



Tim in KY VaE Stage 17 is 157 kilometers in Basque country starting in suburban Bilbao and ending on a mountain. The route take a loop northwest of Bilbao then returns there for the intermediate sprint. Then it heads northeast to the coast, turns southeast into the mountains, does another loop around the finish climb and finally head uphill.

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Tim in KY //rumbledtalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1536746331-stage-17-route.jpg

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Tim in KY There are six categorized climbs on the stage, four Cat 3s, a Cat 2 and the final Cat 1. The cat 2 is actually a climb halfway up the finish climb before the route descends into the valley for a loop that includes two Cat 3 climbs. Then it returns to make the final ascent.

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Tim in KY //rumbledtalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1536746519-stage-17-profile.jpg

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Tim in KY The final climb is listed as 7.3 km at 9.7%, but the bottom have averages about 6% and the second half is all in the double digits with one section at 24%. The road at that point is a narrow concrete path.

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Tim in KY //rumbledtalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1536746688-stage-17-alto-del-balcon-de-bizkaia.jpg

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Tim in KY //rumbledtalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1536746699-stage-17-5km.jpg

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Tim in KY Start time is 13:26 CET (07:26 EDT), finish around 17:40 CET (11:40 EDT). Video from the start. Forecast is sunny with temps in the upper 20s C.

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Tim in KY Conci Nicola (Trek) DNS yesterday. Rohan Dennis will not start today. That's the only abandon so far.

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Tim in KY Gold is up.

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GETXO
10 m



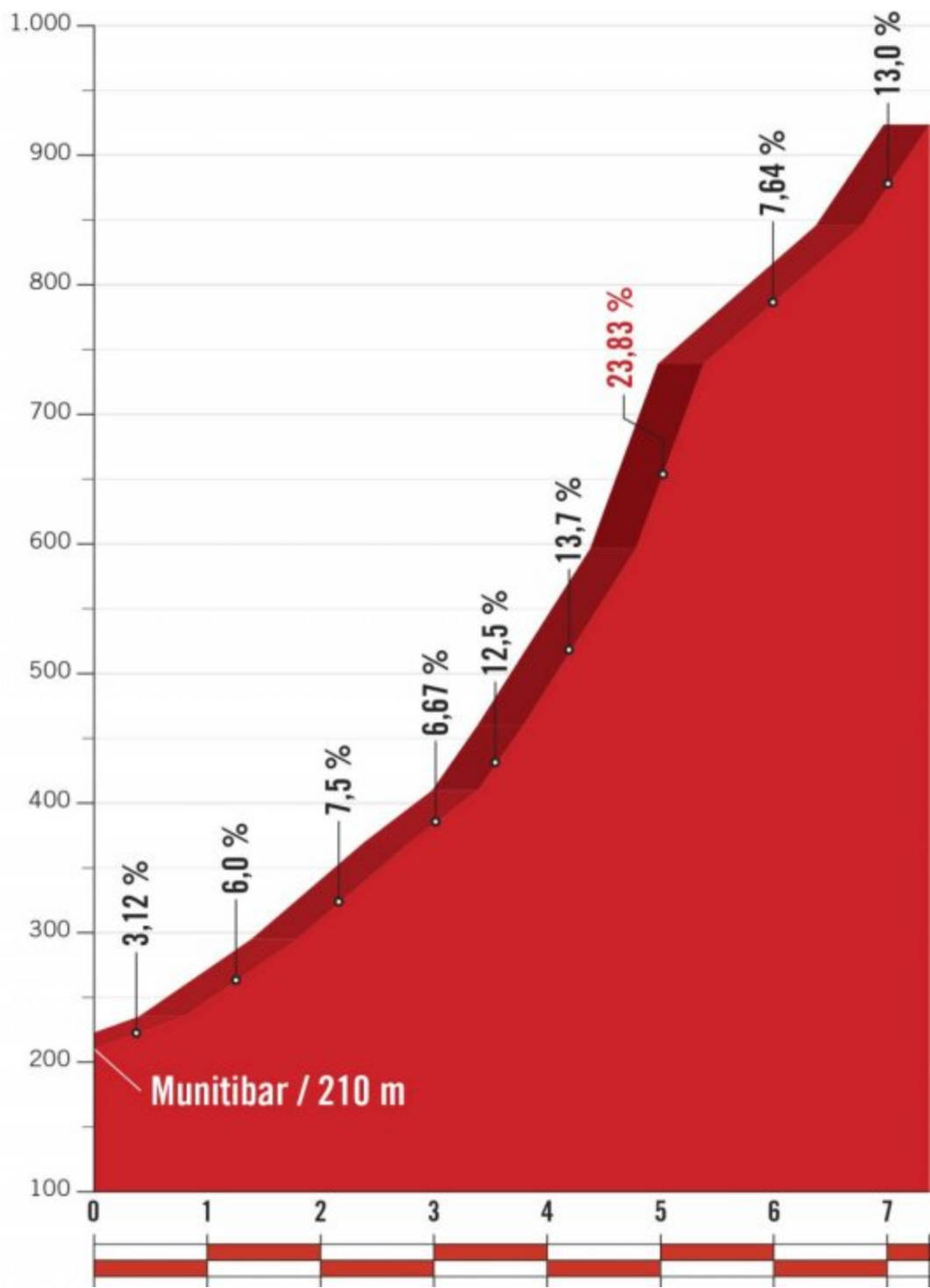
BALCÓN DE BIZKAIA
925 m

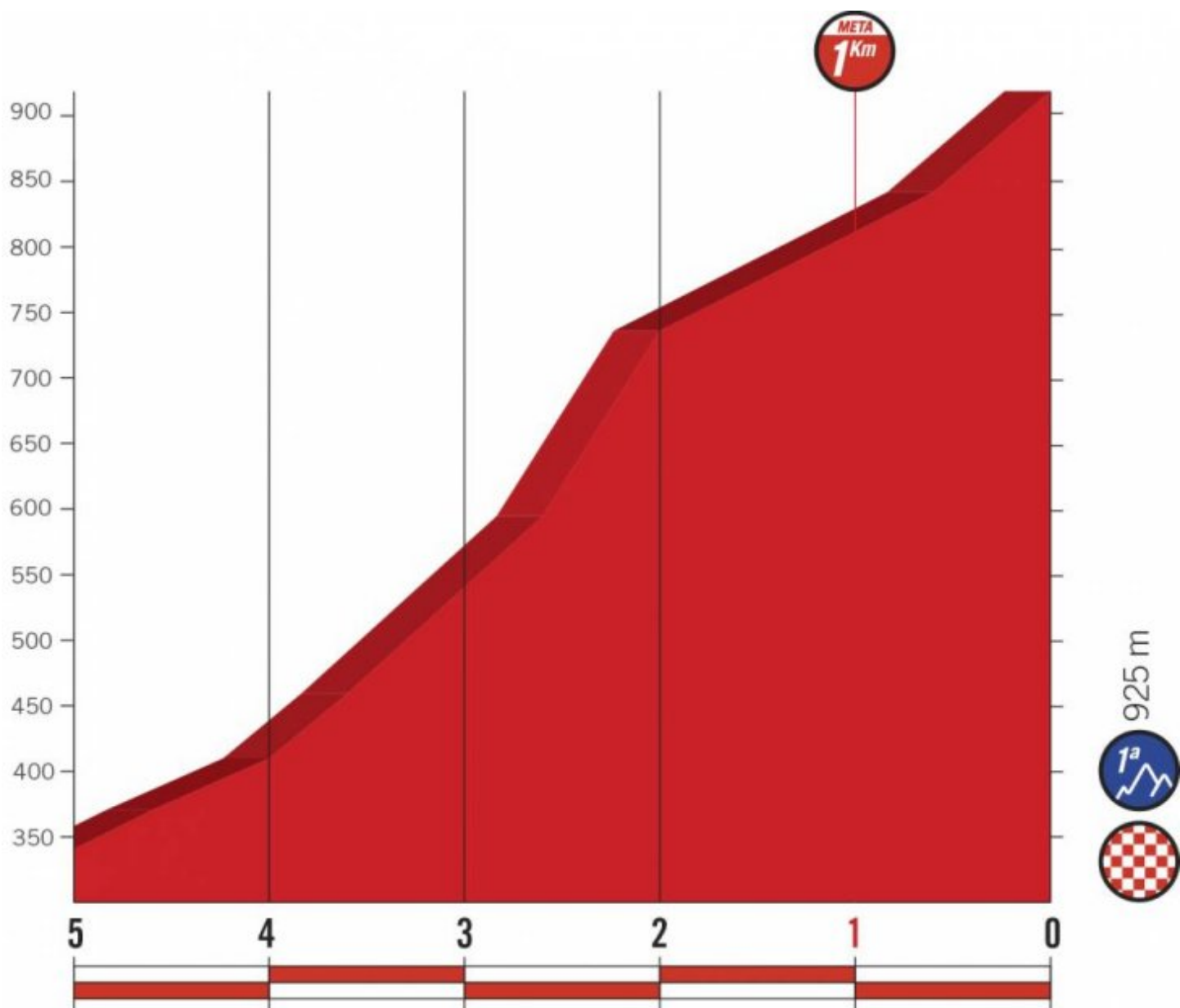
Alto del Balcón de Bizkaia / 925 m



0 km

157 km







BusterSci Another day of intermittent attendance. Along with the usual excuses, it's Frau's birthday, so she took the day off and we have plans for the morning.

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06:57:10



Tim in KY Happy birthday to her.

12-Sep-2018
06:58:37



Tim in KY Dennis is the DNS today.

12-Sep-2018
07:04:21



Tim in KY Long neutral. 21 minutes.

12-Sep-2018
07:04:37



Tim in KY But first, Basque dancing.

12-Sep-2018
07:06:07



BusterSci What's Dennis' team next year? I don't recall.

12-Sep-2018
07:06:15



Tim in KY Me neither.

12-Sep-2018
07:07:37



BusterSci Bahrain.

12-Sep-2018
07:08:02



Tim in KY I don't get it.

12-Sep-2018
07:08:28



Tim in KY Neutral start 6 minutes late.

12-Sep-2018
07:09:35



BusterSci I gotta think money and to be protected GC rider. The fate of BMC was still uncertain at that point, so he needed a team.

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07:09:53



Tim in KY I don't think Dennis will ever be a GC contender in a grand tour.

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07:11:31



Tim in KY There is a dead bug on the chopper camera and it's driving me crazy.

12-Sep-2018
07:13:59



BusterSci I tend to agree with you on this, Tim. But some folks who are supposed to know these things think he can.

12-Sep-2018
07:14:05



BusterSci The agreement is on Dennis. I don't have the stream up so I can't talk to the dead bug and my state of mind.

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07:14:32



BusterSci OK. Feed is up. I'm with you on the bug too.

12-Sep-2018
07:16:19



Tim in KY Showing the finish now. It's in a wind farm. But the turbines are all off.

12-Sep-2018
07:16:36



Tim in KY Nibbles has a saddle problem in neutral.

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07:20:31



BusterSci On Dennis, if he's going to win a GT it's likely going to be TT heavy, with more medium climbs and long Alpine climbs rather than these punchy Vuelta climbs. And Dumoulin has to not be there, because TD's shown himself a better TTer and more advanced GC rider. Any race Rohan can win, Tom can win better.

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07:21:20



Tim in KY I think that's the same as saying never.

12-Sep-2018
07:23:11



Tim in KY I actually got a helpful email from Gold yesterday that fixed my iPad problem.

12-Sep-2018
07:24:58



BusterSci Especially given the upcoming talent like Bernal, Roglic, Mas, etc.

12-Sep-2018
07:25:00



Tim in KY Mas sure has potential. I'm afraid that Bernal will be a Quintana-level time trialer.

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07:27:49



Tim in KY Still 5 km of neutral to ride.

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07:28:27



BusterSci His only great TT performance so far was Romandie, and that was uphill. You can excuse his Tour TT, given his role. ToC could have been better. Being Columbian TT champ doesn't really mean much. Sky has to hope he has better attacking legs than Nairo, being they gave him a 5 year contract for some serious money.

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07:34:26



BusterSci But I'm sure Sir Dave can find a way to get some marginal improvements out of him.

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07:35:11



Tim in KY Let's start a list of young phenoms who came to naught.

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07:36:17



BusterSci Well, our favorite: Tejay

12-Sep-2018
07:36:34



BusterSci Popo

12-Sep-2018
07:37:16



Tim in KY Dead bug is gone.

12-Sep-2018
07:38:59



Tim in KY Finally the start.

12-Sep-2018
07:39:42



BusterSci Rolland. Would you count Andy Schleck?

12-Sep-2018
07:39:50



Tim in KY Andy wasn't naught, just short-lived.

12-Sep-2018
07:40:55



versajan Tim, happy to hear Gold gave you a good response. While the neutral zone went on and on I spent a lot of time rattling PayPal for Jo.

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07:41:03



BusterSci I think Phinney has to be on the list, but he's very zen about it. I'm good with that take on Andy.

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07:41:13



BusterSci Thomas Dekker

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07:41:46



Tim in KY I wonder how Phinney would have turned out minus the guard rail.

12-Sep-2018
07:42:53



BusterSci I think he may have had some classics, and maybe a monument or two in him.

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07:43:20



BusterSci His performance at P-R this year says there still might be some promise there.

12-Sep-2018
07:43:45



Tim in KY They haven't show the Guggenheim yet. They always show that when in Bilbao.

12-Sep-2018
07:44:07



BusterSci Barcelona to Bilbao was on our list of potential trips for this fall before Frau decided on Portugal. So that goes into the hopper for the future.

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07:46:01



Tim in KY On to the first Cat 3.

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07:48:02



BusterSci I'd put Betancur, Ulissi, Meintjes and Rui Costa on the list. All guys who looked like they were on an upward trajectory that flattened out way too soon.

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07:48:10



Tim in KY Nibbles in the lead group. Not really a break yet.

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07:54:45



Katie S Good morning! The bug in Tim's Gold is gone; the bug on the copter camera is gone. All is right with the world.

12-Sep-2018
07:55:19



Katie S Happy Birthday, Ivanka!

12-Sep-2018
07:55:57



Katie S As for the list of naughts, should we add HWSNBN?

12-Sep-2018
07:56:23



BusterSci Frau says "mmmph, snort, zzzzzzz." She and Ripley are still sound asleep.

12-Sep-2018
07:56:50



Tim in KY Di Marchi off on his own on this climb.

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07:59:02



Tim in KY Mate still ailing.

12-Sep-2018
07:59:26



BusterSci I think HWSNBN is a different situation, but maybe not any different than Dekker.

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08:00:25



Katie S Buster, I'll be out in your neck of the woods week from Friday, breezing through MPS, with a quick sleep at the Hyatt near the Mall of America before driving to Iowa for a family thing

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08:00:37



BusterSci How's the pho, Jo?

12-Sep-2018
08:02:41



BusterSci What time do you come in, Katie?

12-Sep-2018
08:03:47



Tim in KY Postal Burger on the front now.

12-Sep-2018
08:03:58



Katie S late, alas. 8 or 9 p.m. i think.

12-Sep-2018
08:04:03



Joanna in New York Another quick good morning from North Carolina! I had mentioned privately to Tim that I would be late sweeping out the Pub, but I'm glad to see Tim's great Race Preview made it. Yesterday was media accreditation day, and I wasn't sure I'd be able to secure a locker, so my laptop stayed in the condo. Today, the laptop comes with me, so I'll be able to freshen up the joint earlier. :-)

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08:04:12



Katie S Good morning, Jo.

12-Sep-2018
08:04:32



Katie S is the hurricane affecting things where you are?

12-Sep-2018
08:04:40



Joanna in New York Phos were good, Buster. I'll post one here soon before I have to run.

12-Sep-2018
08:04:47



Tim in KY This is a very long Cat 3.

12-Sep-2018
08:05:19



Katie S and having quite an impact on things

12-Sep-2018
08:05:40



Joanna in New York Absolutely no effect from Florence. Minimal expected as we're 300+ miles inland. My concerns are being able to fly to FL on Friday and back on Saturday.

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BusterSci Beat you to it.

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08:06:09



Tim in KY De Gendt gets the 3 KOM points. He's now 4 behind Mate.

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08:06:54

















versajan Ohhhh...the hunger begins and it's only 5am.

12-Sep-2018
08:07:06





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-  **Joanna in New York** Another reason for logging in is to thank versajan for her generous donation!! Thank you, Janet!! 12-Sep-2018 08:08:01
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-  **Tim in KY** Large group off the front on the descent. 12-Sep-2018 08:08:36
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-  **Katie S** Big names in there 12-Sep-2018 08:08:43
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-  **Katie S** and dang if Ben King hasn't put himself there, too 12-Sep-2018 08:08:58
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-  **versajan** Just read on CN that it's Majka's BDay too. 12-Sep-2018 08:09:09
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-  **Tim in KY** Not much gap yet. 0:12. 12-Sep-2018 08:09:47
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-  **versajan** You're very welcome Jo!! 12-Sep-2018 08:09:51
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-  **Joanna in New York** //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1536754502-1536754200514.jpeg 12-Sep-2018 08:10:03
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-  **Joanna in New York** Here's my PHO: Laura Graves, top U.S. Team Member and Flag Bearer in the Opening Ceremonies last night, warming up her Dutch Warmblood gelding Verdades. 12-Sep-2018 08:10:15
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-  **versajan** Perfectly timed photo. 12-Sep-2018 08:11:15
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-  **Tim in KY** Some team doesn't like this break. Chasing hard. 12-Sep-2018 08:11:31
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-  **versajan** Who's in the break that they don't like? 12-Sep-2018 08:12:34
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-  **Katie S** Beautiful Pho. Nice horse, too. 12-Sep-2018 08:13:10
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-  **Tim in KY** Haven't seen all the names yet. It's a huge group. 12-Sep-2018 08:13:23
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versajan De la Cruz is the best at 12 and some?

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08:13:31



Joanna in New York What you don't see, but I represented in a different shot, is the construction crews still hard at work on the Media Center in the background. Verdades is a bit of a sensitive horse, and there was banging and crashing and pneumatic construction tools making all sorts of noises. Great rider, great horse.

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08:13:38



Joanna in New York Okay, gotta' run, great to say "hi" and thanks again, Janet. - jopho

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08:14:49



BusterSci These are some: Vincenzo Nibali (Bahrain-Merida), Rafal Majka (Bora-hansgrohe), Ilnur Zakarin (Katusha-Alpecin), David De La Cruz (Team Sky) and Bauke Mollema (Trek-Segafredo).

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Tim in KY De La Cruz is best places at 12:01.

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08:16:15



versajan CN has full list. Castroviejo in the break too, he's from this area.

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08:16:38



Tim in KY ASO has the full list but not in cut and paste form.

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08:17:35



Tim in KY Front 26 have 1:02 on the red jersey group.

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BusterSci More coming...

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versajan Thanks Buster!


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08:20:17

D. De La Cruz Melgarejo		141 SKY	+ 12' 01''
R. Majka		45 BOH	+ 13' 02''
J. Herrada Lopez		203 COF	+ 33' 31''
I. Zakarin		121 TKA	+ 39' 47''
B. Mollema		161 TFS	+ 44' 03''
C. Rodriguez Martin		196 CJR	+ 45' 11''
D. Teuns		37 BMC	+ 49' 05''
M. Kudus		107 DDD	+ 54' 09''
S. Clarke		112 EFD	+ 57' 37''
M. Woods		118 EFD	+ 59' 53''
A. Ghebreigzabhier Werkilul		104 DDD	+ 01h 00' 18''
J. Hindley		154 SUN	+ 01h 04' 21''
F. Pellizotti		6 TBM	+ 01h 19' 05''
V. Conti		174 UAD	+ 01h 24' 38''
S. Rossetto		207 COF	+ 01h 31' 03''

O. Fraile  24 AST	+ 01h 35' 41''
T. De Gendt  64 LTS	+ 01h 38' 43''
V. Nibali  1 TBM	+ 01h 39' 52''
A. De Marchi  33 BMC	+ 02h 04' 51''
A. Amador  82 MOV	+ 02h 15' 12''
H. Saez Benito  218 EUS	+ 02h 15' 17''
P. Serry  98 QST	+ 02h 19' 11''
A. Geniez  16 ALM	+ 02h 23' 01''
J. Mendes  181 BBH	+ 02h 26' 02''
J. Castroviejo Nicolas  142 SKY	+ 02h 35' 31''
L. Pöstlberger  47 BOH	+ 03h 00' 46''


M. Kudus		107 DDD	+ 54' 09''
F. Pellizotti		6 TBM	+ 01h 19' 05''
V. Conti		174 UAD	+ 01h 24' 38''
P. Serry		98 QST	+ 02h 19' 11''
J. Mendes		181 BBH	+ 02h 26' 02''


 **BusterSci** FWIW, De La Cruz sits 16th overall at 12:01. He threatens Haig and Aru at 10:58 and 10:34 respectively. Next is Brambilla at 8:35. Doesn't seem to be a GC reason for the chase. 12-Sep-2018 08:23:28

 **versajan** Fraile waving to cheering fans. 12-Sep-2018 08:25:31


 **BusterSci** The small chase... 12-Sep-2018 08:26:28


 **Tim in KY** 2:33 now. 12-Sep-2018 08:26:28

 **BusterSci** //rumbledtalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1536755494-Screen%20Shot%202018-09-12%20at%207.25.59%20AM.png 12-Sep-2018 08:26:36

 **Katie S** What did I see that made me think Ben King had made the break? It seems to have disappeared. 12-Sep-2018 08:26:53


 **Tim in KY** Chasers are stuck at 0:50. 12-Sep-2018 08:27:39

 **BusterSci** ASO is saying Kudus and Grebadskhfadifc Wnadskufve;sdf from DDD. 12-Sep-2018 08:28:32


 **BusterSci** That's a fun way to cross the water... 12-Sep-2018 08:29:24














 **Tim in KY** Kudus is in the chase. 12-Sep-2018 08:29:34

 **BusterSci** 32s now for the chasers 12-Sep-2018 08:29:39

 **BusterSci** They have him in both groups. 12-Sep-2018 08:29:55

 **Katie S** busy fellow 12-Sep-2018 08:30:09

 **BusterSci** Ah. The chasers were dropped from the original 26. It's 2 in front and 5 chasing. 12-Sep-2018 08:30:29

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-  **BusterSci** 26 in front. 12-Sep-2018
08:30:41
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-  **BusterSci** MacBook keyboard. I'm sure you've all read the about the issues. 12-Sep-2018
08:31:02
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-  **Tim in KY** 3:31 to the Jersey now. 12-Sep-2018
08:33:20
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-  **Donny** Good morning all caught up and will be in and out till it's over 12-Sep-2018
08:35:01
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-  **BusterSci** Katie, too bad you aren't spending a bit more time. Your hotel is just a couple hundred feet from the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Great hike if you're stuck for some reason. 12-Sep-2018
08:37:18
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-  **BusterSci** There ya go, Tim 12-Sep-2018
08:38:53
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-  **BusterSci** Sorry didn't want to wait for his chase companions. 12-Sep-2018
08:40:01
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-  **BusterSci** Serry 12-Sep-2018
08:40:08
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-  **BusterSci** Why does autocorrect think I would type with the WRONG FREAKIN HAND? 12-Sep-2018
08:40:28
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-  **Katie S** Ah, that would be lovely. Plus, figuring out how to say hello to you in person would be even better. Our journey is to carry out the wishes of my partner's father, who died in February. He wanted to have his parents moved from a cemetery in Phoenix to be re-buried in the family plot in Iowa. (We do also plan to make a side trip to Templeton Rye, truth be told.) 12-Sep-2018
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-  **Tim in KY** I wish they'd show the break long enough to figure out who's not working. 12-Sep-2018
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-  **BusterSci** Katie: Where in Iowa? 12-Sep-2018
08:42:02
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-  **Charles Davis** Hi all. Happy Birthday to Ivanka and Majka. 12-Sep-2018
08:42:05



Katie S Spencer

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08:42:32



Katie S Serry is going for it, trying to bridge from the chase group.

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08:45:35



Tim in KY 107 km, 5:09.

12-Sep-2018
08:46:56



Katie S ugh, he's gotta do it without the draft of the team cars and up the slope of the bridge

12-Sep-2018
08:47:17



Katie S that's gotta hurt

12-Sep-2018
08:47:30



versajan The race director pulled the cars out so no help for Serry. Robbie on Gold says "the rules suck".

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08:47:43



Katie S The thumb up from Serry was, well, a euphemistic digit for that middle digit...

12-Sep-2018
08:50:19



Tim in KY The four "chasers" are getting nowhere.

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08:51:29



versajan But no penalty for a thumb.

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08:51:31



Charles Davis Serry made it across. Good job for him.

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08:52:25



Charles Davis 4 other chasers that he left are still about 1:30 behind the big group.

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08:53:05



Tim in KY ASO ticker says Majka was second in the sprint, TV says it was Postal Burger. They're both Bora, but they wear different jerseys.

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08:53:25



Tim in KY Break is on an uncategorized climb.

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08:54:22



Tim in KY Kudus has made it across from the chase. We never saw him.

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08:56:34



Tim in KY And now the three remaining chasers make it across.

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08:59:37



Tim in KY 3 KU, 6:52.

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09:00:34



versajan The chat screen went completely grey while I was trying to move myself, the phone, and the blanket to the couch. My eyelids may close for a while when I get comfy.

12-Sep-2018
09:00:55



Charles Davis Great plan Janet.

12-Sep-2018
09:01:42



Charles Davis I saw the boys (Bikerabe and Dave) on FB.

12-Sep-2018
09:02:28



Tim in KY Six categorized climbs and a Cat 1 mountain top finish with double digit gradient and the organizers call this stage "hilly".

12-Sep-2018
09:05:37



Katie S I'd had to know what "mountainous" would be.

12-Sep-2018
09:08:34



Katie S hate

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09:08:36



versajan Yes Charles, they finally met up. With 2000 riders it's sometimes hard to find just one person. Steve used to put a pink flag on his tent so I could find him and camp nearby.

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Tim in KY This Katie:

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Tim in KY //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1536758147-stage-20-profile.jpg

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Tim in KY Saturday.

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versajan Ooooo

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09:11:33

**ANDORRA.
ESCALDES-ENGORDANY
1.010 m**



**COLL DE LA GALLINA.
SANTUARIO DE CANOLICH
1.480 m**

Coll de la Gallina / 1.480 m



0 km

97,3 km



Katie S oh my

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09:12:30



Tim in KY This section is truly hilly.

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09:15:05



Tim in KY Splitting the break a little.

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09:15:43



Tim in KY 88 km to go. The gap has stabilized at just over 7:00.

12-Sep-2018
09:17:32



Charles Davis I always wore one of those long, long multicolored ski hats when I went skiing so my peeps could find me. I looked like a teenager but it was effective.

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09:18:34



versajan Loved following someone with one of those hats while it flew on its own on a fast downhill.

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09:20:18



Tim in KY Gap is creeping up towards 8:00.

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09:21:19



Tim in KY 85 km, 8:12.

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09:22:49



Tim in KY About 6 km to the start of the second Cat 3.

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09:27:50



Charles Davis What does everyone think about Porte going to Trek-Segafredo?

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09:31:33



Tim in KY I don't think he'll do any different than he did at BMC.

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09:32:31



Charles Davis Mollema seemed to say the right things, looking forward to it, splitting leadership, lots of one week wins, etc.

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versajan Hope his luck improves at Trek Segafredo.

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09:34:15



Donny Richie "upright" Porte, Maybe Trek bikes help him keep the rubber side down

12-Sep-2018
09:35:08





Charles Davis I would like to see him have a good year and see what happens. Hope Brambilla, Mollema, and Pantano can help him enough in the high mts.

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Tim in KY Break on the climb.

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Charles Davis //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1536760351-1536760053907.png

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Charles Davis The race was in Guernica earlier. It is the city that Germany practiced bombing in the Spanish Civil War. No warning to the populace. Pablo Picasso painted his arguably most famous painting of the devastation.

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Katie S I had the opportunity to see this painting in San Francisco when it was on on tour a few years ago. It's massive and powerful. (I'm sorry missed the Vuelta's pass through the city)

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09:49:06



Tim in KY De Gendt got 3 more KOM points. He trails Mate by just one point now.

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Katie S Before things hot up, I have to share this very odd dream I had last night. It's a mash-up of everything on my mind lately, I think::

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09:53:17



Katie S I was in a high-school gymnasium, and it was filled with the commercial products of sponsors – lots of stoves and washer/dryers. I stood up before the crowd and admonished them not to let education become corporatized. I got booed. Then I saw that there was also a collection of some beautiful bikes, including a very snazzy time-trial bike. I backed down. Then I was at a reception, and folks began to sing the Hava Nagila. Interpretation: I'm a college trustee worried about revenue streams and recently bought my mom new appliances and yesterday was a time trial at the Vuelta and my sister celebrated Rosh Hashanah with her mother-in-law.

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Dave Ringle Good morning from Elgin OR where I'm keeping this short so I can start the 75 mile day with only 5200 feet of climbing, mostly in the first 20 miles. Bikerabe and I finally found each other in this rolling mass of cyclists.

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Tim in KY I have to turn the sound off now for a while. Tell me if they say anything important.

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09:58:00



Katie S Hey! Dave and Bikerabe! How fun.

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09:59:27



Tim in KY Gap has come under 8:00 with 60 km to go.

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10:02:53



Bustersci Sorry I've been out. Had an attack of vertigo and trying to recover. Had to turn the video off because it was making me nauseous. Just getting over it now.

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10:08:46



Tim in KY Vertigo is very unpleasant.

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10:10:00



Tim in KY 55 km 7:27.

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10:10:18



Tim in KY Haven't seen which teams are chasing.

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10:10:46



Bustersci Yeah. Not sure where this came from. I think a neck issue overnight. I was ok if I kept the head down but things started spinning if I lifted it. Now trying to recover so I'm ready for Frau's birthday lunch.

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10:12:06



Katie S Yikes, Buster. I'm glad you're better for Frau's bday. My doctor recommended this exercise (and this video):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQR6b7CAiqk>.

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Tim in KY There's an Euski at the front of the peloton right now, then a long line of MTS.

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10:14:37



Tim in KY 50 km 7:11.

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10:17:10



Tim in KY Have a slurpee.

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10:17:21



Katie S Quintana taking a draft from the race official's car

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10:18:34



Katie S back from a mechanical, nature break or cuppa java maybe

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10:18:51



Bustersci Or a slurpee

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10:19:07



Tim in KY Down to 7:00.

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10:19:51



Tim in KY Getting close to the start of the Cat 2.

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10:23:53



Tim in KY The official start of the Cat 2 looks to be actually halfway up the climb. The road tips up now.

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10:27:41



Tim in KY Euski now puts 2 guys on the front. 6:09.

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10:29:33



Tim in KY 7.3 km to the summit.

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10:30:17



Katie S wait, are they on this road twice? One side less steep than the other?

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10:31:04



Tim in KY When they go up the second time it's on a different road.

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10:31:47



Tim in KY One that gets worse and worse as it goes up.

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10:32:23



Katie S fun for us, anyway

12-Sep-2018
10:33:31



Charles Davis Sorry Buster. Vertigo is no fun. Hope it clears up quickly.

12-Sep-2018
10:34:14



Charles Davis Computer acting funny so I am running spyware and antivirus. Here on my phone with everyone.

12-Sep-2018
10:35:26



Bustersci I'm trying the process in that video. Might be helping. But I almost lost my breakfast when I tilted my head back.

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10:35:40



Tim in KY Six Euskis at the front now.

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10:40:48



Charles Davis Who are they riding for?

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10:42:13



Trish in MA My Mom has vertigo. She does the various ear exercises. Sometimes they help, sometimes they don't. But taking a Meclazine always helps.

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10:42:49



Tim in KY Probably Oscar Rodriguez, Charlie.

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10:43:47



Tim in KY He's already won a stage.

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10:44:00



Charles Davis Oh yeah, I remember him. He looked good that day.

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10:44:27



Tim in KY De Gendt goes for the five points and the dots.

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10:44:31



Tim in KY Fog up at the top of the Cat 1.

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10:45:23



Bustersci Maybe I'll get some mescaline. Or isn't that what you said, Trish?

12-Sep-2018
10:46:59



memb54 Morning, All. Just caught up reading all. My maternal side of the family is from this area of the world. Bilbao Capital, Guernica the city totally bombed by authorisation of FF, trying to eliminate the Basque race from the face of the earth, but Basques survive, and have done no matter what. Great area to visit. Mundaka, home town, has the best surfing beaches according to those in the know. Both the Billabong and the Red Bull Showdown took place here.

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Tim in KY There are ejits on this descent because they come back up this road to the finish.

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10:47:19



memb54 :D Mescaline might have better results

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10:47:30



Bustersci I'd care less

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10:47:42



Bustersci I'll have my attorney get me some.

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10:48:10



Trish in MA You say mescaline, I say meclazine. Let's call the whole thing off.

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10:48:33



Katie S really? Less than 1 KU?

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10:50:10



Tim in KY Peloton summits at 5:21.

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10:50:15



Tim in KY Yes Katie and still three climbs to go.

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10:50:38



Tim in KY Now I can have sound again.

12-Sep-2018
10:54:57



Tim in KY Break on the third Cat 3. 25 km to go.

12-Sep-2018
10:56:21



memb54 I've got Kelly and Co today

12-Sep-2018
10:56:30



Charles Davis Back on the computer. Nothing found. Computers are weird.

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10:58:22



Tim in KY Reminder:

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Tim in KY //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1536764804-stage-17-alto-del-balcon-de-bizkaia.jpg

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Tim in KY Astana had the front of the peloton now.

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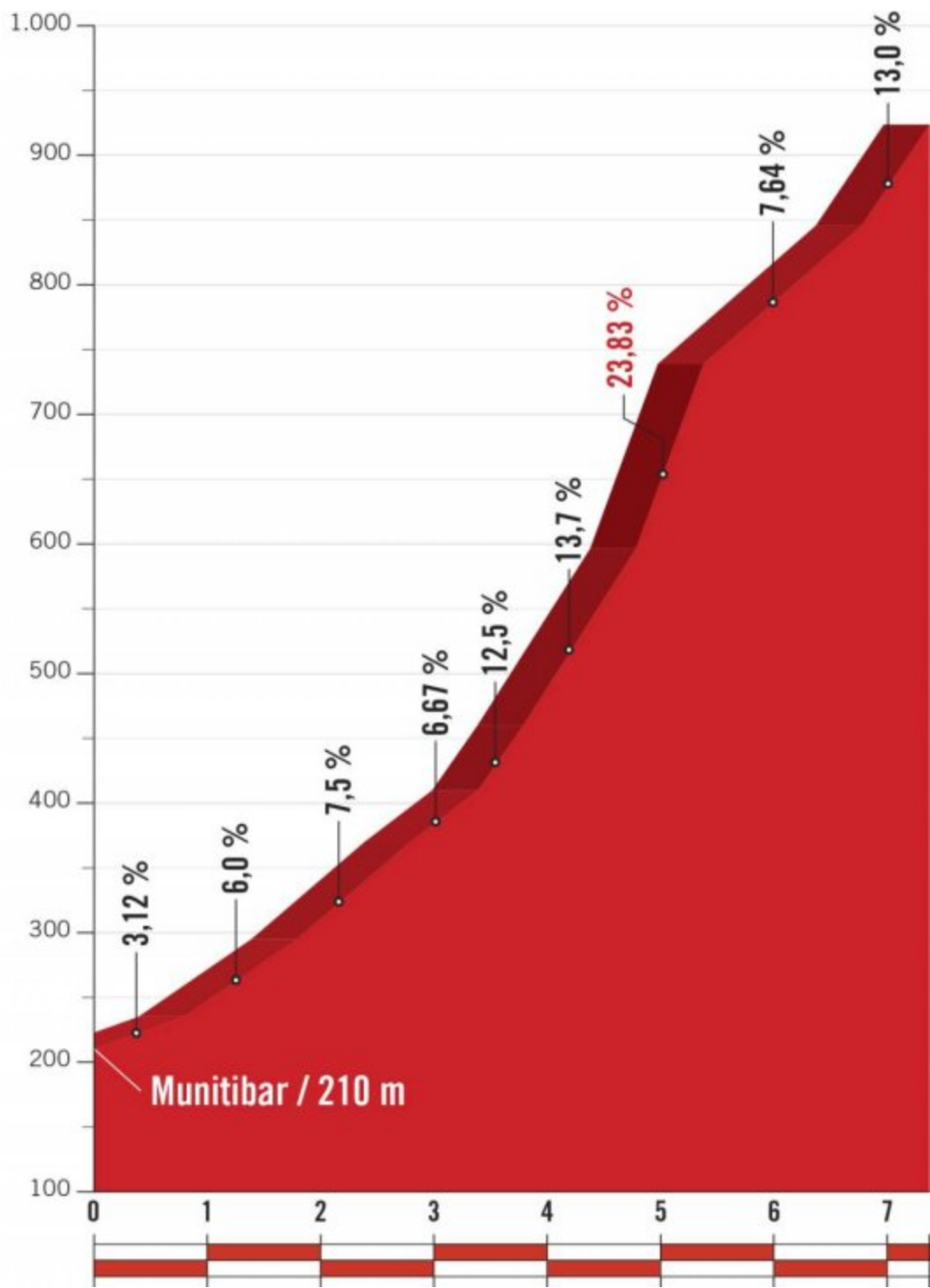
Donny Euskadi just wanted to all get together so they could go out the back at the same time?

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Tim in KY They're still up there. Astana just trying to help Lopez.

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11:04:16





Tim in KY De Gendt takes the 3 points.

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11:06:02



Tim in KY 21 km 4:29.

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11:06:19



Tim in KY Clarke and Gienez are off the fron of the break by a tad.

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11:09:28



Tim in KY Peloton crests at 4:35.

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11:10:42



Tim in KY Those two caught.

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11:11:17



Tim in KY 15 km banner. Break on the last Cat 3.

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11:12:59



Charles Davis OK, I am off to have lunch at school with my 1st grader.
Everyone have a great day.

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11:13:33



Tim in KY Break playing games on the climb.

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11:14:32



Gilliemarie Any predictions on the break being sucessful?

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11:16:36



Tim in KY 50/50 GM.

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11:17:01



Tim in KY The last climb is only 7 km long but it's very steep.

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11:18:18



memb54 Great that Astana is making so much of an effort in this stage.

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11:18:58



Tim in KY De Gendt back on the front looking for 3 more points in 1500 meters.

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11:19:19



Tim in KY Lopez has a lot of time to make up, Maite.

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11:19:56



Tim in KY Postal Burger and Seery shed on the climb.

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11:21:00



Tim in KY Only 3 km of descent before the last climb starts.

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11:22:13



Tim in KY 3 more points for De Gendt.

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11:23:04



Tim in KY Fraile and De Gendt off the front.

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11:23:32



versajan Well I did have quite the snooze. Sorry to miss Guernica. Also sorry for your vertigo Buster. You can sympathize with Jo now.

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11:25:15



Tim in KY Gap under 4:00.

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11:25:17



Tim in KY Break on the climb.

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11:25:59



versajan Probably good that I napped. Driving out to E Oregon today, don't want to fall asleep!

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Tim in KY Clarke attacks on the climb.

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11:26:54



versajan Aussies excited.

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11:27:27



Tim in KY Di Marchi and Amador follow.

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11:27:31



versajan For a brief moment.

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11:27:50



Tim in KY Aru crashes.

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11:28:11



versajan Another Aru accident

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11:28:33



Tim in KY Almost redundant.

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11:29:01



versajan A bit of bloody skin showing, ouch ouch ouch

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11:29:17



Tim in KY Peloton on the climb now.

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11:29:35



Tim in KY Bilbao leads Lopez on the climb.

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11:30:08



Tim in KY 5 km banner. The awful stuff starts at 4 km.

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11:31:06



Tim in KY 3:30.

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11:31:36



Tim in KY Still two MTS with Yates but he's riding in front of them.

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Tim in KY 4 km banner.

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11:33:33



Tim in KY On the crappy road now.

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11:34:08



Tim in KY Fraile leading what's left of the break.

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11:36:17



Tim in KY Jersey group on the crappy road now.

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11:37:05



Tim in KY Woods and Majka out front.

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11:37:36



Tim in KY Valverde attacks. Haig follows.

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Tim in KY Cattle grate.

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11:38:40



Donny lost my feed

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11:39:22



versajan Quintana a bit off the back

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11:41:12



Tim in KY Sea of edjits.

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11:42:08



Gilliemarie No barriers? Or too early?

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versajan Not too early

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Tim in KY Not really room for barriers.

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11:43:37



Tim in KY Amador comes back for Quintana.

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11:44:22



Tim in KY De La Cruz and Woods up front.

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Tim in KY Teuns and Majka try to follow.

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11:45:23



versajan Gold just said the riders will be protected by the crowd. ???????

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Tim in KY Into the fog.

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11:45:56



Tim in KY Kite.

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11:46:04



Tim in KY Not as steep here.

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11:46:52



Tim in KY Lopez attacks Yates.

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11:47:20



Tim in KY Woods looking good.

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11:48:00



versajan Barriers right on the edge with almost no room for eejits

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11:49:07



versajan Wow

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Tim in KY Woods, Teuns, De La Cruz.

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11:49:50



versajan What a finish!

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11:49:54



Tim in KY Mas, Valverde and Yates ahead of Lopez.

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11:51:55



Tim in KY Crosswalk loosing big time.

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11:53:05



Donny Mas is one to watch for sure

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11:53:15



memb54 No doubt about it

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11:54:01



versajan They look gutted

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11:54:55



memb54 Ok, thanks, everyone. Eskerrik asko.

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11:55:01



Donny too much % for crosswalk he is a good climber but not over 15%

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versajan Hasta luego y hasta mañana.

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