




 **Joanna in Virginia** TdF Stage 2 is 200 kilometers from Cesenatico, on the Adriatic coast, north to Ravenna then southwest for 60 km before turning north toward the finish in Bologna. 06-29-2024 07:04:19 pm


 **Joanna in Virginia** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1719702572-stage-2-route.jpg> 06-29-2024 07:04:33 pm


 **Joanna in Virginia** The first 70 kilometers are flat. After turning north, the riders encounter a series of small climbs, five Cat3s and a Cat4. The final Cat3s are two times up the Cote de San Luca. That steep climb is featured every year in the fall one day classic the Giro dell'€™ Emilia. 06-29-2024 07:04:54 pm


 **Joanna in Virginia** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1719702605-stage-2-profile.jpg> 06-29-2024 07:05:07 pm

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 **Joanna in Virginia** After another long neutral ride, Kilometer zero is scheduled for 12:35 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:25. Forecast is for sunshine in the low-30s. Not quite as hot as Stage 1, but hot enough to hurt. 06-29-2024 07:05:33 pm

 **Joanna in Virginia** All Preview Information provided generously by Tim, uploaded by me because I was otherwise detained when I normally clear out the Pub. Enjoy the Day! 06-29-2024 07:06:18 pm

 **Tim in KY** Thanks for your help and understanding Jo. 06-29-2024 07:22:21 pm

 **BusterSci** Gotta admit, I was worried when I saw Jo's avatar instead of Tim's. Â Then the last two posts restored order to my world. 06-30-2024 06:08:09 am

 **Tim in KY** Riders are in neutral. No OTL yesterday and just the one DNF. No word of any DNS today. 06-30-2024 06:25:11 am

 **mmcnally** Bonjour a tous. Buster - how is your dad doing? 06-30-2024 06:25:58 am

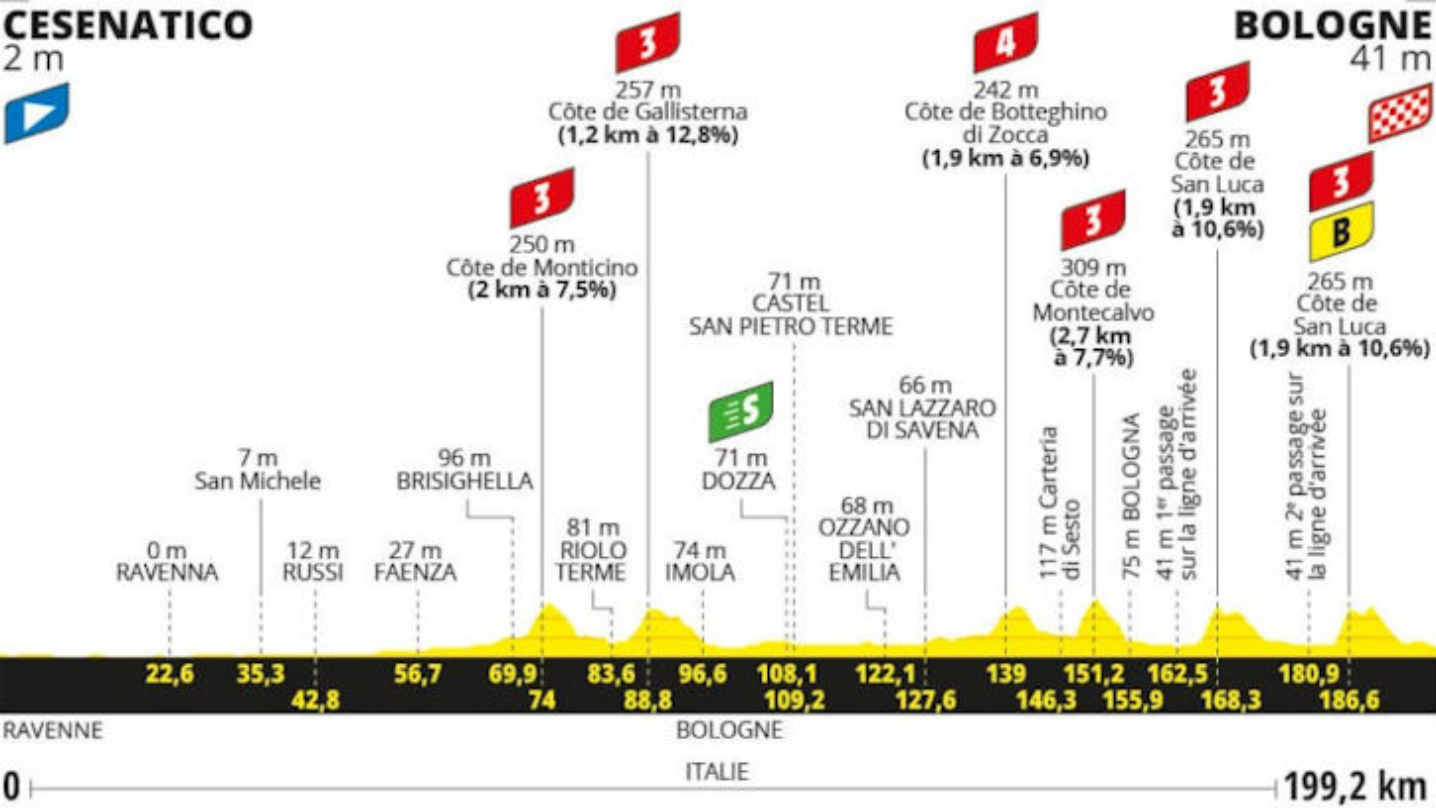
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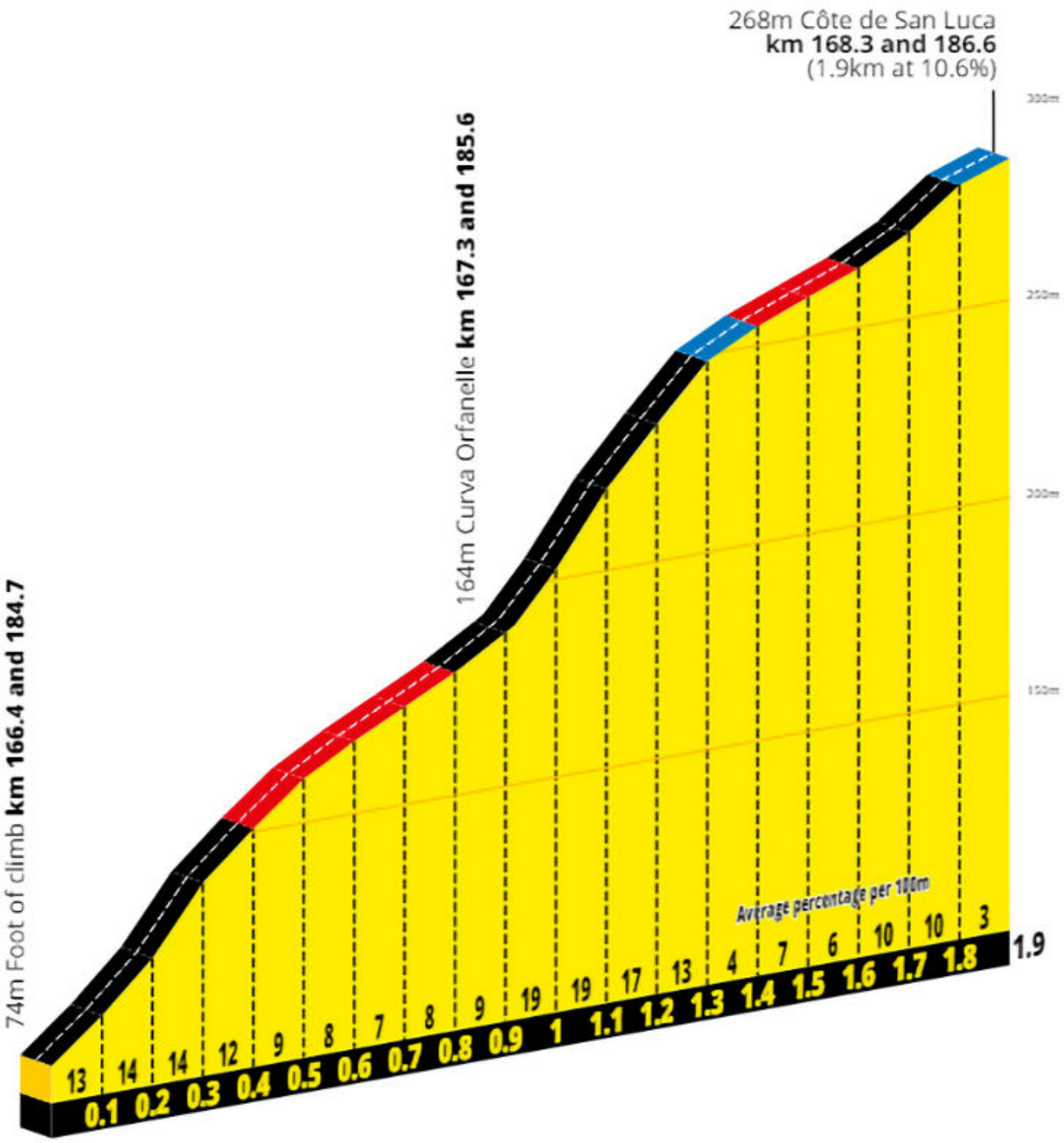


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Tim in KY I can't get use to Landa riding for SOQ this year.

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Tim in KY Km0 finally.

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bikerabe polka dot wants to be in front

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Tim in KY Very narrow streets.

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Tim in KY While break fight goes on I will do chores.

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BusterSci I was able to coach my parents into convincing the hospital to keep him overnight, at least. Â Nothing broken, fortunately, but he's going to be sore today. Â The biggest issue is he needs the strength to transfer from wheelchair to whatever. Â Between covid and a a change in meds, he's lost that strength--at least temporarily. Â But my feeling is this Â should be manageable once the covid passes. Â Mom's is almost gone. Â His is about 2 days behind.

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BusterSci Thanks for asking

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Tim in KY Eleven man break. Closest ones is at 15:13.

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BusterSci I just came back in the room--was that Jencie on the Moto next to CVV?

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Tim in KY Yes.

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Tim in KY Break has 3:00. I'm off for a short walk before it gets any hotter.

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bikerabe Arkea has 2 in break Vacquelin and Rodriquez

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bikerabe not Carlos R

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BusterSci Is it just me that thinks this is going to be a MvdP vs WvA finish?

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bikerabe looks like Matthews is giving up bridging to break

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RocketCityGal Good morning all! "Missed the Pub yesterday" but not the end of the brutal first stage. Usually they ease into the Tour a bit with some boring flat stuff. Hopefully they called in the carabinieri to deal with the idiots entering the restricted area around the buses and sign-in area today. You don't mess with the carabinieri!

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Tim in KY The second half of the stage is definitely for classics riders but I would rule out Pog and Remco.

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BusterSci Was that intended to be "wouldn't" Tim?

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Tim in KY Of course.

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RocketCityGal Early morning kitten duty is mostly finished. Tried a supervised visit with mamacat but the kittens insist on trying to nurse (they've been weaned for weeks) and I'm trying to get her dried up for her spay surgery this week. She has a forever home lined up which is great. The woman who brought her in is going to adopt her.

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RocketCityGal The kittens go back to the humane society in a week and a half (they will be 10 weeks old then). They are fun and I've really enjoyed them, but you can't travel or do anything more than part of a day while tending to their needs - for 3 months.

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BusterSci Tim has mentioned heat. We've had a very reasonable June, and yesterday evening was sunny and low 60s, as we sat on the porch with DS Dagies and wife, sharing wine and pizza and laughs. We're looking at highs in mid 70s to low 80s for the next week. But with all the rain and warm--not hot--sun, I have to mow the lawn every three days. Last year I literally mowed three times all year. I refuse to water grass, and where we don't have grass it's properly xeriscaped.

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RocketCityGal We named 2 of them for our friend who was hit head-on while riding on a multiday bike ride in Florida in mid April. He's made it to the Shepherd Center in ATL but has a long way to go. One of the male kittens has his first name, and one of the females has a close variant of his last name.

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RocketCityGal Lewis and Harmony. :-)

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BusterSci Your mention of your friend getting hit, along with this Jonas Abrahamson mini-feature makes me think that maybe the most impressive things these guys do is come back after major crashes. ^ There's a psychological strength in that I don't think I have.

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RocketCityGal I hope Cav recovered after his sufferfest yesterday. ^ He really doesn't do well when it's this hot. ^ A teammate of his was the one who DNF yesterday, so I wonder if there's an element of cooties going around the team also. ^ His quote yesterday: 'If you've got my body type, don't start cycling'

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BusterSci Yeah, it appears they expected yesterday to be very difficult but the heat made it worse. ^ And the full quote ended "...don't start cycling now." because he emphasized that the way stages are ridden has changed from when he started.

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Tim in KY Phil was just saying that they were riding very fast. The break is right on the slowest imaginable time.

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RocketCityGal My friend had major orthopedic injuries and. TBI that resulted in a stroke. ^ He's doing OK all things considered, but isn't walking yet and still has a lot of rehab (of anll types, not just PT) and more surgery in his future. ^ The Shepherd Center has been wonderful.

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BusterSci Phil had a good first couple hours yesterday and then became the Phil we've (sadly) come to know too well. ^ Maybe he and Froome can both walk off the scene together.

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Tim in KY 22kph headwind. That'll slow them down.

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RocketCityGal Phil seems to be losing it a bit. ^ Said he'd never heard of van den Broek um, he won the 8 stage Tour of Turkey this year, Phil.

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Tim in KY 8 seems like a generous gap by current standards.

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RocketCityGal Clearly he hasn't followed cycling, hasn't done research, or doesn't remember too well any more.

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BusterSci I think yes on all counts

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Tim in KY I think this is the first stage race he's done this year.

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bikerabe echelon at head of peloton

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bikerabe peloton

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RocketCityGal I agree about the 8 minute gap back to the peloton. It's a reasonably-sized breakaway and there are some pretty strong climbers in that front group. Wouldn't be surprised if the win comes from the breakaway today. Everyone's tired from yesterday, it's hot and windy, and they've got some mountains coming up in the not to distant future. I think the GC teams just try to minimize the time gap today and save their energy.

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bikerabe so that would mean a yellow jersey change RCG

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Tim in KY Nobody in the break would take yellow with an 8 minute gap.

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BusterSci NBC has a tough task presenting cycling in the US. The audience isn't knowledgeable enough, there aren't enough US riders, and there isn't enough season long coverage. Add to that they don't seem to have producers who know enough about the sport to drive a Eurosport/GCN level broadcast. So they rely on their Olympic coverage formula and the reputation of a once great "play-by-play" guy.

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RocketCityGal Yep

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BusterSci I have family and friends who are Tour fans but don't watch any other cycling. Phil is, to them, the voice of the Tour but only because he's the comfortable thing they recall from years of the Tour. They were introduced to cycling with HWSNBN and Jan for years on end, and when they see Froome, Bernal, Rog, Pog, Vingo,

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seemingly popping up new each year they wonder "Who are these guys?" but Phil is always Phil. Â I was asked where Sagan was yesterday, for example.



BusterSci Cav seems fine in this interview

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Tim in KY Despite what Phil just said, they are still on the slowest imaginable time.

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Tim in KY On to the first climb.

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Tim in KY There are bonus seconds on the second climb of Sa Luca.

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BusterSci Some kid skipped class to watch the finish of this race in 2007

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BusterSci That kid is Bardet, if it isn't obvious. Â Tour de l'Avenir stage 8, 2007.

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Tim in KY The ASO site says the wind speed is 13 mph.

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Rob Following on with what you were saying about the coverage in the USA Buster, has anyone been watching the cricket?

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BusterSci I haven't, Rob, but I am intrigued. Â But after I got rid of cable and stopped having the TV on all the time I found that my life is better without the TV on all the time, so I've resisted finding new reasons to turn it on.

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Tim in KY Bike racing and the occasional basketball game is the only sport I watch. And, like Buster, I don't watch much other TV.

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BusterSci I really like what the US would consider odd sports because I like watching the sport without having a history or home team. Â For me it's more enjoyable without the ups and downs of team or individual fandom. Â Sure, I want to see Cav get a stage and I like Rog and Pog more than Remco and Vingo. Â But I can enjoy the performance of nearly any of them without the heartbreak of seeing my Vikings fall short yet

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Rob When they said the world cup was going to be hosted in the states to try and make it more popular, I did wonder if it was going to work. 06-30-2024 08:33:59 am



Tim in KY It didn't, Rob. 06-30-2024 08:35:14 am



BusterSci There were fits and starts getting soccer watched in the US, but it's definitely taken hold now. So it'll be a long term affair to get anything out of it. 06-30-2024 08:35:26 am



Tim in KY Newly paved second Cat 3. 06-30-2024 08:40:01 am



Tim in KY The wind certainly looks more than 13mph. 06-30-2024 08:40:38 am



BusterSci Perino measured 29 on the ridge. 06-30-2024 08:40:59 am



Tim in KY Le Tour ticker still says 25kph. 06-30-2024 08:41:49 am



BusterSci Constant vs gust, perhaps. 06-30-2024 08:42:18 am



Tim in KY Steep little hill. 06-30-2024 08:43:25 am



bikerabe polka dot gets KOM 06-30-2024 08:45:39 am



mmcally Speaking of Phil, this was a recent article on all the work he is still involved in. <https://www.mountainmassif.com/news/features/the-unspoken-work-of-phil-and-trish-liggett/> 06-30-2024 08:45:47 am



Tim in KY Interesting, Mike. 06-30-2024 08:47:56 am



Tim in KY Any particular wine in this area Buster? 06-30-2024 08:48:47 am



Tim in KY Gap is down to under 6:00 now.

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Katie S Good morning everyone. Took awhile to make my way up through the pubtalk to reach you here out front. I can't do a Mikey-caliber summary, but I appreciated all the updates and commentary.

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Tim in KY The sprinters who were OTB yesterday are likewise today.

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BusterSci Lambrusco is big.

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Tim in KY Hi, Katie.

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Tim in KY Not with me.

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Katie S As for today's conditions, if there's one thing I dislike more than heat, it's windy heat.

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BusterSci That's the only one I know without looking it up. I think Sangiovese and Trebbiano make their way to Bologna area, too.

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Katie S I took an apartment in Bologna for several weeks 13 years ago. Really enjoyed the city and surrounding region.

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BusterSci And some quick research mentions some oddball indigenous grapes making Montuni, Pagadebit, and the only one I've heard of, Pignoletto.

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Tim in KY Did you climb the San Luca, Katie?

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BusterSci Tim, 95% of the time I'd agree with you on Lambrusco, but like most wines, a well made one paired with the right food can be really good. We had one when we were in Italy with Frau's parents, and we were really wary of it but then surprised at how it paired with the food. It wasn't good enough that I recall the pairing but, but it was very enjoyable.

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Katie S I did. My luggage was MIA, so I took the opportunity to do that walk. Really steep, wonderful climb. Inside the church the light was like nothing I'd ever seen. Kind of like clear water in a mountain pool. In the chapel to see the Virgine

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de San Luca icon, I muttered "OK, Virgin, find my damned luggage." As I exited the chapel and entered the adjoining gift shop, my mobile rang. It was the airport. They had my luggage.



Katie S I bought a tiny replica icon, which I have kept on my bedside table since

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Tim in KY I don't know that I'd want to walk up it much less ride a bike. It looks awful on TV.

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Katie S Another cool thing was a visit to the Ferrari museum, apropos of today's ride around the racetrack here

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BusterSci Katie, I would have looked for a souvenir luggage tag.

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Katie S I had not yet secured my rental bike, but once I did, I did not go back to ride it. But I did observe other mere mortals grinding their way up it. A lot of gurning and zigzagging

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Katie S Ha, Buster! That'd have been perfect!

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Tim in KY The break is now up to the imagined time.

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Katie S Dots-a rider takes the points at Dozza

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Tim in KY That's greedy.

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Katie S Well, they shouldn't put the points contest in a place that sounds dotty!

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Tim in KY WvA crashed with DePlus.

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bikerabe peloton back above 6 min. not that it means anything

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Katie S I wonder how many cans of icy de-whoop@ss antiseptic spray they go through during a grand tour.

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bikerabe Matteo J of Viisma went down and is getting mobile bandaging

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Tim in KY Peloton seems to have given up. Gap keeps growing.

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Katie S Ads on Peacock: when was the last time you saw a tv ad for a writing implement?

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BusterSci Does the Apple Pencil count?

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Rob Don't think I have ever seen an ad for a writing implement.

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bikerabe 64 km to go 9 min.+ gap

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Rob I'm guessing, Mont Blanc or Cross?

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BusterSci Over the years, Bic Clic, Parker, Mont Blanc,

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BusterSci There was a period where they were advertising roller ball pens.

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BusterSci Flair.

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BusterSci I'm surprised they didn't run ads about changing the weather with Sharpies.

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Tim in KY 9:17. Break wins again.

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Katie S Meintjes bike has "stopped working"

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Tim in KY Cat 4 now.

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BusterSci But there's something about new tech that often, after it becomes ubiquitous, the replaced tech undergoes a resurgence as a luxury item.

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Tim in KY Have another example, Buster?

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BusterSci You can pay \$30 for a dozen Blackwing pencils.

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BusterSci Vinyl resurgence after streaming

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BusterSci Horses after cars

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Tim in KY I like the third one best.

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BusterSci Tube amps after solid state.

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BusterSci leather after vinyl and other plastics.

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BusterSci natural fibers after polyester. Although that was more about understanding that there were things about wool and cotton that synthetics just couldn't duplicate.

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Tim in KY I don't think vinyl ever "replaced" leather nor polyester cotton. They were just cheaper.

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Katie S Naugahyde, anyone?

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BusterSci They made the naugas extinct with that stuff.

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BusterSci Not to mention the waste making molasses. What do they do with the rest of the mole?

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Katie S Bwahahaha

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BusterSci being that we don't have kids, I call those "Uncle jokes"

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BusterSci Tim, you're right on leather. Â But from commodity furniture to high fashion, there was a period of time where leather was just not evident. Â Benjamin Braddock knows.

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BusterSci I'm getting tired of that VRBO ad making me think I have new text messages. Â I'm a little keyed into that right now as it's the primary communication method with my mom.

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Tim in KY Next Cat 3.

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Tim in KY Only San Luca X2 left.

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Tim in KY Gap has come down by 2:00.

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mmcally Following up on our France election discussion from yesterday, early turnout figures are reporting a 7.5% increase from the 2022 elections. Polls close in just under 4 hours. Results will be made available at that time.

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Tim in KY Well, fingers crossed Mike.

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Tim in KY I have no idea who would win out of this break.

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Trish in MA Good morning all. Â Morning ride - done. Â Watering - started. Â Now to make pie crust. Â And breakfast. Â Tour on the telly. Â Pub on laptop. Â All is right with the world.

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Katie S Christian suggested Houle and one other guy who can climb

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BusterSci New topic. Â US bike riders often have foreign sounding names. Â Sepp Kuss. Matteo Jorgensen. Â Sean Quinn, Tejay Van Garderen. Kevin Vermaerke. Magnus Sheffield. Levi Leipheimer. Â I have two theories on this. Â 1) people from stronger ethnic/national backgrounds maintain a family connection to European sports. Â 2) because I'm watching cycling I'm exposed to more varied European names so I'm more likely to notice them when they show up in the US peloton.

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Trish in MA From the view from inside the team cars, and Unchained, I have come to the conclusion that the sports directors have a very limited vocabulary.

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Tim in KY Funny, Trish.

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Katie S And that the F word is a P word in French

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Tim in KY Gracious. The gap is crashing.

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BusterSci Trish, I think part of that comes from the fact that a multinational team has a very limited shared vocabulary, and as many of us have learned, there are certain words that are more fun to learn than others.

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Katie S As for names.. at least for first names it does seem the parents have an affinity for Europe

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Trish in MA For me, I no longer wonder why a rider will take his earpiece out. How many times can you hear, "C'mon guys"

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Tim in KY Who's driving the peloton?

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BusterSci I'd pick the winner from Houle, Oliveira, and Teunissen. Teunissen probably the fastest in a sprint if he makes it over the hills. But I don't know most of the rest, and on a day like this on a course like this--who know who has it at the end of the day?

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BusterSci Isn't that Lampert?

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Katie S Why is the Astana rider on a Schwinn-green bike?

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BusterSci Campernuts. Sorry

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Trish in MA Did you see the article in the NYTimes re: baby names? Turns out the bigger trend is in the ending of the names - think of all the -son and -icia, -ley names. Parents get torn between wanting a unique name and conforming, so they

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choose unique for the front and common for the ending.



BusterSci Are you talking the dark metallic Schwinn green, like a metallic hunter green?

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Trish in MA It's behind a paywall, so I can't link it

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Katie S The 1970s lime green

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Katie S Emerald-y

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BusterSci Oh. Â I think I know.

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Tim in KY I read it Trish.

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BusterSci I think sometimes parents should think about how that name will go over as an adult. Â Is nominative determinism a thing?

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mmcally Vauquelin rode well in the France Nationals last week and that was a very hilly course. He could be one to watch.

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Tim in KY First of three crosses on the finish line.

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BusterSci For instance, my surname Krogh, a Danish-Norwegian variant of Krog, occupational name for a tavern keeper or a topographic name for someone living near the village tavern from Middle Low German *kr ch* "tavern inn"™ or a nickname for a drinker.

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Tim in KY Why are people standing in the street?

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BusterSci Because Italy?

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BusterSci My dad always said for a family motto he wanted the latin translation of "Anything but Tequila."

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10:31:06 am



Katie S And that would beâ€¦!

06-30-2024
10:31:39 am



BusterSci I don't know Latin. Â It's greek to me.

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10:31:59 am



BusterSci Google says Quidquid autem Tequila

06-30-2024
10:33:00 am



Tim in KY There really should be barriers on this climb.

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10:34:19 am



BusterSci Wow. Â You don't get climbs like that on a straight road very often.

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10:34:39 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1719758402-stage-2-san-luca.jpg>

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10:35:03 am



BusterSci Wout is done

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10:36:22 am



Katie S Straight up.

06-30-2024
10:36:25 am



Tim in KY Visma charging.

06-30-2024
10:37:28 am



BusterSci I'm wanting Bardet to hang onto yellow like he was Juju or Tommy V.

06-30-2024
10:37:31 am



Katie S He needs a â€œface.â€œ

06-30-2024
10:37:55 am



Tim in KY The descent off this thing is scary.

06-30-2024
10:38:32 am



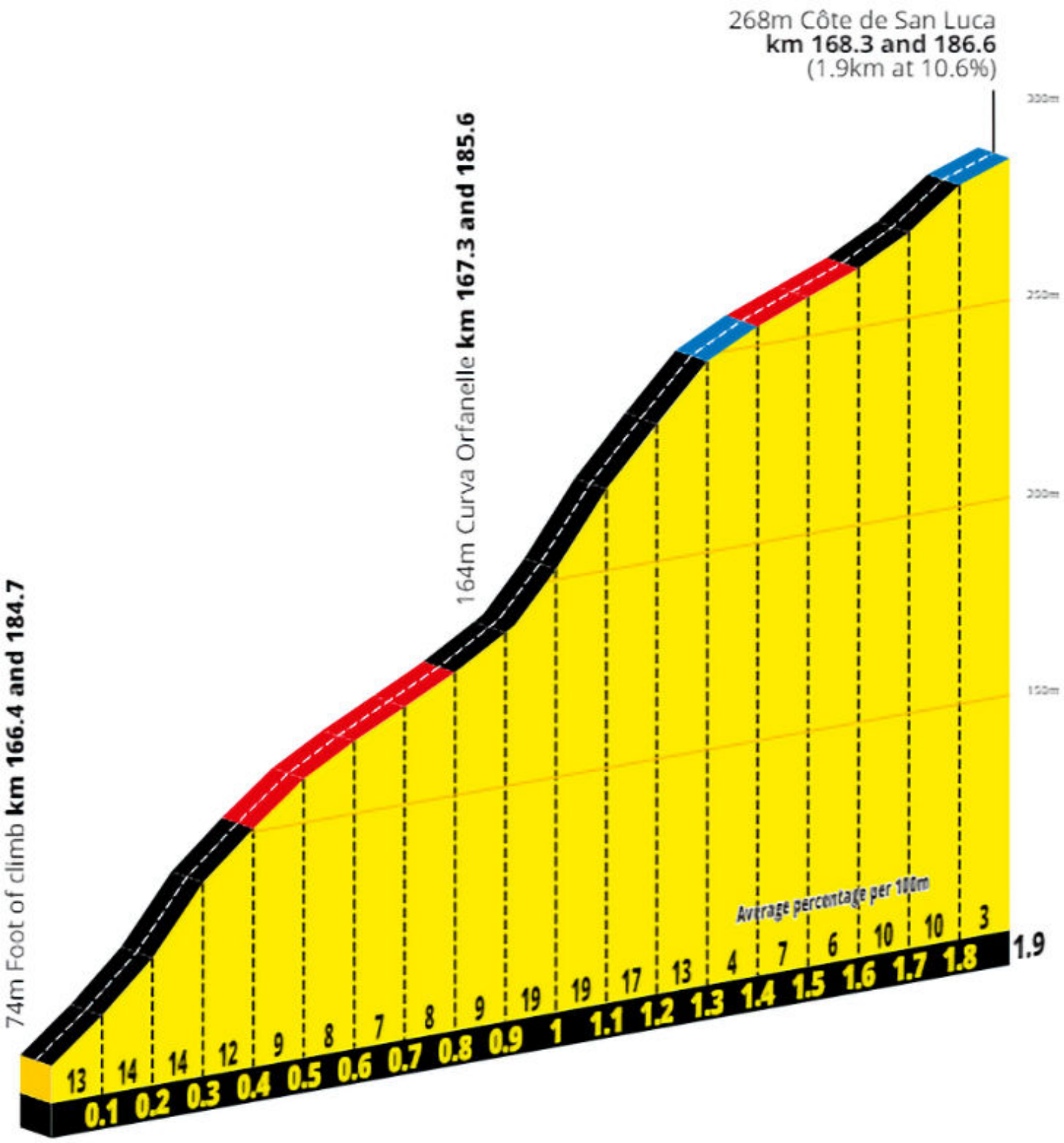
Trish in MA Dots gets it.

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10:38:55 am



BusterSci Who is with Pog? Â Yates?

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10:39:36 am





BusterSci And the two EFs are Crapass and Powless?

06-30-2024
10:39:52 am



mmcally Pog looks alone

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10:40:50 am



BusterSci I think he's got a guy in the group but when Pog went up front for bottles he left him behind

06-30-2024
10:41:31 am



BusterSci Narrator: "Sorry, Phil. This is not the critical moment of the day."

06-30-2024
10:44:12 am



Tim in KY Why are they showing this crap?

06-30-2024
10:44:17 am



Katie S Show the race!

06-30-2024
10:45:39 am



KimC Good morning all! I moved yesterday and we're watching the race rather than unpack!!

06-30-2024
10:47:57 am



Katie S I'm glad you have your priorities in order

06-30-2024
10:48:23 am



bikerabe laast runde

06-30-2024
10:54:10 am



Trish in MA Today would have been a great day to buy the admission to the finishing line VIP party. "Twice the fun."

06-30-2024
10:54:53 am



BusterSci "Stay cool, guys." "Inneos DS sounds like he's signing a HS yearbook."

06-30-2024
10:57:34 am



bikerabe peloton 4+ min. gap

06-30-2024
10:58:09 am



bikerabe Vacquelin climbing good

06-30-2024
10:59:16 am



Tim in KY You were right, Mike.

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11:00:09 am



BusterSci He appears to be.\

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11:00:29 am



BusterSci Wow, he's opened a serious gap

06-30-2024
11:01:40 am



RocketCityGal Priorities ste important. Tour finale, coffee, KOL (kitten on lap). Â Currently itâ€™s the tabby foundling â€™ a true survivor.

06-30-2024
11:05:11 am



BusterSci I'm surprised the GC group hasn't closed the gap more than they have. Â Didn't expect them to catch, but thought the push would close things down more.

06-30-2024
11:05:37 am



Tim in KY Bardet dropped.

06-30-2024
11:06:28 am



BusterSci Pog goes

06-30-2024
11:06:33 am



BusterSci Vingo coming on

06-30-2024
11:06:37 am



bikerabe Pog Goes!

06-30-2024
11:06:44 am



BusterSci Crapass next gy on road

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11:06:49 am



Tim in KY How can you tell?

06-30-2024
11:07:10 am



bikerabe mano y mano

06-30-2024
11:07:16 am



BusterSci Just a quick shot

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11:07:29 am



BusterSci Common Bardet

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11:07:44 am



BusterSci Pog and Vingo took 30 seconds out of the gap in half a km.

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11:08:16 am



RocketCityGal Last part scary fast downhill then flat.

06-30-2024
11:08:23 am



bikerabe Jonas leading Tadej

06-30-2024
11:08:33 am



BusterSci Well, there's no doubt who Visma is riding for.

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11:09:06 am



BusterSci Sharing the work on the way down.

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11:09:17 am



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11:10:09 am



BusterSci It must be to Ziggy zaggy to mind the gaps

06-30-2024
11:10:18 am



RocketCityGal I think itâ€™s a lively finale, but not everyone does.

06-30-2024
11:10:36 am



RocketCityGal Well, at least Bardet had one day in yellowâ€¦!

06-30-2024
11:12:24 am



BusterSci Remco and Rog power in the yellow group. Â They could close things

06-30-2024
11:16:21 am



BusterSci I don't buy the stability of the gaps.

06-30-2024
11:17:16 am



RocketCityGal PCS says this will be the first ever Grand Tour win by an Arkea rider

06-30-2024
11:17:22 am



BusterSci Two frenchies in two stages.

06-30-2024
11:18:23 am



Tim in KY In Italy.

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11:18:46 am



BusterSci Fritaly

06-30-2024
11:19:01 am





Katie S Câ€™™mon guys!

06-30-2024
11:19:31 am



RocketCityGal All the jerseys except dots changing today, methinks.

06-30-2024
11:19:48 am



RocketCityGal When was the last time Frenchman won back to back stages in the T de F?

06-30-2024
11:20:26 am



Katie S Wow

06-30-2024
11:21:36 am



BusterSci Crapass in the sprint of GC guys!

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11:21:44 am



Katie S Crapass

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11:21:48 am



BusterSci That's some serious riding by Crapass. Â Impressive.

06-30-2024
11:22:31 am



Katie S Iâ€™™ve never seen him sprint like that

06-30-2024
11:22:49 am



Trish in MA Wow.

06-30-2024
11:22:59 am



bikerabe EvenePoel

06-30-2024
11:23:03 am



BusterSci He's really persistent guy. Â Tenacious.

06-30-2024
11:23:18 am



bikerabe Jorgenson has replaced Kuss as superdomestique on Visma what if they were both there/

06-30-2024
11:24:46 am



















Tim in KY Finally a sprint stage tomorrow.

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11:25:31 am



mmcally French riders won back to back stages in 2019. Alaphilippe and Pinot

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Katie S Can't be soon enough for Cav and Fabio

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11:26:43 am



RocketCityGal Followed by a monster stage 4 of the Galibier (souveigneur Henri Desgrange climb this year)

06-30-2024
11:28:23 am



bikerabe Pog in yellow 4 on same time

06-30-2024
11:28:46 am



RocketCityGal Thanks Mike. I thought Alaphilippe and someone maybe.

06-30-2024
11:32:07 am



RocketCityGal Abrahamsen in points and KOM lead.

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11:38:03 am



RocketCityGal It's been awhile since someone led both KOM and points. Anyone since Merckx?

06-30-2024
11:39:13 am



RocketCityGal Evenepoel best young rider

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RocketCityGal Current GC standings:

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Charlie in Tenn Checking in from Mt Rainer. Sounds like I missed another interesting race. Maybe see you during the race tomorrow.

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11:46:22 am