**Tim in KY** TdF Stage 12 is 204 kilometers from Aurillac, on a plateau in the 07-10-2024 Massif Central, southwest to Villeneuve-sur-Lot in the watershed of the Garonne River.

<b>Tim in KY</b> https://rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/17206325 12-route.jpg	07-10-2024 01:23:40 pm 19-stage-		
<b>Tim in KY</b> The first 40 kilometers are up on the plateau followed by a 10 km <sup>07-10-2024</sup> descent to 80 quite lumpy kilometers including three Cat 4 climbs. The final 70 <sup>01:24:55 pm</sup> km are mostly flat. The last 5.5 km are a road furniture extravaganza until the red kite where the route becomes straight and unfurnished.			
<b>Tim in KY</b> https://rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/17206326 12-profile.jpg	07-10-2024 01:25:04 pm 03-stage-		
<b>Tim in KY</b> https://rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/17206326 12-route-finale.jpg	07-10-2024 01:25:19 pm 18-stage-		
<b>Tim in KY</b> Kilometer zero is scheduled for 12:50 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:30. Forecast is for intermittent rain and wet roads for the first half of the stage becoming partly cloudy for the second half. Temps in the upper-20s 30s.			
<b>Tim in KY</b> Fred Wright (Bahrain) was OTL yesterday. No word yet of any DNS today.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 06:28:16 am		
<b>Tim in KY</b> Rain chance has diminished but still hot on the flats.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 06:30:50 am		
<b>Tim in KY</b> Morkov will not start due to Covid.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 06:35:25 am		
<b>Tim in KY</b> Km0. One rider takes a flyer.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 06:49:39 am		
<b>Charlie in Tenn</b> Good morning. I am back in Tenn I leave for WV in about 3 hours. The trip was wonderful.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 06:54:00 am		





203,6 km

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<b>Tim in KY</b> While the break fight is on I'm going to take my walk.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 06:54:29 am
<b>Charlie in Tenn</b> except for following thr tour. That was dificult.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 06:54:32 am
Tim in KY Hi, Charlie	<b>07-11-2024</b> 06:54:39 am
Charlie in Tenn I am packing.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 06:54:48 am
bikerabe gruppo compacto	<b>07-11-2024</b> 07:02:36 am
<b>bikerabe</b> Madouas in front with polka dot 2 others	<b>07-11-2024</b> 07:15:39 am
<b>bikerabe</b> crash	<b>07-11-2024</b> 07:18:15 am
<b>bikerabe</b> Tadej off the bike	<b>07-11-2024</b> 07:18:54 am
<b>bikerabe</b> Fabio J abandoning	<b>07-11-2024</b> 07:19:41 am
<b>bikerabe</b> Pog back in peloton	<b>07-11-2024</b> 07:21:31 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> Jonas Abrahamsen (Uno-X), Anthony Turgis (Uno-X), Quentin Pacher and Valentin Madouas (Groupama-FDJ) have 2:47.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 07:29:02 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> Turgis is actually Total Energies.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 07:29:44 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> Alpecin minding the gap.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 07:43:05 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> Getting down to the lumpy parts. Time for chores.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 07:48:54 am

<b>Charlie in Tenn</b> I am going through a month's worth of mostly junk mail.	07-11-2024 07:51:58 am
<b>bikerabe</b> start of 1st cat 4 after 2nd cat 4 comes tnter. sprint	<b>07-11-2024</b> 08:01:57 am
<b>bikerabe</b> gap down to 2.5 min.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 08:03:37 am
<b>bikerabe</b> polka dot got KOM	<b>07-11-2024</b> 08:07:39 am
<b>bikerabe</b> gap under 2 min.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 08:12:03 am
<b>bikerabe</b> polka dot gets 2nd cat 4 KOM Vinego is 3rd in that comp. hat will it be after SUNDAY?	07-11-2024 08:37:04 am
bikerabe sprint next	<b>07-11-2024</b> 08:37:32 am
<b>bikerabe</b> Lotte Kopecky won field sprint at Womens Giro	<b>07-11-2024</b> 08:39:12 am
<b>Katie S</b> good morning, all. Not surprised Fabio J has abandoned. He's been the lanterne rouge for a while.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:02:12 am
<b>RCG</b> Good Morning, all. Â I hate to be missing these stages,	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:05:00 am
<b>bikerabe</b> 5 km to sprint	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:06:45 am
■ RCG We are in the land of downsizing chaos.  Things here especially in the attic and Dad's workshop were, in LUGNutSpeak, Worse than the Worst Imaginable….	e 07-11-2024 09:07:19 am
<b>bikerabe</b> Girmay has 74 point lead in Green jersey after today he has to keep it for 8 stages	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:12:06 am
<b>RCG</b> In the workshop, there are cardboard boxes filled with a jumble of	07-11-2024

**RCG** In the workshop, there are cardboard boxes filled with a jumble of <sup>07-11-2024</sup> hardware (mostly screws/nuts /bolts/washers but myriad other stuff), sawdust, <sup>09:12:48 am</sup> tools, bits that go on tools, trash, the odd unprotected razor blade making things exciting,

more sawdust, wires…. The workbench is covered with the same. Shelves are stuffed with everything. We emptied the attic yesterday and about 1/3 of the way through that convinced Dad to call for a haul-off dumpster which thankfully came today (they had been recalcitrant about the dumpster for weeks). The garage is horrible. Haven't even looked in the outbuildings.

<b>bikerabe</b> Biniam won 5th place points in sprint	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:12:58 am
<b>Katie S</b> RCG - yowza. Your tales of this really has me thinking that I need t purge and simplify, starting w/ the boxes in the basement	0 07-11-2024 09:14:40 am
bikerabe as a bicycle hoarder I will probably leave the same sort of Worse than the Worst Imaginable mess when I pass	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:16:55 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> When we moved five years ago we filled an entire dumpster of stuff in the garage and basement that we hadn't touched in decades.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:21:40 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> Break is five minutes faster than the fastest right now.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:22:18 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> Bilbao has abandoned finally. I missed that.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:23:29 am

**Katie S** I have kept every letter that anyone has ever mailed to me ... I'm <sup>07-11-2024</sup> actually grateful for email and texting these past 20 years or it'd be worse. So, <sup>09:23:45 am</sup> what to do with them? I never became a famous writer that would need the letters for a biographer (ha ha ha!), and I'm sure there some material in some of those letters that I don't especially want any family members to peruse. So, do I just build a big bonfire? That actually appeals.

9	bikerabe	pay a shredding company?	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:28:36 am
	bikerabe	gap to pelloton 80 secs	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:29:27 am

**Katie S** Once when i was a newspaper reporter, I found a sheaf of corporate 07-11-2024 documents that had a shredding company's tag on it ... it had fallen off the truck. I called the shredding company to tell them and be all annoying business reporter-y, and they actually sent a guy over to talk to me. I did nothing with that to make it a story, but, wow, they were freaked.

<b>bikerabe</b> gap under 1 min,	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:31:36 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> Under a minute. Too soon to catch with 76 km to go.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:31:41 am
<b>mmcnally</b> Bonjour a tous. Katie - bonfire for sure. Safest way to go.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:33:11 am
<b>bikerabe</b> under 2 hours to finish	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:33:40 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> When Julie and I graduated college we had a bonfire of all the daily letters we had written each other for three years. They were way too "interesting".	07-11-2024 09:34:32 am
Katie S Haha! Memorable event, I'm sure, too!	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:36:31 am
<b>Katie S</b> Brent and Tejay are mouthing off about how Tadej isn't racing according to today's standards and stealing opportunities for the breakaway blah blah. We watched the replay last night, and that was some great old-scho	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:38:14 am
racing. Loved it.	
	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:38:42 am
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<b>bikerabe</b> Abrahamsen equal on points to Pog	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:44:45 am
Katie S 1KU	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:45:00 am
Katie S sorry 2 of 'em	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:45:13 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> Gap has stabilized at 1:00 for now.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:46:22 am
<b>Mikey</b> Morning!	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:48:37 am
Tim in KY Hi, Mikey.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 09:54:34 am
<b>Mikey</b> We got a tiny bit of the tropical storm. Did you get any?	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:01:44 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> We got a lot of wind and a bit of rain.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:04:53 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> Catch is coming.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:12:00 am
Tim in KY Caught.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:12:28 am
Katie S No wind on that river	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:13:30 am
<b>bikerabe</b> under 41 km	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:14:25 am
<b>SFinAus</b> Good morning,Pubbers.  ðŸ™,	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:14:28 am
Katie S Mornin'!	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:14:57 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> Still 8 minutes faster than the fastest.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:15:01 am

<b>Katie S</b> just a minor expletive on that river - not a real dam	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:18:56 am
Tim in KY Missed it.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:20:43 am
<b>PasadenaK8</b> On a replay the other day, "eye" did see your cyclops, Katie, and spotted it yesterday, too!	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:23:04 am
<b>Katie S</b> it's stalking the race, I guess	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:24:12 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> I hate to say this, but tomorrow is another sprint stage. But a shorter one.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:30:47 am
<b>Katie S</b> but the weekend - which includes Bastille Day is gonna be fun for us, at least.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:32:16 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> Sunday is the Plateau de Beille. I've been there. In a car.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:35:43 am
<b>bikerabe</b> with French succes on thisTour could French win on Bastille Day while Jonas and Pog battle each other?	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:36:46 am
<b>bikerabe</b> Tim you'll be MOTS	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:37:46 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> Bastille Day is the Tourmalet from west to east. I prefer watching the east to west descent.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:41:30 am
<b>bikerabe</b> 20 km	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:43:23 am
<b>bikerabe</b> would the Tourmalet descent qualify as a Wall of Death ride, Tim?	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:45:31 am
<b>mmcnally</b> I'm biased since I road up the Tourmalet from the west. The town of Luz Saint Sauveur is a gem and is at the bottom of that climb. I'm looking forward it.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:46:36 am



**Katie S** I'm looking forward to the direction of Tourmalet because it's the way 07-11-2024 I rode up (and down) it.

<b>Katie S</b> I had a delicious steak in Luz Saint Sauveur that afternoon.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:49:13 am
<b>bikerabe</b> 15 km	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:49:19 am
<b>PasadenaK8</b> Looks like we've got our official PUB MOTS & WOTS for the Tourmalet! Get your trip photos ready for posting…	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:52:03 am
PasadenaK8 ruh-roh	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:52:35 am
Katie S crash	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:52:46 am
S bikerabe crash	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:52:56 am
Katie S bad road bumps	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:52:57 am
PasadenaK8 French furniture	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:53:02 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> The wasn't good.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:53:06 am
Katie S who designs this stuff?	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:53:07 am
Katie S ugh	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:53:16 am
S bikerabe Roglic	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:53:32 am
Mikey Crap	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:54:56 am

<b>Tim in KY</b> As I said in the preview: "road furniture extravaganza".	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:55:21 am
<b>mmcnally</b> Might we suggest the team directors join the pub	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:56:56 am
<b>Tim in KY</b> PCS says Rog is 1:15 behind right now.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:59:04 am
<b>bikerabe</b> Roglic over a min. back	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:59:04 am
<b>bikerabe</b> 7 km	<b>07-11-2024</b> 10:59:32 am
PasadenaK8 In the 5km Safe Zone (whew…)	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:00:55 am
<b>bikerabe</b> cinq km	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:01:01 am
<b>bikerabe</b> Primoz losing time	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:03:08 am
<b>Mikey</b> Polka dot leading out?	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:03:52 am
<b>bikerabe</b> Oui	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:04:24 am
Mikey I want WVA	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:04:50 am
PasadenaK8 Woo-hoo!	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:06:10 am
<b>Katie S</b> Fantastic!	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:06:19 am
Tim in KY Photo.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:06:23 am
<b>bikerabe</b> Girmay!	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:06:25 am

## Preliminary results.

RNK.	RIDER	TEAM	TIME
1	GIRMAY Biniam	Intermarché - Wanty	4:17:15
2	VAN AERT Wout	Team Visma   Lease a Bike	0:00
3	DÉMARE Arnaud	Arkéa - B&B Hotels	0:00
4	ACKERMANN Pascal	Israel - Premier Tech	0:00
5	<b>CAVENDISH Mark</b>	Astana Qazaqstan Team	0:00
6	PHILIPSEN Jasper	Alpecin - Deceuninck	0:00
7	DE LIE Arnaud	Lotto Dstny	0:00
8	<b>KRISTOFF</b> Alexander	Uno-X Mobility	0:00
9	BAUHAUS Phil	Bahrain - Victorious	0:00
10	COQUARD Bryan	Cofidis	0:00

<b>bikerabe</b> #3	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:06:46 am
<b>SFinAus</b> Girmay really finessed that.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:07:17 am
Tim in KY Rog looks afright.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:07:25 am
<b>Katie S</b> Rog's shoulder looks like the steak I had last night	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:08:04 am
<b>Mikey</b> Hope you all go out and enjoy your day!	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:10:41 am
<b>Mikey</b> Baa	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:10:46 am
<b>Katie S</b> hopefully he isn't badly injured and can continue tomorrow.	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:10:47 am
Katie S Thanks, Mikey!	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:10:50 am
PasadenaK8 https://rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/17207 1720710666055.jpeg	07-11-2024 11:11:07 am 10966-
<b>PasadenaK8</b> Ta ðΫ'<	<b>07-11-2024</b> 11:12:06 am