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memb54	Looks like an interesting stage. I'll tune in at the office.	08-20 16:42

Tim in Ky	Sunny and pleasant on the route today.	08-21 06:23
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David Arroyo, Th leash early in the	omas De Gendt and Will Clarke have all lost enough time that they might be stage.	give a short
Tim in Ky	Gold is live.	08-21 06:58
Tim in Ky	In the neutral zone.	08-21 07:05
Tim in Ky	Loooong neutral zone.	08-21 07:18
Tim in Ky	Hi, Jo.	08-21 07:18

Joanna in New York Hi Tim! I'm popping in, but probably popping back out. I 08-21 07:19

thought I had the bronchitis on the run, I was wrong...

Tim in Ky Sorry Jo.

**Tim in Ky** Finally, Km 0.

**Joanna in New York** You were quite prescient, Tim. DeGendt made the breakaway. 08-21 07:25 Good call!

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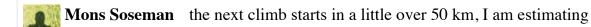


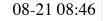
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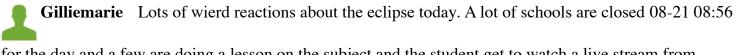
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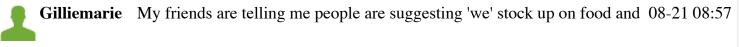




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storms here, so...



water etc etc



Gilliemarie On social media. We just laughed!

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**Katie** I'm the same boat as you, Mons. I think we're fogged in this morning (still dark, 08-21 08:59

so I'm not sure) ... the front page of the San Francisco Chronicle sports this banner headline: Fog a 'Close Call' for S.F. Eclipse Viewers

**Gilliemarie** Good luck to BusterSci and Frau in their search for totality. Maybe we will08-21 08:59

her from SF

**Gilliemarie** We only get under 75% totality here and there are supposed to be 08-21 09:00

thunderstorms

Mons Soseman I would call BusterSci for a live report, but just realized I didn't save 08-21 09:01

their number from when they visited Rome a few years back. drat.



Mons Soseman 92 here

08-21 09:01

Mons Soseman Christian Knees said that with the wind yesterday, many are already 08-21 09:02

worn out, and this first mountain stage is challenging.

**Tim in Ky** The race in Spain is mainly on the gradual descent to the start of the second 08-21 09:03

climb. 90 km to go. 4:15 the gap.



**Mons Soseman** Oh, the gap has grown again, it had been vascillating around 3:45. 08-21 09:04

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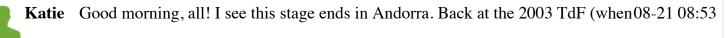
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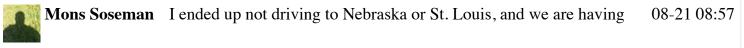


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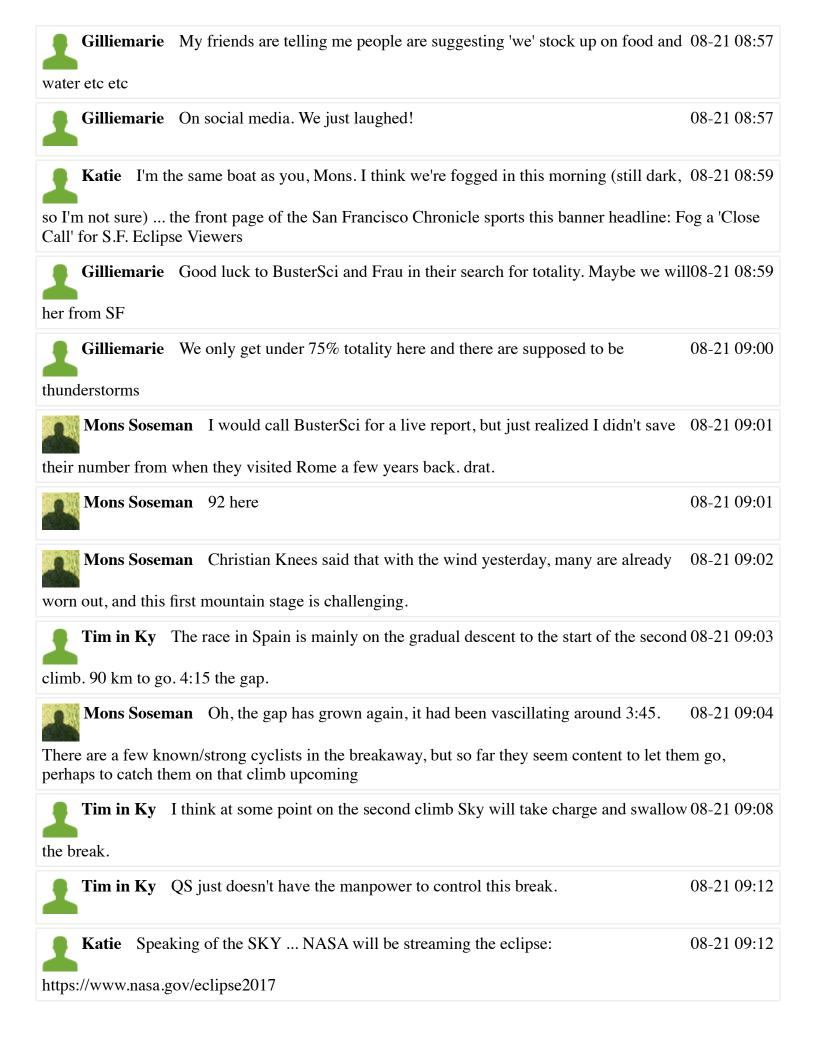
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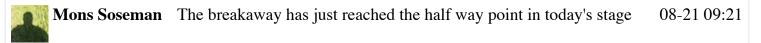


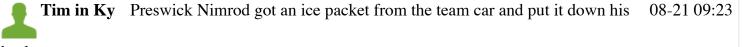


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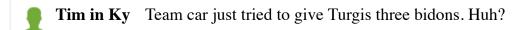
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<b>memb54</b> Eurosport in French. At least I get to see the last part.	08-21 10:08
<b>Tim in Ky</b> Pedrero of Movi attacks the peloton.	08-21 10:09
<b>SFinPoT</b> Adios for now gang. May check in later though. Hopefully I'll have pic or	08-21 10:09
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<b>Tim in Ky</b> Red jersey attacks out the back.	08-21 10:11
Mons Soseman Are skies blue again?	08-21 10:11
Mons Soseman or black, as the case may be.	08-21 10:11
<b>Tim in Ky</b> They are in Andorra, Mons.	08-21 10:11
Mons Soseman great	08-21 10:12
<b>Tim in Ky</b> Alexandre Geniez (AG2R-La Mondiale), Davide Villella (Cannondale-	08-21 10:13
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Mons Soseman So question for some of our science types. NBC reported that in the	08-21 10:13
path of totality, the temp could drop 15 degrees. But, that's not always what happens at sunset ambient air remains the same. Are they talking in the desert or something?	t, as the



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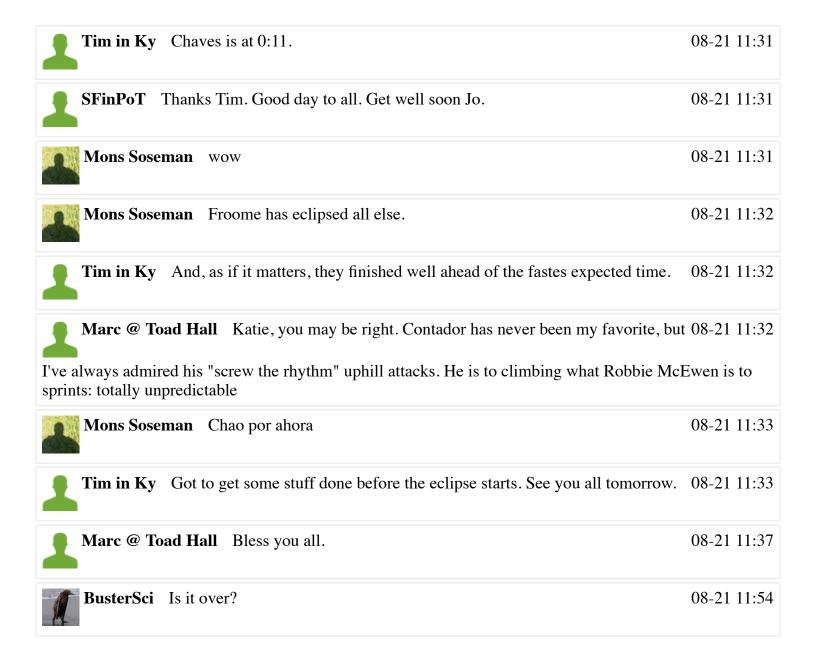
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<b>donny</b> ac out the back. not good for Trek	08-21 11:07
<b>donny</b> goes to show how hard sky is drilling it, they only have one man left in front of Zoom	08-21 11:07
Mons Soseman Looks good SF	08-21 11:09
<b>Tim in Ky</b> Can't tell who the BMCs are in that front group.	08-21 11:10
Marc @ Toad Hall Please, let this race just be not a Froome show. There is so much other great talent.	08-21 11:10
<b>donny</b> AC getting spit out the back of the Contador group.	08-21 11:10
<b>Tim in Ky</b> Chaves is there and Nibbles.	08-21 11:10
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<b>donny</b> Aru also hanging in there	08-21 11:11
Tim in Ky Bardet and Pozzo.	08-21 11:11
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Marc @ Toad Hall A Bardet parcours today.	08-21 11:12
<b>Tim in Ky</b> Berto a minute back already.	08-21 11:12
Tim in Ky Who's the CDT?	08-21 11:13
donny Froome jumps!	08-21 11:13
<b>donny</b> only chaves stays with him	08-21 11:13
Tim in Ky Froome goes.	08-21 11:13
Tim in Ky How does Chaves descend?	08-21 11:14
<b>donny</b> They have a good gap. Nibbles leading the chase and seems in no panic	08-21 11:14
Katie apparently less well than Froome, Tim	08-21 11:14
<b>donny</b> We shall soon see Tim	08-21 11:14
<b>Tim in Ky</b> Pozzo leading the chase for Bardet.	08-21 11:15
Katie Plus, Froome can use his elbows as wings	08-21 11:15
Tim in Ky Bardet goes.	08-21 11:15
donny Aru passes him	08-21 11:16

Tim in Ky Nibbles and BMCs dropped.	08-21 11:16
donny WEEEEEEE!	08-21 11:17
<b>Slaughter Macduff</b> Stealing a few minutes to check in. How many KM are left?	08-21 11:17
<b>Tim in Ky</b> 5 km to go. All downhill.	08-21 11:17
<b>Tim in Ky</b> Bardet and Aru almost there.	08-21 11:18
Marc @ Toad Hall Poor Berto,	08-21 11:18
<b>donny</b> are and Bardet are catching on to froome and Chavez	08-21 11:19
<b>donny</b> Aru that is.	08-21 11:20
Slaughter Macduff Aru and Bardet better not blow it (I have them both)	08-21 11:20
<b>Tim in Ky</b> But I have Chaves and Froome.	08-21 11:20
<b>Tim in Ky</b> Nibble only 0:10 back.	08-21 11:21
Slaughter Macduff Yeah, but I'm on page 2 and you're on the podium :D	08-21 11:21
Tim in Ky Caught by Nibbles group.	08-21 11:23
<b>donny</b> nibbles sprinting for the stage	08-21 11:23
Tim in Ky Nibbles wins!	08-21 11:23
<b>Katie</b> Well, that didn't turn out like Froome wanted it to	08-21 11:23
Katie Hurrah for Nibali!	08-21 11:24

SFinPoT Nice. Looking foward to the video tonight	08-21 11:2	24
Marc @ Toad Hall Who knew The Shark could sprint so well against such guys?	08-21 11:2	24
<b>donny</b> Enjoy the daytime darkness Nuts. see ya tomorrow	08-21 11:2	25
Gilliemarie Thanks guys, see you in the am!	08-21 11:2	25
Tim in Ky Berto 2::34 back.	08-21 11:2	26
Marc @ Toad Hall Bless you all. Awaiting the GC results, heavily weighted by bonus seconds.	08-21 11:2	27
<b>Tim in Ky</b> Froome takes Red with the three intermediate sprint bonus seconds!	08-21 11:2	27
<b>Katie</b> Berto needs to hang up the cleats and go to the beach. It's time, alas.	08-21 11:2	27
<b>SFinPoT</b> Ouch for Berto. Awfully early to be thinking about single stage exploits to salvage a gc	08-21 11:2	27
<b>Katie</b> OK, gang, that's it for me. Must do some work, then head out for a run to see the world go dark. See you tomorrow!	08-21 11:2	28
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