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-  **Tim in Ky** The course is lumpy but there is only one rated climb, a Cat 3 with 65 km to go. On paper this should end with a bunch sprint. 08-21 15:00
-  **Tim in Ky** //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1503342325-VaE%20stage-4-profile.png 08-21 15:00
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-  **Tim in Ky** Kilometer zero at 12:57 CET (06:57 EDT). Expected finish between 17:30 and 18:00 (11:30-noon EDT). No live video until 15:00 CET (09:00 EDT). Warm and sunny weather with light winds. 08-22 06:11
-  **Donny** Let the Boredom begin. Let me know when something exciting happens like, "squirrel"! 08-22 06:32
-  **Tim in Ky** Boredom won't start for another half hour, Donny. Marc Fournier of FDJ abandon yesterday with injuries from that same Sunday crash that had already led to three abandons. 08-22 06:35
-  **Tim in Ky** Everybody else finished within the time limit. 08-22 06:36


 **Tim in Ky** In the neutral zone. 08-22 06:46


 **Tim in Ky** Kilometer zero should have been at 12:57 CET but there's no word of it yet.08-22 07:01


 **Tim in Ky** Now word. 08-22 07:02


 **Tim in Ky** Stéphane Rossetto (Cofidis), Diego Rubio and Nicholas Schulz (Caja Rural-Seguros RGA) and Juan Felipe Osorio (Manzana Postobon) have 0:40 on the peloton after 6 km. 08-22 07:08


 **Tim in Ky** Johan LeBon (FDJ) is trying to bridge. 08-22 07:10


 **Tim in Ky** It's a toasty 31C right now with a light headwind. Gap is out to 1:25 so I guess this is the break of the day. 08-22 07:12

 **Tim in Ky** LeBon is having no luck catching. 08-22 07:14

 **Tim in Ky** Gap is up to 2:35. LeBon is still in no-mans land. 08-22 07:19


 **Tim in Ky** With the gap up to 3:24, the break slowed a bit to let LeBon catch on. Now we have a break of 5. 08-22 07:22


 **Tim in Ky** Lots of water and ice today. It's up to 34C (93 'murican). Short leash. Gap hold at around 3:30. 08-22 07:32

 **Tim in Ky** 171 km to go. Gap is 4:15. The paint dries. 08-22 07:40


 **Tim in Ky** Buster returns. 08-22 07:40


 **BusterSci** Connection? 08-22 07:40


 **Tim in Ky** Nah. The paint would be drying anyway. 08-22 07:41


 **BusterSci** Long day yesterday. Des Moines to Totality was a snap. The drive back was filled with traffic, construction and torrential rains with 50mph winds. We had a solid cloud deck move in about 10 minutes before totality, so we missed the corona. But we did see the effects of darkness and 360 08-22 07:45


degrees of sunrise/sunset all around us. It was worth the trip. I hope SF had clearer weather.


 **Tim in Ky** We had perfect weather here but only 95% coverage. 08-22 07:48


 **Tim in Ky** 164 km to go. Gap is 4:30. Sky at the front, of course. 08-22 07:50


 **BusterSci** Are we going to take bets on how long Tejay remains a factor? I've got a 08-22 07:57
used pair of eclipse glasses I'll send to the person who makes the closest guess.


 **Tim in Ky** Gap is up to 5:00. The best placed rider in the break is Rossetto. He's at 08-22 07:57
+10:00.


 **Tim in Ky** Tejay always craps out right after a rest day. Usually the first one, so that's 08-22 07:59
my pick.

 **BusterSci** I think we'll need a tie-breaker in that contest. At what point in the stage? 08-22 08:00


 **Tim in Ky** Stage 10 has a long Cat 1 the summits 20 km before the finish. He pops on 08-22 08:06
that climb.

 **Tim in Ky** Gap is 5:25 with about 150 km to go. So, what team chases down the 08-22 08:12
break? Does Trek give up on Berto and chase for Degenkolb?

 **BusterSci** I'll try to come up with something different so we don't have to nail it down 08-22 08:12
to specific kilometers. But I think you've nailed it.

 **BusterSci** I'll take the first Cat 1 on stage 11. He'll get dropped when one of the big 08-22 08:17
climbers lagging in GC attacks and Sky/Froome close the gap. He'll catch back on for the final climb and
fade quickly.

 **Tim in Ky** Okay. 08-22 08:22


 **Tim in Ky** Here's the Tejay quote for the day: "I feel good for now but we've only 08-22 08:23
done three stages. It's a long way to Madrid but if we can keep going step by step we should be sitting well
in Madrid. Is this the race for me to bounce back as a GC contender? I hope so. Sky have a strong team to
control so maybe it's better that they have the jersey. They can take the pressure and control the race. But if
there's a chance to take the red jersey or a stage victory we're obviously gonna go for it."

 **BusterSci** Disappearing to read yesterday's archive. Back in a bit. 08-22 08:28


 **Tim in Ky** 135 km to go 6:45 the gasp. 08-22 08:33


 **Katie** GO TEJAY. 08-22 08:34


 **Katie** There, I said it. 08-22 08:34


 **Tim in Ky** And he'll probably be gone, Katie. 08-22 08:34

 **Tim in Ky** Still 25 minutes to video. 08-22 08:35


 **memb54** Good morning. Did you all see the totality yesterday? 08-22 08:35

 **Tim in Ky** Just 95%. 08-22 08:36

 **Tim in Ky** Race radio says QS has sent guys to the front. 08-22 08:36


 **memb54** NRRBBB; The Bears have hacked and published the football world's dopers. 08-22 08:39
160 players in 2015, and three during the 2010 World Cup. Now I'll be able to defend my love of cycling, cause two of the players in this batch are Argentinians, very close to home. Sorry, this has given me a good laugh this morning.


 **Tim in Ky** Gap is over 7:00 now. 08-22 08:40

 **BusterSci** Just back from the archive. Looks like Katie was just a bit south and east of 08-22 08:44
us in Lathrop, MO. The storm she posted the radar snap of hit us and cleared right before things started. We got some really nice views of the the sky dragon eating the sun but didn't get a view during totality. As far as temp drops go, it was hard to tell for us because of the high humidity and heavy cloud cover. I believe anything noticeable was a result of the loss of radiant heat, and the fact that it started raining. The frustrating thing was we could see a very large patch of blue sky to our SE, maybe 5 miles away. I hope that means Katie saw the corona. But as I told our neighbors parked at the Lathrop First Baptist Church north campus, "There are few sure things in life and today we're part of one of them. One way or another, we won't see the sun around 1PM."

 **Tim in Ky** It definitely got cooler here. 08-22 08:47


 **Tim in Ky** Aqua Blue is helping on the front for Blythe but still the gap goes up. 7:27. 08-22 08:48

 **donny** so still no live images of nothing going on eh? 08-22 08:56


 **BusterSci** Donny describes 99% of what's on every cable news network. 08-22 08:57

 **donny** ha! 08-22 08:57


 **Tim in Ky** Coverage To Begin Shortly 08-22 08:58


 **donny** its always the things they are not yelling about that worry me buster. especially 08-22 08:59
when they are yelling about the nothing very loud.

 **Tim in Ky** Stream is up. 08-22 09:00


 **BusterSci** I'm similar, Donny. That, and the fact that too many people actually believe 08-22 09:00
they are watching news rather than some light infotainment.


 **Tim in Ky** 37C at the finish line. 08-22 09:03


 **BusterSci** We've got a nice, cool, sunny, breezy morning here. As soon as the dew 08-22 09:03
dries I'm going to take Ripley for a good long walk. The last two days were tough on her, with all the time in the car.


 **Katie** //rumbletalk-images- 08-22 09:05
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use. tweet from the president iminant "

 **Tim in Ky** Did you bring ice cream Slaughter? 08-22 09:15


 **BusterSci** The First Baptist Church of Lathrop, MO set up genderless portapotties for 08-22 09:15
the eclipse. A constitutional crisis did not ensue.


 **Slaughter MacDuff** Sorry Tim, no ice cream today. Will make some in time for the 08-22 09:16
weekend.

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 **Katie** why? 08-22 09:22

 **BusterSci** Katie, Why what? Why did Slaughter not bring us ice cream? Why were 08-22 09:28
baptists able to use unisex bathrooms? Why is my audio messed up? Why are we watching this?

 **BusterSci** Or are you having an existential crisis? 08-22 09:29

 **Katie** Bingo (all of the above) 08-22 09:29


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 **BusterSci** Give me land, lots of land, under starry skies above. Don't fence me in. 08-22 09:30


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





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-  **Tim in Ky** Still 3 km to the top of this little climb. 08-22 10:13
-  **Tim in Ky** Flags along the road indicate a stiff crosswind right now. 08-22 10:14
-  **donny** and they only have 3min advantage on a course that is down hill from the creast 08-22 10:15
of this hilll?
-  **Tim in Ky** They're doomed for sure. 08-22 10:15
-  **donny** i wonder if they'll make it? 08-22 10:16
-  **Gilliemarie** Katie - i do drive a car from the last century but it has just around 85k 08-22 10:17
miles on it so i plan to fix it. With my 'chair topper' for my wheelchair i NEED a 2 door sedan!
-  **Tim in Ky** 2 KU to go gap is back up to 4:15. 08-22 10:17
-  **Tim in Ky** Ruben Fernandez is at the DocMobile with a right foot issue. 08-22 10:19
-  **donny** 4:15 wow so your saying there's a chance! 08-22 10:19

-  **Tim in Ky** Uh, no. 08-22 10:19
-  **Tim in Ky** Breakers are over the top. 08-22 10:19
-  **donny** but the rule is 10km per min for the bunch and there are 60. ish km remaining 08-22 10:21
and the gap is 4:15. oh yeah, now i get it. math is problematic
-  **donny** it just does not add up for the break. 08-22 10:22
-  **Tim in Ky** Peloton crests the climb. 08-22 10:24
-  **donny** so as opposed to the start of the stage when we just thought it would be boring 08-22 10:24
we now have mathematical data that confirms this.
-  **Tim in Ky** 55 km, 4:40. 08-22 10:31
-  **Gilliemarie** Gotta go get my car checked out. May have to check out the archives, but 08-22 10:34
will see you in the am. Thanks
-  **Tim in Ky** After this stage, the riders have a 173 km transfer to tomorrow's start town. 08-22 10:36
-  **Tim in Ky** By Gillie. Good luck. 08-22 10:36
-  **Tim in Ky** With 48 km to go the gap is still 4:20. 08-22 10:40
-  **donny** stoners 08-22 10:43
-  **Tim in Ky** Coming down right smartly, though. Just about 4:00 now. 08-22 10:44
-  **Tim in Ky** Temp is also down. 29C now. 08-22 10:46
-  **Tim in Ky** Aqua, Lotto S and QS still on point. 08-22 10:48
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	Tim in Ky Right now the pace is slower than the slowest imaginable time.	08-22 10:54
	memb54 Internet problems here.	08-22 10:59
	Tim in Ky 1 KU 2:50.	08-22 11:02
	Tim in Ky Intermediate sprint imminent.	08-22 11:04
	Tim in Ky Rubbio takes top points. There will be one point left for the peloton.	08-22 11:05
	Rob Im a bit slow to it this year, not even sure who is riding. Who are the main sprinters?	08-22 11:08
	Tim in Ky Of the really big guns only Degankolb is here.	08-22 11:09
	Tim in Ky 27 km, 2:13.	08-22 11:09
	donny and deggy does not seem really fully recovered.	08-22 11:11
	Alison Quarles Busy morning! Glad to be here for the end.	08-22 11:11
	Tim in Ky The end is still a ways off, AliQ. 24 km to go.	08-22 11:14
	Tim in Ky 22 km, 1:40.	08-22 11:16
	Trish in MA Glad to be here for the end. We trot out the door for Spain in 3 hours. The town we are staying in is home to a few riders, so I hope interest in the race will be high.	08-22 11:16
	Tim in Ky That will be fun.	08-22 11:17
	Tim in Ky Cars being moved out of the gap.	08-22 11:18

	Tim in Ky Narrow village road, three Sunwebs off their bikes.	08-22 11:20
	Tim in Ky 18 km, 1:16.	08-22 11:21
	Tim in Ky Kelderman's jersey all ripped up.	08-22 11:22
	Tim in Ky 16 km, 1:04.	08-22 11:24
	Tim in Ky The three Sunwebs are a minute behind the peloton.	08-22 11:24
	Tim in Ky In the cars now.	08-22 11:25
	Tim in Ky Peloton under the 15 km banner.	08-22 11:26
	Tim in Ky 13 km, 0:41.	08-22 11:27
	Tim in Ky An Aqua has crashed hard.	08-22 11:30
	Tim in Ky Rubio and Rossetto keep attacking each other.	08-22 11:31
	Tim in Ky 10 km for the breakers, 0:19.	08-22 11:31
	Tim in Ky 14 roundabouts in the last 10 km.	08-22 11:33
	Tim in Ky Caught.	08-22 11:34
	Tim in Ky 7 km to go.	08-22 11:35
	Tim in Ky QS on the front.	08-22 11:35
	Tim in Ky A Manzana attacks. Tiny gap.	08-22 11:36
	Tim in Ky He's caught.	08-22 11:37

	Tim in Ky Bora on the front now.	08-22 11:38
	Tim in Ky 4 km.	08-22 11:38
	Tim in Ky Crash just outside the 3km banner.	08-22 11:39
	Tim in Ky Pozzo is one.	08-22 11:39
	Tim in Ky Wallays of Lottos S is not getting up.	08-22 11:40
	Tim in Ky Red kite!	08-22 11:41
	Tim in Ky Trentin wins.	08-22 11:43
	Tim in Ky Wallays finally did get back on his bike.	08-22 11:44
	Tim in Ky A Lotto J was second, CDT third.	08-22 11:45
	Tim in Ky Matteo Trentin (Quick-Step Floors) wins stage 4 of La Vuelta 2017 ahead of Juanjo Lobato (LottoNL-Jumbo) and Tom Van Asbroeck (Cannondale-Drpac).	08-22 11:46
	memb54 Who? Many of these names are new to me. I'll have to read up on these riders. Thank you Tim. See you tomorrow.	08-22 11:47
	Tim in Ky I have places to go and things to do. Back tomorrow.	08-22 11:47
	Trish in MA I was listening to The Cycling Podcast during my run today and they mentioned that there are 24 riders who are eligible for the best young riders competition. Many teams bring their young riders to the Vuelta for their Grand Tour debuts. That's why the guess who?	08-22 11:48
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