

 **Joanna in Virginia** VUELTA 2021 ROUTE STAGE 2: CALERUEGA - BURGOS At 166.7 kilometres, stage 2 at La Vuelta is played out on a route between Caleruega and Burgos. It doesn't get much flatter than this in Spain. After the start in Caleruega " where Saint Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order, was born almost 1,000 years ago " the riders traverse the Castilian-Leonese plain for the rest of the day.


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03:19:07 pm

 **Joanna in Virginia** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1628969108-2%20map.jpeg>


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03:20:10 pm

 **Joanna in Virginia** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1628969123-2%20profile.jpeg>


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03:20:25 pm

 **Joanna in Virginia** The stage finishes in the most populated neighborhood of Burgos: Gamonal. The first three riders on the line gain time bonuses of 10, 6 and 4 seconds, while there are 3, 2 and 1 seconds available at the intermediate sprint.


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03:20:48 pm

 **Joanna in Virginia** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1628969156-2%20last%20km.jpeg>

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03:20:58 pm

 **Joanna in Virginia** The 2nd stage of La Vuelta starts 13.32 and the race is expected to finish around 17.30 " both are local times.

08-14-2021
03:21:13 pm

 **Joanna in Virginia** This is the rarest of things on a Vuelta route, a stage without a categorised climb. But that's not to say that it is sure to be straightforward. The wind can always be a factor on Castile's high plateau, across which the race will undulate very gently. The sprinters have a first opportunity to test each other at the intermediate sprint in Tardajos, 17km from the finish, just to the west of Burgos.


08-14-2021
03:22:04 pm

 **Charlie in Tenn** Nice report, Joanna. Thank you.

08-15-2021
07:56:56 am

 **BusterSci** Quiet.

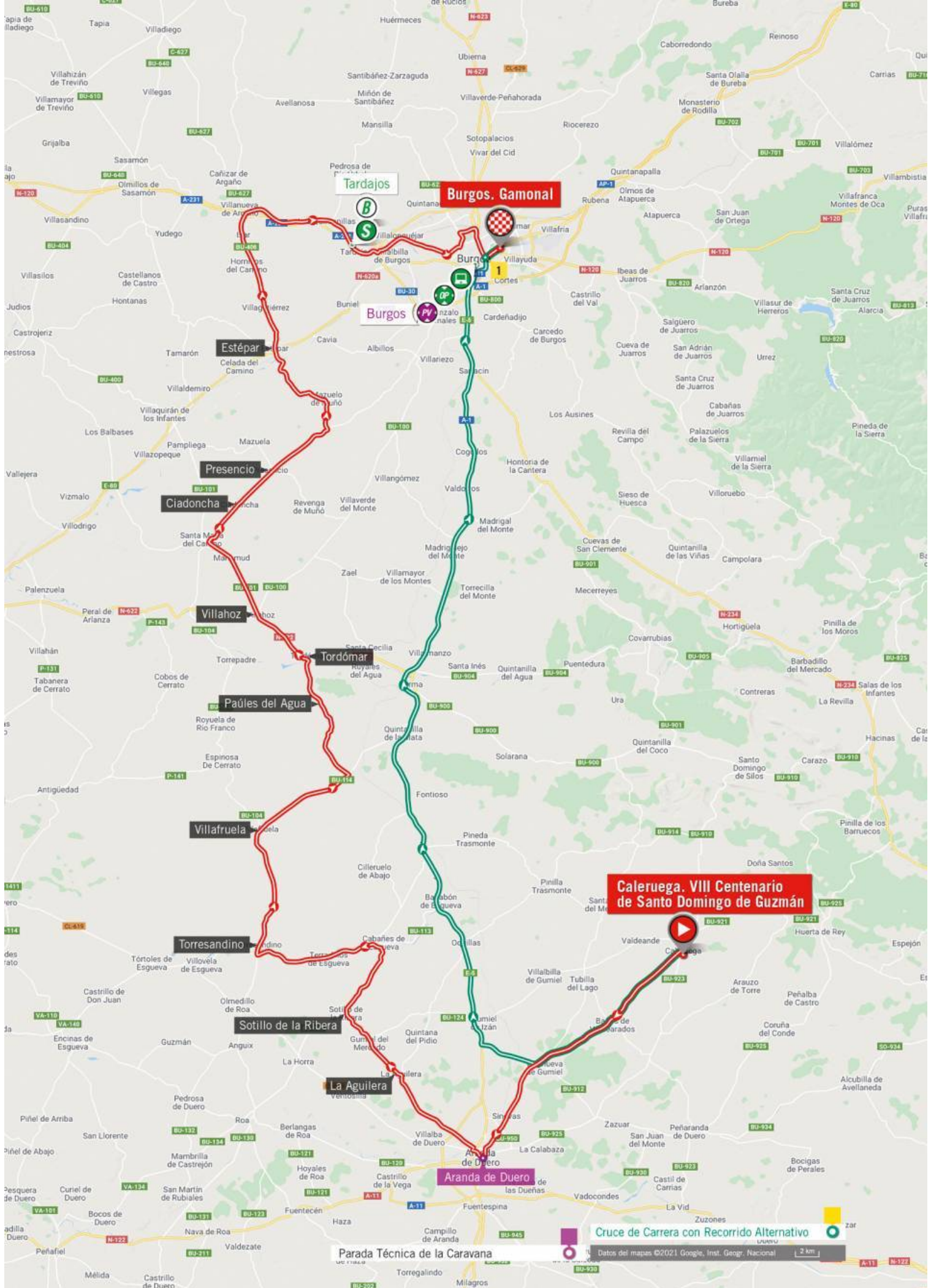
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 **John** Of all the stages in a Grand Tour, this is probably one of the few I could manage

08-15-2021
08:58:44 am

 **Charlie in Tenn** Me too. Except it would take me a couple of days.

08-15-2021
09:10:15 am



Burgos. Gamonal

Caleruega. VIII Centenario de Santo Domingo de Guzmán

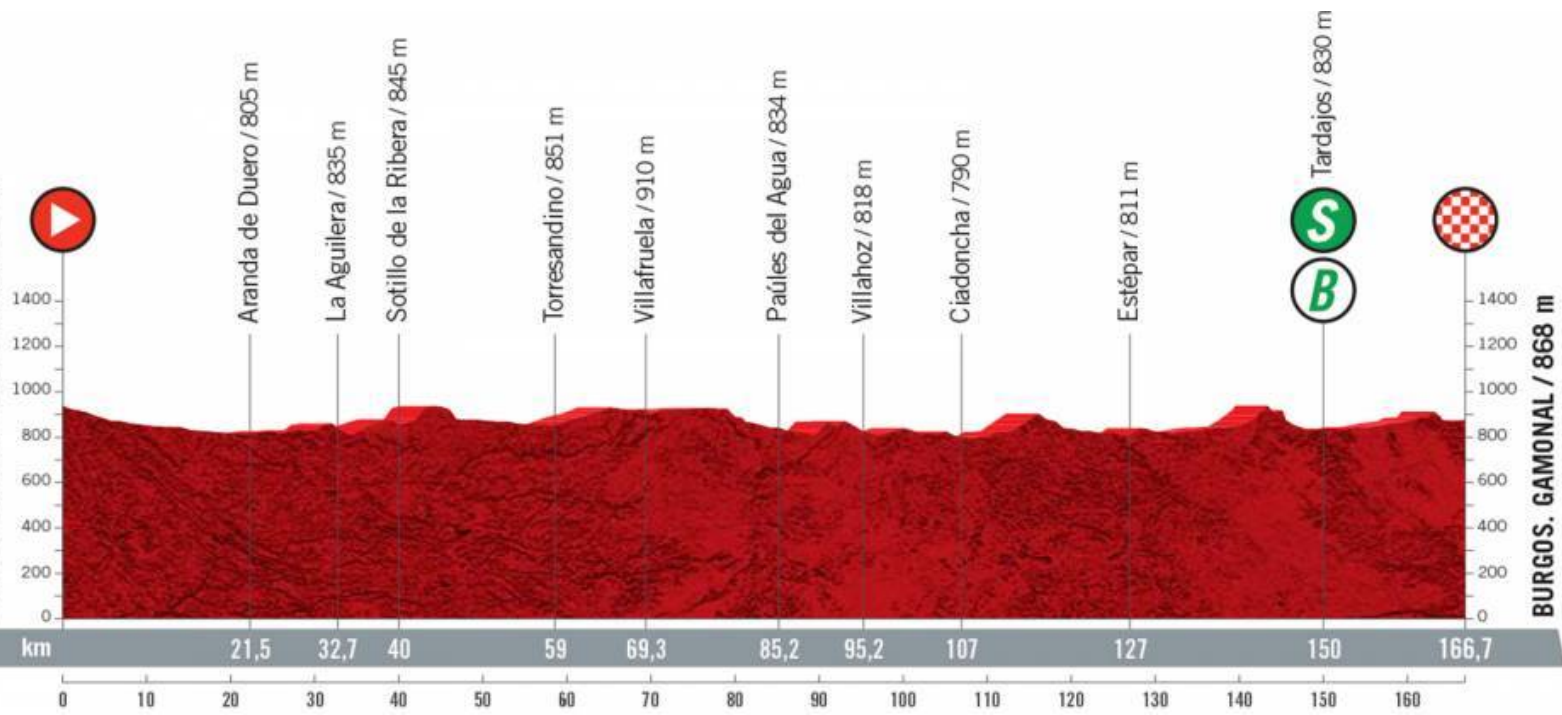
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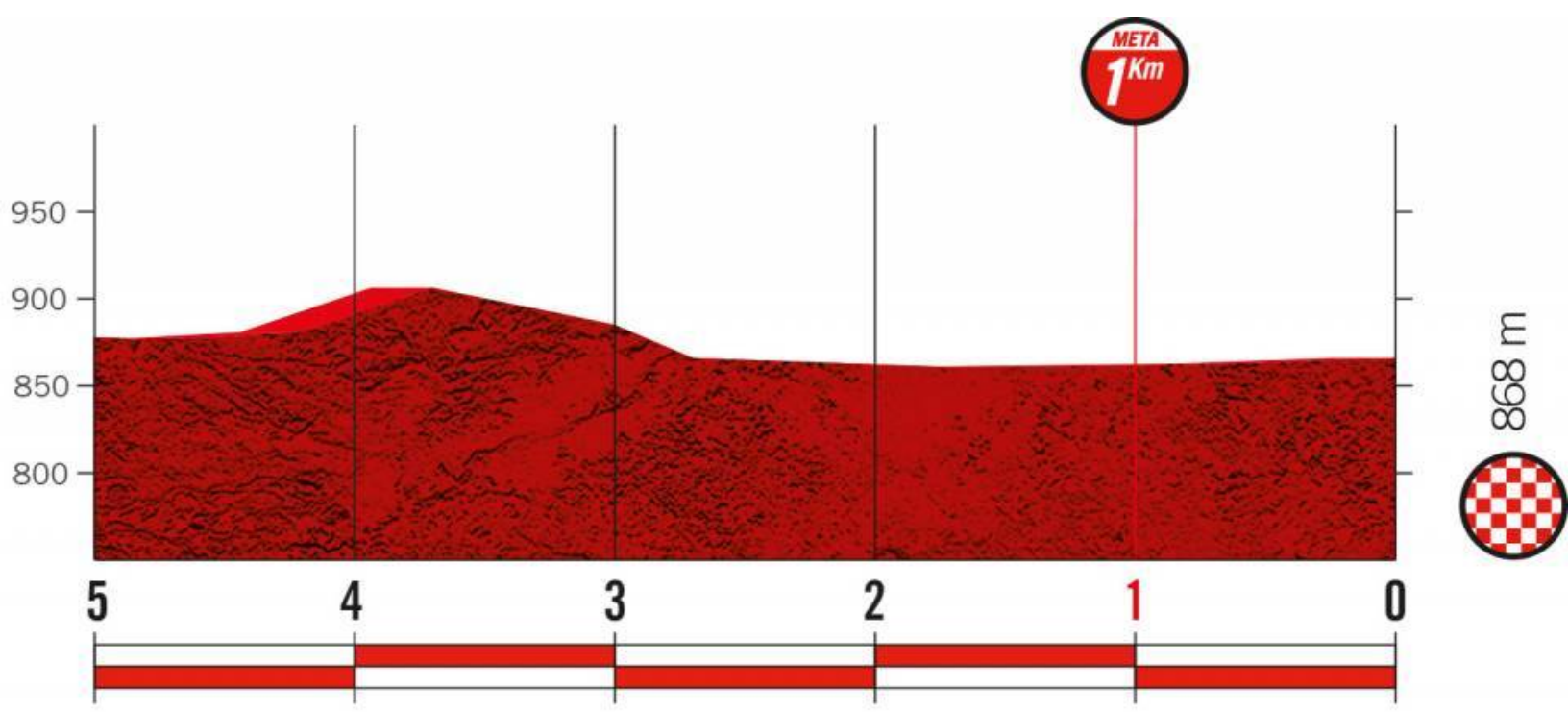
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2 km

**CALERUEGA. VIII CENTENARIO DE
SANTO DOMINGO DE GUZMÁN / 930 m**



BURGOS. GAMONAL / 868 m





Katie S Good morning, all.

08-15-2021
09:11:19 am



Charlie in Tenn Hi Katie.

08-15-2021
09:11:53 am



Charlie in Tenn In the 70s here but very humid. 50% possibility of rain this afternoon.

08-15-2021
09:14:26 am



Katie S Uncomfortably humid? Or kinda pleasant?

08-15-2021
09:17:06 am



Charlie in Tenn Not pleasant at all.

08-15-2021
09:17:22 am



Charlie in Tenn Steam room like.

08-15-2021
09:17:40 am



BusterSci Looks like September will arrive early for us here. Highs drop to the high 70s starting next week.

08-15-2021
09:18:28 am



Katie S Blech

08-15-2021
09:18:28 am



BusterSci That series of posts will not read sensibly in retrospect.

08-15-2021
09:19:23 am



Katie S We've got the women's Scottish Open golf on telly and the Vuelta on the iPad; it's green grass in Scotland; such a contrast to the amber plains of Spain.

08-15-2021
09:22:02 am



Charlie in Tenn Watching the Norway races has been very scenic. Very green with a few amber fields, beautiful coasts, and lovely towns. i think I want to visit sometime.

08-15-2021
09:24:59 am



Katie S Let's go!

08-15-2021
09:26:30 am



Tim in KY Still on EDT.

08-15-2021
09:29:56 am



BusterSci I haven't been but my parents have, to the interim ancestral area around Vikedal.

08-15-2021
09:30:30 am



Tim in KY Just under 3 KU of drying paint to go.

08-15-2021
09:30:51 am



Katie S Good morning, Tim in Manhattan Beach.

08-15-2021
09:31:40 am



Tim in KY Going to the Getty later this morning.

08-15-2021
09:32:24 am



BusterSci Twitter earlier this week: Daniel Friebe listed the Vuelta competitors born at highest altitude from Narvaez at 3458m to #10 Kuss and Simmons at 1988, then 184: Jetse Bol at -1m. Â Bol quickly responded with "Who lives in a pineapple under the sea..." I knew I needed him on my team even if I expect nothing from him.

08-15-2021
09:34:38 am



Tim in KY I have Peacock on mute Â because ambient is too loud.

08-15-2021
09:35:23 am



Katie S Iâ€™m envious, Tim! Enjoy it and report in tomorrow, please. What are you most eager to see?

08-15-2021
09:36:09 am



Katie S (the Getty, not Pescoc)

08-15-2021
09:37:07 am



Tim in KY Frankly, I prefer the gardens. By the are three Renaissance Italian exhibits that my wife is excited about.

08-15-2021
09:38:29 am



Mikey Good Morning

08-15-2021
09:38:55 am



Charlie in Tenn So the kids are going to public school again. We have them wearing masks. Watching the COVID-19 numbers each week. One elementary school has enough cases that they are requiring masks starting tomorrow. My wife is wearing her mask at the high school daily. They have had a couple of cases. I am wearing my mask around town tough I still don't go out much. The kids seem happy to be back in school. I am thrilled about it.

08-15-2021
09:39:03 am



Tim in KY The Pub is hard to do on iPhone.

08-15-2021
09:39:54 am



BusterSci Truth

08-15-2021
09:40:39 am



Charlie in Tenn I like viewing gardens. My dog, Millie, likes digging up gardens. I am contemplating building a fortress around my little garden.

08-15-2021
09:42:41 am



John True. I find my iPad sideways works best

08-15-2021
09:42:44 am



BusterSci I think one of the biggest travesties of pandemic response was not throwing way more effort into getting kids back into schools as safely as possible for kids and staff.

08-15-2021
09:42:47 am



Tim in KY FDJ and DQS appear optimistic about their chances today.

08-15-2021
09:43:02 am



John Iâ€™m with you Buster. I feel bad for my nephew who missed pretty much most of the normal experiences during his junior and senior years of high school.

08-15-2021
09:43:32 am



Katie S Charlie, good to hear about the schools and wise masking. My sister in law in Phoenix teaches fifth grade â€¦ no masks required. She wears one, though. Sheâ€™s got eight kids out. Not sure how many are Covid cases and how many are parents yanking their kids out in response to the infections. Stay vigilant.

08-15-2021
09:44:36 am



Charlie in Tenn I agree. It was a tough 2 years for kids in school.

08-15-2021
09:44:43 am



Tim in KY Canâ€™t iPad, John, thatâ€™s where the race is.

08-15-2021
09:44:46 am



BusterSci I generally listen to podcasts or audiobooks while watching the action, doing chores, and posting here. Â I am incensed that turning the Pub sound off isn't permanent. Â Every time I look at a different app, or let the phone sleep, the sound turns back on. Â Then when there's a post the damn thing steals sound control to make it's friggin' bloop noise and shuts off my book or podcast. Â Why would any software designer think we'd want that blooming on as a default?

08-15-2021
09:46:45 am



BusterSci And that's my First World Problem for the day.

08-15-2021
09:47:19 am



Katie S Bloop bloop bloop!

08-15-2021
09:48:13 am



John Nice Katie hahahaha

08-15-2021
09:48:39 am



Mikey Blope

08-15-2021
09:49:24 am



John Between the flat well-paved surface and the brown scenery, this kinda reminds me of cycling in the desert here

08-15-2021
09:50:11 am



Charlie in Tenn Katie, I would not say our school system is wise in any of the district policies. The superintendent is a pro-everyone back to school, open all the businesses, don't make a big deal of this thing, kind of a guy. He evidently does a good job for the Board of Education and whatever guideline that they require of him. I am not a fan.

08-15-2021
09:50:40 am



BusterSci Sorry, Katie, but Mikey topped you with the extra e. Â But I laughed at both.

08-15-2021
09:51:18 am



Katie S I concede, mirthfully

08-15-2021
09:52:01 am



Katie S Bit of a crash.

08-15-2021
09:53:21 am



Katie S But heâ€™s up and on

08-15-2021
09:54:13 am



Charlie in Tenn Judge on a moto making Jay Vine quit following his car. So he rides up and gets a bottle and some food.

08-15-2021
09:57:48 am



BusterSci I thought Jay Vine was an autocorrect thing. Â Never heard of him.

08-15-2021
10:01:30 am



Katie S Cheeky move, whoever he is

08-15-2021
10:01:49 am



Tim in KY Ducal palace looked very new.

08-15-2021
10:03:56 am



Charlie in Tenn Never heard of him? He is the Alpacin GC rider. I believe he is on my team.

08-15-2021
10:05:12 am



Tim in KY Chase needs to slow down a bit.

08-15-2021
10:05:14 am



Tim in KY I never heard of him either.

08-15-2021
10:05:54 am



BusterSci Alpecin GC rider is kind of an oxymoron, isn't it?

08-15-2021
10:09:42 am



Charlie in Tenn I think it is a first.

08-15-2021
10:13:56 am



Katie S <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1629037144-F71F57A2-F577-4ABD-9580-160A7D4C696C.jpeg>

08-15-2021
10:14:08 am



Katie S A tasty treat I recommend, now that we are in Spain

08-15-2021
10:14:31 am



Charlie in Tenn He did ride well in some of the early summer races, I think.

08-15-2021
10:14:40 am



BusterSci We've been a fan of the Fermin version but if we see that we'll try it.

08-15-2021
10:15:11 am



Tim in KY Cross winds?

08-15-2021
10:15:33 am



BusterSci The best way to tell if there are crosswinds is whether DQS is on the front.

08-15-2021
10:17:17 am



Tim in KY Then what was the sudden surge for?

08-15-2021
10:18:49 am



BusterSci We have started buying pork from a artisan producer that supplies Duluth area restaurants. It was part of our pandemic effort to support struggling businesses. Our latest delivery included their ground chorizo, which we are eager to try. Also, the last two deliveries have included jowl bacon. Oh my.

08-15-2021
10:19:25 am



Katie S The breakaway is in danger of having its cabeza chomped off

08-15-2021
10:19:35 am



Katie S Yum, bacon

08-15-2021
10:20:00 am



PALACIOS

A family secret

AUTHENTICALLY
SINCE 1960

**IBÉRICO
CHORIZO**

CRAFTED  IN SPAIN



READY TO EAT
— SPANISH TAPAS —

NET 8 OZ (227g) — 100% PORK CHORIZO — NO ADDED SALT — NO MSG

ALL NATURAL

ENTIRELY NATURAL — 100% PORK — NO ADDED SALT — NO MSG



NO COLORINGS
NO PRESERVATIVES

SANS CONSERVATEURS — SANS COLORANTS
SANS GLUTEN — SANS LACTOSE



BusterSci Not sure, Tim. Â Maybe there was a tight turn or narrowing road? 08-15-2021
10:20:30 am



Katie S Okâ€¦ why would you put a sprint 10k from the end of a sprintersâ€™™ stage? 08-15-2021
10:20:49 am



Tim in KY I donâ€™™t speak Spanish Katie. I hope that word means head. 08-15-2021
10:21:14 am



Katie S Si! 08-15-2021
10:21:30 am



BusterSci She didn't say cahones. 08-15-2021
10:21:35 am



Tim in KY I know that word 08-15-2021
10:22:13 am



BusterSci Sprint: Make the peloton catch the break early? 08-15-2021
10:22:20 am



Tim in KY Expressionist field art. 08-15-2021
10:23:19 am



BusterSci Make the sprinters turn it on twice to wear them down? 08-15-2021
10:23:36 am



BusterSci Give the break something to do in their waning moments of glory? 08-15-2021
10:24:09 am



Katie S Or sprinters who are second string and want some points? 08-15-2021
10:24:17 am



Mikey Jowl bacon? 08-15-2021
10:24:24 am



BusterSci Yes, Mikey. Â Really awesome stuff. Â exactly what it sounds like. 08-15-2021
10:25:07 am



Mikey Oh my 08-15-2021
10:25:26 am



BusterSci It's like getting the cheek filets off a big walleye.

08-15-2021
10:25:34 am



Tim in KY Break is without team cars.

08-15-2021
10:26:25 am



Mikey Never heard of it. Kinda like an Alpecin GC rider

08-15-2021
10:27:21 am



Tim in KY EFN at the way back, as usual.

08-15-2021
10:29:03 am



BusterSci Pieces are 2-5 inches long. Â About half meat, half fat. Â Seems chewier (in a good way) than regular bacon, even when cooked fairly crispy. Â We had it on pizza last night and with latkes this morning.

08-15-2021
10:29:39 am



Mikey Yum?

08-15-2021
10:32:14 am



BusterSci Yes. Â Very yum.

08-15-2021
10:35:49 am



Tim in KY Break gets cars back. Gap is back over a minute.

08-15-2021
10:37:29 am



Tim in KY HORSE!

08-15-2021
10:39:20 am



BusterSci McCrossan says the break is on the attack. They are not. They are in a break. No offensive riding is occurring.

08-15-2021
10:42:26 am



Charlie in Tenn Did every see that Aru finished 2nd in GC at Tour of Burgos? Hopefully, he is healthy again.

08-15-2021
10:42:43 am



Tim in KY Currently at the slowest imaginableâ€¦.

08-15-2021
10:43:12 am



BusterSci This is his last race. Â He's retiring.

08-15-2021
10:44:12 am



Tim in KY Yes, it is slow McCrossen.

08-15-2021
10:44:24 am



Charlie in Tenn Ah, I saw something about him leaving the team but didn't catch that.

08-15-2021
10:47:01 am



Tim in KY Is that FDJ the Luxembourg champ?

08-15-2021
10:51:05 am



Tim in KY Vulture.

08-15-2021
10:53:13 am



Charlie in Tenn Geniets is the Lux champ now.

08-15-2021
10:55:11 am



Tim in KY Thanks, Charlie.

08-15-2021
10:56:51 am



Charlie in Tenn PCS has a bunch of good info. I am still trying to learn where to look.

08-15-2021
10:57:46 am



Tim in KY 1 KU to go. 35 seconds.

08-15-2021
10:59:26 am



BusterSci What's "Burpellet?"

08-15-2021
10:59:42 am



Tim in KY Sounds rude.

08-15-2021
11:00:25 am



BusterSci Pellitized wood waste for heating

08-15-2021
11:01:12 am



Mikey Thanks Charlie. I totally forgot about Pro Cycling. Logged in now on the laptop

08-15-2021
11:01:14 am



Tim in KY Burgos butt sponsor.

08-15-2021
11:01:48 am



BusterSci Frau has been perfecting her fermented, no vinegar pickle recipe. I think I will call them burpellets from now on.

08-15-2021
11:02:13 am



Tim in KY Burgos breaker being futile.

08-15-2021
11:03:06 am



BusterSci McCrossan making 70 seconds sound dangerous with 28km to go. Nonsense.

08-15-2021
11:06:21 am



John I suppose thereâ€™s not much else for him to talk about

08-15-2021
11:06:51 am



John Or he just likes to make everything sound overly dramatic

08-15-2021
11:07:42 am



BusterSci Yup

08-15-2021
11:07:54 am



Tim in KY I may miss the finish. Have to go to grandsonâ€™s swim practice at 17:40.

08-15-2021
11:09:58 am



BusterSci There does not to be any wind at all, given those still turbines.

08-15-2021
11:11:57 am



Charlie in Tenn Is there a procedure book for how to call a sport? A little drama is good but just making stuff up is silly.

08-15-2021
11:12:01 am



Charlie in Tenn Sprint coming up

08-15-2021
11:12:41 am



Tim in KY Now slower than the slowest.

08-15-2021
11:13:06 am



BusterSci Agree, Charlie. It's my biggest gripe against McCrossan.

08-15-2021
11:13:10 am



Katie S Heading out for a hike. Iâ€™ll see you all tomorrow. Enjoy the day.

08-15-2021
11:13:37 am



BusterSci Have fun, Katie!

08-15-2021
11:13:49 am



John bye Katie

08-15-2021
11:13:50 am



Mikey Bah

08-15-2021
11:14:58 am



Katie S Thanks!

08-15-2021
11:15:52 am



Tim in KY I guess the other two breakers have been caught.

08-15-2021
11:16:29 am



BusterSci Yes. We saw them get caught about two minutes apart.

08-15-2021
11:17:16 am



Tim in KY Iâ€™ve been multitasking.

08-15-2021
11:18:24 am



BusterSci Also known as "trying to stay awake" on stages like this.

08-15-2021
11:18:58 am



John Iâ€™m flipping back and forth with the Premier League matches

08-15-2021
11:21:16 am



Mikey Reading the Sunday paper yawn

08-15-2021
11:21:21 am



Charlie in Tenn Sprint is here

08-15-2021
11:21:39 am



John That was anticlimactic

08-15-2021
11:23:02 am



Tim in KY DQS going for the sprint jersey.

08-15-2021
11:23:49 am



Tim in KY 15 km banner.

08-15-2021
11:24:41 am



BusterSci Hard not to pull for Jakobsen after what he's been through.

08-15-2021
11:24:44 am



Tim in KY I put him on my team.

08-15-2021
11:26:19 am



BusterSci Same

08-15-2021
11:27:01 am



Tim in KY Both -sen sprinters.

08-15-2021
11:27:17 am



BusterSci Same

08-15-2021
11:28:24 am



BusterSci Likely means we gave Demare the win today.

08-15-2021
11:28:42 am



Charlie in Tenn Is Pidcock going for sprinter points?

08-15-2021
11:34:06 am



BusterSci 10k

08-15-2021
11:34:08 am



BusterSci 8km

08-15-2021
11:34:10 am



BusterSci No. Just riding.

08-15-2021
11:34:23 am



BusterSci 6km

08-15-2021
11:35:14 am



Tim in KY Going to miss the finish by about 2km.

08-15-2021
11:35:23 am



Tim in KY Nice road so far.

08-15-2021
11:35:58 am



John Whoever is updating the km on the TV screen is off a bit. It said 5.8km as they went under the 6km banner

08-15-2021
11:36:01 am



John Pidcock drops back

08-15-2021
11:36:34 am



Charlie in Tenn I guess he is just riding around.

08-15-2021
11:37:11 am



John crash!

08-15-2021
11:37:17 am



John Most of Bora on the ground

08-15-2021
11:37:59 am



Tim in KY Out side 3 km.

08-15-2021
11:38:03 am



BusterSci There's a collarbone.

08-15-2021
11:38:19 am



Tim in KY Bye.

08-15-2021
11:38:20 am



Charlie in Tenn Did G Thomas make it?

08-15-2021
11:38:38 am



John 3km to go

08-15-2021
11:38:44 am



BusterSci HA!

08-15-2021
11:38:49 am



John hahaha

08-15-2021
11:38:54 am



BusterSci Drag race now

08-15-2021
11:40:29 am



John Red kite

08-15-2021
11:40:39 am



John A straight road - clearly not the Giro

08-15-2021
11:40:52 am



BusterSci Battle of the -sens

08-15-2021
11:42:05 am



John Phillipson, Iâ€™d say

08-15-2021
11:42:51 am



BusterSci No idea

08-15-2021
11:42:59 am



BusterSci Agreed.

08-15-2021
11:43:16 am



BusterSci Overhead showed it

08-15-2021
11:43:23 am



BusterSci What happened to Demare?

08-15-2021
11:43:53 am



John Was he caught behind the crash?

08-15-2021
11:44:09 am



Charlie in Tenn I never saw him.

08-15-2021
11:45:31 am



BusterSci Aight. Bye.

08-15-2021
11:45:35 am



John Ok, off to watch football. See you tomorrow

08-15-2021
11:45:52 am



Charlie in Tenn Bye all.

08-15-2021
11:46:07 am