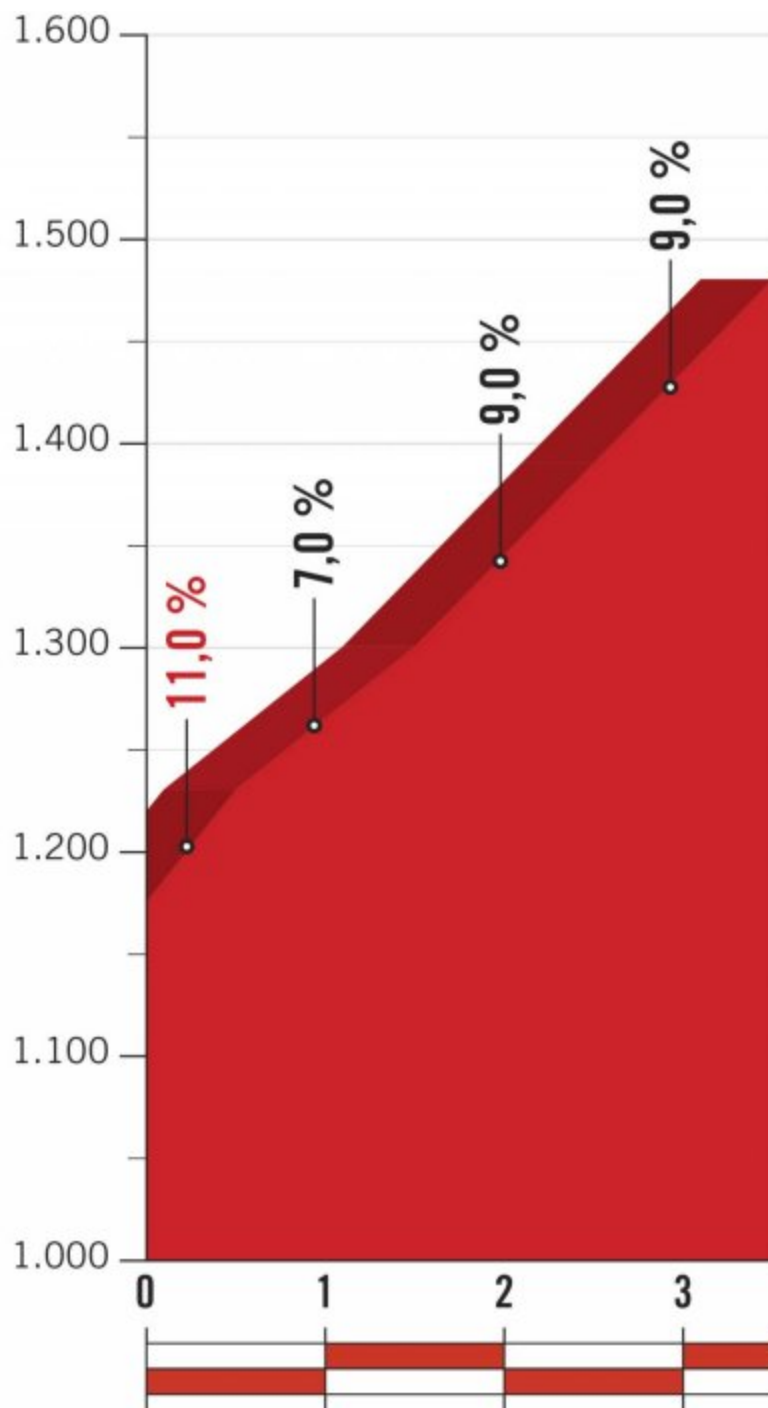
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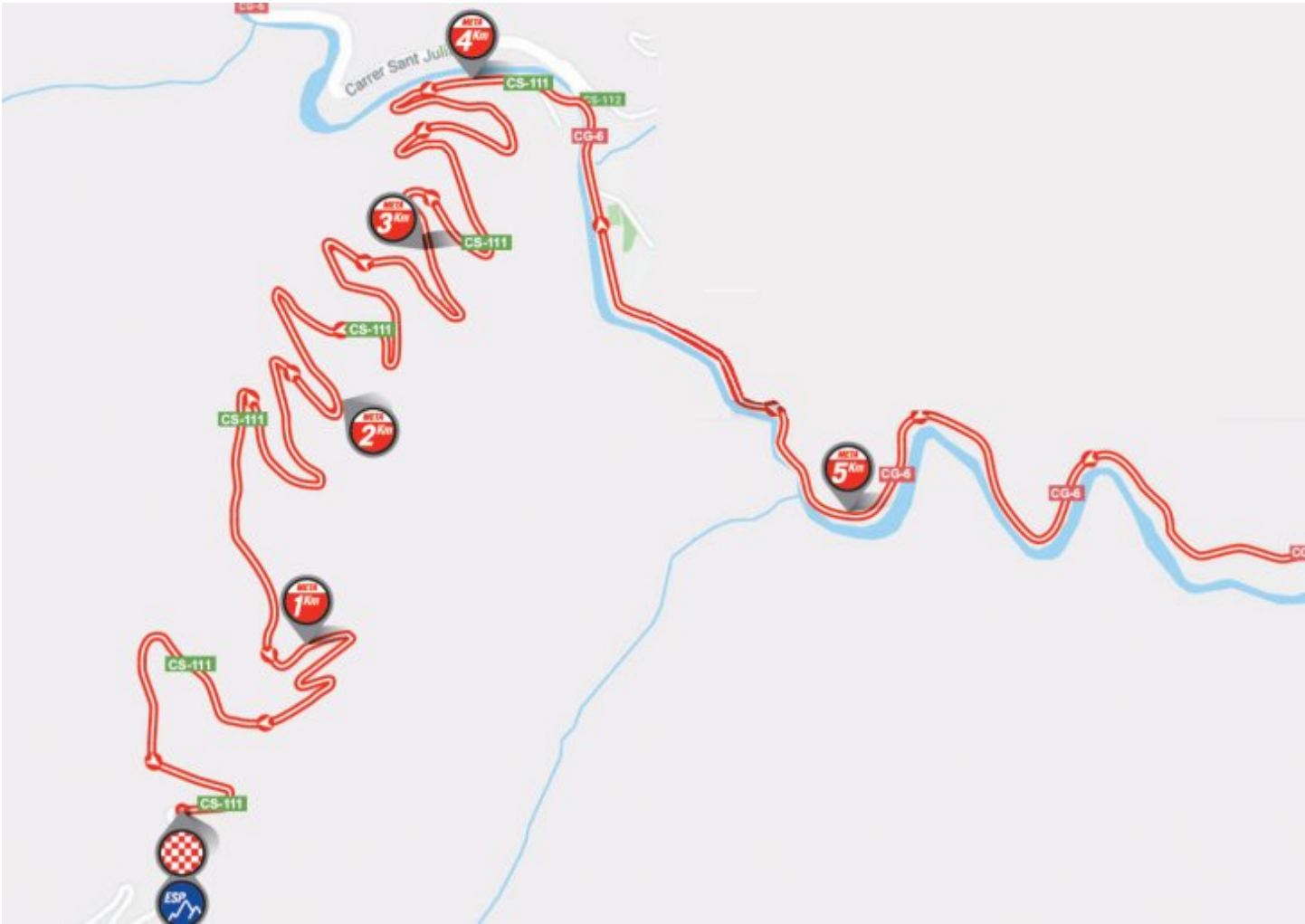


**ANDORRA.  
ESCALDES-ENGORDANY  
1.010 m**

**COLL DE LA GALLINA.  
SANTUARIO DE CANOLICH  
1.480 m**













**Tim in KY** //rumbletalk-images-

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**Tim in KY** Marc, we're supposed to get a little rain Sunday night and Monday, but the forecast keeps changing.

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**Tim in KY** It's mathematically possible for Sagan to take the green jersey from Valverde, but unlikely in reality. However, there are 58 KOM points up for grabs today so De Gendt is far from a lock. He leads Mate by 10 points and Mollema by 14.

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**Charles Davis** The center of Florence will probably go right over me as it enters Tenn. We will get rain and a little wind.

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**Charles Davis** That looks like a nice climb.

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**BusterSci** Says Charlie, who clearly isn't riding up it today... :)

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**Tim in KY** We don't get wind, just rain.

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**Tim in KY** Nice climb to watch.

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**BusterSci** That it will be

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**Charles Davis** I could ride today. You should see my driveway. It doesn't have any namby-pamby switchbacks.

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**Marc @ Toad Hall** Yes, Tim: it looks like Christmas for polka-dots today.

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**Charles Davis** I think Sagan has to beat Valverde today and tomorrow by a bunch of places to win the green jersey. Practice for the "Wprlds".

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**Charles Davis** Worlds

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**Tim in KY** 80% chance of thunderstorms in Andorra this afternoon, but so far, not. And the radar is clear.

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**Charles Davis** Should be quite a race for those dots.

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**BusterSci** I think the GC guys will be riding hard from the start and might neutralize the KOM race.

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**Tim in KY** Pinot is 32 points behind De Gendt. If he goes storming off the front early and stays there, he could even take the jersey. Fat chance.

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**BusterSci** Matt Keenan just posted this on Twitter, with the caption "Today's office", for those of us following on Gold.

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**Tim in KY** You'd think they'd have bigger monitors than that.

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**BusterSci** I paid it no attention, but since you mention it, I agree. They're not any bigger than a small laptop.

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**Tim in KY** Also kind of exposed if it does storm.

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**BusterSci** Ah, just electronics and tall aluminum poles. No biggie.

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**Tim in KY** I have a chore I need to get done before the race starts in earnest. Or in Andorra.

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**Charles Davis** I am reading stamp collecting stuff. I should be cleaning this living/working den that is kids room/library/offices/craft/game room but I am not gonna do it.

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**BusterSci** I cannot criticize that choice. Any time I set out to do something productive I'm distracted by something with a bushy tail and off I go.

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# China may be using sea to hide its submarines

and certainly not to further militarize outposts in the South China Sea."

The South China Sea - bounded by Vietnam, China, Taiwan, Japan, the Philippines and Malaysia - is one of the world's most important shipping lanes.

nuclear-powered. It also has at least three nuclear-powered submarines capable of launching ballistic missiles and is planning to add five more, according to a Pentagon report released last year.

In an April media briefing in Washington, a top

that developed by the United States and Russia. Its submarine program is a major part of that push. Since submarines can often avoid detection, they are less vulnerable to a first-strike attack than land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles or

United States was easily tracking their submarines in the open ocean.

So the Soviets created heavily mined and fortified zones for their subs to operate as close to the United States as possible. One was in the White Sea of northwest Russia and the other was in the Sea of



**BusterSci** Why didn't the US think of this?

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**Charles Davis** I thought we were. I have never seen a submarine around here.

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**Charles Davis** So can Yates stave off the pretenders for his thrown? I think yes but hope everyone throws everything they have into the effort to win.

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**BusterSci** I look at the lineup behind him and don't think someone there can take that much time. Yates has to crack to lose.

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**Miren Brinkman** Good morning!

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**BusterSci** Hi, Maite!

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**Tim in KY** And back.

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**Tim in KY** With a stamp collecting question for Charlie. My grandmother left me her stamp collection years ago. I've done nothing with it. It's been locked in a safe for decades. I know that the bales of first day covers are essentially worthless. There's also an album of plate blocks from the 1920s into the early '60s. Do those have any value?

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**Charles Davis** I need crosswalk, bennett, zakarin, and nibbles in a break and crosswalk to win the whole thing. Speaking in fantasy terms and I still won't catch Donnie because he has crosswalk.

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**Tim in KY** Bennett, Zak and Nibbles have shown themselves to be quite off-form this tour. I wouldn't expect much.

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**Tim in KY** Stream should be up in a few minutes.

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**BusterSci** I'm trying to figure out how I can drop below Brad to lock up last place.

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**Tim in KY** Looks very hazy.

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**Charles Davis** Tim, the plate blocks from 1940s forward are probably just face value. Those from the 30s are probably worth a little more and those in the 20s could be \$10-\$40 each. If you can get a photo of all of the pre 40s ones or an inventory I could give you a better idea.

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**Tim in KY** Thanks. First I would have to look up the combination to the safe.

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**BusterSci** Did you write it down and store it someplace? Like, maybe, in the safe?

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**Tim in KY** I'll look there first.

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**BusterSci** If I was in the peloton today I'd be saying "Hey, guys! Let's line up in a grid start!"

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**Charles Davis** I have the combination to my family's safe but I don't know the secret place to hit it with a hammer to get the last tumbler to fall. Very frustrating.

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**Charles Davis** I would do it.

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08:46:12



**Tim in KY** No news of any DNS this morning.

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**BusterSci** I swapped my safe on Craigslist. There was a coyote who was trying to get rid of an anvil and an instant hole. Seemed like a decent trade.

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**Tim in KY** Neutral start.

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**Tim in KY** Watermelon all over the front.

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**BusterSci** Like a Gallagher show.

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**SFinAtx** Gotta board a flight in a few minutes and ill miss the parade tomorrow. Thanks very much Tim and Buster for keeping things going day after day. Thanks to all who showed up too.

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**Charles Davis** Stamp collecting for investment is a tricky thing. Buy the best condition and the oldest and you might make money in a bunch of years. Buy the stuff everyone else is buying (sheets of stamps, first day covers, grab bag of 1000 stamps, elvis stamps) and you will have nothing. However, if you collect for fun, all of those things are cheap entertainment and you come out with a healthy appreciation for art, postal services, printing processes, geography, and all kinds of other stuff.

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**Tim in KY** Quick start.

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**Tim in KY** Roland is the first off the front.

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**BusterSci** I don't collect anything for the same reason I usually do poorly in Velogames. I just don't have the attention span to devote to understanding what to collect. Now, I have a decent wine collection that's worth way more than I paid for the bottles, but that wasn't purchased for investment or collection purposes, but rather because I like drinking the stuff.

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**BusterSci** Hey, we missed the 3KU point.

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**Tim in KY** On the first climb.

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**Miren Brinkman** Stream is up

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**Charles Davis** Buster I checked your and Brad's teams. He is to far behind. Even if his guys go crazy and yours ride like they have, he won't pass you. I am going to finish one place ahead of you as well.

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**BusterSci** Yeah, Viviani killed me.

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**Charles Davis** Where is Geoghegan Hart going?

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**Tim in KY** Unless he's OTL today, he'll kiil you tomorrow, too.

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**BusterSci** Just stretching his legs, Charlie.

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**Tim in KY** The sponsor wants some TV time for the jersey.

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**Tim in KY** Actually, it looks like he's going nowhere.

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**Charles Davis** I have crosswalk, lopez and sagan and still am at the bottom. This fantasy stuff is hard.

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**BusterSci** I like that the Vuelta figures Geoghegan is his last name and they drop the Hart, as they would for a Spaniard.

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**Tim in KY** Lotto S hauling De Gent to the front.

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**Charles Davis** Tiz also has the Grand Prix Impanis-Van Petegem 2018 on today.

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**Katie S** Good mornign, all. What a brutal way to start a race, with a climb right out of the gate. Welcome to Andorra.

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**Tim in KY** Why were you there, Katie?

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**Katie S** 2003 TdF. As I recall, no one won that year's race.

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**Katie S** And I don't have any photos of the person who did not win, either.

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**BusterSci** Any truth that it got its name from when people would pass through and ask "What country is this?" and locals would reply "It's-a France and/or-a Spain."

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**Tim in KY** De Gendt going for the 5 points.

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**Katie S** That's exactly it, Buster. In fact, I did my PhD dissertation on it.

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**Katie S** (piled higher and deeper)

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**Miren Brinkman** And de Ghent has gone

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**BusterSci** And caught by Kwiat, Mollema et al

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**Katie S** Am I today's only abandon? I'm supposed to be on my way to the airport to fly to Phoenix. I had to own up yesterday to the fact that the snot in my nose was not a foxtail I got stuck in there somehow. Can't visit a man in hospice with lung disease if you have a cold. Broke my heart to call hiim last night and tell him the news.

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**Tim in KY** Sorry Katie.

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**BusterSci** Is that Vincenzo practicing his mad descent?

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**Tim in KY** Results at La Comella (km 5.6):1. Thomas De Gendt (Lotto-Soudal) 5pts2. Bauke Mollema (Trek-Segafredo) 3pts3. Michal Kwiatkowski (Team Sky) 1pt. So De Gendt now leads by 16.

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**Tim in KY** Do we call this bunch a breakaway?

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**BusterSci** For now

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**BusterSci** They have at least 10 seconds

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**BusterSci** And De Gendt is there.

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**Tim in KY** If De Gendt is there, it's a breakaway.

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**BusterSci** Remember this on your SAT verbal: All groups containing de Gendt are breaks, but not all breaks contain de Gendt.

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**Tim in KY** For now Yates has his whole crew in front of him.

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**BusterSci** 50s

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**Katie S** thanks for making me break out into a cold sweat, Buster

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**Tim in KY** Majka is best-placed breaker at 12:48.

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**BusterSci** Question 2: Thomas de Gendt is to a breakaway as \_\_\_\_\_ is to the gruppetto..

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**Tim in KY** Cavendish?

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**Tim in KY** Actually, for this race it's Brandle.

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**Marc @ Toad Hall** Rolland?

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**Tim in KY** The break: Vincenzo Nibali, Gorka Izagirre (Bahrain-Merida), Dario Cataldo, Omar Fraile (Astana), Nicolas Roche (BMC Racing Team), Rafal Majka (Bora-hansgrohe), Thomas De Gendt (Lotto-Soudal), Nelson Oliveira (Movistar Team), Amanuel Ghebreigzaber (Dimension Data), Michael Woods (Education First-Drpac), David De La Cruz, Michal Kwiatkowski (Team Sky), Bauke Mollema (Trek-Segafredo), Jose and Jesus Herrada (Cofidis)

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**BusterSci** The classical answer is "Cipo" but we'll accept Cav, Brandle, or, for tests taken in July, Craddock.

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**BusterSci** Rolland gets a half point for snark. Tejay would have worked there, too.

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**Tim in KY** We're on the first Cat 1 already.

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**Katie S** is this a road or a municipal bike path?

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**Marc @ Toad Hall** Mollema looks great!

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**Tim in KY** What has Mollema been smoking? It's still 5 km to the top.

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**BusterSci** Math question: If the pharmacokinetic half life of today's "special delivery" is 150 minutes, the detection limit is 10 nanograms, and you can't be tested between 10PM and 6AM, how much can you take and still not trigger a positive?

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**Marc @ Toad Hall** "I'll take EPO for \$400, Alex."

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**Tim in KY** And what is MTS up to with that road block?

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**versajan** Good morning! Back from the road trip. Glad to join you for this pointy stage.

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**BusterSci** It's actually a double trick question. First, you don't have enough information, and second, you've already paid off the guy collecting samples and the guy running the test lab.

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**Tim in KY** Quintana trying to wear out MTS.

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**Tim in KY** Good morning, Janet.

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**BusterSci** I suspect MTS new that Movii came to play so they tried to shut that down. Or Simon was having a panic attack and they wanted to let him catch his breath.

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**Tim in KY** De Gendt has distanced Mollema.

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**Marc @ Toad Hall** When did de Gendt last win a GT stage?

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**Tim in KY** Last year in the Vuelta.

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**BusterSci** Stage 17,

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**BusterSci** And stage 12 in the 206 tour before that.

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**Marc @ Toad Hall** Thanks, Tim & Buster.

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**Tim in KY** He's won a stage in all three GTs. But just one each.

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**BusterSci** Also a stage in the 2012 Giro.

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**Tim in KY** Nibali, Rafal Majka, Michael Woods, Michal Kwiatkowski and Bauke Mollema are 0:05 behind De Gendt.

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**Katie S** Since we're one day out from the finale, I will take a moment to be sappy. I love this little grupetto of Nuts. It's a pretty special thing we have.

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**BusterSci** Rik van Looy and Freddy Maertens have one at least 7 stages in all three GTs. Merckx, Hinault, Petacchi and Marino Basso have won at least 6 stages in all three.

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**Tim in KY** 1 km to the top for De Gendt.

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**Tim in KY** Another 10 points for De Gendt

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**BusterSci** 96 total riders have at least 1 stage in all three GTs.

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**Tim in KY** You're gonna wear Google out, Buster.

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**BusterSci** Not I. Duck Duck Go. I avoid Google as much as humanly possible.

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**Tim in KY** De Gendt now leads KOM by 24 points but there are still 43 on offer.

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**Tim in KY** The sprint point is at the bottom of this descent.

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**Marc @ Toad Hall** I don't think either Mate or Mollema has much chance, but we'll see.

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**Tim in KY** Mate has zero chance. He's still sick and struggling just to finish the race.

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**Katie S** Well, Buster, I've just added Duck Duck Go to my Firefox. Cute logo. I'm in.

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**Tim in KY** Gallopin having troubles today.

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**BusterSci** I also suspect that the GC gang will close things down in the last few climbs and gobble up those points.

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**Charles Davis** I am now a Duck

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**Charles Davis** Duck Goer

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**Tim in KY** A GC guy will likely get the 20 on the HC climb and that's all De Gendt needs.

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**Tim in KY** Woods does not look like a confident descender.

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**Miren Brinkman** Jordi Simon who crashed against a Katusha team car has 5 broken ribs as well as both scapulas and other problems. There has been a deterioration but that often happens according to docs in the first 72 hours. So far, no surgery is planned

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**Katie S** yikes Aru, no dumpster diving !

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**Tim in KY** Brief flat stretch for the front group, And then it's right back up another Cat 1.

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**Tim in KY** Sprint goes uncontested.

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**BusterSci** I am under the impression that we've seen two opposites in the Tour and the Vuelta. The Tour had a number of thrilling stages but the overall GC battle was comparatively dull. The Vuelta has had a fascinating GC battle, but for the most part the individual stages have been pretty dull.

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**Marc @ Toad Hall** 2 KUs

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**Marc @ Toad Hall** Good point, Buster. Still, I like the shorter stages that the Giro first presented.

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**Gilliemarie** Another non google fan here. Been using startpage.com for years

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**Charles Davis** Yes, the stages seemed to be generally dull with a few good finishes.

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**Tim in KY** And, back up they go.

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**Katie S** my legs hurt

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**BusterSci** 2:45 the gap

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**BusterSci** 64.8km

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**versajan** When I chatted with bikerabe yesterday he said his legs were a bit tired to :S-

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**Katie S** say it ain't so!

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**versajan** How did that emoji get there?

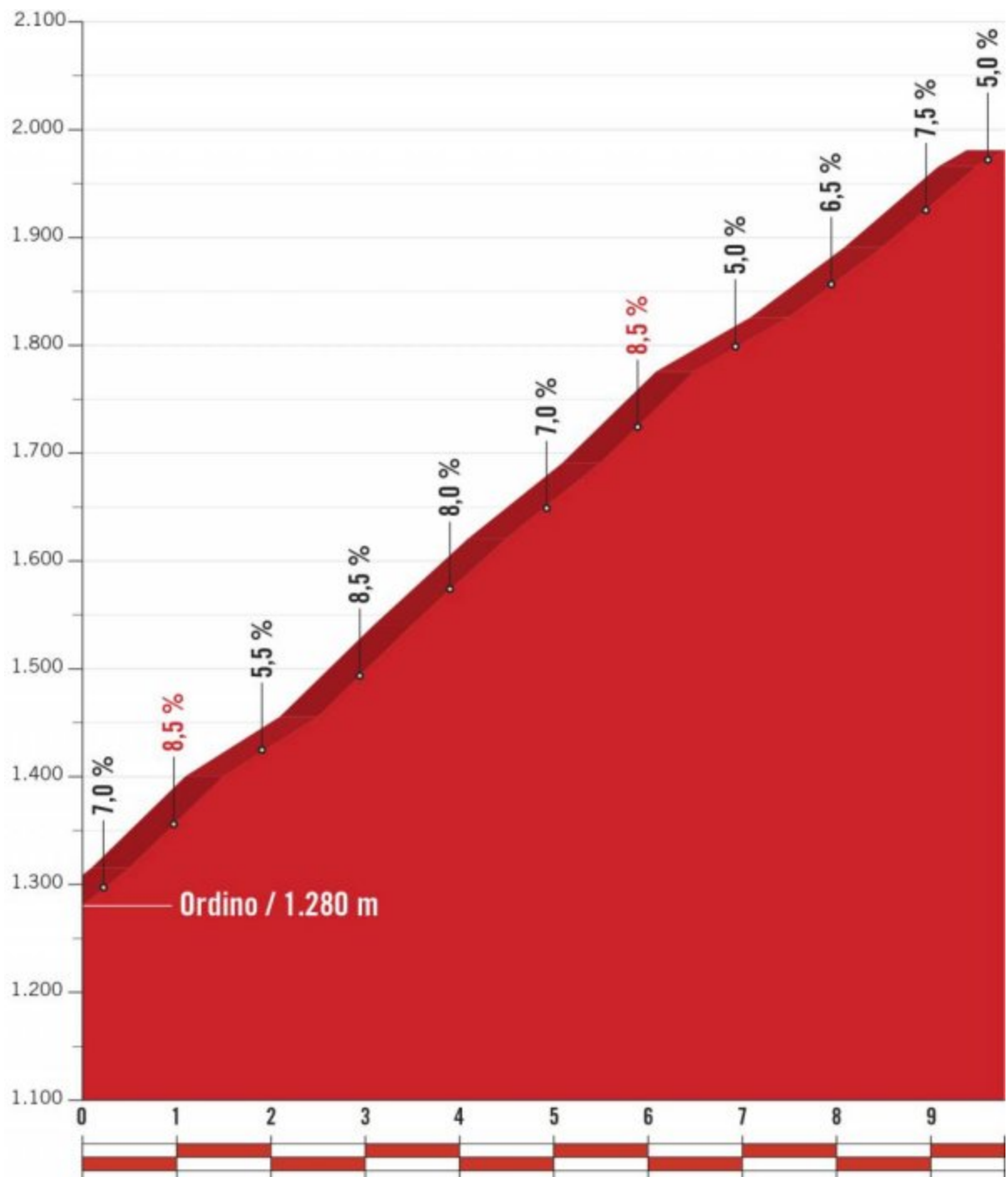
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**Katie S** they're sneaky little gremlins.

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**Velocast Productions Limited** @vel... 1m

Movistar Vuelta team as imagined by  
Sean Kelly:

Alexander Valverde  
Norman Quiztana  
Andy Amador  
Winston Anaconda  
Danny Bennetti  
Richard Carpark  
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Nelson Oliver



**Tim in KY** This climb:

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**Tim in KY** //rumbletalk-images-

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**versajan**

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10:05:07



**Tim in KY** Dario Cataldo, Omar Fraile (Astana), Nicolas Roche (BMC Racing Team), Nelson Oliveira (Movistar), Amanuel Ghebreigzhabier

(Dimension Data), Ilnur Zakarin (Katusha Alpecin), David de la Cruz (Team Sky), Jai Hindley (Team Sunweb) and Jesus Herrada (Cofidis) are just 0:09 behind the leaders. 6.4 km to the top.

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10:05:48



**Tim in KY** Now the front group is caught by the chasers.

15-Sep-2018  
10:07:54



**Tim in KY** Aru dropped.

15-Sep-2018  
10:08:09



**Katie S** long live Aru

15-Sep-2018  
10:08:24



**versajan** His troubles continue

15-Sep-2018  
10:09:17



**BusterSci** With the damage he took to his back, and being out of the race, no reason for him to do too much. I hope he can turn it around, though.

15-Sep-2018  
10:10:19



**versajan** Gold said Aru is in a "state o

15-Sep-2018  
10:10:38



**Katie S** i admire the guys who are beat up and still slog on

15-Sep-2018  
10:11:05



**versajan** "State of Bother". Channeling Phil?

15-Sep-2018  
10:11:24



**versajan** Katie S me too.

15-Sep-2018  
10:11:51



**Tim in KY** 60 km, 2:39.

15-Sep-2018  
10:12:30



**Marc @ Toad Hall** I think the pinnacle of macho was Beto doing 10 K with a broken leg.

15-Sep-2018  
10:12:46



**Marc @ Toad Hall** Berto.

15-Sep-2018  
10:12:55



**Miren Brinkman** Agreed

15-Sep-2018  
10:13:07



**BusterSci** Ah. I was going to say that I didn't know O'Rourke was even a cyclist.

15-Sep-2018  
10:13:23



**Tim in KY** Astana putting pressure on MTS.

15-Sep-2018  
10:13:39



**Katie S** Simon and Adam telling motos to move the f outta the way ... exhaust fumes? or personal space?

15-Sep-2018  
10:15:50



**Tim in KY** Gap is down to 2:02 after the Astana push.

15-Sep-2018  
10:15:50



**BusterSci** Simon, at least, has had an ongoing battle with vehicles this year. I bet I've seen him yelling and gesturing at them at least a dozen times.

15-Sep-2018  
10:18:10



**Tim in KY** Gap is down to 1:39.

15-Sep-2018  
10:18:38



**Katie S** Hmmmm.... is that a diva personality emerging? Or just an irritated Irishman?

15-Sep-2018  
10:18:45



**Miren Brinkman** Power down. No internet. No tv. Bummer. Im relying on you guys 100%

15-Sep-2018  
10:19:11





**Tim in KY** Except he's English.

15-Sep-2018  
10:19:18



**BusterSci** Born in Manchester

15-Sep-2018  
10:19:53



**Tim in KY** Jesus has attacked the front group.

15-Sep-2018  
10:20:36



**Katie S** so, diva

15-Sep-2018  
10:20:47



**Katie S** (and, yes, my face is red)

15-Sep-2018  
10:20:54



**BusterSci** It wasn't as bad as Charlie saying I was from Wisconsin the other day. But I let that pass.

15-Sep-2018  
10:21:30



**Tim in KY** Ion Izzy is struggling.

15-Sep-2018  
10:21:40



**Miren Brinkman** I dont think its diva. Probably breaking his concentration

15-Sep-2018  
10:22:01



**Katie S** yeah, agreed. I would hate to have a sputtering moto with a giant lens pointed back at me for hours and days on end while I'm busting my rear

15-Sep-2018  
10:22:43



**Tim in KY** Jesus gets 10 KOM points. De Gendt yawns.

15-Sep-2018  
10:22:57



**Tim in KY** Mas hurting.

15-Sep-2018  
10:23:52



**Tim in KY** Almost 20 km of descent now.

15-Sep-2018  
10:24:24



**Trish in MA** Good morning all. Such a luxury to watch and chat at the same time.

15-Sep-2018  
10:24:32



**Katie S** Hi, Trish!

15-Sep-2018  
10:25:06



**Trish in MA** //rumbletalk-images-

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10:28:18

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**Trish in MA** Carlene In NH and I got to watch the final climb last night - or we tried to - after an excellent tapas dinner replete with 2 bottles of cava (there were 5 of us)

15-Sep-2018  
10:28:20



**Katie S** Is that why you're upside down? All that cava?

15-Sep-2018  
10:28:36



**Katie S** Fun picture!1

15-Sep-2018  
10:28:41



**Tim in KY** At the bottom, they go right back up. And it will be de ja vu all over again. Second time up this one:

15-Sep-2018  
10:28:55



**BusterSci** Gravity is so overrated.

15-Sep-2018  
10:29:04



**Tim in KY** //rumbletalk-images-

15-Sep-2018  
10:29:04

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**Trish in MA** How do you get the photo to be right side up? It just loaded like that!

15-Sep-2018  
10:29:13



**Katie S** (I dunno. i think that's the platinum membership level)

15-Sep-2018  
10:29:35



**Tim in KY** Click the picture and it rotates.

15-Sep-2018  
10:29:35



**Gilliemarie** Pic is right side up on my iPad

15-Sep-2018  
10:30:04



**BusterSci** And if you click on it it's right.

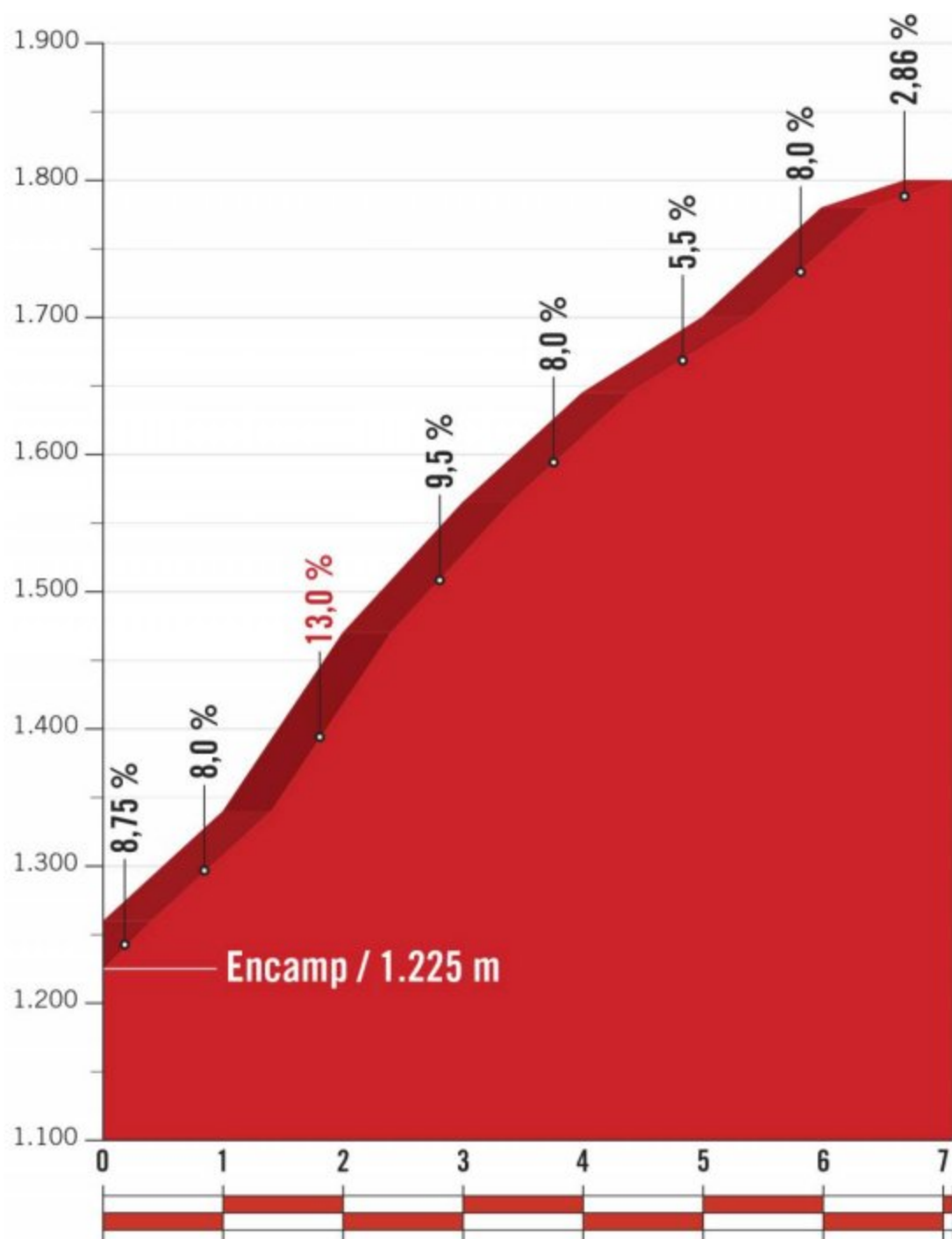
15-Sep-2018  
10:30:39



**Tim in KY** 49 km, 1:15.

15-Sep-2018  
10:30:39







**versajan** Right side up for me too. And tapas, yum!

15-Sep-2018  
10:31:16



**Tim in KY** Herrada will probably be caught on the descent.

15-Sep-2018  
10:31:47



**Katie S** the engineering that went into these roads .. zowie

15-Sep-2018  
10:32:18



**Katie S** or people with a lot of cava and a drawing board

15-Sep-2018  
10:32:39



**Trish in MA** They were excellent. The owner is from Catalonia. We had octopus, croquettes, crab, asparagus, quail, empanadillas, lamb, artichokes, and some other stuff.

15-Sep-2018  
10:33:23



**Marc @ Toad Hall** Sumptuous.

15-Sep-2018  
10:34:01



**versajan** Reminds me of when I nibbled my way across Spain.

15-Sep-2018  
10:34:46



**Tim in KY** Herrada caught, btw.

15-Sep-2018  
10:35:38



**Tim in KY** Mollema would have to win the stage to get the dots.

15-Sep-2018  
10:36:55



**Marc @ Toad Hall** Not bloody likely.

15-Sep-2018  
10:37:36



**BusterSci** Frau went shopping and Ripley decided it was time to monopolize my lap and attention. Typing one handed is slow.

15-Sep-2018  
10:38:33



**Tim in KY** Going up. Again.

15-Sep-2018  
10:40:11



**versajan** If Ripley wants pets your typing hand might have a different rhythm?

15-Sep-2018  
10:42:15



**Trish in MA** Not many eijits on this climb so far

15-Sep-2018  
10:42:16





**Katie S** one thing about the eejits at the Vuelta ... it seems to me that spectators at the Vuelta are actually there to watch the race rather than to get drunk, wear mankinis and get on TV. Oh, and light chalk flares.

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10:43:10



**Tim in KY** Omly 0:51 now.

15-Sep-2018  
10:44:09



**Tim in KY** Break falling apart.

15-Sep-2018  
10:45:40



**Katie S** Tim, do you know what the total climbing is on today's stage?

15-Sep-2018  
10:46:30



**Tim in KY** Lopez attacks.

15-Sep-2018  
10:46:33



**Tim in KY** >3000 meters.

15-Sep-2018  
10:46:48



**Katie S** and how are we vs. imaginable (imaginary) times?

15-Sep-2018  
10:51:46



**versajan** I think I saw a pink bunny

15-Sep-2018  
10:51:59



**BusterSci** Been off the sauce a while, Jan?

15-Sep-2018  
10:52:14



**versajan** Too true Buster.

15-Sep-2018  
10:52:44



**Tim in KY** Slower than the slowest imaginable time by a few minutes.

15-Sep-2018  
10:52:56



**BusterSci** Nibs sticks with the Lopez trio

15-Sep-2018  
10:53:10



**BusterSci** 25 to Lopez, 47 to Saddam.

15-Sep-2018  
10:53:20



**BusterSci** 2.6km to climb

15-Sep-2018  
10:53:29



**BusterSci** 36 left in the stage

15-Sep-2018  
10:53:39



**BusterSci** 3000m of climbing, but in only 100km of racing. that's a lot of climb in 100km

15-Sep-2018  
10:54:28



**BusterSci** Lopez group catching Mollema

15-Sep-2018  
10:54:40



**BusterSci** Majka drops De La Cruz

15-Sep-2018  
10:54:52



**BusterSci** 14s and 34s

15-Sep-2018  
10:55:03



**BusterSci** Mollema hangs onto Nibali's wheel

15-Sep-2018  
10:55:20



**BusterSci** Sadam keeping it close

15-Sep-2018  
10:55:34



**Tim in KY** Lopez only has 0:20.

15-Sep-2018  
10:55:56



**BusterSci** 9s and 31s

15-Sep-2018  
10:56:20



**BusterSci** Lopez has lost his Astana buds

15-Sep-2018  
10:56:40



**BusterSci** Nibs and Mollema working with him

15-Sep-2018  
10:56:50



**BusterSci** De La Cruz back with Majka

15-Sep-2018  
10:57:05



**BusterSci** Soon to be 5 in front

15-Sep-2018  
10:57:18



**BusterSci** Woods can't hang with the Sadam group

15-Sep-2018  
10:57:49



**BusterSci** Kelderman fading, too

15-Sep-2018  
10:57:57



**BusterSci** Jesus with Sadam group

15-Sep-2018  
10:58:20



**Tim in KY** Pinot and Uran still with Sadam.

15-Sep-2018  
10:58:31



**BusterSci** Almost caught in front

15-Sep-2018  
10:58:32



**Katie S** Jesus and Sadam walked into a bar

15-Sep-2018  
10:58:48



**versajan** Buster that sounds like a South Park episode

15-Sep-2018  
10:58:57



**BusterSci** Mr Hat attacks!

15-Sep-2018  
10:59:16



**Katie S** creepy

15-Sep-2018  
10:59:31



**BusterSci** Lopez attacks, and Simon goes with

15-Sep-2018  
10:59:39



**BusterSci** Simon gets the points

15-Sep-2018  
10:59:43



**BusterSci** Going down

15-Sep-2018  
10:59:52



**Katie S** Simon says NO

15-Sep-2018  
10:59:59



**Katie S** 1 KU

15-Sep-2018  
11:00:25



**BusterSci** Nairo attacking on the descent

15-Sep-2018  
11:00:32



**BusterSci** I count 16 leaders

15-Sep-2018  
11:01:04



**Katie S** descending is when Q wishes he wasn't so freaking light.

15-Sep-2018  
11:01:07



**BusterSci** 13 now in front

15-Sep-2018  
11:02:27



**Tim in KY** ASO counts 14.

15-Sep-2018  
11:02:27



**BusterSci** Yup. 13 plus Nairo

15-Sep-2018  
11:02:39



**Katie S** valiant effort, but I don't think he's going to gain much from it

15-Sep-2018  
11:03:06



**Katie S** except it's fun

15-Sep-2018  
11:03:13



**BusterSci** Yup. Long distances on a descent are just a few seconds

15-Sep-2018  
11:03:35



**Tim in KY** Last time they got to the bottom of this descent, they turned right, this time left.

15-Sep-2018  
11:04:08



**BusterSci** Woodsy descends like a runner

15-Sep-2018  
11:04:13



**BusterSci** It's a purple intersection, eh Tim?

15-Sep-2018  
11:04:33



**Tim in KY** Very.

15-Sep-2018  
11:04:52



**BusterSci** some of you guys with kids should kit cycling kit with "Velocidad" on it.

15-Sep-2018  
11:07:04



**Katie S** clever

15-Sep-2018  
11:07:30



**BusterSci** Nairo is getting a bit more separation but it doesn't look that significant. a handful of seconds.

15-Sep-2018  
11:08:08



**BusterSci** At least 16 chasing Nairo now.

15-Sep-2018  
11:08:37



**Tim in KY** ASO counts 17.

15-Sep-2018  
11:09:22



**BusterSci** The camera cut away before I could get the last guy.

15-Sep-2018  
11:09:39



**BusterSci** It'd be funny if they went into the tunnel and came right out going the other direction.

15-Sep-2018  
11:10:00



**BusterSci** Add a little Benny Hill music.

15-Sep-2018  
11:10:17



**Tim in KY** Tunnel is 4 km long.

15-Sep-2018  
11:10:24



**Trish in MA** Hi Katie

15-Sep-2018  
11:10:58



**BusterSci** //rumbletalk-images-

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11:11:36



**Katie Lane** Hi! Trying this by cell phone, But it always starts this crazy scrolling screen thing

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11:11:50



**Katie Lane** But it always starts this crazy scrolling screen thing

15-Sep-2018  
11:11:52



**Katie Lane** And echo echo echoing

15-Sep-2018  
11:12:08



**BusterSci** You have to expand to full screen. On the green bar

15-Sep-2018  
11:12:12



**Trish in MA** Put it in full-screen mode

15-Sep-2018  
11:12:17



**Katie S** Hi Katie L Hi Katie L Hi Katie L

15-Sep-2018  
11:12:39







**BusterSci** Up. Up, now to the right, no, higher, yes. Got it

15-Sep-2018  
11:12:41



**BusterSci** They're out!

15-Sep-2018  
11:13:04



**BusterSci** 3 seconds for Nairo

15-Sep-2018  
11:13:20



**Katie Lane** So, no really big surprises today? Print to small and i'll Get carsick if I try to look back....

15-Sep-2018  
11:14:13



**BusterSci** Lopez crosses to Nairo

15-Sep-2018  
11:14:15



**Katie Lane** Too small

15-Sep-2018  
11:14:24



**Katie Lane** As I get older, print seems to get smaller and smaller.

15-Sep-2018  
11:14:59



**Katie Lane** And so do the Colombian climbers.

15-Sep-2018  
11:15:14



**Tim in KY** There is still a Cat 3 before the HC.

15-Sep-2018  
11:15:14



**BusterSci** Let's just all agree to accept that none of us are idiots and typing on various devices can be hard sometimes. Corrections are not required. It would save me some time.

15-Sep-2018  
11:15:22



**Katie Lane** Ok. To keep me Ralph thing all over the rental car, can someone give a brief encapsulation of what's going on?

15-Sep-2018  
11:16:10



**BusterSci** Guys are racing

15-Sep-2018  
11:16:36



**Tim in KY** Up and down, up and down.

15-Sep-2018  
11:16:50



**BusterSci** Lopez leads the rest of the GC contenders by a few seconds

15-Sep-2018  
11:16:51



**BusterSci** 19.7km remain

15-Sep-2018  
11:16:58



**Trish in MA** Dudes out front, dudes off the back, dudes in between

15-Sep-2018  
11:17:13



**BusterSci** 2.9km on the Cat 3, then descent and up the final especial

15-Sep-2018  
11:17:18



**Tim in KY** There is a big group 2:00 behind red.

15-Sep-2018  
11:17:21



**Katie Lane** Is mas in the leaders group as well

15-Sep-2018  
11:17:25



**BusterSci** I get 12s gap

15-Sep-2018  
11:17:42



**BusterSci** He is, Katie, but he's looked to be struggling

15-Sep-2018  
11:17:54



**BusterSci** He was dropped for a bit on the last climb

15-Sep-2018  
11:18:07



**Katie Lane** Lopez wants the young riders competition for sure

15-Sep-2018  
11:18:16



**Katie Lane** I think that's what he is shooting for with his moves now.

15-Sep-2018  
11:18:38



**BusterSci** Nario working with Superman

15-Sep-2018  
11:18:40



**BusterSci** Stage win

15-Sep-2018  
11:18:51



**Katie Lane** Kind of soon for a move isn't it?

15-Sep-2018  
11:19:27



**BusterSci** Depends on how strong you think you are.

15-Sep-2018  
11:20:08



**BusterSci** Do you believe?

15-Sep-2018  
11:20:14



**BusterSci** Ask Cher.

15-Sep-2018  
11:20:22



**BusterSci** They've got some decent time.

15-Sep-2018  
11:20:47



**BusterSci** At least 15s

15-Sep-2018  
11:20:51



**Trish in MA** So they just ran a commercial for Gold for the Vuelta. A bit late, don't you think?

15-Sep-2018  
11:20:58



**BusterSci** Yates rides away

15-Sep-2018  
11:21:32



**BusterSci** Mas follows

15-Sep-2018  
11:21:34



**BusterSci** Mas closes

15-Sep-2018  
11:21:40



**Tim in KY** 15 seconds ain't gonna help Lopez.

15-Sep-2018  
11:21:47



**BusterSci** ran trying to close as well

15-Sep-2018  
11:21:51



**BusterSci** Lopez is dropping Nairo

15-Sep-2018  
11:22:22



**Donny** Morning all! I don't have video today so keep those updates coming!

15-Sep-2018  
11:22:39



**Katie S** Yates is riding a smart Vuelta. He learned from his prior experience...

15-Sep-2018  
11:22:41



**BusterSci** Lopez crosses first

15-Sep-2018  
11:22:45



**BusterSci** Descending

15-Sep-2018  
11:22:51



**BusterSci** Crosswalk leads the rest across

15-Sep-2018  
11:23:04



**BusterSci** Mas working with Yates

15-Sep-2018  
11:23:12



**Tim in KY** De Gendt ices the dots by not being there.

15-Sep-2018  
11:23:21



**BusterSci** The best way

15-Sep-2018  
11:23:29



**BusterSci** 7s they say

15-Sep-2018  
11:23:50



**BusterSci** De la Cruz not descending well.

15-Sep-2018  
11:24:13



**BusterSci** 15km

15-Sep-2018  
11:24:30



**BusterSci** 7s looks right

15-Sep-2018  
11:24:39



**Tim in KY** Climb starts at 3.7 km.

15-Sep-2018  
11:24:51



**BusterSci** Boy, if Simon cracks, he needs to learn some discipline. This is entirely unnecessary.

15-Sep-2018  
11:25:26



**BusterSci** It's panache, though.

15-Sep-2018  
11:26:07



**Tim in KY** Yates only has 0:11 on the rest.

15-Sep-2018  
11:27:07



**BusterSci** 12km

15-Sep-2018  
11:27:20



**BusterSci** Graphic is .5km off

15-Sep-2018  
11:27:27





**BusterSci** What's up with De La Cruz? He's mailing it in.

15-Sep-2018  
11:27:53



**BusterSci** 11km

15-Sep-2018  
11:28:30



**BusterSci** .3km off now

15-Sep-2018  
11:28:35



**BusterSci** Bauke Mollema gets most combative of the race. He's been a break monster

15-Sep-2018  
11:29:19



**BusterSci** 10 in the Valverde group.

15-Sep-2018  
11:29:44



**Tim in KY** Tonight the riders bus 157 km back to Lleida, where they spent Thursday night. I have not been able to find out how the get 500 km to Madrid on Sunday morning. TGV or plane presumably.

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11:30:52



**BusterSci** 31s to Valverde

15-Sep-2018  
11:31:18



**BusterSci** Moscon won Coppa Agostini.

15-Sep-2018  
11:32:27



**BusterSci** 32s

15-Sep-2018  
11:32:42



**BusterSci** 7.6km

15-Sep-2018  
11:32:46



**BusterSci** Nairo waiting

15-Sep-2018  
11:33:36



**BusterSci** Yates dropped by Mas and Lopez

15-Sep-2018  
11:34:34



**BusterSci** Not bad, though

15-Sep-2018  
11:34:43



**BusterSci** He claws back slowly

15-Sep-2018  
11:34:49



**BusterSci** Nario back with the chase

15-Sep-2018  
11:34:59



**BusterSci** 27s

15-Sep-2018  
11:35:06



**BusterSci** De la Cruz on the attack

15-Sep-2018  
11:35:47



**BusterSci** Nairo trying to reel Valverde back up

15-Sep-2018  
11:36:07



**BusterSci** "Spend all their biscuits"

15-Sep-2018  
11:36:40



**Tim in KY** Yates trains on this climb, remember.

15-Sep-2018  
11:36:42



**BusterSci** Yeah, he's in no danger

15-Sep-2018  
11:37:11



**BusterSci** he also has minutes on the guys ahead

15-Sep-2018  
11:37:36



**BusterSci** Down to 7 in the Valverde group

15-Sep-2018  
11:38:08



**BusterSci** Crosswalk is going to need to work soon if he wants to keep his podium

15-Sep-2018  
11:38:27



**BusterSci** 8s to Yates

15-Sep-2018  
11:38:35



**BusterSci** Now 11s

15-Sep-2018  
11:38:46



**BusterSci** 48 to Valverde

15-Sep-2018  
11:38:59



**BusterSci** Crosswalk is off the podium, I believe

15-Sep-2018  
11:39:08



**BusterSci** 4.6km, 10s to Yates

15-Sep-2018  
11:39:30



**BusterSci** 53 to Valverde group

15-Sep-2018  
11:39:38



**BusterSci** Valverde and Crosswalk both off the podium

15-Sep-2018  
11:40:40



**BusterSci** yates, Mas and Lopez

15-Sep-2018  
11:40:49



**BusterSci** 4km for Ytes

15-Sep-2018  
11:41:01



**Tim in KY** Here's where the fun starts.

15-Sep-2018  
11:41:15



**BusterSci** Valverde dropped by Nairo. WTF?

15-Sep-2018  
11:41:23



**CD at the pride parade** Go peeps

15-Sep-2018  
11:41:57



**BusterSci** Nairo now waiting for Velveeta, who's cheesed this.

15-Sep-2018  
11:42:06



**BusterSci** Crosswalk doing all the work now

15-Sep-2018  
11:42:44



**BusterSci** 3.5km

15-Sep-2018  
11:42:56



**BusterSci** 17s to Yates

15-Sep-2018  
11:43:08



**BusterSci** 1:12 to Valverde

15-Sep-2018  
11:43:14



**BusterSci** Need some Crosswalk time

15-Sep-2018  
11:43:26



**BusterSci** Crosswalk, Wilco, Uran and Pinot

15-Sep-2018  
11:43:43



**BusterSci** John Galloway @VelocastJohn: Motivate Valverde by telling him it's pension day and there's a Post Office at the top. 15-Sep-2018 11:44:35



**BusterSci** 54 to Crosswalk 15-Sep-2018 11:44:45



**BusterSci** Crosswalk 27s off the podium now 15-Sep-2018 11:45:08



**BusterSci** 21, 58 and 1:36 the gaps 15-Sep-2018 11:45:33



**BusterSci** 2.7km 15-Sep-2018 11:45:36



**BusterSci** Twitter thinks Yates is going to turn on the afterburners in another km and take this. 15-Sep-2018 11:45:55



**CD at the pride parade** //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1537026677-1537026377960.jpeg 15-Sep-2018 11:46:20



**BusterSci** 31s off the podium for Crosswalk 15-Sep-2018 11:46:23



**CD at the pride parade** Guess which team she is for? 15-Sep-2018 11:46:36



**BusterSci** Deney Terrio couldn't strike the pose better 15-Sep-2018 11:47:17



**BusterSci** 2.2km 15-Sep-2018 11:47:27



**BusterSci** 16, 1:05 and 1:57 the gaps 15-Sep-2018 11:47:37



**BusterSci** 2km 15-Sep-2018 11:47:48



**BusterSci** There's the running eejits. 15-Sep-2018 11:48:06







**BusterSci** Simon getting draft.

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11:48:25



**BusterSci** Rigo tries something

15-Sep-2018  
11:48:30



**BusterSci** Pinot with, Crosswalk can't go

15-Sep-2018  
11:48:39



**BusterSci** Lopez and Mas still together

15-Sep-2018  
11:49:22



**BusterSci** Working fine

15-Sep-2018  
11:49:25



**BusterSci** Rigo is closing things a bit

15-Sep-2018  
11:49:30



**BusterSci** eejits aplenty, but not Tour level.

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11:49:52



**BusterSci** Calling it 1:03 to Crosswalk

15-Sep-2018  
11:50:35



**Tim in KY** Afterburners unlit.

15-Sep-2018  
11:50:37



**BusterSci** He'll be 4th

15-Sep-2018  
11:50:42



**BusterSci** Kite

15-Sep-2018  
11:50:48



**BusterSci** Looks like we have our podium

15-Sep-2018  
11:51:04



**BusterSci** Yates, Mas and Lopez

15-Sep-2018  
11:51:11



**BusterSci** Kite for Yates

15-Sep-2018  
11:51:15





**BusterSci** Lopez now going

15-Sep-2018  
11:51:38



**BusterSci** Mas closes

15-Sep-2018  
11:51:42



**CD at the pride parade** Mas is the surprise of the event.

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11:51:47



**BusterSci** Not a surprise. Bert anointed him last year

15-Sep-2018  
11:52:14



**BusterSci** Looking back and forth in front

15-Sep-2018  
11:52:30



**BusterSci** BARRIERS

15-Sep-2018  
11:52:33



**BusterSci** 500m

15-Sep-2018  
11:52:35



**BusterSci** Now Yates coming

15-Sep-2018  
11:52:47



**BusterSci** He's at 500m

15-Sep-2018  
11:52:50



**BusterSci** 300m

15-Sep-2018  
11:53:18



**CD at the pride parade** Go Mas

15-Sep-2018  
11:53:32



**BusterSci** Still looking

15-Sep-2018  
11:53:36



**BusterSci** 200m

15-Sep-2018  
11:53:39



**Tim in KY** Slower than the slowest imaginable time.

15-Sep-2018  
11:53:40



**BusterSci** SPRINT

15-Sep-2018  
11:53:51



**BusterSci** Mas in front

15-Sep-2018  
11:53:54



**BusterSci** Closes Lopez

15-Sep-2018  
11:54:02



**BusterSci** Mas takes it

15-Sep-2018  
11:54:07



**BusterSci** He shut Lopez off on the corner

15-Sep-2018  
11:54:15



**BusterSci** Here comes Simon

15-Sep-2018  
11:54:19



**BusterSci** In at 24, and winner.

15-Sep-2018  
11:54:39



**BusterSci** Rigo and Pinot now

15-Sep-2018  
11:54:44



**BusterSci** Pinot at 54

15-Sep-2018  
11:55:00



**BusterSci** Uran 56

15-Sep-2018  
11:55:03



**BusterSci** Kelderman and Crosswalk coming

15-Sep-2018  
11:55:09



**BusterSci** 1:10 for Kelderman

15-Sep-2018  
11:55:18



**BusterSci** Crosswalk at 1:15, fourth overall

15-Sep-2018  
11:55:28



**BusterSci** Valverde just inside the barriers

15-Sep-2018  
11:55:41



**BusterSci** Ouch

15-Sep-2018  
11:55:45



**CD at the pride parade** Once you are off the podium I bet it is hard to keep motivated. 15-Sep-2018 11:56:47

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**BusterSci** Is cracking that hard a sign that he's cooked his world's chances? 15-Sep-2018 11:56:52

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**BusterSci** 3:09 15-Sep-2018 11:57:16

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**CD at the pride parade** Or did he back off to save some. 15-Sep-2018 11:58:13

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**BusterSci** Could be 15-Sep-2018 11:58:22

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**Tim in KY** Tomorrow stars at 17:15 CET (11:15 EDT). 15-Sep-2018 11:59:00

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**BusterSci** But he was still trying up to about 1:34 15-Sep-2018 11:59:05

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**CD at the pride parade** Can Yates stay on form for World's? 15-Sep-2018 11:59:24

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**BusterSci** I have a sneaking suspicion it's time for a Frenchman. 15-Sep-2018 12:00:27

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**CD at the pride parade** Thanks all. Parade time. See ya tomorrow. 15-Sep-2018 12:01:47

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


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**BusterSci** Nairo gave up 4 places to help Valverde. 15-Sep-2018 12:02:17

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RANK	RIDER	RIDER NO.	TEAM	TIMES	GAP	B	P
1	 ENRIC MAS NICOLAU	95	QUICK - STEP FLOORS	02H 59' 30"	-	B : 10"	-
2	 MIGUEL ANGEL LOPEZ MORENO	21	ASTANA PRO TEAM	02H 59' 30"	-	B : 6"	-
3	 SIMON PHILIP YATES	71	MITCHELTON - SCOTT	02H 59' 53"	+ 00H 00' 23"	B : 4"	-
4	 THIBAUT PINOT	51	GROUPAMA - FDJ	03H 00' 24"	+ 00H 00' 54"	-	-
5	 RIGOBERTO URAN	111	TEAM EF EDUCATION FIRST - DRAPAC P/B CANNONDALE	03H 00' 27"	+ 00H 00' 57"	-	-
6	 WILCO KELDERMAN	151	TEAM SUNWEB	03H 00' 41"	+ 00H 01' 11"	-	-
7	 STEVEN KRUIJSWIJK	131	TEAM LOTTO NL - JUMBO	03H 00' 45"	+ 00H 01' 15"	-	-
8	 DAVID DE LA CRUZ MELGAREJO	141	TEAM SKY	03H 01' 47"	+ 00H 02' 17"	-	-
9	 NAIRO QUINTANA	81	MOVISTAR TEAM	03H 02' 39"	+ 00H 03' 09"	-	-
10	 ALEJANDRO VALVERDE	88	MOVISTAR TEAM	03H 02' 39"	+ 00H 03' 09"	-	-

1	 SIMON PHILIP YATES	71	MITCHELTON - SCOTT	79H 44' 30"	-	B : 24"	-
2	 ENRIC MAS NICOLAU	95	QUICK - STEP FLOORS	79H 46' 16"	+ 00H 01' 46"	B : 10"	-
3	 MIGUEL ANGEL LOPEZ MORENO	21	ASTANA PRO TEAM	79H 46' 34"	+ 00H 02' 04"	B : 18"	-
4	 STEVEN KRUIJSWIJK	131	TEAM LOTTO NL - JUMBO	79H 47' 24"	+ 00H 02' 54"	B : 4"	-
5	 ALEJANDRO VALVERDE	88	MOVISTAR TEAM	79H 48' 58"	+ 00H 04' 28"	B : 30"	-
6	 THIBAUT PINOT	51	GROUPAMA - FDJ	79H 50' 27"	+ 00H 05' 57"	B : 21"	-
7	 RIGOBERTO URAN	111	TEAM EF EDUCATION FIRST - DRAPAC P/B CANNONDALE	79H 50' 37"	+ 00H 06' 07"	-	-
8	 NAIRO QUINTANA	81	MOVISTAR TEAM	79H 51' 21"	+ 00H 06' 51"	-	-
9	 JON IZAGUIRRE INSAUSTI	4	BAHRAIN - MERIDA	79H 55' 39"	+ 00H 11' 09"	-	-
10	 WILCO KELDERMAN	151	TEAM SUNWEB	79H 55' 41"	+ 00H 11' 11"	-	-



**Trish in MA** Good for Yates A well-deserved win! My cat Rafael has decided to pull a Riley and put on of my typing hands out of commission My respect for Nairo just went up

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12:03:20



**Miren Brinkman** See you all tomorrow. Thanks for the fun.

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12:05:40



**Trish in MA** I'll miss tomorrow so thanks everyone It was a great Vuelta!

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12:07:00