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 **Rob** Wasn't there a rumour that nibbles is calling it a day soon and retiring? 05-27 07:00


 **BusterSci** You're right, Rob. how long is his Bahrain contract? 05-27 07:00


 **Rob** I don't know, but Landa would be a good replacement 05-27 07:01


 **BusterSci** 40km already. Break is over the wall. 05-27 07:01

 **BusterSci** He's definitely up there in the group of unproven GC contenders (unproven because he hasn't won a GT yet.) 05-27 07:02

 **Rob** I always felt he could have won that time he was supporting aru 05-27 07:03

 **BusterSci** A reasonable position. I think one of the things to be careful of with cycling counterfactuals is the support guy that comes out of nowhere has opportunities that a designated leader doesn't get. The leader is marked. 05-27 07:05

 **BusterSci** That's part of why Tejay has never performed to the level he did in support of Cadel. 05-27 07:05

 **BusterSci** About a 30s gap between the two pelotons but none of the GC faves have been caught out. 05-27 07:06


 **Rob** Same with Uran Uran 05-27 07:06

















 **BusterSci** Yessir. 05-27 07:06

















 **Tim in Ky** Fubo still in travelogue mode. 05-27 07:10

















 **BusterSci** Pre-eace cover on Tiz 05-27 07:11


 **Tim in Ky** Fubo now in fubar mode. 05-27 07:13


 **BusterSci** Watching sign-in footage. 05-27 07:13


	BusterSci 52s gap to the GC group, 1:39 to the second peloton.	05-27 07:14
	BusterSci Tom gave a happy interview pre-race.	05-27 07:15
	BusterSci Wanda the same.	05-27 07:15
	BusterSci Yates too	05-27 07:15
	BusterSci Everyone says they'll attack	05-27 07:15
	BusterSci Covering the intermediate sprint and then the Cat 4 climb as we get summary without commentary.	05-27 07:17
	BusterSci 1:30 to break, second peloton is 20s back.	05-27 07:18
	BusterSci Dumoulin has extended with his Sunweb team through 2021.	05-27 07:19
	BusterSci So he isn't going to Astana or Bahrain.	05-27 07:19
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	BusterSci 135.4km	05-27 07:19
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	Tim in Ky Back briefly. Saw the replay of the Cat 4. Mean. Kirby says it's very hot today in cheesetown.	05-27 07:24
	BusterSci Andreetta and Muhlberger are the Bardiani and Bora riders trying to bridge	05-27 07:24
	BusterSci As I recall, Nairo likes cold, doesn't care for heat. Nibbles likes the heat.	05-27 07:25
	BusterSci CN says that 3.8 metric tons of trash was collected after yesterday's stage.	05-27 07:26
	BusterSci 5:02 now	05-27 07:26
	Tim in Ky Does that include thrown bidons?	05-27 07:27
	BusterSci Yes. Rider and fan trash.	05-27 07:28
	BusterSci Monte Grappa starts at 91.5km. We're at 131.2	05-27 07:28
	Tim in Ky Break is on that uncategorized climb.	05-27 07:28
	BusterSci The prince of Bahrain was in town to pose for photos with the team he owns. Nobody was tortured within site of the camera.	05-27 07:31
	BusterSci The peloton is a long line of teams	05-27 07:32
	BusterSci Sunweb now sits behind Movistar at the head of the peloton. FDJ follows.	05-27 07:33

	BusterSci 126.8km. 5:46	05-27 07:35
	BusterSci That chase of 2 is still at about 1:40	05-27 07:35
	BusterSci But the Giro doesn't care about time gaps, as we learned yesterday.	05-27 07:35
	BusterSci 1:22 now	05-27 07:36
	BusterSci Coming down off the unclassified climb	05-27 07:36
	memb54 Please don't confuse me today. Wanda? Braincells working overtime yesterday ;)	05-27 07:36
	BusterSci For you, I'll post nothing but nicknames.	05-27 07:36
	BusterSci I'll make them up as I go and change them with each post.	05-27 07:37
	memb54 :-P I ll use emojis	05-27 07:38
	BusterSci Nairo. The Naironator. Nairorama. Nairo on Fire-o. Nairoster.	05-27 07:38
	BusterSci Tom. Tommy. Tommy-tom-tomtom. Tomato.	05-27 07:41
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	BusterSci 117km. 8:00 or thereabouts.	05-27 07:46
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	BusterSci Low res feed on my part.	05-27 07:48
	BusterSci Or it was one of the whacky GPS fails.	05-27 07:49

 **BusterSci** But likely a combination of my horrible eyes and a fuzzy feed caused me to read it wrong. 05-27 07:49

 **Tim in Ky** I have the rare moment of hi-res on fubo. 05-27 07:51

 **BusterSci** The TIZ feed is pretty solid today. 05-27 07:51

 **BusterSci** 2:59 to the two riders in no-man's land 05-27 07:51

 **Tim in Ky** They might as well give it up. 05-27 07:53

 **Tim in Ky** Back to fuzz on Fubo. 05-27 07:54


 **BusterSci** Camera caught Slagter in the midst of a whizzinator. 05-27 07:54

 **BusterSci** 111km. 6:42 05-27 07:56


 **memb54** Wow, some tats on Pozzato 05-27 07:56

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 **BusterSci** Ashley House reports: He interviewed a team DS who said the reason this Giro has been so strange with the questionable attacks and such is the Dumoulin and Sunweb are very naive and don't know what they're doing or how to protect the jersey. 05-27 08:01

 **memb54** Izguirre flyinf don at 72.7! 05-27 08:01

 **BusterSci** Ashley reports: In another interview, a DS says if Tom has good legs losing the jersey is good for him. Now he doesn't have to protect the jersey and neither does his team. 05-27 08:02

 **BusterSci** Cloudy and 15C on Monte Grappa 05-27 08:03



Tim in Ky Sprint coming up at 98 km.

05-27 08:06



BusterSci Ashley reports: Talking to Juan Antonio Flecha, he thinks the final climb to 05-27 08:06

Asiago is so narrow that teams will have a hard time supporting their riders if they have mechanicals or feeding problems. Ashley said JAF went to Sunweb and talked to them about their recon, and suggested they treat it like the cobbled sections at Paris Roubaix, where they put a mechanic or soigneur every kilometer to help if needed.



BusterSci 7:29 the gap

05-27 08:08



BusterSci Ashley reports: Riders at the start today vote strongly in favor of Tom 05-27 08:11

Dumoulin for the win in Milan.



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BusterSci It's actually interesting that he would make such a joke, and perhaps that 05-27 08:13

supports the comment of naiveté.



BusterSci The Monte Grappa was a mountain time trial in the 2014 Giro. Nairo 05-27 08:14

Quintana won that day.



BusterSci The two in the middle sat up and have been reabsorbed into the peloton. 05-27 08:15



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BusterSci I know it's Saturday morning, but I'm surprised the attendance is so light. 05-27 08:18

This is a big stage today!



BusterSci 8:01 past the intermediate sprint

















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






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

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




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	Tim in Ky With only 7:36, it looks like Movi doesn't want the break to stick.	05-27 08:26
	BusterSci Bonus seconds are not inconsequential.	05-27 08:27
	Tim in Ky Road narrows.	05-27 08:28
	BusterSci Zakarin and Pinot both have a rider in the break. Could be some trouble if those two want to attack.	05-27 08:28
	BusterSci Pozzato dropped from the break	05-27 08:32
	Tim in Ky Bahrain on the front at the peloton hits the climb.	05-27 08:32
	BusterSci CCC up near the front for Hirt.	05-27 08:34
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




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





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



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


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











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 **Mons Soseman** Ah yes, there is a flight that works tomorrow for only 3300 euros 05-27 10:02

 **Toulouse** That's one seriously long sentence. Hawthorne, not your time in Rome. 05-27 10:02
















 **BusterSci** WINNER! 05-27 10:03


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 **Mons Soseman** When I was getting my Masters in Spanish Lit one of the professors said that there was one problem with my written SPANISH. My sentences were way too short, he said, and anglophone... 05-27 10:04

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
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



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	Toulouse So this is kind of a transcendental day.	05-27 10:23
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	Tim in Ky Nibbles!	05-27 10:25
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	BusterSci Small gaps, bot not serious	05-27 10:26
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





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	David Stanley Good morning, all. The farmer's market was great but this is important.	05-27 10:45
	BusterSci The triplets of Hellville aren't increasing their gaps.	05-27 10:45



WandaonI94 :)

05-27 10:46



BusterSci 22 from the front to pink. That chase group is tight and Jungles is working for Tom, no question.

05-27 10:46



BusterSci 9 seconds is good.



BusterSci About 1km left

05-27 10:46



BusterSci 12s now

05-27 10:47



BusterSci 15.5km. 20s and 32s

05-27 10:47



BusterSci So 12s relative from pink to Tom.

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BusterSci less than 100m

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BusterSci Dumoulin to the fore

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BusterSci Mollema, Hirt and Yates hanging in with TD and Jungles

05-27 10:48



BusterSci Screen says 15s

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



BusterSci Dumoulin to 3rd on the road

















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David Stanley Ain't no party like a Giro Tifosi party.


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	Tim in Ky Zak and Pozzo at the top.	05-27 10:49
	BusterSci Here's the last KOM	05-27 10:49
	BusterSci Pozzo takes it and off they go	05-27 10:49
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	BusterSci I like the guy	05-27 10:50
	BusterSci Him and Bardet	05-27 10:50
	Marc @Toad Hall I guess the idea of a final-stage time trial was not so silly as I had thought. I might even tune in.	05-27 10:50
	BusterSci 9 and 30 the gaps	05-27 10:50
	Tim in Ky This is more descent than the profile shows.	05-27 10:50
	BusterSci Pointo gapped a bit on the descent.	05-27 10:50
	BusterSci Reporting 8 and 30s gaps	05-27 10:51
	David Stanley great Italian coverage on RAI2.webtv.	05-27 10:51

	Mons Soseman No need to cuisine talk today, we know what cheese they eat. Asiago	05-27 10:51
	BusterSci 12.4	05-27 10:51
	Joanna in New York Back from teaching! Zak is on my fantasy squad!!	05-27 10:51
	BusterSci The gaps do not appear accurate to me	05-27 10:52
	Mons Soseman I agree, Mr. Sci	05-27 10:52
	BusterSci Tom, Yates and Jungels are driving the TT in the chase.	05-27 10:52
	WandaonI94 This so much more and better from the GC than i expected. I guess they like their chances better than tomorrow?	05-27 10:52
	BusterSci The fact that they haven't changed is indicative of the problem	05-27 10:52
	BusterSci Now 7 and 31	05-27 10:53
	Mons Soseman NOt the first day they have been problematic, and often they are just wrong, on TV and on the website/	05-27 10:53
	BusterSci Molleja has joined the TT	05-27 10:53
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
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



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







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






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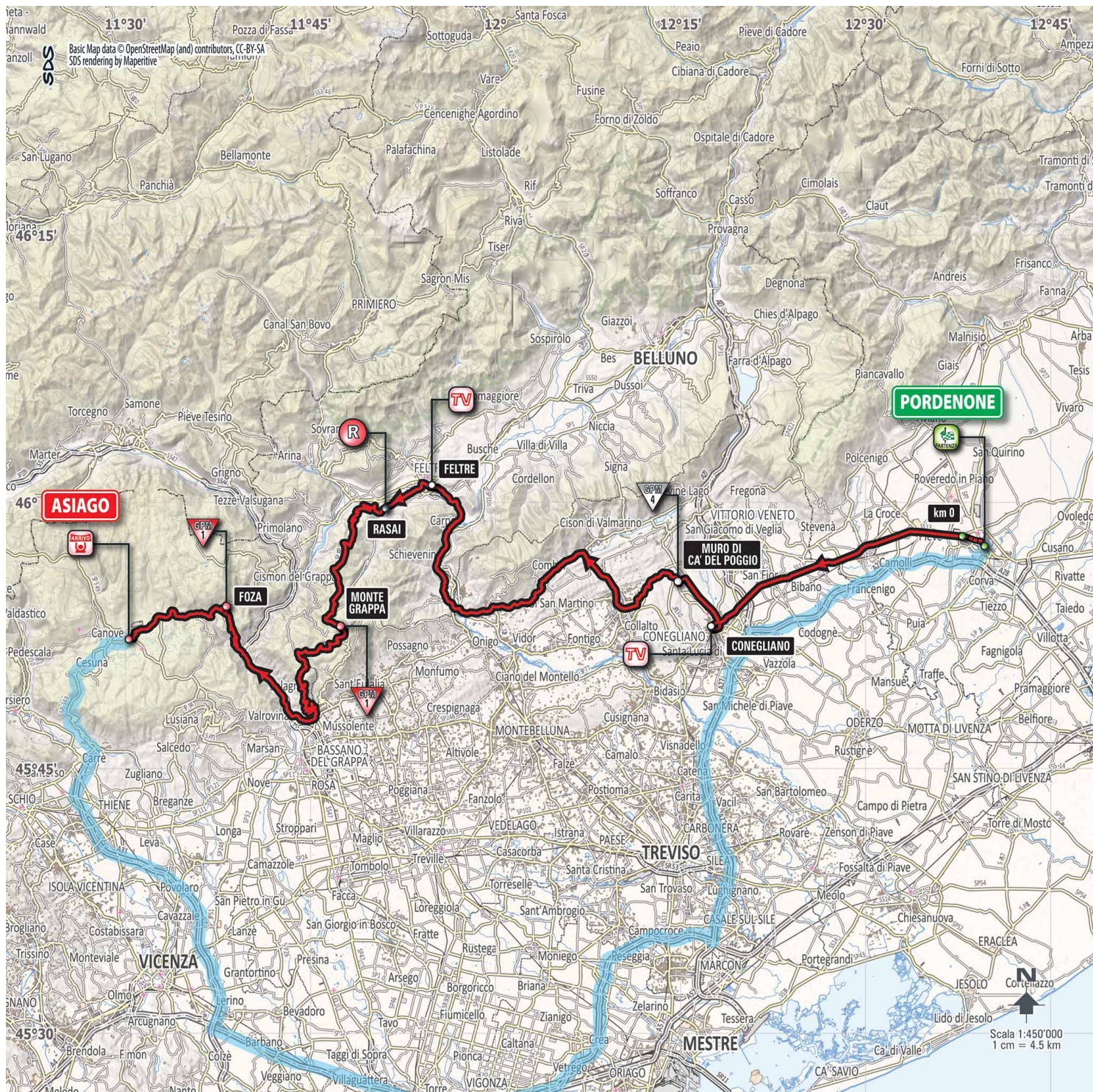
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	David Stanley I think the favorite is Pinot. He's just getting stronger and stronger.	05-27 11:10
	Asiago, a favorite cheese. Buon giorno!!	
	WandaonI94 Thanks for calling the race today, Buster. Excellent.	05-27 11:10
	Tim in Ky That was almost at the fastest expected time.	05-27 11:11
	BusterSci Thank Tim, too. He does a ton of work	05-27 11:11
	Tim in Ky Buster types faster than I do.	05-27 11:11
	donny I will miss all of tomorrow most likely so until July, Goodbye.	05-27 11:11
	Marc @Toad Hall Great coverage, guys.	05-27 11:11
	Joanna in New York Great job, all! What time does the TT start tomorrow?	05-27 11:11
	WandaonI94 Yes chapeau to Tim sor all his work and preps too	05-27 11:11
	donny Thanks Time and Buster for all the coverage all race long!	05-27 11:12
	BusterSci Tom in 4th	05-27 11:12
	BusterSci I got a top 3 but not a top 10	05-27 11:12
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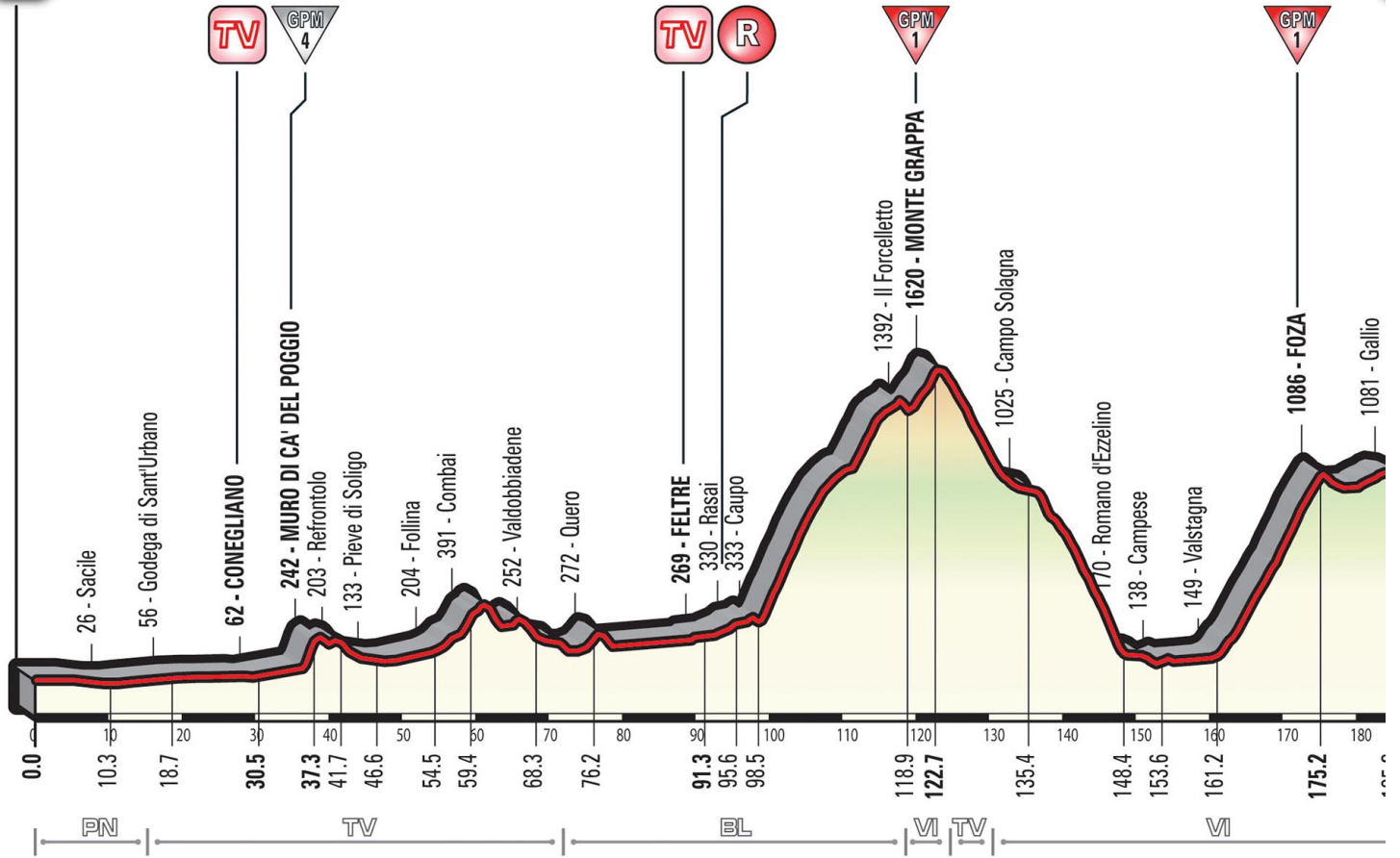
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-  **BusterSci** I predict a podium of Dumoulin, Pinot and Nibali. 05-27 11:16
-  **Marc @Toad Hall** Agreed. 05-27 11:17
-  **BusterSci** And Jungels will pip Yates for BYR 05-27 11:17
-  **BusterSci** Bad sign for Tom: He and Jungels should have been able to close a 20s gap
in 15km. 05-27 11:19
-  **Joanna in New York** Thanks, Tim. I have to teach in the morning, so was hoping I'd
be able to see the fireworks. :) 05-27 11:19
-  **WandaonI94** I'll sign up to that Buster. But it will be tight. Maybe not Tom on top. 05-27 11:19
-  **Marc @Toad Hall** I find Jungels the biggest revelation in this race, he will dominate in
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-  **BusterSci** Yup. 05-27 11:20
-  **BusterSci** Bye all. Tomorrow! A few hours of boredom and then 45 minutes of intense
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-  **Joanna in New York** Anyone still here? I'm about to sweep and put the stools up. 05-27 11:28



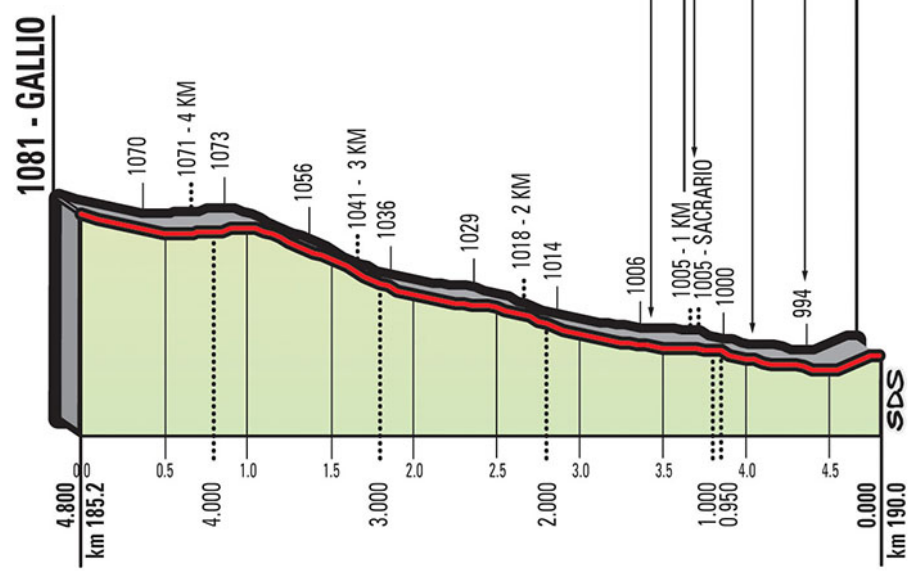


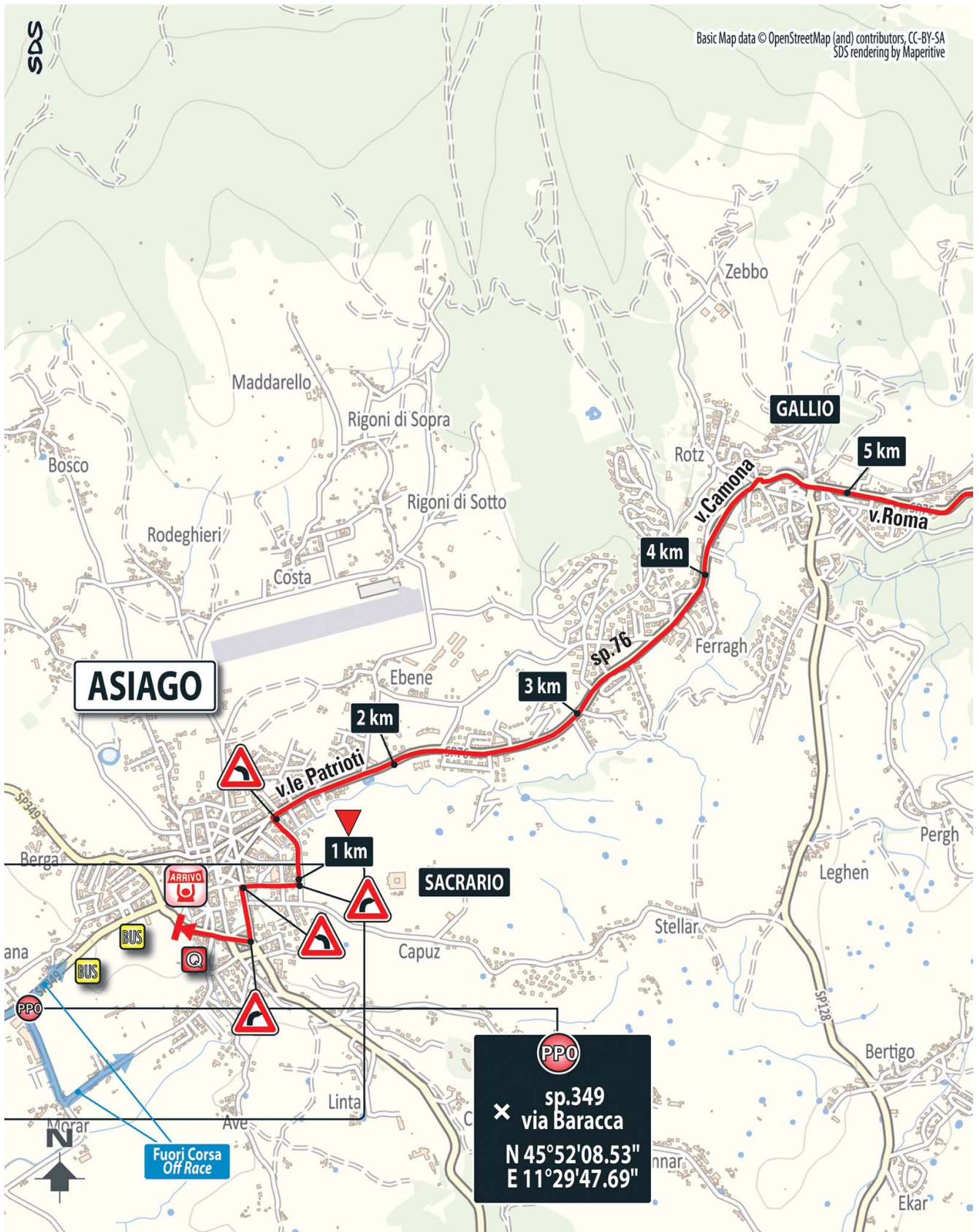
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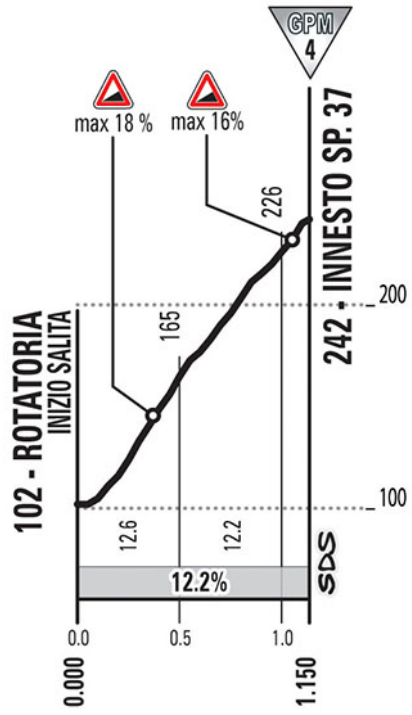


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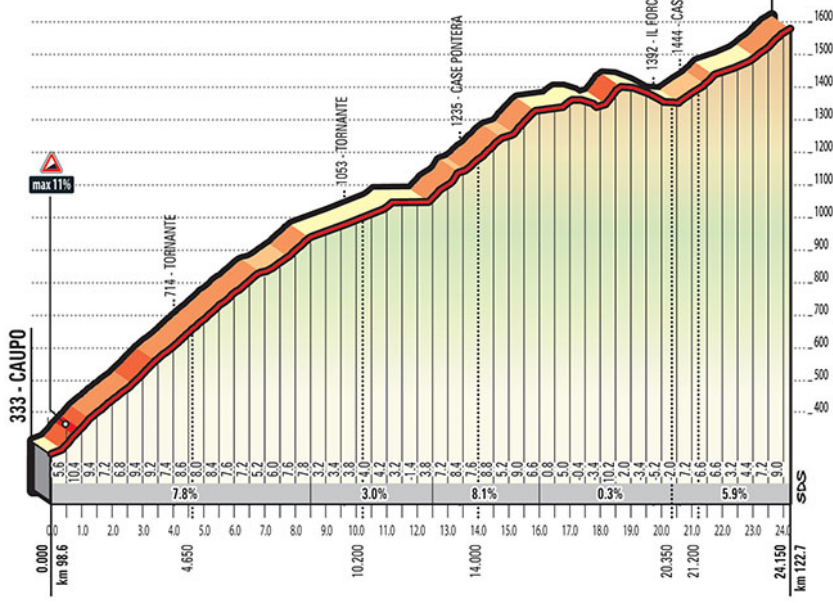




MURO DI CA' DEL POGGIO



1620 - MONTE GRAPPA



So, in place of an essay today, I will leave you to ponder these words of Nathaniel Hawthorne, from his Novel "The Marble Faun" Chapter 36. Read through to the end for the payoff:

"WHEN we have once known Rome, and left her where she lies, like a long-decaying corpse, retaining a trace of the noble shape it was, but with accumulated dust and a fungous growth overspreading all its more admirable features--left her in utter weariness, no doubt, of her narrow, crooked, intricate streets, so uncomfortably paved with little squares of lava that to tread over them is a penitential pilgrimage, so indescribably ugly, moreover, so cold, so alley-like, into which the sun never falls, and where a chill wind forces its deadly breath into our lungs--left her, tired of the sight of those immense seven-storied, yellow-washed hovels, or call them palaces, where all that is dreary in domestic life seems magnified and multiplied, and weary of climbing those staircases, which ascend from a ground floor of cookshops, cobblers' stalls, stables, and regiments of cavalry, to a middle region of princes, cardinals, and ambassadors, and an upper tier of artists, just beneath the unattainable sky--left her, worn out with shivering at the cheerless and smoky fireside by day, and feasting with our own substance the ravenous little populace of a Roman bed at night--left her, sick at heart of Italian trickery, which has uprooted whatever faith in man's integrity had endured till now, and sick at stomach of sour bread, sour wine, rancid butter, and bad cookery, needlessly bestowed on evil meats--left her, disgusted with the pretense of holiness and the reality of nastiness, each equally omnipresent--left her, half lifeless from the languid atmosphere, the vital principle of which has been used up long ago, or corrupted by myriads of slaughters--left her, crushed down in spirit with the desolation of her ruin, and the hopelessness of her future--left her, in short, hating her with all our might, and adding our individual curse to the infinite anathema which her old crimes have unmistakably brought down--when we have left Rome in such mood as this, we are astonished by the discovery, by and by, that our heartstrings have mysteriously attached themselves to the Eternal City, and are drawing us thitherward again, as if it were more familiar, more intimately our home, than even the spot where we were born."

So, each time I leave Italy, I suppose this becomes true again. You who have experienced the Giro, each year, can appreciate this quote, perhaps, also.

It may be a good time to let you know that this may be my last Giro while I am in Italy. Next year I very well might be following the Giro as a morning pastime like most of you, rather than for a few hours after lunch. I am, of course, very pleased at the prospect of being home, and I cannot say much about these possibilities now, but reread the paragraph above.... Enjoy the Giro! Enjoy the day!

STAGE RESULTS

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7	ADAM YATES		ORS		15"
8	SÉBASTIEN REICHENBACH		FDJ		15"
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OVERALL STANDING

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10	DAVIDE FORMOLO		CDT		12' 55"

