



**Tim in KY** Gdl Stage 3 is 166 kilometers from Novara, at the base of the Alps, south and west to Fossano near the French border.

05-05-2024  
12:42:31 pm



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1714927665-stage-3-route.jpg>

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12:42:46 pm



**Tim in KY** The route is basically flat with a single Cat 4 climb about a third of the way into the stage. There is an interesting hill though. It comes with four kilometers to go and includes three hairpin turns in one km of climbing. There is also a flat 120 degree turn with 1300 meters to go. It's not your typical bunch sprint finish.

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12:43:59 pm



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1714927748-stage-3-profile.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1714927765-stage-3-profile-finale.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1714927774-stage-3-route-finale.jpg>

05-05-2024  
12:44:35 pm



**Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:25 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:15. There is the possibility of showers at the start; dry at the finish. Temps in the mid-teens. Live stream from before the start.

05-05-2024  
12:46:26 pm



**Charlie in Tenn** Thanks Tim. Sorry I missed y'all Sunday. I read through the chat as I watched the race on replay Sunday night. It was like I was there but not. Nice bread Jo.

05-05-2024  
08:37:30 pm



**Tim in KY** Eddie Dunbar will not start today. He crashed hard on stage 2 but managed to finish.

05-06-2024  
06:34:51 am



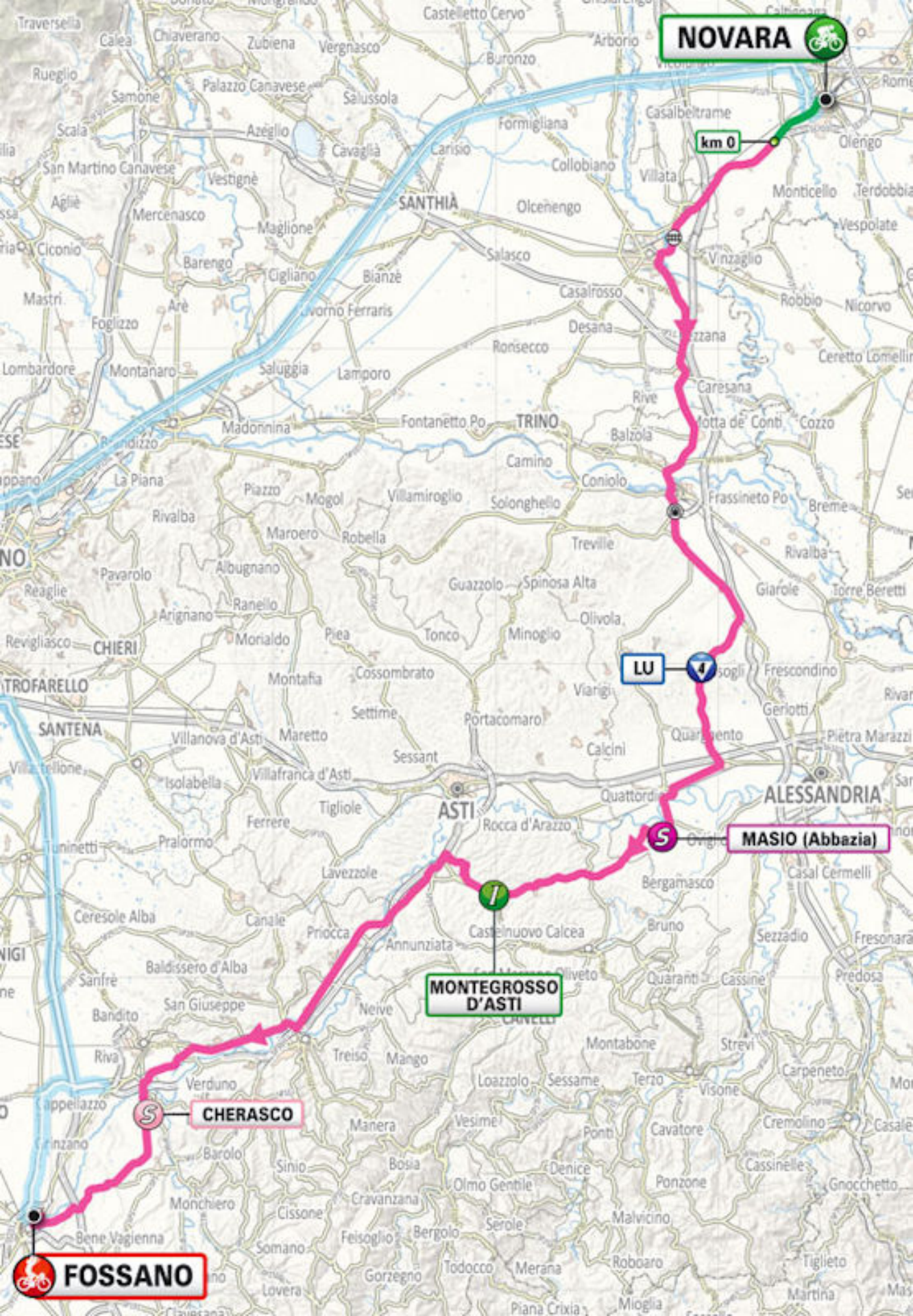
**Tim in KY** The forecast is now rain possible along the entire route.

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06:53:09 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Paint drying in the rain today?

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07:31:31 am



**NOVARA**



km 0

**SANTHIÀ**

**TRINO**

**LU**

**ALESSANDRIA**

**MASIO (Abbazia)**

**MONTEGROSSO D'ASTI**

**CHERASCO**

**FOSSANO**



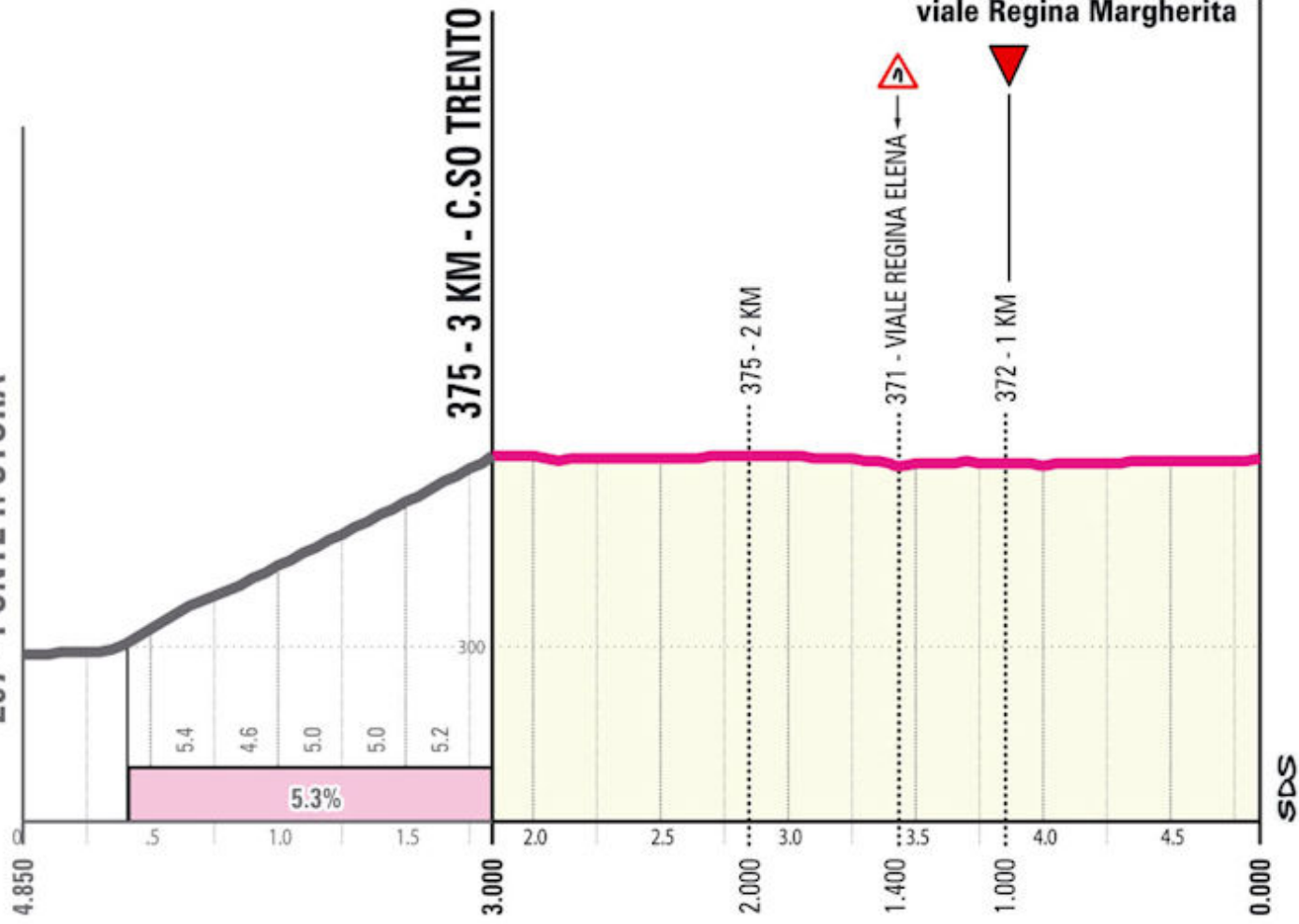


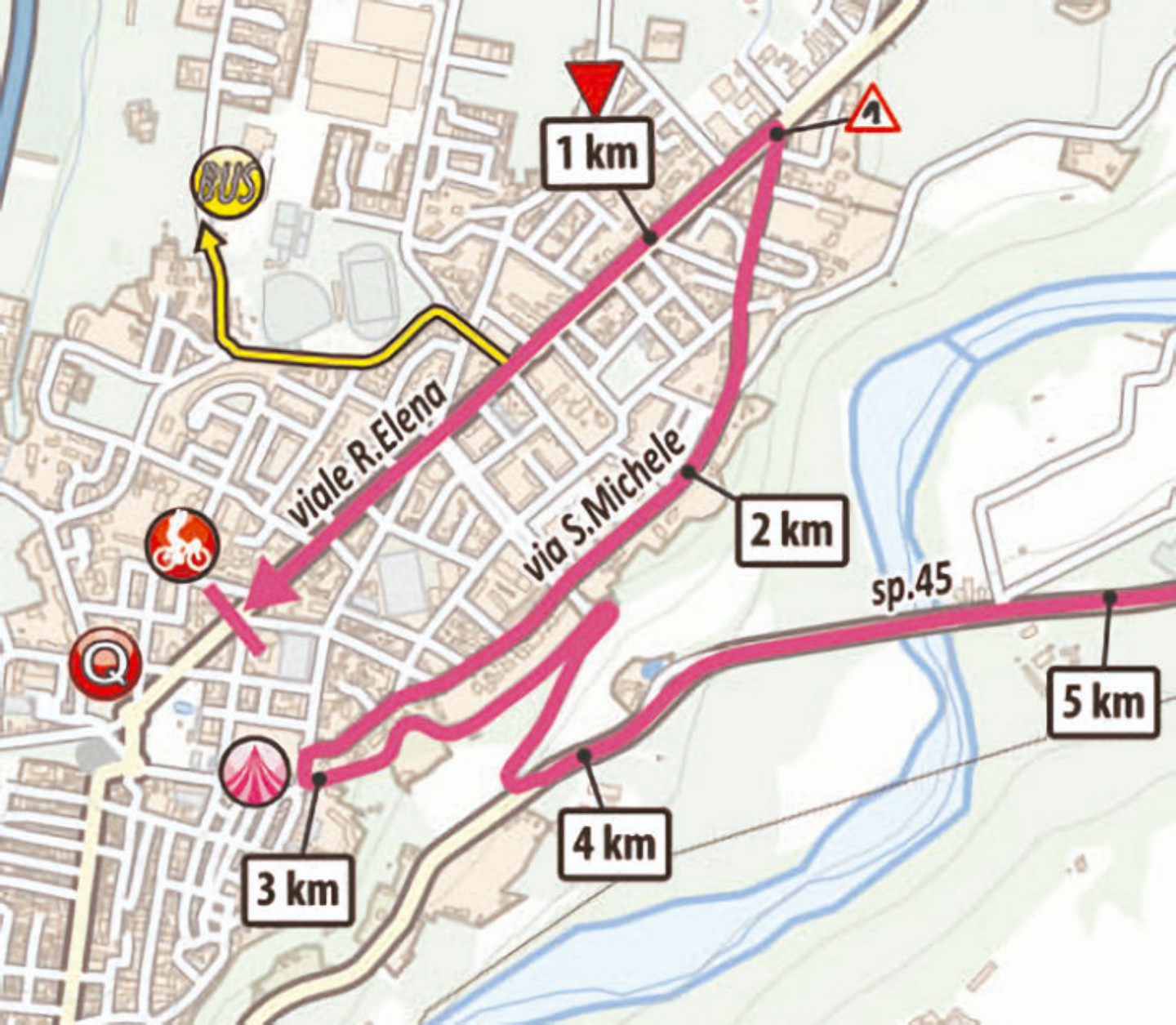
**142 - NOVARA**



SDS

297 - PONTE F. STURA





1 km

viale R. Elena

via S. Michele

2 km

sp.45

5 km

4 km

3 km

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**Tim in KY** It's not currently raining, but there's no breakaway or attempts at breakaway. Pretty boring.

05-06-2024  
07:34:48 am



**Tim in KY** Slower than the slowest imaginable speed right now.

05-06-2024  
07:36:00 am



**Tim in KY** Good morning Jo.

05-06-2024  
07:38:41 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Off to school for my daughter. Back in a bit.

05-06-2024  
07:59:32 am



**Tim in KY** You aren't going to miss anything.

05-06-2024  
08:01:34 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I am back. Seems Tim was correct.

05-06-2024  
08:27:31 am



**Tim in KY** Well, you did miss the rice paddies.

05-06-2024  
08:28:16 am



**Tim in KY** On the time table the slowest imaginable speed is 42 kph. They are currently averaging 38.5 kph.

05-06-2024  
08:40:26 am



**Katie S** Jens is talking about the wind. Combine that with a road that gradually goes up at, and this seems like a grim day to be riding a bike.

05-06-2024  
08:45:06 am



**Katie S** and good morning, all

05-06-2024  
08:45:37 am



**Tim in KY** Well, it's at least boring.

05-06-2024  
08:45:54 am



**Tim in KY** Good morning.

05-06-2024  
08:46:01 am



**Tim in KY** Desultory competition for three KOM points.

05-06-2024  
08:47:54 am



**Tim in KY** Errands time.

05-06-2024  
08:50:38 am



**John** You wonâ€™t miss anything

05-06-2024  
08:51:59 am



**John** Skinny roads

05-06-2024  
09:01:45 am



**Katie S** Good morning, John

05-06-2024  
09:32:29 am



**RocketCityGal** Good morning, all!

05-06-2024  
09:39:42 am



**RocketCityGal** What a crazy last 4 km!

05-06-2024  
09:40:10 am



**RocketCityGal** Iâ€™ll check in a few times during the stage and try to be here for the ending, but Iâ€™m busy doing chores today.

05-06-2024  
09:40:32 am



**Tim in KY** Most of the crazy is up a steep hill. The real problem is that sharp turn at 1200 meters.

05-06-2024  
09:41:38 am



**Tim in KY** Good day for chores because nothing is going to happen until the finish.

05-06-2024  
09:42:23 am



**RocketCityGal** What could possibly go wrong there, Tim? Iâ€™m happy to report that the one kitten who had not been gaining weight very well the last four days (she was gaining only 2 to 4 g per day, whereas the others were gaining about 15 g per day) gained a massive 20 g yesterday!! .

05-06-2024  
09:42:45 am



**RocketCityGal** Mamacat is a bit frazzled.

05-06-2024  
09:43:08 am



**Katie S** Go, Kitty!

05-06-2024  
09:43:11 am



**RocketCityGal** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1715003304-1715003004857.jpeg>

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09:43:26 am



**RocketCityGal** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1715003304-1715003018989.jpeg>

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09:43:40 am





**Katie S** Yeah, she looks a little dazed and, um, drained.

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09:43:47 am



**RocketCityGal** FKS (Fading Kitten Syndrome) is a thing. I was worried that this little gray one had it, but she looks pretty good today. Not every kitten makes it, but we haven't lost one yet. I'm concerned given the size of the litter and the smallness of the mother cat. She was only 9 lbs. 1 oz. the afternoon before she gave birth which means she's probably only a 6 pound cat. She's going to have problems keeping up on the nursing when they get to be 3 to 4 weeks old, because her aggregate approaching her weight! Hopefully they will wean sooner rather than later.

05-06-2024  
09:47:26 am



**Tim in KY** Looks like the rain at the finish will hold off for the sprint.

05-06-2024  
09:50:17 am



**SFinAus** Good day and evening to all.

05-06-2024  
09:50:58 am



**SFinAus** Just here for the boring part. I'll have to step out when it gets interesting.

05-06-2024  
09:51:39 am



**RocketCityGal** One of my cycling friends was severely injured on Florida Bike Safari in mid April. He was struck head on by a car a mile from the day's finish. He sustained major orthopedic injuries and very bad head injury and is still in ICU at Shands. One of the kittens will have his first name, and another kitten will have a close variant of his last name.

05-06-2024  
09:52:38 am



**Katie S** Oh, geez. That is awful. I hope the kitten naming makes him smile.

05-06-2024  
09:53:47 am



**RocketCityGal** I'm getting very tired of my cycling friends being killed and severely injured by speeding/ inattentive/ reckless idiots driving pickup trucks.

05-06-2024  
09:54:03 am



**RocketCityGal** He's in a really bad way. He is not totally comatose now, but he's still on a ventilator with a tracheostomy and a feeding tube now.

05-06-2024  
09:54:58 am



**PasadenaK8** Mornin' - Just in time for 2 KUs to go....

05-06-2024  
09:57:19 am



**Tim in KY** Big group fighting for the sprint points. Milan wins it.

05-06-2024  
09:57:51 am



**SFinAus** Very sorry to hear that RCG. I worry more about my safety on

05-06-2024  
10:00:12 am









rides every year. I've given up so many good routes as traffic volume and speeds keeps going up. I hope your friend can make a full recovery, but sad to hear it will likely be a long one.



**Tim in KY** Big splits with four groups. Speed has picked up finally but the lead group is still 10:00 slower than the slowest...

05-06-2024  
10:10:15 am



**PasadenaK8** Was just looking at the Giro Live Updates page! No update for almost an hour! Last post: "The peloton is riding so slow it actually makes us think whether there's something we don't know going on" (Much better updates here in the Pub)

05-06-2024  
10:12:26 am



**Tim in KY** Outerbanks is in the second group. His white jersey is at risk.

05-06-2024  
10:13:49 am



**Tim in KY** Yeah, K8, the Giro site "update" is never up to date.

05-06-2024  
10:14:23 am



**Tim in KY** Actually he's in the third group, a minute down.

05-06-2024  
10:14:59 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I have been doing chores. I see that the splits is all that I have missed. I should point out that the first non-starter, Gesink was on my team.

05-06-2024  
10:16:49 am



**Katie S** "what a stage we're watching here!" as the break breaks up again ... I am not sure I'd have the same assessment as our enthusiastic commentator.

05-06-2024  
10:20:20 am



**bikerabe** the Max B/R stream is way behind the C/N live reportIt shows under 50 km to go Max at 100 km to go

05-06-2024  
10:21:13 am



**Tim in KY** With all this chasing it's still a slow average speed.

05-06-2024  
10:21:35 am



**Tim in KY** My Max is at 49 km, Abe. You need to reload your Max.

05-06-2024  
10:22:21 am



**SFinAus** Flobikes has me at 45.

05-06-2024  
10:22:58 am



**Tim in KY** I'm 45 now, too.

05-06-2024  
10:23:17 am





**SFinAus** Not braggin'.Â Not in love with Flo

05-06-2024  
10:23:21 am



**Tim in KY** You pretending to be in Canada?

05-06-2024  
10:23:55 am



**PasadenaK8** MAX likes to play practical jokes on us. You click on "Live", but after that, unless you click again on a "Go to Live" link, it will stream it from the beginning of the race.

05-06-2024  
10:24:36 am



**SFinAus** Why no, I'm looking at the CN tower in Toronto as I type.Â ;) )

05-06-2024  
10:24:43 am



**Tim in KY** All back together.

05-06-2024  
10:26:05 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Flo was good when I got it free for 6 months. Not so much after that.

05-06-2024  
10:32:17 am



**Tim in KY** Flo had a lot of the spring races and I had no issue with it.

05-06-2024  
10:33:42 am



**PasadenaK8** 1 KU to go!

05-06-2024  
10:37:30 am



**PasadenaK8** Jinx!

05-06-2024  
10:37:43 am



**Katie S** but now we have to get Discovery+ for the TdF? I'm so confused.

05-06-2024  
10:40:05 am



**PasadenaK8** Believe Peacock will be carrying it, Katie

05-06-2024  
10:40:33 am



**SFinAus** I used to be a wonderful relationship with someone who was better than I could have ever imagined.Â I hoped it would last forever.Â Then her father said she was being moved and confined to Europe, and that I'd no longer be able to see her.Â I was heartbroken.Â The social season was also about to start, and there are a lot of dances I'd like to go to.Â Despite feeling incompatible with all my prospects, and the inevitable comparisons to my lost love, I had to pick one.Â Now I have someone who is "fine" as a "plus 1", but no dream.Â Her name is Flo.

05-06-2024  
10:44:06 am



**Katie S** bwahahaahahaha.

05-06-2024  
10:45:54 am



**PasadenaK8** Nothing like a first love.

05-06-2024  
10:45:58 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I have a tear in my eye.

05-06-2024  
10:46:37 am



**Tim in KY** PCS says it's raining at the finish.

05-06-2024  
10:47:57 am



**Charlie in Tenn** How tough is this hill before the sprint point?

05-06-2024  
10:48:55 am



**Tim in KY** That one I don't know.

05-06-2024  
10:50:16 am



**Tim in KY** PCS says 1 km @ 7.5%.

05-06-2024  
10:51:39 am



**Katie S** "This is a proper climb" ... it certainly doesn't look that way on the profile.

05-06-2024  
10:51:46 am



**Tim in KY** Didn't look that steep on Max.

05-06-2024  
10:52:58 am



**SFinAus** Gotta go spend a bunch on some car maintenance and miss a good finale as expected.Â Thanks everyone.

05-06-2024  
10:55:21 am



**Katie S** I picked this kid Olav Kooij ... and now he complains about his knee. Great.

05-06-2024  
10:55:38 am



**Tim in KY** Great. Carr is on my VG team. He's been struggling since the start on Saturday.

05-06-2024  
10:56:52 am



**bikerabe** bonus sprint seconds Ben O'Connor 3 Tadej 2 Geraint 1

05-06-2024  
10:56:55 am



**Tim in KY** Outerbanks OTB again.

05-06-2024  
10:57:45 am



**bikerabe** wrung Ben Swift gets 3 seconds

05-06-2024  
10:58:18 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Anyone have Dunbar on their team?

05-06-2024  
11:00:31 am



**Tim in KY** Despite all the racing in the last hour, overall they are still slower than the slowest...

05-06-2024  
11:00:44 am



**Tim in KY** DStan and Egunon had Dunbar.

05-06-2024  
11:04:42 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Anyone have Gee?

05-06-2024  
11:05:18 am



**Tim in KY** I don't think so.

05-06-2024  
11:07:16 am



**Tim in KY** Fresh pavement.

05-06-2024  
11:07:42 am



**Katie S** I just did a scan and didn't see anyone having Gee. But I think I saw that Buster had Carr as well, Tim.

05-06-2024  
11:07:57 am



**Tim in KY** Yes, he did.

05-06-2024  
11:08:24 am



**Tim in KY** 10 km banner.

05-06-2024  
11:08:41 am



**Tim in KY** Rain is very spotty at the finish.

05-06-2024  
11:10:24 am



**Tim in KY** On that hill.

05-06-2024  
11:15:04 am



**Tim in KY** 3 km banner.

05-06-2024  
11:16:51 am



**Katie S** wow



05-06-2024  
11:20:21 am



**bikerabe** Merlier !

05-06-2024  
11:21:22 am



1	 MERLIER Tim	Soudal Quick-Step	3:54:35
2	 MILAN Jonathan	Lidl - Trek	0:00
3	 GIRMAY Biniam	Intermarché - Wanty	0:00
4	 BIERMANS Jenthe	Arkéa - B&B Hotels	0:00
5	 ANDRESEN Tobias Lund	Team dsm-firmenich PostNL	0:00
6	 KOOIJ Olav	Team Visma   Lease a Bike	0:00
7	 VERNON Ethan	Israel - Premier Tech	3:10
8	 ANIOŁKOWSKI Stanisław	Cofidis	0:00
9	 GAVIRIA Fernando	Movistar Team	0:00
10	 DAINESE Alberto	Tudor Pro Cycling Team	0:00



**Charlie in Tenn** That was entertaining.

05-06-2024  
11:21:55 am



**Katie S** very

05-06-2024  
11:22:11 am



**Tim in KY** Another sprint stage tomorrow.

05-06-2024  
11:22:59 am



**Katie S** Thanks, everyone. See you tomorrow.

05-06-2024  
11:23:26 am



**bikerabe** best defense against injury for Tadej was to go out front

05-06-2024  
11:23:46 am



**PasadenaK8** See you all tomorrow ðŸ‘¸

05-06-2024  
11:25:45 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Yep, that crazy left turn was easy for them but tough for the group!

05-06-2024  
11:26:15 am



**Charlie in Tenn** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1715009940-giro%20stage%203.png>

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