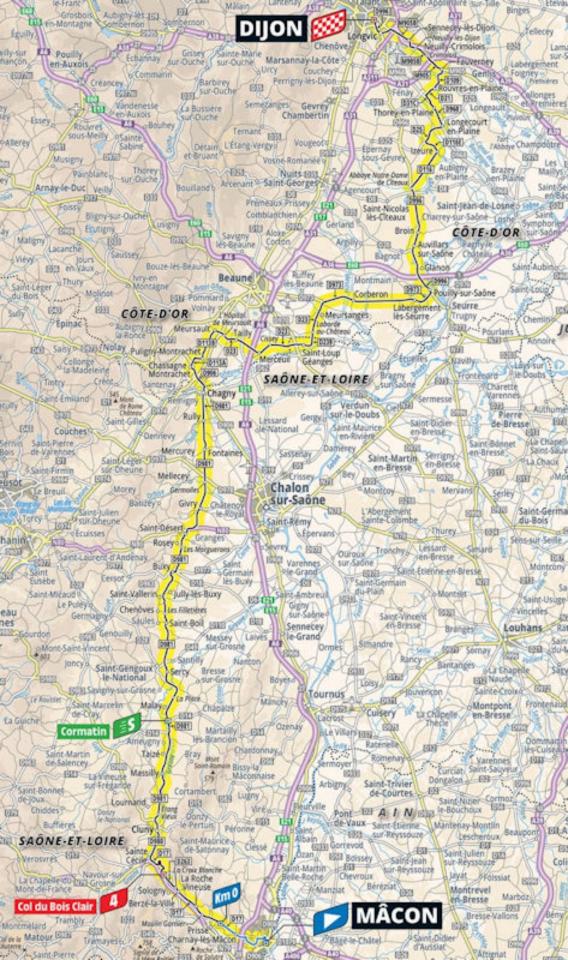
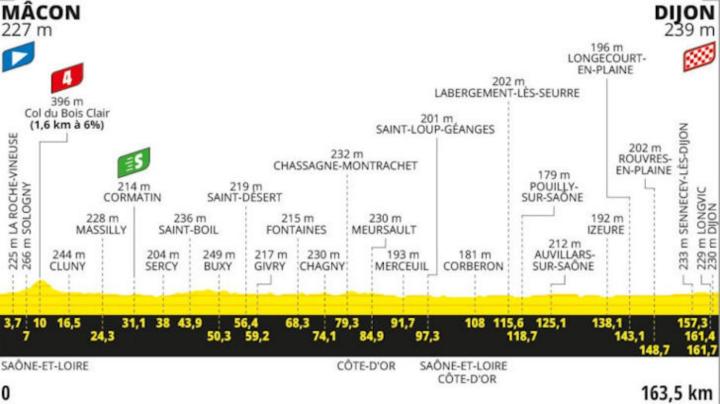
Joanna in Virginia TdF Stage 6 is 163 kilometers north from Maco to Dijon through the vineyards of Burgundy.	07-03-2024 07:28:22 pm
Joanna in Virginia https://rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/17200496 6-route.jpg	07-03-2024 07:28:47 pm 625-stage-
Joanna in Virginia There is a little Cat 4 climb 10 kilometers into the race. After that the route is pan-flat. The finish has some wide turns but is unchallenging but for a pinch point with 1,700 meters to go.	07-03-2024 07:29:06 pm
Joanna in Virginia https://rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/17200496 6-profile.jpg	07-03-2024 07:29:25 pm 663-stage-
Joanna in Virginia https://rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/17200496 6-route-finale.jpg	07-03-2024 07:29:33 pm 672-stage-
Joanna in Virginia Kilometer zero is scheduled at 13:50 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Forecast is for sunshine with temps in the low-20s. There is a slight chance of rain toward the finish.	07-03-2024 07:29:46 pm
Joanna in Virginia Thanks to Tim for preparing the Preview for me to upload. I will not likely join until next Wednesday as I am working (including July 4th) for the next 6 days. Good thing I love what I do, but must learn how to say LOL! Happy 4th of July!	07-03-2024 07:31:20 pm
Tim in KY Km 0 is still an hour and a half away but so far no DNS announced. There were no DNF or OTL yesterday. Happy fourth.	07-04-2024 06:29:28 am
Tim in KY The chance of rain at the finish has diminished greatly. It's not zero but it's in single digits.	07-04-2024 06:33:40 am
Tim in KY Got my walk in early before the rain starts here. Now chores.	07-04-2024 07:09:48 am
Tim in KY In neutral.	07-04-2024 07:38:01 am







Tim in KY Good morning, Mike.	07-04-2024 07:40:07 am
mmcnally Good morning, Tim. Happy 4th to you and your family.	07-04-2024 07:46:34 am
Tim in KY Still in neutral.	07-04-2024 07:50:59 am
Tim in KY Maybe the early Cat 4 will allow and earlier break than yesterday	07-04-2024 07:52:38 am
Tim in KY So far not. Same desultory pace as yesterday.	07-04-2024 07:54:09 am
Katie Lane Good morning and happy Fourth of July!	07-04-2024 07:55:48 am
Tim in KY Raining. 9% chance is not 0%.	07-04-2024 07:55:59 am
Katie Lane Cav' proved us naysayers all wrong yesterday.	07-04-2024 07:56:15 am
Tim in KY I'm going to say the other sprinters tanked.	07-04-2024 07:57:32 am
Katie Lane Glad to hear that Mads Pedersen was continuing today. If he'd have finished about where he was in the sprint he'd have probably been in the green jersey. I couldn't tell if he touched wheels with the guy in front of him or what Everybody sort of swung from the right side of the road to the left, where he was.	e 07:57:35 am
Tim in KY He got squeezed onto the barrier.	07-04-2024 08:00:03 am
Tim in KY I have more chores to attend to. Back in awhile.	07-04-2024 08:00:47 am
Katie Lane My parents have decided to move from their home of 40+ years	07-04-2024

Katie Lane My parents have decided to move from their home of 40+ years 07-04-2024 on 10 acres to a retirement community. They made the decision around ^{08:03:13 am} Memorial day, and said the move-in date would be in 4 months (September). Then they were told the apartment would be ready mid-July. Now it's moved back to late July. But the move-in date and the closing date are the same week, leaving just 2 days after they move to clear out any remaining stuff. We had stuff going on in June and had planned to be there early to mid July and that's still the plan but now there's a huge crunch to get ALL the stuff they have out. Dad's woodshop, all the stuff in the shed, lots of furniture, plus all the other "stuff."Â We'll be simultaneously packing stuff up and having a moving sale next week, without the benefit of knowing what all goes in the sale and without a listing of anything other than the big stuff they can remember off the tops of their heads. Things are getting interesting. Their time crunch is self-imposed, helped along by realtors who (unethically, in my opinion) pushed them in to a quick sale with a too-soon closing date.

Katie Lane They would not allow their kids to be present and advocate for them. The retirement community salesperson made some rather huge math errors in the payments (in the retirement community's favor), setting off bells for me, but my naive elderly parents assure me that the sales person just made an honest mistake...er, several honest mistakes, and is just overworked etc. The realtor is telling them weird things like this will not be an in-person closing because there are rules against in-person closings in Missouri (which is definitely not the case). I don't know if they're being conned, don't know what's going on, or what, but watching older people being potentially taken advantage of while they refuse family help has been painful.

Katie Lane Anyway, I probably won't be lurking in the Pub or watching Le Tour much for an unknown span of time. I suspect by the time this sorts out, the T de F will be over.

Katie Lane My brother and I have been trying to get them to make the decision for this sort of move for several years for their physical safety. Â Mom ^{08:11:31 am} is increasingly feeble, and Dad is having worsening memory issues (and he's the only driver and now does the shopping and more and more of the housework and "meal prep.") But the way they've gone about it, from a snap decision to frenzied downsizing and 2 months to downsize a lifetime of "stuff" while simultaneously preparing for a move and house sale, has been all wrong.

bikerabe intermediate sprint coming	07-04-2024 08:32:00 am
bikerabe can injured Mads get points?	07-04-2024 08:32:58 am
S bikerabe caught	07-04-2024 08:33:23 am
Mikey I feel for you Katie. Went through the same thing 5 years ago. Dad passed and mom here close now. Good thing she let me help. No troubles now and it was a good decision	07-04-2024 08:33:25 am
bikerabe Philliosen gets 1st	07-04-2024 08:36:57 am

S bikerabe PHILLIPSEN	07-04-2024 08:37:16 am
bikerabe Girmay 2nd	07-04-2024 08:38:30 am
bikerabe Girmay holds green jersey over Mads	07-04-2024 08:39:47 am
bikerabe good green competition	07-04-2024 08:40:14 am
Tim in KY Done with the KOM, done with the sprint. Nothing but drying pain until the finish.	t 07-04-2024 08:44:25 am
Mikey Good time to take Norman to the dog park	07-04-2024 08:47:50 am
bikerabe after ITT tomorrow Saturday and Sunday both look like sprint finishes Sat. lumpierv than Sonday	07-04-2024 08:51:28 am
Tim in KY Sunday is gravel roads and lots of hills. If it's a sprint finish it will be a reduced bunch.	07-04-2024 08:54:04 am
bikerabe okay Sunday chance for breakaway rider to win	07-04-2024 08:55:58 am
bikerabe on Peacock Teejay is upset that nobody has formed a breakaway Well too bad commentators the peloton is being realistic	07-04-2024 09:09:32 am
Tim in KY Teejay is in "back in my day" mode.	07-04-2024 09:10:51 am
mmcnally Tejay is making good points.	07-04-2024 09:11:31 am
Tim in KY They are currently riding three minutes slower than the slowest.	07-04-2024 09:13:06 am
Katie S Good morning. Indeed he is.	07-04-2024 09:13:06 am



Katie S Katie L, my heart goes out to you. This is a massive step for your folks, they want to do it on their own, as they have all their lives but don't quite have the edge of shrewdness that they probably used to. Hard stuff.	07-04-2024 09:15:08 am
Katie S So this is a hardcore paint-drying stage, I guess. Just watching guys on a casual ride. Tejay knows this also has viewership repercussions.	07-04-2024 09:16:47 am
mmcnally I'm sure seeing this now two days in a row and third time in six stages, is setting off a few conversations in the ASO group about future races.	07-04-2024 09:20:05 am
Tim in KY Not sure what the puffy pig suits was about.	07-04-2024 09:21:13 am
KimC Good morning all!	07-04-2024 09:24:47 am
Katie S Hello, Kim!	07-04-2024 09:30:45 am
bikerabe Perino is talking wine with a fiasco bottle in hand	07-04-2024 09:32:45 am
Tim in KY That speed-up in the brief crosswinds got them up to the slowest imaginable.	07-04-2024 09:34:43 am
Katie S Bring on the crosswinds	07-04-2024 09:38:46 am
bikerabe I learned on a Cycle Oregon in southern OR that centuries ago 07-04-2024 Italian theater troups had the cast member who commited the worst mistake of ^{09:40:42 am} the night buy the ttoup a supersize bottle of wine called 'fiasco' so the word came to mean a bad mistake	
Katie S Aha! Thank you for that.	07-04-2024 09:41:50 am
Katie S Speaking of theater… yesterday's matinee of Mrs. Doubtfire, the musical, was actually a lot of fun. The nieces enjoyed it, and happy kid faces are worth a lot. Had to hand it to the lead because the guy plays two roles at h energy for two hours.	07-04-2024 09:45:17 am high

KimC Katie L- there are so many complicated aspects: the hope of the future⁰⁷⁻⁰⁴⁻²⁰²⁴ in a community with the loss of that independence and space of the old home, ^{09:46:05 am} combined with the time crunch and financial murkiness and dramatic change of everything. So hard for everyone!

Tim in KY There intermittent crosswinds don't seem to make much lasting difference.	07-04-2024 09:54:29 am
bikerabe peloton has now split 13 sec gap between	07-04-2024 09:54:50 am
bikerabe Cavendish otb more	07-04-2024 09:55:19 am
bikerabe gruppo compacto	07-04-2024 09:59:18 am
Tim in KY Feed zone for the peloton will help Cav get back.	07-04-2024 09:59:18 am
Katie S 2 ku	07-04-2024 10:00:25 am
Tim in KY All that got them up to the imagined time. For now.	07-04-2024 10:02:15 am
bikerabe Cavg takes a 'sticky' bottle? possible penalty?	07-04-2024 10:02:57 am
Katie S Independence Day plans, anyone? We'II take the teenager to 07-04-2024 the Lion's Club pancake breakfast (raises money for our high school's ^{10:08:08 am} sports teams), then our little Half Moon Bay parade, then a barbecue at our yacht club, which is little more than a shack on the beach with a bar, a multi-purpose room and a small fleet of small boats.	
Tim in KY I'd walk down to the corner to see the parade if it weren't so hot.	07-04-2024 10:10:09 am
mmcnally Tonight will be rough for my sheepdog. He is very scared of fireworks. In Arizona they are permitted by anyone to use, so our neighborhood sounds like a war zone	07-04-2024 10:14:30 am

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PasadenaK8 Speaking of Dijon… When I was in college and doing a year ⁰⁷⁻⁰⁴⁻²⁰²⁴ abroad, they placed me with a French family who lived in a little village outside ⁰⁷⁻⁰⁴⁻²⁰²⁴ to 55:08 am of Aix-en-Provence. The wife was originally from Dijon. A city, known for its culinary gastronomy, she did not disappoint. 5 course dinners every night, and everything, from the aperitif to dessert, was all made from scratch. Only the wine was bought, which the husband would continually pour throughout the meal, telling us it would "help our French†. Second servings of the main course were always offered, and was considered insulting if we did not accept. Knowing that dinner was going to be a food extravaganza every night, my roommate and I learned quickly to only eat an apple for breakfast. Roommate said she was going to cut her beautiful and very long red hair before returning home, so that people would say: "Oh wow!, you cut your hair!†, instead of: "Oh wow! You've gained a ton of weight!â€

Katie S Man, you drew the lucky card on that exchange!	07-04-2024 10:56:43 am
mmcnally Tim - I buy the Trader Joe's version of Dijon mustard. It is very good.	07-04-2024 10:56:49 am
bikerabe World cup mountain bikin this weekend	07-04-2024 10:57:04 am
bikerabe biking	07-04-2024 10:57:06 am
BusterSci We have the absolute opposite experience to Katie L. Â Hospital has spent hours on the phone with Mom trying to work out the most cost-effective way of treating Dad. He's doesn't meet requirements for being admitted ex	07-04-2024 10:58:10 am

observation, so they stretched that out as long as they could then found a swing bed in a nearby town that would be covered for rehab because he can't get into the local nursing homes with covid. Â They're lucky to be in the place they are.

Katie S That is wonderful, Buster.	07-04-2024 10:59:31 am
bikerabe under 20 km to go	07-04-2024 11:01:55 am
Katie S Are we there yet?	07-04-2024 11:05:54 am

RocketCityGal l'm back as my cell phone alter ego for the finale.	07-04-2024 11:06:12 am
RocketCityGal Narrow road	07-04-2024 11:06:20 am
■ RocketCityGal At least when you're riding 6 abreast, it's narrowâ€	07-04-2024 11:06:57 am
Tim in KY A bit wider now.	07-04-2024 11:07:26 am
RocketCityGal https://rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/17201059 1720105654696.jpeg	07-04-2024 11:07:36 am 954-
Tim in KY 15 km banner.	07-04-2024 11:07:47 am
RocketCityGal Only 4 more days with these guys.	07-04-2024 11:07:53 am
Tim in KY Right on the imagined time now.	07-04-2024 11:08:22 am
PasadenaK8 So sweet, RCG. Beautiful little blue eyes that white one has.	07-04-2024 11:08:56 am
Toulouse Great kitten pictures. I'm on the board for our local shelter, only I don't dare go anywhere near the shelter itself.	07-04-2024 11:09:37 am
RocketCityGal One of my cycling friends has put in an application to adopt the white, pointed kitten. Since he's the namesake of our mutual friend who was badly injured being hit by head-on by a guy in a pickup (friend was on Flor Bicycle Safari), it's especially cool.	07-04-2024 11:10:16 am
Katie S Gonna be hard to let those kittens go	07-04-2024 11:10:30 am
Katie S Rider brushes the fans	07-04-2024 11:12:10 am







bikerabe he's van den Bonk today	07-04-2024 11:19:32 am
Katie S Ha!	07-04-2024 11:19:41 am
Katie S 5km	07-04-2024 11:19:47 am
S bikerabe cinq km	07-04-2024 11:20:11 am
RocketCityGal Too many crashes and close calls	07-04-2024 11:20:40 am
RocketCityGal Can he make it 36? Me thinks not today…. But that's what I thought yesterday.	, 07-04-2024 11:21:37 am
bikerabe Astana on the front	07-04-2024 11:22:20 am
Tim in KY https://rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/17201068 6-route-finale.jpg	07-04-2024 11:22:47 am 666-stage-
bikerabe polka dot on front	07-04-2024 11:22:57 am
RocketCityGal That light blue train kinda fell apart.	07-04-2024 11:23:10 am
RocketCityGal Cav way too far back now	07-04-2024 11:24:01 am
RocketCityGal Ooh close. Philipsen? Â DeLie and Binie also there	07-04-2024 11:25:26 am
Tim in KY Four man photo.	07-04-2024 11:25:36 am



bikerabe photo finish	07-04-2024 11:25:46 am
mmcnally Groenewegen	07-04-2024 11:26:07 am
RocketCityGal Groaneagon than Philipsen then Girmay.	07-04-2024 11:26:18 am
bikerabe will Girmay keep green jersey with that?	07-04-2024 11:27:04 am
Tim in KY Okay. ITT tomorrow.	07-04-2024 11:27:10 am
RocketCityGal I think so	07-04-2024 11:27:16 am
PasadenaK8 Groaneagon by a sunglass nose-piece.	07-04-2024 11:27:32 am
RocketCityGal :D	07-04-2024 11:28:44 am
RocketCityGal Spellcheck is going weird things.	07-04-2024 11:29:14 am
bikerabe full GC list will set ITT start list	07-04-2024 11:29:21 am
PasadenaK8 Have a fun 4th, everyone. See you all tomorrow….	07-04-2024 11:32:26 am
Katie S Happy Fourth!	07-04-2024 11:33:21 am
bikerabe Girmay still in Green by 11 points over Philipsen close	07-04-2024 11:38:08 am