



**Tim in KY** Gdl Stage 18 is 178 kilometers from Fiera di Premiero, in the foothills of the Dolomites, south to Padua.

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01:11:22 pm



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1716398194-stage-18-route.jpg>

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01:11:35 pm



**Tim in KY** The start town is at 700 meters of elevation, the finish is at 14 meters. Consequently, the route is downhill to flat. There are two small climbs in the first third of the race but they should be of no consequence. There is the possibility of crosswinds on the plains west of Venice but barring that disruption the finish should be a bunch sprint. There are two ninety degree turns beyond the red kite. The final kilometers are otherwise straight.

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1716398361-stage-18-profile.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1716398379-stage-18-route-finale.jpg>

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01:14:40 pm



**Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:10 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:15. Forecast is for the possibility of rain on and off along the entire route. Temps in the mid-teens at the start, low-20s on the flats.

05-22-2024  
01:15:36 pm



**Tim in KY** Christian Scaroni will not start today.

05-23-2024  
06:33:32 am



**Tim in KY** Looks like rain will hold off at the start but there is still a good possibility of rain at the finish.

05-23-2024  
06:34:19 am



**Tim in KY** Still in neutral.

05-23-2024  
07:11:41 am



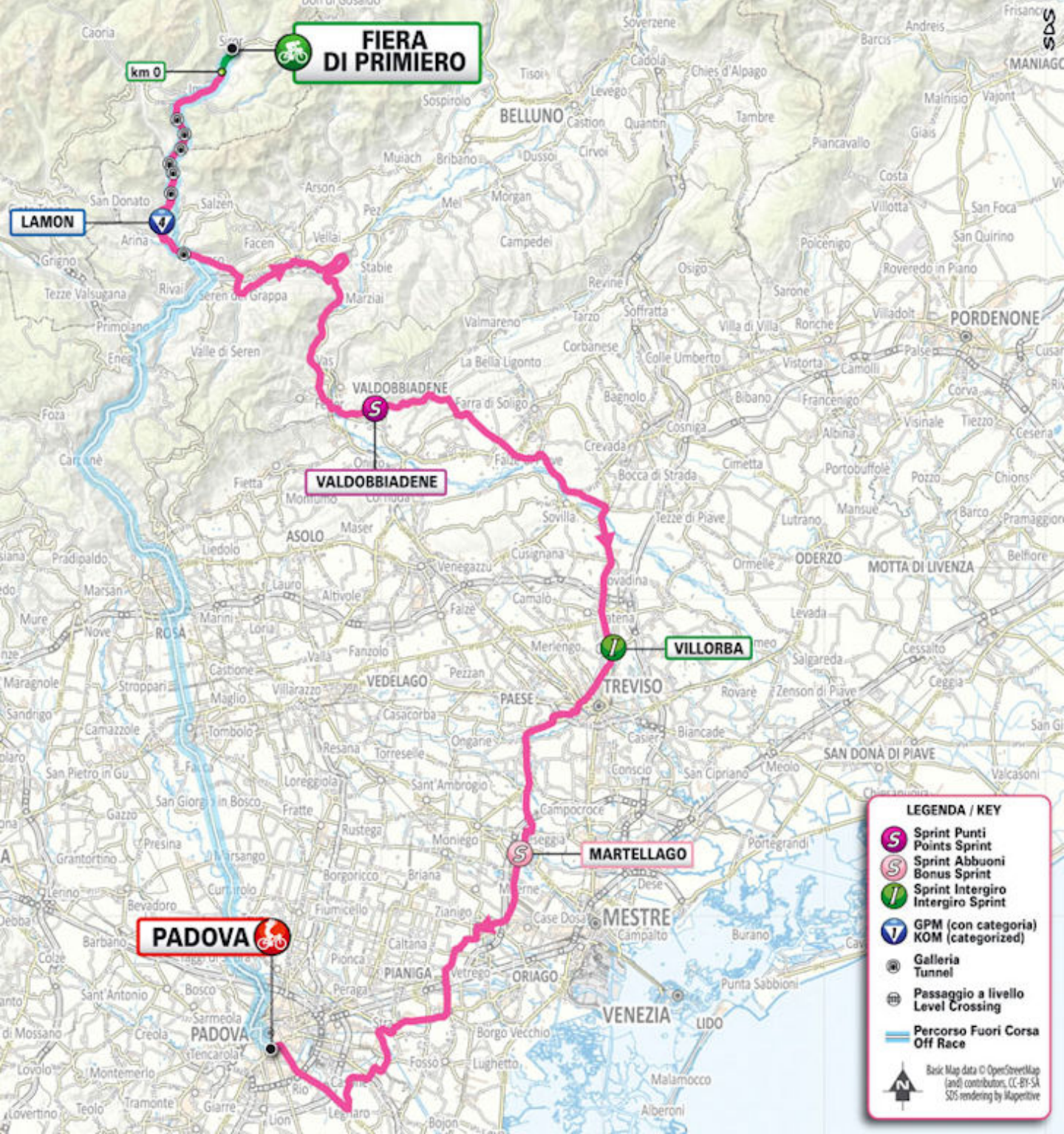
**Tim in KY** Now it's raining lightly.

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07:14:34 am



**Tim in KY** Not the normal sprint stage break. There's actually a fight.

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07:17:32 am

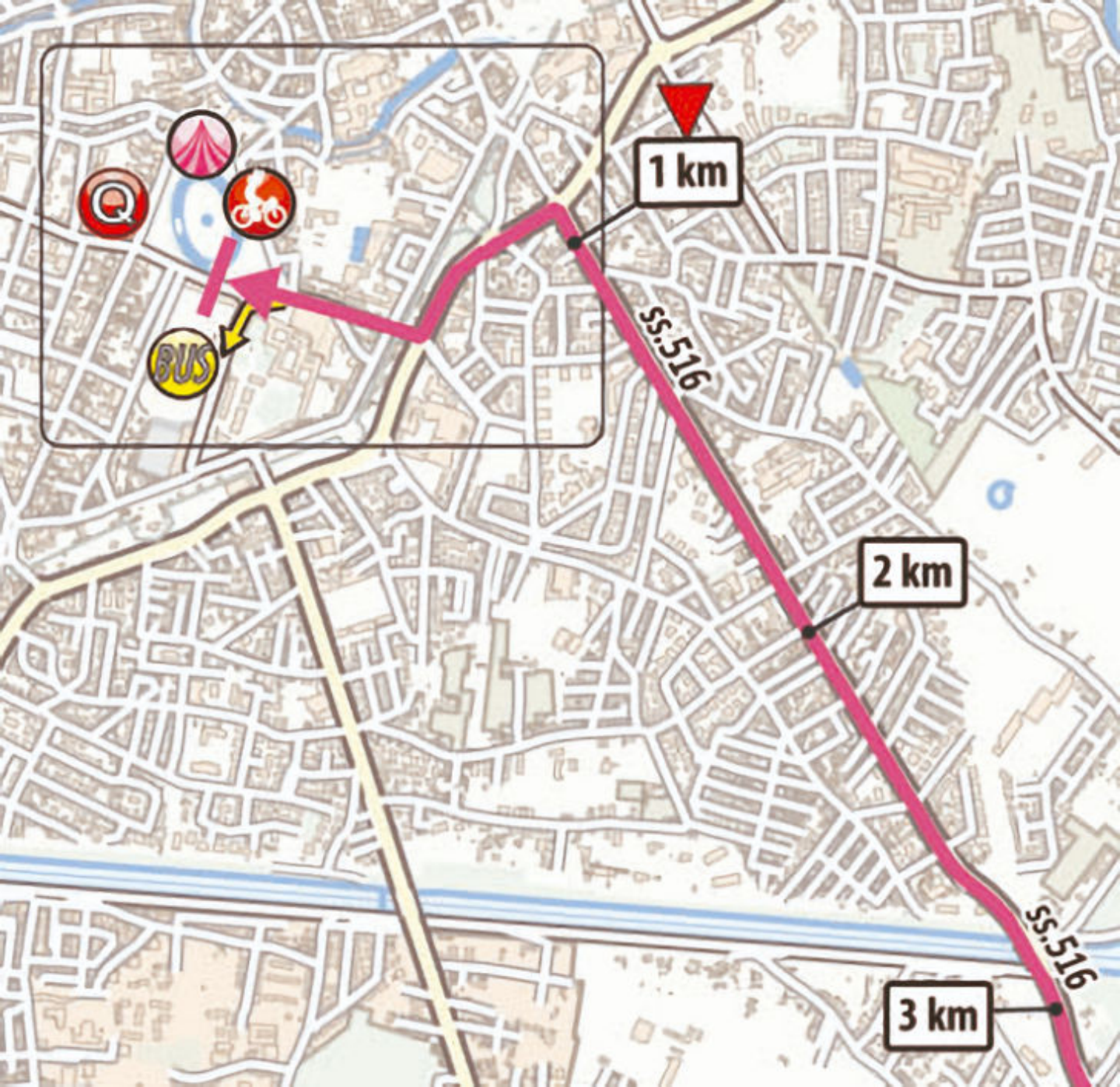


**LEGENDA / KEY**

- Sprint Punti**
- Points Sprint**
- Sprint Abbuoni Bonus Sprint**
- Sprint Integiro Integiro Sprint**
- GPM (con categoria) KOM (categorized)**
- Galleria Tunnel**
- Passaggio a livello Level Crossing**
- Percorso Fuori Corsa Off Race**

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1 km

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2 km

3 km

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**Tim in KY** Eight tunnels in the first 15 km. Then the Cat 4.

05-23-2024  
07:30:13 am



**Tim in KY** Rain has let up for now. It's likely to be on and off all day.

05-23-2024  
07:33:22 am



**Tim in KY** Trek has blocked the narrow road on this climb to let a four man break get away.

05-23-2024  
07:34:49 am



**Tim in KY** Two minutes for the break. Time for my walk before the rain starts here.

05-23-2024  
07:38:36 am



**Katie Lane** Good morning. A paint-drying stage, for sure.

05-23-2024  
07:47:58 am



**Katie Lane** I just posted about the RideLondon Classique (Ladie's race) Velogame which starts tomorrow. Also, there's a Superclasico race (Circuit Franco-Belge) on Wednesday, May 29, and two the first week of June -- then nothing until early August. For anyone keeping track / participating.

05-23-2024  
07:49:12 am



**Katie Lane** A young guy named VINOKUROV Nicolas won the 5th stage of the Tour of Japan today

05-23-2024  
07:50:57 am



**Katie Lane** Info regarding Scaroni: "Christian Scaroni has been one of the most active and aggressive riders in this Giro d'Italia but after a few days of racing in very bad weather, he fell ill and has been forced to abandon the race this morning whilst sitting among the first in the KOM classification" (He was a distant second to Pogacar in the KOM classification, but was wearing the blue jersey because Pogacar is wearing pink).

05-23-2024  
08:06:55 am



**Tim in KY** Now the sun is out on the riders. Very short leash for the break. Back from my walk. Now I have to butcher a cauliflower and put it to marinate.

05-23-2024  
08:18:09 am



**Katie S** Good morning. Please be kind to the cauliflower. Katie L - do you mean there's no TdF Velogames? or some other category?

05-23-2024  
08:39:36 am



**Charlie in Tenn** OK so good nrws - No hernia. However there is some tendon/muscle thing in my groin so I am on a muscle relaxer. I may take a nap during the race.

05-23-2024  
08:40:34 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Katie S - she is writing about the superclassico - it goes all season

05-23-2024  
08:41:41 am



**Katie S** Good there's no hernia - so no surgery. But, dang, tendon/muscle things can take awhile to go away. Enjoy the relaxers and the naps...

05-23-2024  
08:42:00 am



**Katie S** Thanks, Charlie

05-23-2024  
08:42:03 am



**Katie S** Gah - I can't find the league code (again). I need to put it on a sticky note on my computer monitor.

05-23-2024  
08:59:52 am



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1716470029-Italian-Style%20Roasted%20Cauliflower.doc>

05-23-2024  
09:08:50 am



**Tim in KY** Is that kind enough Katie?

05-23-2024  
09:09:29 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Raining here

05-23-2024  
09:16:24 am



**Katie S** Shoot, it's not linking/opening for me.

05-23-2024  
09:17:30 am



**Tim in KY** They are smack on the fastest imaginable time.

05-23-2024  
09:17:40 am



**Katie S** oh, hang on, it downloaded

05-23-2024  
09:17:42 am



**Katie S** Oh, yes, that is very kind. You even allow it to rest quietly in the fridge. And thank you! It looks delicious. Of course, I'll make/eat just about anything with capers in it.

05-23-2024  
09:19:07 am



**Tim in KY** I'm a big fan of capers. Well, anything brined.

05-23-2024  
09:20:21 am



**Tim in KY** It is quite possible that the break will be caught at the sprint point that comes in 10 km.

05-23-2024  
09:23:08 am



**Katie S** They're just letting them dangle out there anyway

05-23-2024  
09:26:23 am



**Tim in KY** Gap is under a minute as the sprint approaches.

05-23-2024  
09:33:51 am





**PasadenaK8** Funny little story posted on the PCS site today! On this day in 1974. In stage 7 of the 1974 Giro d'Italia to Chieti, Ugo Colombo went up to race leader JosÃ© Manuel Fuente, telling him he went up the road to greet some family. He went on to win the stage with a minute ahead, never greeting any family as they lived nowhere near the region.â€

05-23-2024  
10:16:03 am



**Tim in KY** They are not faster than the fastest!

05-23-2024  
10:17:14 am



**Tim in KY** But they are at the fastest.

05-23-2024  
10:17:28 am



**Tim in KY** 1KU

05-23-2024  
10:21:39 am



**Katie S** Sneaky

05-23-2024  
10:22:55 am



**Tim in KY** Couldn't get away with that in the age of video and radios.

05-23-2024  
10:26:22 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I am awake again. I see that I missed a couple recipes but nothing else.

05-23-2024  
10:27:23 am



**Mikey** Nothing to see here...

05-23-2024  
10:27:49 am



**Tim in KY** On the radar it still looks like the rain will hold off until after the finish.

05-23-2024  
10:30:58 am



**Tim in KY** Slowed down considerably in the last 20 km.

05-23-2024  
10:33:24 am



**Tim in KY** Drone camera.

05-23-2024  
10:35:28 am



**SFInAus** Gâ€™ morning. Looks like the break is being allowed to bake out front like an artisanal loaf.

05-23-2024  
10:36:05 am



**PasadenaK8** Drone has a bit of that tilt-shift look to it too.

05-23-2024  
10:36:23 am





**PasadenaK8** Mornin' SF ~ With it likely to heat up at the end, hope they've prepared their bums with some aluminum foil!

05-23-2024  
10:38:06 am



**RCG** Katie S if you have participated in any other Velogames contests this year, you should automatically be entered in the league for future games in 2024 when you make a team for a "new" race. If for some reason you're not, you can go to the Lugnut Facebook page and under David Stanley's featured post about where to find the LUGNut pub, the first comment has the information about this year's Velogame league including the code number. The Superclasico race competition is a 41 race series which started in the spring and goes to the fall. You can still join it, but you won't have as many races in which to accumulate points. RideLondon is a women's stage race that starts tomorrow.

05-23-2024  
10:39:21 am



**Katie S** I managed to find it in our FB message and "Features" tab. I am very proud of myself. :D

05-23-2024  
10:42:22 am



**Katie S** I'm all signed up and fully expect to be the lanterne rouge or whatever it's called in Britain...

05-23-2024  
10:42:52 am



**Mikey** You should be Katie I just bailed and had you guys send me the number so I didn't have to do all the work!

05-23-2024  
10:43:43 am



**SFInAus** Btw RCG, congrats on your Burgos Fem. victory, pipping me at the line.

05-23-2024  
10:44:20 am



**RCG** Charlie: if you pulled the gracilis muscle in your groin, it can take a long, long time to heal with a high rate of re-pulling it during the time it's healing if you're not careful. I incurred one of these playing co-ed soccer; it took about 6 months before it fully healed (and I was young then and healed faster). Just take it easy, give it time to settle down, in about a week start very gentle stretches. Ice/heat may help.

05-23-2024  
10:45:16 am



**Katie S** ugh

05-23-2024  
10:46:22 am



**RCG** Shawn, I didn't even know. Forgot to post that this week, been busy.

05-23-2024  
10:46:49 am



**Tim in KY** Kind of narrow road.

05-23-2024  
10:47:19 am



**PasadenaK8** Google must be watching the Giro. They're celebrating Chilaquiles today.

05-23-2024  
10:48:02 am



**Katie S** don't say that before I have my breakfast!

05-23-2024  
10:48:35 am



**Tim in KY** Break gone.

05-23-2024  
10:49:18 am



**Katie S** Who said it'd be 10k - was that you, Tim?

05-23-2024  
10:49:36 am



**Tim in KY** Not me.

05-23-2024  
10:51:03 am



**Katie S** But 'twas: Tim in KY: It is quite possible that the break will be caught at the sprint point that comes in 10 km.

05-23-2024  
10:53:05 am



**Katie S** OH. misread.

05-23-2024  
10:53:48 am



**Katie S** Well, I was thinking you meant 10k from the end, so you still win in my book

05-23-2024  
10:54:01 am



**PasadenaK8** Close call with a team car. Thymen says: \$%#!!

05-23-2024  
10:54:31 am



**Tim in KY** Milan boxed in right now.

05-23-2024  
10:55:10 am



**RCG** Lots of jostling

05-23-2024  
10:55:32 am



**RCG** Milan moving up

05-23-2024  
10:55:51 am



**RCG** Now boxed in again

05-23-2024  
10:56:32 am



**RCG** Gack. Â Fast and tense

05-23-2024  
10:56:51 am



**Tim in KY** 3km

05-23-2024  
10:57:12 am



**Tim in KY** Finish will be faster than the fastest.

05-23-2024  
10:58:45 am



**RCG** Tudor up front

05-23-2024  
10:58:50 am



**Tim in KY** Photo.

05-23-2024  
11:00:29 am



**Katie S** Wow crazy

05-23-2024  
11:00:29 am



**RCG** Crazy. Â Close.

05-23-2024  
11:00:40 am



**RCG** Merlier!!!

05-23-2024  
11:00:45 am



**RCG** Milan 2nd

05-23-2024  
11:01:09 am



**SFInAus** Well my guy gets a win, but only barely after Lidl appeared to fubar. A wine is a win though

05-23-2024  
11:02:31 am



**Katie S** Wine is always a win

05-23-2024  
11:02:42 am



**PasadenaK8** Always.

05-23-2024  
11:02:50 am



**Charlie in Tenn** That was exciting.

05-23-2024  
11:02:54 am



**Mikey** Always

05-23-2024  
11:02:56 am



**SFInAus** Gotta go. Â Thanks for the recipes!

05-23-2024  
11:03:00 am



**RCG** Groves 3rd, Dainese 4th

05-23-2024  
11:03:02 am



42 m

**Mortegliano**

1236 m

**Sappada**



**Mikey** Baaaaa

05-23-2024  
11:03:24 am



**Katie S** Enjoy the day, all. See you tomorrow.

05-23-2024  
11:03:26 am



**RCG** Ciao tutti

05-23-2024  
11:04:16 am



**PasadenaK8** Tomorrow looks fun! See you all then...

05-23-2024  
11:05:00 am



**PasadenaK8** [https://rumbletalk-images-  
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