Tim in KY Gdl Stage 15 is 222 kilometers from Manerba del Garda, on the 05-18-2024 lake, due north into the Alps for a summit finish on the Cat 1 Mortirolo near the 01:19:45 pm Swiss border. It is the longest stage of this year's Giro. Tim in KY https://rumbletalk-images-05-18-2024 01:20:08 pm upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1716053105-stage-15-route.jpg 05-18-2024 **Tim in KY** The profile is daunting just to look at. The road starts uphill from 01:20:48 pm kilometer zero and is never flat. It is always up or down. There is a Cat 3, a Cat 2 and three Cat1s. The first two Cat1s are long and steep. The final is just really steep. 05-18-2024 Tim in KY https://rumbletalk-images-01:21:05 pm upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1716053162-stage-15-mortirolo.jpg 05-18-2024 Tim in KY https://rumbletalk-images-01:21:17 pm upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1716053174-stage-15-foscagno.jpg Tim in KY https://rumbletalk-images-05-18-2024 01:21:32 pm upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1716053190-stage-15-profile-finale.jpg 05-18-2024 **Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 10:40 CEST. Finish is imagined 01:22:26 pm either side of 17:15. That's an expected duration of six and a half hours. Forecast is for some sun and some clouds. Temps in the low-20s at the start, single digits at the finish. 05-19-2024 under168 km firt cat 1 climb starts 06:07:26 am 05-19-2024 bikerabe 1st cat 1 06:07:59 am **Tim in KY** Huge group of 58 has 4:44 on the peloton on the descent of the 05-19-2024

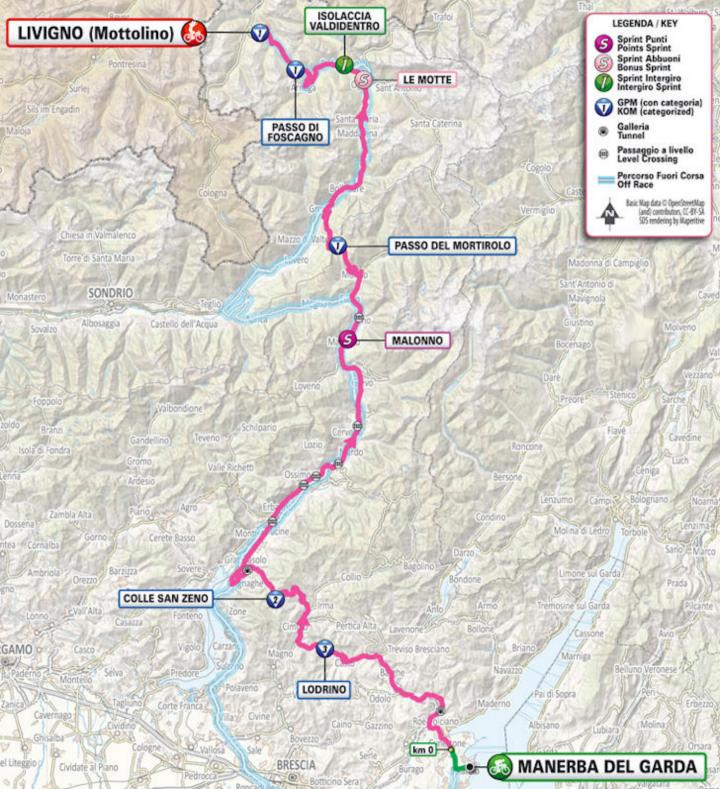
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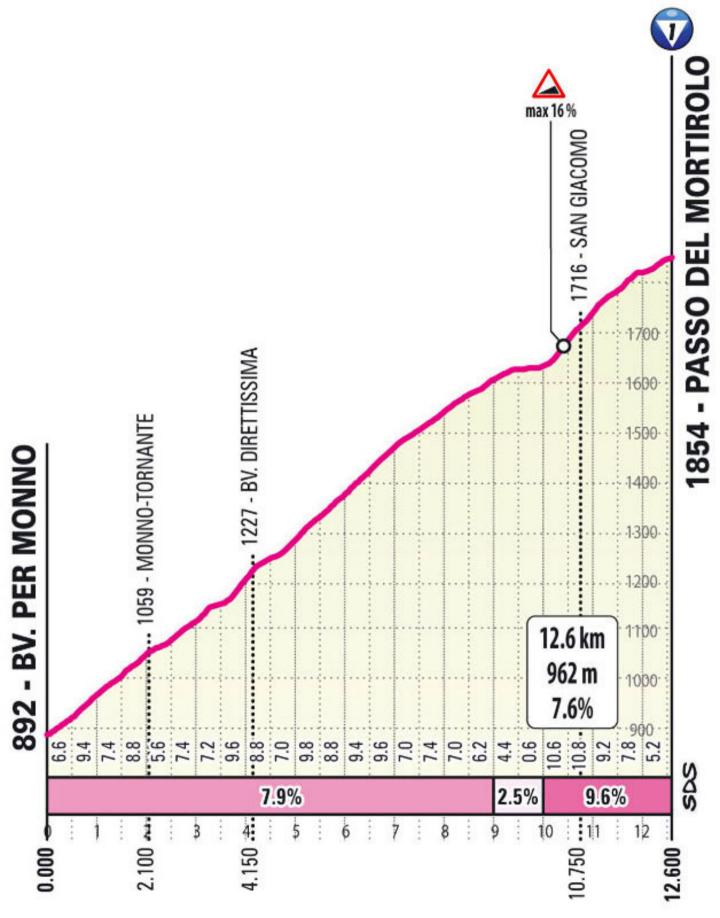
Cat 2. Still 150 km to go.

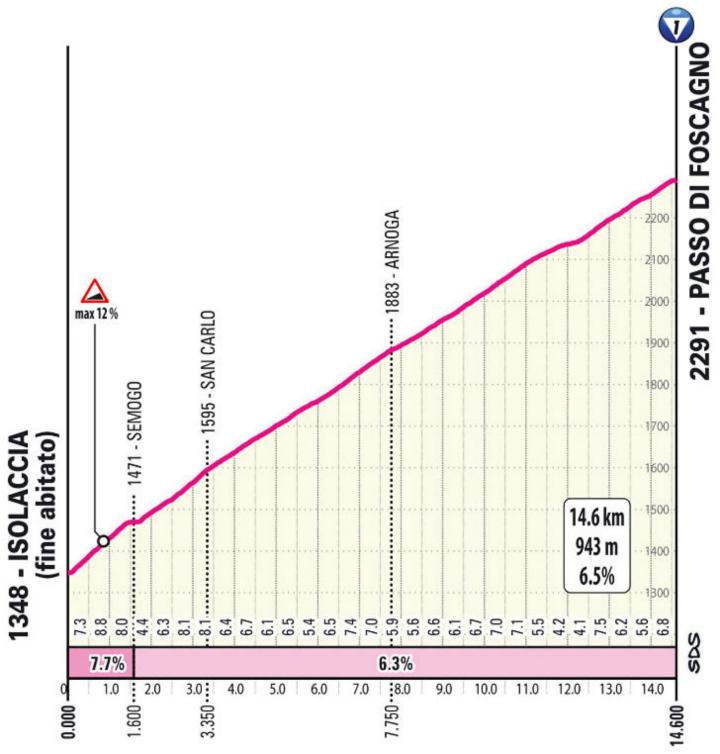
bikerabe Scaroni gets top Kom points 18 Geschke gets 2nd 12 points

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Tim in KY Best placed in the front group is Storer at 9:11.	05-19-2024 06:47:40 am
Tim in KY On the descent a group of six has gotten 1:30 on the front group. Peloton at 4:51.	05-19-2024 07:02:52 am
Charlie in Tenn Hello.	05-19-2024 07:43:09 am
Charlie in Tenn I have 4 in the second group.	05-19-2024 07:45:01 am
Charlie in Tenn I missed that Sheffield crashed yesterday.	05-19-2024 07:56:37 am
Tim in KY CIément Davy has abandoned. Vadim Pronskiy DNS today.	05-19-2024 08:02:28 am
Tim in KY First sprint of the day was of no consequence. First Cat 1 climb about to start.	05-19-2024 08:03:19 am
Charlie in Tenn Fiorelli shut Kaden Groves out as the second group got to the sprint. Fiorelli is still grabbing points when he can.	05-19-2024 08:17:22 am
Tim in KY Fiorelli is so far behind Milan that it seems a futile effort.	05-19-2024 08:20:35 am
Tim in KY Official start of the Cat 1. Lots of OTB already.	05-19-2024 08:21:59 am
Tim in KY More Innies left than UAEs.	05-19-2024 08:28:02 am
Katie Lane Good morning. Coming in a bit later than usual because I woke up early, decided to go ahead and feed the kittens, and then caught some more zs.	05-19-2024 08:30:01 am
Charlie in Tenn Rest is good.	05-19-2024 08:30:45 am

Katie Lane Mama cat is great with them, but she's just not making enough milk or there are just too many of them / too competitive. So I've upped the amount of bottle feeding as a supplement to her milk so that they can get enough calories.Â

Their weight gain had started to tail off a bit. The "foster foster tabby" has had a rough few last days but seems a bit perkier this morning. She's a week younger than the rest, so the competition is even tougher for her. They're all finally getting used to bottle feeding (I'm actually doing syringe feeding).

Katie Lane A bit relieved that this morning's weigh-ins looked better, especially for tabby.	05-19-2024 08:33:12 am
Katie Lane I'm going to try another round, then it will be off to feed our nonfoster cats and hubby. Then I can watch the Giro!	05-19-2024 08:33:53 am
Tim in KY It looks like there are more riders in group 2 than in group 3.	05-19-2024 08:34:13 am
Katie Lane https://rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/17161226 Giro.jpg	05-19-2024 08:38:32 am 611-
Katie Lane This stage is not only the longest of the Giro but has the most climbing a whopping 5724 meters.	05-19-2024 08:39:14 am
Tim in KY Group 2 is shrinking fast.	05-19-2024 08:47:59 am
Charlie in Tenn Yes, I was just noticing that.	05-19-2024 08:49:38 am
Charlie in Tenn The 2 out front are holding the gap.	05-19-2024 08:50:30 am
bikerabe approaching 2 KU what are odds that Tedej 5 mjn. back won't go for win?	05-19-2024 08:53:55 am
Tim in KY 2 KU now.	05-19-2024 08:59:15 am
BusterSci Methinks 5m back means little on a pointy stage. Â Break riders fade fast.	05-19-2024 08:59:59 am
BusterSci Some articles saying this is the most climbing Pogi has ever done Seem to be hoping he'll struggle.	e.05-19-2024 09:01:18 am



Tim in KY Interesting factoid on the screen earlier. The Italian Alps come from a different tectonic plate than the Swiss Alps.	05-19-2024 09:01:48 am
Katie S Good morning. I am Iso wanted to join earlier this morning, but I was exhausted last night after an active day with the niece… and ahead of another active day. And now I hear her upstairs in the kitchen… gotta go!	S 05-19-2024 09:02:02 am
BusterSci Makes sense, Tim, as they are caused by a collision of plates.	05-19-2024 09:02:45 am
Katie S Well, now, maybe that was the cat. Anyway…	05-19-2024 09:03:18 am
Katie S l'm up!!!	05-19-2024 09:03:33 am
Trish in MA Good morning all. Finally able to check in on the Giro	05-19-2024 09:07:44 am
BusterSci The Periadriatic seam divides the two geologic regions. Â Must learn more.	05-19-2024 09:08:58 am
BusterSci https://rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/17161245 1716124229526.jpeg	05-19-2024 09:10:31 am 29-
Katie S 5700 FEET of climbing is a lot … but 5700 METERS?!	05-19-2024 09:10:55 am
Katie S Hear those rim breaks screech … I really dislike that aspect of the infernal things	05-19-2024 09:13:26 am
BusterSci 5700 meters. Â Climb from base to peak of Denali and then go about 300m further.	05-19-2024 09:13:54 am

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05-19-2024 09:14:23 am

SFinAus Did you say 5700m!!? Â:)

BusterSci That last 300 is the really hard part. Â Lots of arm flapping.



05-19-2024 09:18:29 am

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Katie S By then aren't you out of the reach of gravity????



SFinAus I'll never warm up to, or get used to, disc brake screeching. Â Rim 05-19-2024 brakes still for me.



Trish in MA And yet they don't need crampons or ice axes for the ascent 05-19-2024 og:15:04 am



BusterSci I assure you that Denali is not significantly closer to any Lagrange 05-19-2024 point.

Katie S Agree, Shawn, but how to avoid it? My road bike, which is about 15- 05-19-2024 17 years old, is rim, but my 5-year-old mountain bike is disc. And those rotors get filthy, they get grooved, they squeal. So much for a quiet ride in the forest… if a rim brake squeals in a forest…

BusterSci	Replace all brakes with inertial dampening fields.
Katie S	Juju gets a Coke

09:19:41 am

BusterSci Replace all team mechanics with Irish-Canadian actors with questionable Scottish accents.

05-19-2024
09:21:12 am

SFinAus Ganna has a bee in his bonnet?

05-19-2024
09:22:52 am

Tim in KY Some bug or another.

05-19-2024
09:23:21 am

Katie S I think so! Ouch ouch ouch 05-19-2024 09:23:25 am

Tim in KY Now there are more UAEs than Innies.

05-19-2024
09:23:41 am

BusterSci Big changes on virtual GC right now. Â Storer in 2nd, the Pig in 3rd, Geschke 4th. Â Innies and Bahrain going to have to start pulling.

SFinAus My partner had a bird fly into her jacket on a ride. Â Things got sorted quickly and the bird flew off. Â She was proud that she didn't miss a



BusterSci I'd like to hear someone delve into the strategy and logic of riders ⁰⁵⁻¹⁹⁻²⁰²⁴ getting dropped on the climb and coming back on the descents. Happens a lot. ^{09:26:05 am}

Katie S I had a bee fly down the back of my jersey on a road ride some years ago, on Highway 1 outside of Santa Cruz (so decent amount of traffic). I gripped the brakes, skidded to a stop, yanked off my helmet and ripped off my jersey. So there I was, a crazy half nekkid nut job on a bike on the side of the road.

BusterSci I had a wasp or hornet get inside my face shield on my motorcycle. Â I have a massive phobia of having bug legs on me but it didn't land on me and I was able to maintain my cool long enough to turn my head to the side and rip off the face shield.



Katie S You're a cool customer, Easy Rider

05-19-2024 09:29:53 am

Charlie in Tenn I survive the birthday. We got sunshine forst most of the time. The kids were very, very loud while inside. Anyway, Church, and dance performances for the kids today. I will catch up Tomorrow and see everyone Tuesday.



Trish in MA Luckily, I have never acted as a human windshield for bugs. I really dislike bugs. I can't even touch a page with an illustration of a bug

05-19-2024 09:31:21 am

BusterSci When I was little (5 or 6?) I was walking across the vacant interior 05-19-2024 of our block to go to the neighborhood store to spend a dime on some candy.

 It was heat of summer and a very grasshopper-y year. Â I don't recall what happened, but my mom says when she heard me screaming and came to get me I was seated on the ground covered in the bastards, with them crawling in and out of my various facial orifices. Â So even now if one lands on bare skin I'd make that last 300m past Denali with little effort.



Katie S l'm impressed, Charlie!

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Katie S Eewwwww, Buster

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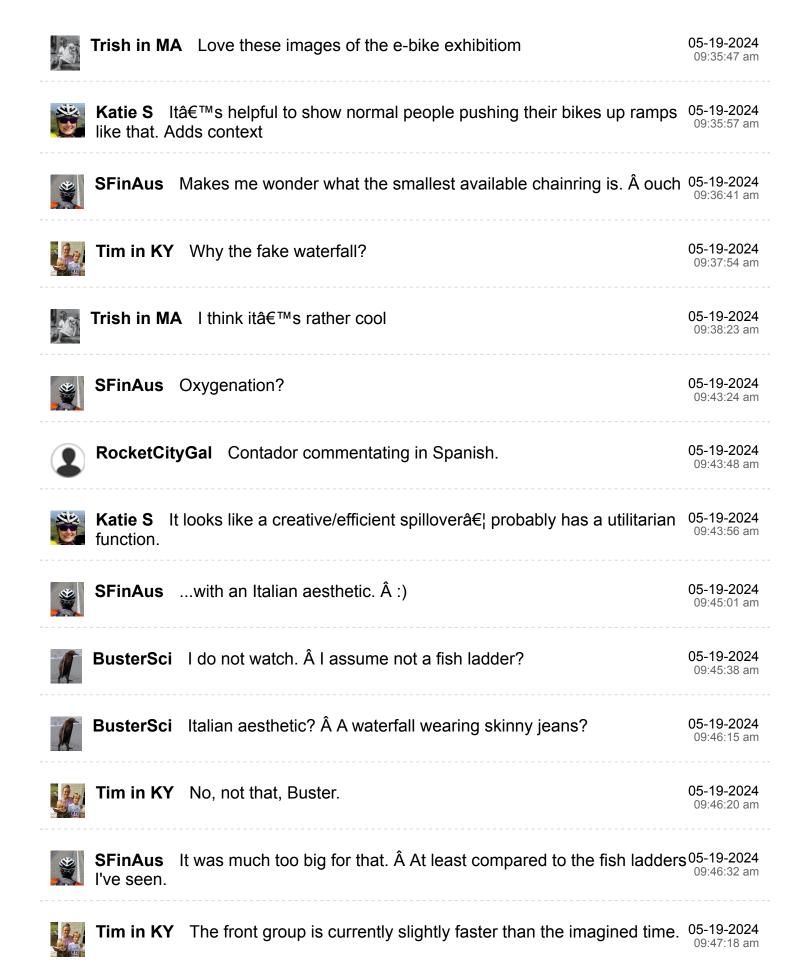


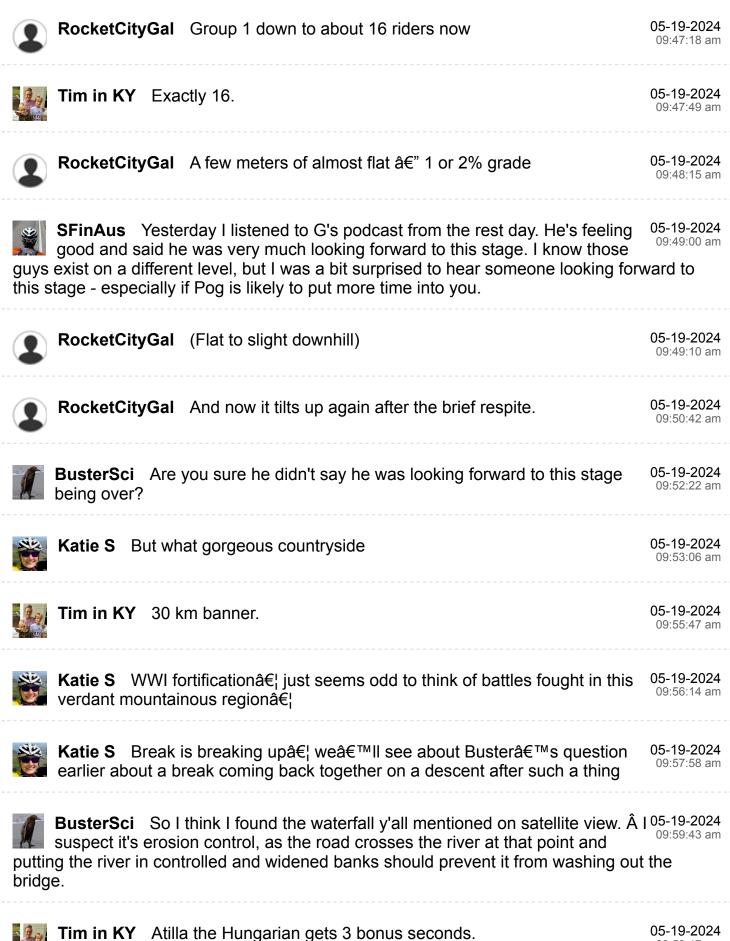
Trish in MA Ewww, indeed. Â That top me having to go to the ER when I was 05-19-2024 2 because I danced on top of a fire ant hill



Tim in KY Jeez, that's steep.

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Tim in KY Atilla the Hungarian gets 3 bonus seconds.

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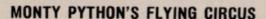
BusterSci Valter bridging

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10:13:02 am



Tim in KY 20 km banner.	05-19-2024 10:15:00 am
Katie S Thanks for the waterfall research, Buster	05-19-2024 10:15:03 am
bikerabe Go Steinhouse Do EF!	05-19-2024 10:16:49 am
bikerabe Go EF	05-19-2024 10:17:33 am
SFinAus After Buster added his info I realized erosion control is the dominant concern in the mountains and not stagnation as in Tx.	05-19-2024 10:18:07 am
BusterSci Nairo and Storer join the Hun,	05-19-2024 10:19:04 am
Tim in KY Livigno is the start town on Tuesday.	05-19-2024 10:20:26 am
BusterSci History	05-19-2024 10:22:17 am
SFinAus Naira coming good in the 3rd week?	05-19-2024 10:22:20 am
BusterSci https://rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/171612884 1716128542439.png	05-19-2024 10:22:23 am 42-
BusterSci Nah, SF, he waits for week 4	05-19-2024 10:22:37 am
BusterSci Wow. Â Steinhauser opening things up.	05-19-2024 10:23:20 am
bikerabe under 17 km and Tadej almot 3:30 back still	05-19-2024 10:25:43 am
Trish in MA What does some old dude named Cleveland Amory know about humor. Â Pfft.	05-19-2024 10:27:20 am





by Cleveland Amory

In case you haven't noticed, the Public Broadcasting System is rapidly becoming a subsidiary of the British Broadcasting Corporation. And this particular import, a far-out comedy show, has received high praise from those who believe that anything we can do, the British can do better. We agree-in one way. Certainly they can do better than this show. And so, we presume, can the Ugandans. The series has been bought by, among others, the Eastern Educational Network. Exactly how it comes under the head of education we don't know, except that it has been described as containing overgraduate humor. An overgraduate, we presume, being an undergraduate over the hill. In any case, one thing is certain: nothing is once over lightly here. Everything is done at least twice-and heavily.

Monty Python is, of course, not a real person. Instead, it is the name of six performers-all thirtyish and all male-ish. You have to see a lot of episodes to know who is whom, but five of them (John Cleese, Michael Palin, Graham Chapman, Eric Idle and Terry Jones) are English. The sixth, the cartoonist Terry Gilliam (the show is very big on weird animations), comes from Minneapolis. "Ideas," we are told. "are developed communally." That we believe—it certainly spreads the responsibility around. "The actual performing," we are also informed, "can run on until the cast gets bored." That we also believe. Unfortunately. the cast seems to have a longer boring point than we do. About the distance, we

would say, from London to Minneapolis.

The premiere of this spring's series opened with a debate between a "Minister of Home Affairs" dressed in striking decolletage (the show is enormous on female impersonations) and, as the moderator put it, "on my right, representing the case against the Government, is a small patch of brown liquid." This idea, like so many here, never got, shall we say, off the ground. A visit to the "Ministry of Silly Walks" plodded on endlessly, but two other ideas-about a delivery mix-up and the interrogation of two criminals-were, if overlong, also funny. All in all, a 50-50 effort. In the second episode, literally nothing was funny. And the less funny something was-such as a Spanish Inquisition sketch with three cardinals —the more you saw of it. (In fact, if we'd seen any more of those Inquisition boys, we'd have put our TV set on the rack.) In the third episode, we were favored with, instead of silly walks, silly flying lessons, a hijacker who falls out of the plane, and people throwing bombs at flowers, animals, etc. It was all so farfetched that it was pathetic.

In fairness, there are funny ideas coming up here: groupies who have transferred their affections from rock stars to Members of Parliament, a tribute to a writer-dentist-director, and World Forum, which will have Marx, Lenin, Che Guevara and Mao Tse-tung answer questions about football. But don't get your hopes up unless this show gets a new—and tough—writer-editor-critic.

Katie S So…. Mother's Day weekend: I took my mom to my brother for the weekend and after we went out to dinner we subjected her to her first viewing of The Holy Grail. My brother and I giggled our way through watching Mom watching Python. She loved the coconut horse clopping the best.

BusterSci Well, he has a very sophisticated pipe in hand	05-19-2024 10:27:44 am
Trish in MA That must be it. He didn't like the way they portrayed pipe smoking guys	05-19-2024 10:28:42 am
Tim in KY He was a fixture on shows like What's My Line.	05-19-2024 10:29:01 am
Tim in KY Nairo slowly closing the gap.	05-19-2024 10:30:30 am
Trish in MA To quote the Richmond crowd in Ted Lasso, "Wankerâ€	05-19-2024 10:30:41 am
SFinAus We have lift off!	05-19-2024 10:30:46 am
BusterSci Quintana closing in on Steinhauser.	05-19-2024 10:31:17 am
SFinAus Pog going early enough to really nail on some time	05-19-2024 10:31:18 am
RocketCityGal British humor's quite different than â€~Murican humor	05-19-2024 10:31:33 am
SFinAus "The Tuft" (tm) is on display.	05-19-2024 10:31:55 am
Tim in KY G is gone.	05-19-2024 10:31:58 am
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RocketCityGal That should answer the conjecture re: â€œhe's never 05-19-2024

done a stage this long with this much climbing before†â€¦.

BusterSci RCG, that's because British humour has an extra "u"	05-19-2024 10:32:45 am
BusterSci He ain't done yet.	05-19-2024 10:32:56 am
BusterSci Nairo meets up with Georg.	05-19-2024 10:33:14 am
Katie S Pog is not of this world	05-19-2024 10:34:54 am
BusterSci Dani back with G	05-19-2024 10:34:57 am
Tim in KY Gallerie.	05-19-2024 10:35:28 am
RocketCityGal Valter: Â Hey Pog, can I catch your wheel as you motor by?	05-19-2024 10:35:28 am
Katie S Um, motor??	05-19-2024 10:35:51 am
Tim in KY The Hun didn't last long.	05-19-2024 10:36:04 am
RocketCityGal Pog: Nope, Atilla…	05-19-2024 10:36:12 am
Tim in KY Snow.	05-19-2024 10:36:17 am
RocketCityGal Katie —. The Pog motor. It's physiologic. (We hope)	05-19-2024 10:37:04 am
RocketCityGal He wants to win this stage.	05-19-2024 10:37:44 am
Katie S A metaphor that should perhaps be retired… probably "rocketing†is still safe	05-19-2024 10:38:03 am

BusterSci I believe motors were a thing for a while. Â I doubt they are anymore.	05-19-2024 10:38:13 am
mmcnally Beautiful pictures.	05-19-2024 10:38:39 am
Katie S Go Nairo!!!! Justify yourself as a rider in my team!!!	05-19-2024 10:38:47 am
BusterSci OMG, you picked Nairo? Â That's almost as bad as me not picking Pog	05-19-2024 10:39:13 am
RocketCityGal Gerolsteiner on track for a podium	05-19-2024 10:39:29 am
BusterSci Oh, great. Â You go from motors to Gerolsteiner.	05-19-2024 10:39:50 am
BusterSci Cuz we no they were drinking pure spring water and all that.	05-19-2024 10:40:11 am
BusterSci know	05-19-2024 10:40:22 am
BusterSci know SFinAus we know there was no way.	
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SFinAus we know there was no way. BusterSci Think Tannhauser can still do this? Tim in KY Pog almost to Nairo.	05-19-2024 10:41:31 am 05-19-2024 10:41:32 am 05-19-2024 10:41:36 am

BusterSci And off on his own	05-19-2024 10:43:32 am
RocketCityGal "There's only one outcome here, isn't there?†Indeed	05-19-2024 10:44:03 am
Tim in KY Still got this:	05-19-2024 10:44:34 am
Tim in KY https://rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/17161301 15-profile-finale.jpg	05-19-2024 10:44:45 am 84-stage-
RocketCityGal Not the best pavement on this downhill….	05-19-2024 10:45:06 am
mmcnally Nice of the Giro to put all this snow down in case some falls on the downhill.	05-19-2024 10:45:46 am
RocketCityGal Divots/cracks in the tarmac	05-19-2024 10:45:49 am
BusterSci John Galloway of Velocast fame always talked about the magical 2000m line. Â Valverde always struggled above 2000m. Dumoulin did as well. Â But Nairo? Born at 2800m	05-19-2024 10:45:53 am
SFinAus Wow, another 2:20 into G group with more to come it seems.	05-19-2024 10:46:06 am
SFinAus "Fair point, well made", Buster. Â;)	05-19-2024 10:46:31 am
BusterSci There or thereabouts	05-19-2024 10:46:48 am
BusterSci Bardet showing some fight	05-19-2024 10:47:30 am
SFinAus I still very much miss the Velocast. Â That's the jersey I use for all my VG teams.	05-19-2024 10:47:55 am

BusterSci No slight to DStan on the Feed Zone, but John and Scott were 05-19-2024 10:48:29 am



BusterSci And Cillian was so good as a storyteller.	05-19-2024 10:48:45 am
SFinAus Yep. Â I. still play back the "This Week in Cycling History" epic . great stuff	05-19-2024 10:49:31 am
SFinAus *epis	05-19-2024 10:49:52 am
BusterSci Pogi closing things down as the rest slip.	05-19-2024 10:50:37 am
Katie S Sigh	05-19-2024 10:50:46 am
RocketCityGal Half of Nairo's lead has disappeared in a little over 1 km	05-19-2024 10:50:50 am
Katie S Sigh	05-19-2024 10:51:44 am
SFinAus Steinhauser/Nairo: "No hit, there I was on the Queen stage, the ride of my life, and whadya think I see coming up behind me? Pinkie.	05-19-2024 10:52:35 am
BusterSci Another thing I learned to consider from Galloway was how much time you can lose on a climb.	05-19-2024 10:52:43 am
BusterSci I see the "s" is still failing to show up.	05-19-2024 10:53:12 am
BusterSci Buh. Â Bye.	05-19-2024 10:53:30 am
Katie S Sigh	05-19-2024 10:54:10 am
BusterSci A guy could get really confused mixing up the elevation and date columns	05-19-2024 10:54:34 am
BusterSci https://rumbletalk-images-	05-19-2024 10:54:40 am

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Katie S I guess we don't really need to watch this next week of racing	05-19-2024 10:56:23 am
mmcnally I was at Pog's 2019 win. It was on Mt. Baldy.	05-19-2024 10:56:29 am
SFinAus Red kite, and 3+m into G	05-19-2024 10:56:46 am
BusterSci Katie, love the podium chase. Â Love the stage wins. Â Love the KOM. Â Love the scenery.	05-19-2024 10:57:25 am
mmcnally Basso won the 2006 Giro by 9:18. Will Pog break that mark? Or will he conserve now for the Tour?	05-19-2024 10:57:35 am
SFinAus He said he'd do the latter, but I'm not sure he can help himself.	05-19-2024 10:58:14 am
BusterSci I forget who it is that posts on Twitter each day the GC standings with the 2nd placed guy at 0:00, everybody else at + minutes back of him, and Pogi at -Minutes ahead.	05-19-2024 10:58:24 am
SFinAus Heh, one could do that for every race Pog and MVdP are in.	05-19-2024 10:59:23 am
BusterSci That's the way I watch when it gets like this, so I like it.	05-19-2024 10:59:28 am
Katie S Wow! And, yes, Buster. The spectacle itself is beautiful	05-19-2024 11:00:46 am
mmcnally Pog is also a likeable person. Makes him easier to cheer for.	05-19-2024 11:00:54 am
Katie S Indeed	05-19-2024 11:01:04 am
BusterSci I had to warm to Rog, Remco and Vingo. Â Pog was easy.	05-19-2024 11:01:41 am

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BusterSci Tannhauser 3rd	05-19-2024 11:03:31 am
BusterSci Yea for Bardet. Â Another guy I've always liked	05-19-2024 11:03:53 am
SFinAus I recommend Matt Stephen's Cafe Ride with Pog on YouTube. Â (Other episodes are very good too.)	05-19-2024 11:06:07 am
BusterSci G same time as Dani	05-19-2024 11:06:28 am
Katie S Time to make pancakes for the child. See you all Tuesday!	05-19-2024 11:06:57 am
BusterSci Bah	05-19-2024 11:07:15 am