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Tim in Ky	Kilometer 0 is at 13:16 CET (07:16 EDT). Finish expected between 17:30	08-20 13:35
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memb54	Looks like an interesting stage. I'll tune in at the office.	08-20 16:42

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Tim in Ky	Gold is live.	08-21 06:58
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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.

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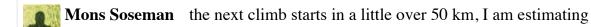


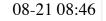
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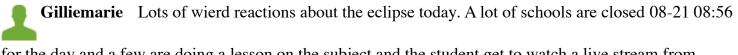
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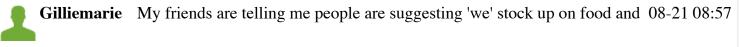




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water etc etc



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

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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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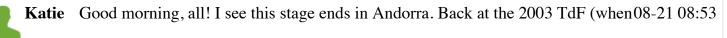
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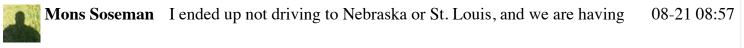


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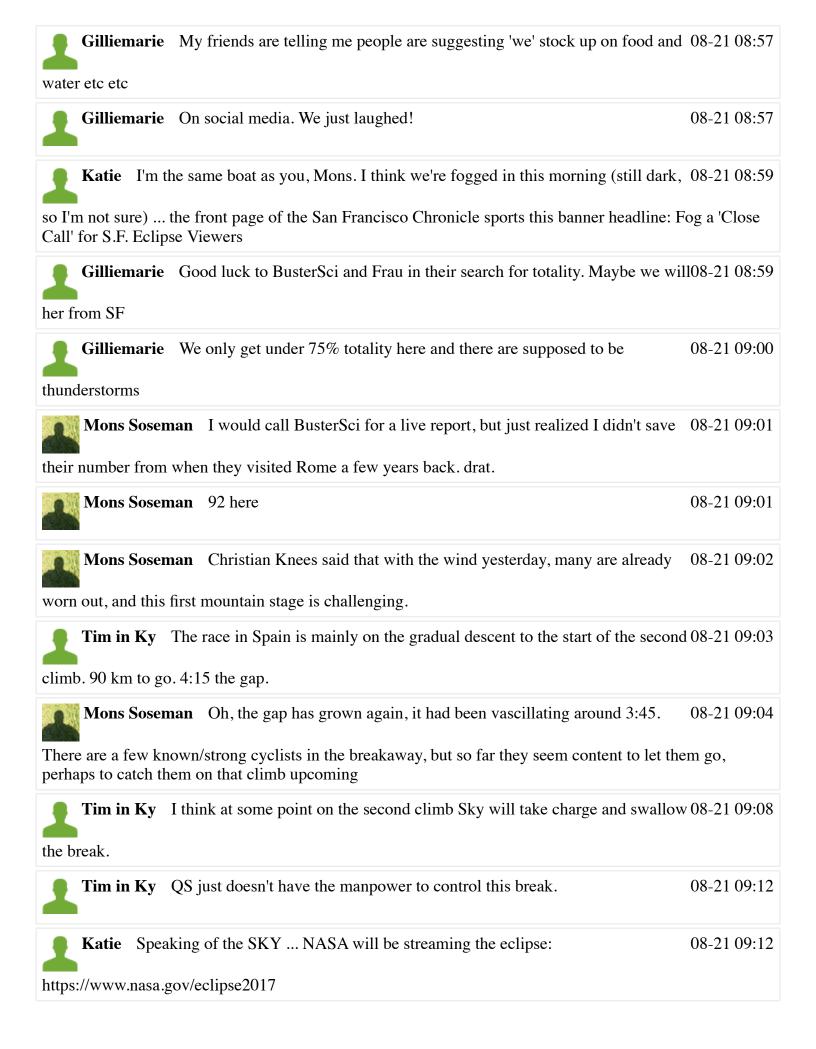
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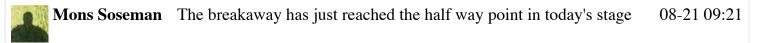


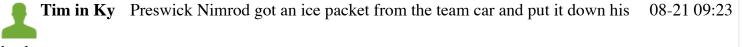


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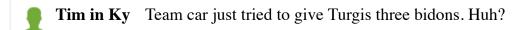
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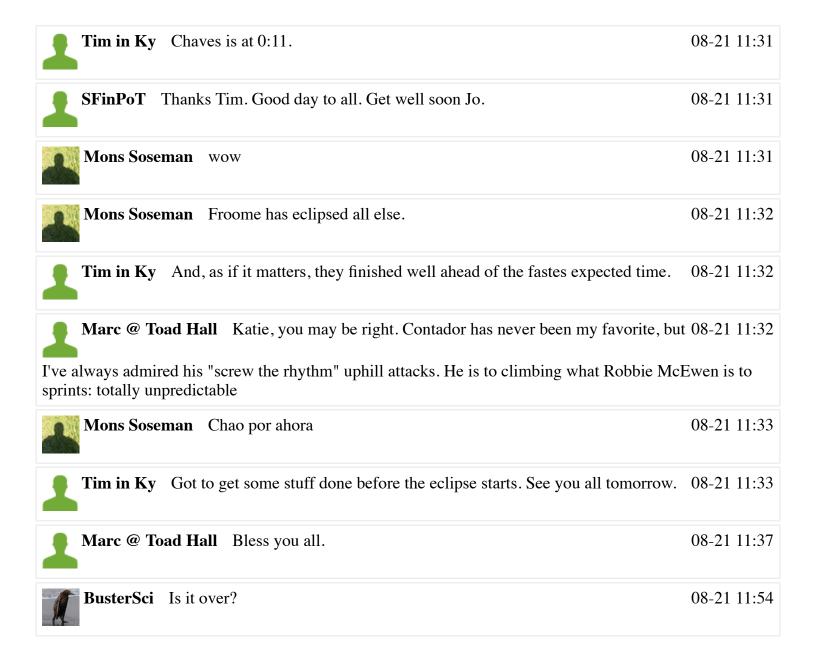
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Mons Soseman Looks good SF	08-21 11:09
Tim in Ky Can't tell who the BMCs are in that front group.	08-21 11:10
Marc @ Toad Hall Please, let this race just be not a Froome show. There is so much other great talent.	08-21 11:10
donny AC getting spit out the back of the Contador group.	08-21 11:10
Tim in Ky Chaves is there and Nibbles.	08-21 11:10
Tim in Ky Tejay is there1	08-21 11:10

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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
Tim in Ky 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
donny 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
donny 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
donny We shall soon see Tim	08-21 11:14
Tim in Ky 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
Slaughter Macduff Stealing a few minutes to check in. How many KM are left?	08-21 11:17
Tim in Ky 5 km to go. All downhill.	08-21 11:17
Tim in Ky Bardet and Aru almost there.	08-21 11:18
Marc @ Toad Hall Poor Berto,	08-21 11:18
donny are and Bardet are catching on to froome and Chavez	08-21 11:19
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Tim in Ky But I have Chaves and Froome.	08-21 11:20
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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
donny nibbles sprinting for the stage	08-21 11:23
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Katie 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
donny 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
Tim in Ky Froome takes Red with the three intermediate sprint bonus seconds!	08-21 11:2	27
Katie Berto needs to hang up the cleats and go to the beach. It's time, alas.	08-21 11:2	27
SFinPoT Ouch for Berto. Awfully early to be thinking about single stage exploits to salvage a gc	08-21 11:2	27
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