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	The rain cloud seems to be tracking the break.	07-02 08:09
	Now the peloton gets wet.	07-02 08:10
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 Phinny's rear wheel slipped out on the sprint and he had to settle for second. 07-02 08:23

 The sprint in the peloton dropped the gap to 2:25. 07-02 08:26


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 **John** Chasing puppies sounds more fun than watching these guys right now 07-02 08:27

 **mcnally\_mi** This from NBCSN Cycling's twitter page -- "The last American to win a 07-02 08:27  
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 I think that was also on July fourth. 07-02 08:29

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 110 km to go the gap is 2:41. 07-02 08:36

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 Rain seem to have let up a good bit. 07-02 08:53

 Oooh. Izagirre has a lumbar fracture from yesterday's crash. 07-02 08:55

 96km to go. 2:20. 07-02 08:56

 **Michael Filosa** I had Izagirre on my fantasy team until I did final adjustments and put 07-02 09:01

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 Rain has stopped. For now. 07-02 09:04

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 Break is in the feedzone. 07-02 09:04

 **Katie** Good morning, gang. Like I said yesterday, "Could be worse, could be raining." 07-02 09:05


Is this going to be Le Tour de Pluie?

 Good morning, Katie. Stiff crosswind in the feedzone. 07-02 09:06

 **Katie** oh, fun. 07-02 09:06


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 Latour gets a front wheel. Gap is down to 2:10. 07-02 09:10

 Echelon at the front of the peloton and some gaps off the back. 07-02 09:14


 Horses. 07-02 09:15


 **Katie** Bob Roll is goign off on the organizers on the P&P show for not putting in safety 07-02 09:15

features on the ITT course yesterday.


 There was a lot of padding on some corners, just not on Groanwagon's. 07-02 09:16

 80 km to go, gap is under 2:00. 07-02 09:20


 Too soon, guys. 07-02 09:20


 **BusterSci** Yes, the pup is a distraction. I'll be back tomorrow. 07-02 09:22


 Stiff headwind. 07-02 09:23

 **Katie** You'll have that puppy paper trained and responding to voice commands by tomorrow? Wow, I'm impressed! 07-02 09:25

 75km, 2:01. 07-02 09:27


 **Elanzo** Buster, we're going to need some puppy pix plz 07-02 09:30


 **mcnally\_mi** Going back to Katie's comment the NBCSN discussion. I see both sides 07-02 09:31  
of the argument. Like Tim was saying, there were precautions taken. But Bob has a point in that there should have been something done on that corner. I remember in 2003 Ullrich crashing in that wet final TT and he went into some hay bales. Something has cheap and simple as that would have probably kept Valverde safe. But having watched the set up and tear down at the ATOC race, it is a massive undertaking to put on these races. Crazy sport we love.


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 The headwind is really hurting the break. 07-02 09:33

 **BusterSci** You asked, Elanzo. I deliver. 07-02 09:33

















 **Katie** I can hear the "awwww" coming in surround-sound from the LUGNut-sphere. 07-02 09:34  
Loudly here in my house. What a cutie.

















 **Elanzo** So cute!!! Can't blame you for puppy chasing with that shayna punim around 07-02 09:35

















 **BusterSci** From what we can tell, she's a terrier-beagle cross. Poor thing is 14 weeks 07-02 09:37  
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 **Katie** ... As is Ellen Louise Ripley? 07-02 09:40




































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	<b>BusterSci</b> Except for the train behind the fence in the backyard	07-02 09:41
	The peloton slows just a tad. 1:51 the gap now.	07-02 09:45
	<b>Elanzo</b> //rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1499003493-1499003193169.png	07-02 09:46
	Weather looking dodgy again.	07-02 09:46
	<b>Elanzo</b> This is my parents' puppy. While we're sharing	07-02 09:46
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> Since we're sharing four-legged family pics...	07-02 09:47
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> //rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1499003554-IMG_6190.jpg	07-02 09:47
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> Meet Artie Junior!	07-02 09:47
	<b>Elanzo</b> Eeee Artie Jr!!	07-02 09:48
	60km, 2:17.	07-02 09:50
	<b>Katie</b> HEY! JO, does that mean there's been success?!	07-02 09:50
	Raining again.	07-02 09:52
	<b>Joanna in New York</b> Yes, successful breeding. This is the ultrasound from the pregnancy check this morning.	07-02 09:52
	<b>Katie</b> Hurrah! Congrats ... Granny Jo!	07-02 09:52


















	<b>Mons Soseman</b> I have ten minutes free internet on Austrian Airlines. Any update?	07-02 09:53
	<b>Katie</b> It's raining, Leaders are 2:29 ahead of the peloton	07-02 09:54
	Break is in Aachen. In the Rain. Gap is 2:30.	07-02 09:54
	<b>Katie</b> 55.9 k to go	07-02 09:54
	<b>Mons Soseman</b> Thanks	07-02 09:54
	<b>Katie</b> Phinney may have the polka dot jersey by day's end. That just makes me chuckle.	07-02 09:54
	<b>Mons Soseman</b> Constantines basilica still stands at Aix la Chapelle or Aachen	07-02 09:55
	<b>Katie</b> P&P gave a nice tourist visit to the interior of siad basilica. Gorgeous.	07-02 09:56
	At least it's not raining in Liege. Yet.	07-02 10:01
	<b>Katie</b> Oh, good work, Tim. Now it will, you know.	07-02 10:02
	50km, 2:27.	07-02 10:05
	Break is in Belgium.	07-02 10:06
	Raining hard.	07-02 10:06
	Peloton crosses the border.	07-02 10:09
	<b>Katie</b> Greipel: "There are no undifficult sprints in the Tour de France."	07-02 10:10
	Peloton picks up the pace again. gap is 2:15.	07-02 10:10


















	Cummings at the end of the peloton.	07-02 10:11
	Everybody is on that unclassified lumpy stuff. Gap is 2:00.	07-02 10:13
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	40 km to go. 1:37.	07-02 10:17
	39 km, 1:04	07-02 10:20
	Under a minute.	07-02 10:22
	I'm not sure the break will even make it to 1 KU.	07-02 10:23
	1 KU for the break. Gap is only 0:40	07-02 10:27
	<b>BusterSci</b> The peloton is being led by the white jersey. All 37 of them.	07-02 10:27
	Undercount.	07-02 10:28
	Big crash in the peloton.	07-02 10:31
	Bardet needs a bike.. Froome went down.	07-02 10:32
	<b>Katie</b> Froome looks a bit frantic (and cold). Shorts are torn on his right cheek. Blech.	07-02 10:33
	It was a KAT at the front who went down first.	07-02 10:34
	This may let the break get to the KOM first.	07-02 10:35
	Group Froome/Bardet is in the cars now.	07-02 10:37

	<b>mcnally_mi</b> Saw some blood on Bardet's right leg. Ugh. Hope all are ok.	07-02 10:38
	They've gotten to the back of the peloton. Bora and QS at the front.	07-02 10:39
	22km, 0:29.	07-02 10:40
	Froome changes bikes.	07-02 10:41
	Amador crashes by himself.	07-02 10:42
	Froome still in the cars.	07-02 10:42
	Polka dots for Phinney!	07-02 10:44
	<b>Katie</b> by the skin of his suit	07-02 10:44
	<b>Katie</b> and now he's makin' a break	07-02 10:44
	Froome is at the back of the peloton.	07-02 10:44
	<b>Charles Davis</b> Hello all. Got here in time to see the crash. Hope everyone is ok. Beautiful weather I see.	07-02 10:45
	When does it get dry?	07-02 10:45
	<b>BusterSci</b> Provence	07-02 10:45
	<b>Charles Davis</b> Phinney takes a flyer. 20 km to go.	07-02 10:45
	Wanty guy joins Phinney.	07-02 10:46
	<b>Katie</b> Taylor has company... who is that?	07-02 10:46

	Wanty Guy.	07-02 10:47
	<b>BusterSci</b> Katie wanty guy?	07-02 10:47
	Offredo is Wanty Guy.	07-02 10:48
	<b>Katie</b> never!	07-02 10:48
	<b>BusterSci</b> Buster wanty puppy.	07-02 10:48
	<b>Katie</b> we don't have a gap for the leaders to the chse	07-02 10:48
	0:35, Katie.	07-02 10:49
	<b>Katie</b> Danke.	07-02 10:49
	15 km banner.	07-02 10:49
	<b>Katie</b> oh, wait, we crossed the border awhile back ... but are we in flemish speaking or french speaking Belgium?	07-02 10:50
	French.	07-02 10:50
	<b>BusterSci</b> Oui	07-02 10:50
	<b>Katie</b> Merci	07-02 10:50
	Finally, dry roads.	07-02 10:51
	<b>Elanzo</b> Good, because I don't know how to say anything in Flemish.	07-02 10:51
	The other two breakers are back in the peloton.	07-02 10:51

	DDD and Bora at the front. Gap is 0:51.	07-02 10:53
	<b>BusterSci</b> Anybody thinking Cav has been playing possum the last few months?	07-02 10:53
	No.	07-02 10:54
	<b>Katie</b> nope	07-02 10:54
	<b>Katie</b> but maybe he's being coy about his chances today	07-02 10:54
	10 km banner. 0:50.	07-02 10:55
	<b>Katie</b> wow, they might be able to pull this off	07-02 10:56
	<b>BusterSci</b> Peloton can close this in 2km.	07-02 10:56
	Field Marshall on the front.	07-02 10:57
	Resting.	07-02 10:57
	<b>Katie</b> Mons, you're just in time!	07-02 10:58
	<b>Mons Soseman</b> So close?	07-02 10:59
	<b>Katie</b> 7k, gap is 37	07-02 10:59
	<b>Mons Soseman</b> Thanks	07-02 10:59
	<b>Katie</b> Phinney and Offredo the remaining guys of the chase	07-02 10:59
	Gone to the big TV.	07-02 11:00
	<b>BusterSci</b> I hope he can phinneysh this off.	07-02 11:00


 <b>Mons Soseman</b> Is the KOM still American?	07-02 11:00
 <b>Katie</b> yup	07-02 11:00
 <b>Charles Davis</b> Yes	07-02 11:00
 <b>Charles Davis</b> He won both points	07-02 11:00
 5.5 km.	07-02 11:00
 <b>Katie</b> oh, buster, i just saw ... so punny	07-02 11:00
 <b>Mons Soseman</b> Hopefully he does not Tyler out	07-02 11:01
 <b>Charles Davis</b> Who is the best sprinter?	07-02 11:01
 <b>Katie</b> oy	07-02 11:01
 Phinney.	07-02 11:01
 <b>Katie</b> 5k, :31	07-02 11:02
 0:31.	07-02 11:02
 <b>Katie</b> 4k	07-02 11:02
 <b>Mons Soseman</b> Yikes	07-02 11:03
 <b>Katie</b> 3k, :20	07-02 11:03
 0:15	07-02 11:04
 They're not going to make it.	07-02 11:04

	<b>Katie</b> 2k, 10	07-02 11:04
	<b>Charles Davis</b> Gonna be close	07-02 11:04
	<b>Charles Davis</b> but the bunch is gonna win	07-02 11:05
	<b>Katie</b> Offredo looked back. Phinney keeps his head down.	07-02 11:05
	<b>Katie</b> Caught	07-02 11:05
	<b>Katie</b> It's over	07-02 11:05
	<b>Katie</b> Lotto swallowed them up	07-02 11:05
	<b>Katie</b> red kite	07-02 11:06
	<b>Katie</b> Lotto S on the front.	07-02 11:06
	<b>Katie</b> Kitten.	07-02 11:07
	<b>Katie</b> Kittel!	07-02 11:07
	<b>Katie</b> Kittel	07-02 11:07
	<b>BusterSci</b> Nope. It's Kitten.	07-02 11:07
	<b>Katie</b> Stupid autocorrect.	07-02 11:07
	<b>Katie</b> i think you've found a perfect nickname for a tough guy	07-02 11:07
	<b>BusterSci</b> Kitten joins the the pantheon of intentional and autocorrect new names.	07-02 11:08
	<b>Katie</b> Gripel got boxed in by Cobrelli.	07-02 11:08




 **BusterSci** Tough guy bawling his eyes out. 07-02 11:08


 **Mons Soseman** Neow 07-02 11:08

 **BusterSci** Cav just didn't have what he needed to close. 07-02 11:08

 **Mons Soseman** Meow 07-02 11:08

 Want to see the overhead. 07-02 11:09

 **BusterSci** Neow. That's what Keanu Reeves cat says. 07-02 11:09

 **Charles Davis** Looked crowded but pretty clean. 07-02 11:09

 **Mons Soseman** Signing off from Vienna 07-02 11:09


 **Charles Davis** Bye Mons 07-02 11:09


 Groanwagon fifth! 07-02 11:09

 **Katie** Au revoir, Mons 07-02 11:09

 **BusterSci** Ciao 07-02 11:09


 **Elanzo** Thanks Tim and team!! Way to go Phinney 07-02 11:09


 **BusterSci** Thanks for handling it all today, Tim. I'll try to help again tomorrow. 07-02 11:10

 **Charles Davis** Good to see all of you. See you tomorrow. 07-02 11:11

 **Tim in Ky** 1 Marcel Kittel (Ger) Quick-Step Floors 04:37:06 2 Arnaud Demare (Fra) 07-02 11:13


FDJ 00:00:00 3 André Greipel (Ger) Lotto Soudal 00:00:00 4 Mark Cavendish (GBr) Dimension Data 00:00:00 5 Dylan Groenewegen (Ned) Team LottoNI-Jumbo 00:00:00 6 Sonny Colbrelli (Ita) Bahrain-Merida 00:00:00 7 Ben Swift (GBr) UAE Team Emirates 00:00:00 8 Nacer Bouhanni (Fra) Cofidis,

 **Katie** i just love that clip of the Gorilla's head swiveling up to see the guy who beat him 07-02 11:17


 **Tim in Ky** Still no overhead shot of the finish. I wonder if they missed it. 07-02 11:18

 **Tim in Ky** No change at the top of GC. 07-02 11:20

 **Tim in Ky** See you tomorrow. 07-02 11:21

 **Katie** These guys are all tall: Kittel 6'2", Phinney 6'5", Kung 6'4" 07-02 11:29

 **Katie** when did they start growin' 07-02 11:30

 **Katie** when did they start growin' 'em so big? 07-02 11:30