



**Tim in KY** GdI Stage 2 is 161 kilometers from San Francesco al Campo, near Torino, north into the foothills of the Alps for a summit finish at the Santuario di Oropa.

05-04-2024  
01:59:06 pm



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1714845859-stage-2-route.jpg>

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01:59:21 pm



**Tim in KY** The first two thirds of the route are flat. The remainder gets progressively lumpier with two Cat 3 climbs leading to the Cat 1 finale. It is 12 kilometers long averaging 6.2% with a maximum of 14%. A short stretch of the road leading to the finish is cobbled.

05-04-2024  
02:00:09 pm



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1714845918-stage-2-profile.jpg>

05-04-2024  
02:00:20 pm



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1714845928-stage-2-oropa.jpg>

05-04-2024  
02:00:30 pm



**Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled at 13:05 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 17:15. Forecast is for cloudy skies with temps from the mid-teens to low 20s. There is a slight chance of rain toward the finish. Live stream from before the start.

05-04-2024  
02:01:16 pm



**Tim in KY** Robert Gesink will not start today. He crashed on Stage 1.

05-05-2024  
06:46:23 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Good morning, Tim! I am home today and finally got logged in for live coverage at Max. Will be back and forth to the kitchen as I'm baking 4 bread loaves. :-)

05-05-2024  
06:54:14 am



**Tim in KY** Good morning Jo. Not much going to happen until the climbing starts.

05-05-2024  
07:04:46 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Then I should have plenty of time for playing with dough. Four Artisanal White with 80% Biga to be baked this morning, and I fed my Sourdough Starter last night and this morning, so will make some Sourdough dough this afternoon.

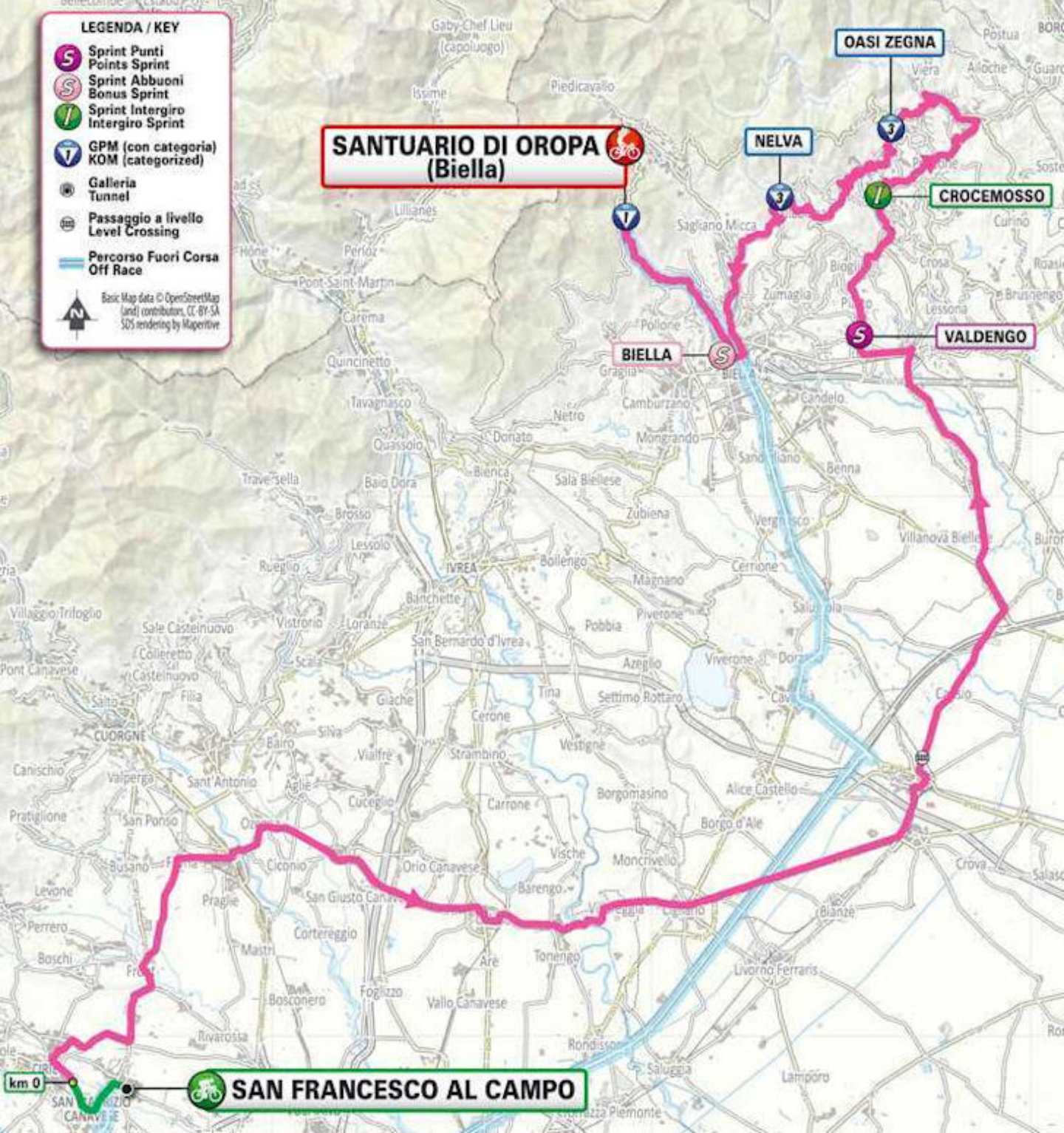
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-  **Sprint Punti**  
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-  **Sprint Intergiro**  
Intergiro Sprint
-  **GPM (con categoria)**  
KOM (categorized)
-  **Galleria**  
Tunnel
-  **Passaggio a livello**  
Level Crossing
-  **Percorso Fuori Corsa**  
Off Race

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**SANTUARIO DI OROPA  
(Biella)**



OASI ZEGNA

NELVA


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BIELLA

VALDENGO

IVREA

 **SAN FRANCESCO AL CAMPO**

km 0

# 331 - SAN FRANCESCO AL CAMPO

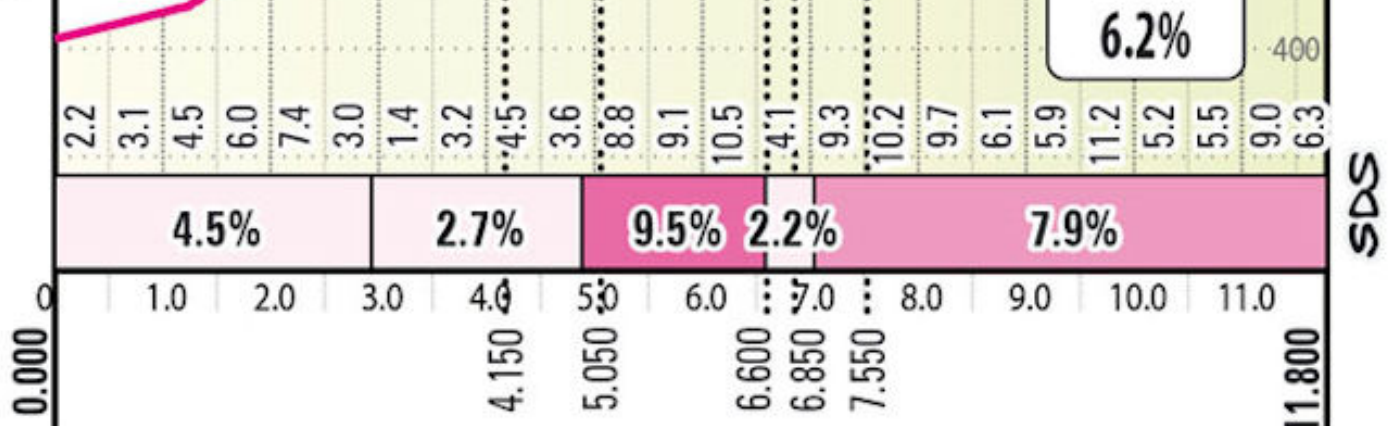


SDS

1142 - SANTUARIO DI OROPA (Biella)



# 409 - BIELLA



11.8 km  
773 m  
6.2%

max 14%

SDS

# 1142 - SANTUARIO DI OROPA (Biella)



**John** Happy Cinco de Mayo everyone!

05-05-2024  
07:09:07 am



**Tim in KY** Very long neutral today.

05-05-2024  
07:14:38 am



**Tim in KY** UAE not happy with the size of the break.

05-05-2024  
07:20:13 am



**Tim in KY** Innies not happy either.

05-05-2024  
07:20:55 am



**bikerabe** gruppo compacto

05-05-2024  
07:25:26 am



**bikerabe** wrong

05-05-2024  
07:27:09 am



**Tim in KY** Break of five has 3:00. Time for my walk.

05-05-2024  
07:35:52 am



**RocketCityGal** Today is the last day of the women's Vuelta. Now that my two markets in three days are over, I will have time to watch coverage!

05-05-2024  
08:15:37 am



**bikerabe** Demi Vollering wins stage, GC and Qom Riane Markus beats Longo Borgini for 2nd GC

05-05-2024  
08:19:57 am



**RocketCityGal** My usual venue has been increasingly disappointing over the past couple of years. There is a market every Thursday evening May through October at one of the churches in town that is mostly for vendors of produce and food, but they do aim for 2 or 3 artisans. They had a last-minute cancellation so I was able to slot in there on Thursday night to sell tie-dye and soap. Even more exciting, I got in for the Huntsville Downtown Art Walk this year. Once a month from May to October vendors are set up around the courthouse downtown. I had a really good day there yesterday. People were less picky about the prices and more interested in getting my most artistic pieces, which are generally the ones that are most labor-intensive and cost more.

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08:22:10 am



**Tim in KY** Good for you RCG.

05-05-2024  
08:24:12 am



**Tim in KY** All the riders in the break are Italian.

05-05-2024  
08:25:56 am



**RocketCityGal** I don't know why I'm getting scattered random words. I think my voice activated thing was picking up my husband. :-D

05-05-2024  
08:26:27 am



**RocketCityGal** He was excited because he got to hold one of the kittens today. I did a kitten weigh-in. Mamacat has been very standoffish with hubby. So I had him go in with me this morning and she was good with that.

05-05-2024  
08:28:19 am



**RocketCityGal** When he goes in by himself to check on things, she growls and hisses at him.

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08:29:06 am



**RocketCityGal** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1714912482-1714912182193.jpeg>

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08:29:44 am



**RocketCityGal** Pretty soon they won't all fit if they want to eat at the same time. The Orange one has figured out an alternate strategy

05-05-2024  
08:30:47 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Is MommaCat eating better?

05-05-2024  
08:37:36 am



**Tim in KY** This stage is going to continue to be boring for 30 more Km.

05-05-2024  
08:58:45 am



**Katie S** Good morning, all. Congrats on the Huntsville Downtown Art Walk, RCG. And, Jo, 4 (FOUR) loaves?! Impressive. And thanks for the reminder that it's feed-the-starter day.

05-05-2024  
08:59:23 am



**Tim in KY** Katie, I put a post on the Lugnuts FB page for you that I don't think you've seen yet.

05-05-2024  
09:01:08 am



**Katie S** Thank you! I meant to fire up my pc to look for that yesterday (I don't know my FB password to be able to look in my phone), and so will make a point to look for it this morning. I do want to see it.

05-05-2024  
09:03:25 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Yes, four (plus two sourdough later today). I give so much away at the barn that I have to make a bunch. :-)

05-05-2024  
09:04:34 am



**Tim in KY** Sound is cutting out annoyingly as it did yesterday.

05-05-2024  
09:06:10 am



**Tim in KY** Ominous looking clouds over the mountains.

05-05-2024  
09:18:57 am







**bikerabe** 2 KU

05-05-2024  
09:21:48 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Thank you, Katie C, for the generous donation to the Tip Jar! Greatly appreciated!

05-05-2024  
09:22:36 am



**Katie S** Thank you. Tim. Just read the article. What an inspirational woman your wife is!

05-05-2024  
09:22:39 am



**Katie S** Jo, that wasn't I. But thank you for the reminder!!

05-05-2024  
09:23:13 am



**PasadenaK8** Ciao, Ragazze e Ragazzi \*;-)

05-05-2024  
09:24:00 am



**Joanna in Virginia** I should have said "Pasadena K8" rather than Katie C. Thanks so much for the contribution!

05-05-2024  
09:24:39 am



**Katie S** Ciao, K8!

05-05-2024  
09:24:45 am



**PasadenaK8** Your welcome ~ and thank you! So nice to be back in the Pub. Ciao Katie!

05-05-2024  
09:25:37 am



**Tim in KY** On the lumpy part of the profile now.

05-05-2024  
09:28:43 am



**PasadenaK8** duuuuh... (embarrassing typo) \*\*you're \*\* (jeezus - going downstairs for some much needed coffee)

05-05-2024  
09:29:19 am



**Katie S** That "CRASH!" icon that popped up when the guys ended up on the tarmac reminded me of a line from Flannery O'Connor's "A Good Man is Hard to Find" "We've had an ACCIDENT!" the children screamed in a frenzy of delight. "But nobody's killed," June Star said with disappointment as the grandmother limped out of the car[.]

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09:31:19 am



**Tim in KY** Sent my sprinter to the DocMobile.

05-05-2024  
09:32:20 am



**PasadenaK8** Hey Katie ~ was just quickly reading thru yesterday's Pub chat. Knew you were up in the Bay area and involved in academics, but didn't realize it was with Mills College. A friend of mine, who I've known for many moons, lives in S.F. and got her MFA at Mills. She loved it there. (I attended what I would call

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09:46:58 am



the So Cal version of Mills).



**Katie S** Aha! Scripps? I'm glad your friend had a good experience at Mills. The MFA was a wonderful program.

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09:49:01 am



**PasadenaK8** Yep. Scripps it was!

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09:49:55 am



**Tim in KY** Cat 3 starting soon.

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09:52:19 am



**Joanna in Virginia** <https://rumbletalk-images->

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10:03:47 am



**Joanna in Virginia** My Starter fed four hours ago.

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10:04:03 am



**PasadenaK8** Wow - great starter gadget!

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10:06:24 am



**Joanna in Virginia** It is virtually idiot proof, which as a new bread baker, is a big plus. LOL!

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10:06:50 am



**PasadenaK8** :D

05-05-2024  
10:07:30 am



**RocketCityGal** I am impressed with all of the breadmaking, Jo! I used to make sourdough bread, but it was just too carby so I let the starter die out eventually. I would make a bunch at Christmastime and make a loaf for each of our employees. Something like 20 loaves total.

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**RocketCityGal** But now I'm retired.

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10:08:08 am



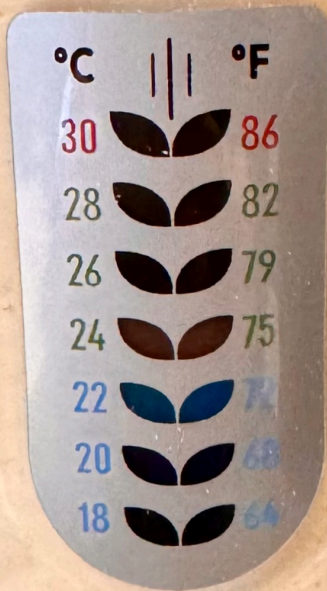
**RocketCityGal** So there's not a baking frenzy at the end of the year

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10:08:20 am



**Joanna in Virginia** I also use a Kombucha heating sleeve as my house was just too cold over the winter - very happy Starter. Baking has been a new fun hobby, and as someone that works all the time, it was good to have a hobby. I make Sourdough, but cannot eat it - so it gets gifted. I enjoy the challenge.

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10:09:04 am



800

700

600

500

400

Last  
Fed  
On:



200

100ml





**RocketCityGal** Mama cat is doing really well. Her eating picked up and she's taking very good care of the kittens. One had significantly less weight gain than the others noted on today's weigh-in, so I will be feeding that one extra to see if I can catch it back up to the others.

05-05-2024  
10:10:22 am



**Tim in KY** Did you watch the bungee jumping Jo?

05-05-2024  
10:18:14 am



**Joanna in Virginia** No, I missed that! Must have been in the kitchen.

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10:18:34 am



**Joanna in Virginia** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1714919025-1714918725009.jpeg>

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10:18:46 am



**Joanna in Virginia** First two loaves out, Dutch Ovens re-heating for next two.

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10:19:05 am



**Katie S** Gorgeous!!!!

05-05-2024  
10:19:23 am



**PasadenaK8** :-\* Yum!

05-05-2024  
10:19:35 am



**PasadenaK8** Piccolo is doing a grandissimo job.

05-05-2024  
10:20:30 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Thank you, Katie S, for the generous donation to the Tip Jar! I so appreciate it!!

05-05-2024  
10:24:37 am



**Tim in KY** He's Italian so he'll be most aggressive today.

05-05-2024  
10:25:07 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Now I see the Bungee Jumpers!

05-05-2024  
10:25:27 am



**Tim in KY** 25 km banner.

05-05-2024  
10:25:48 am



**Joanna in Virginia** I couldn't do it now, but I'm glad I did it when I could. The momentary free fall before the bungee engages made me understand why people sky dive.

05-05-2024  
10:26:50 am







**bikerabe** O'Ganna leads peloton over KOM point

05-05-2024  
10:33:51 am



**Tim in KY** About 6 km to the start of the Cat 1 finale.

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10:36:23 am



**Katie S** Great! Iâ€™m on the trainer in front of the tv. Had to hop off to get the yogurt started. No bread today tho.

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10:40:57 am



**Katie S** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1714920405-1714920105281.jpeg>

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10:41:46 am



**PasadenaK8** Tumble on the tarmac

05-05-2024  
10:42:57 am



**PasadenaK8** Nice set-up, Katie!

05-05-2024  
10:43:25 am



**Slaughter Macduff** Hi everyone! Long time no see.

05-05-2024  
10:46:11 am



**Slaughter Macduff** Sitting at the kidâ€™s lacrosse practice following along. Sundays are devoted to his athletic pursuits.

05-05-2024  
10:47:05 am



**PasadenaK8** Welcome back, Slaughter!

05-05-2024  
10:47:52 am



**Tim in KY** Piccolo about to be caught.

05-05-2024  
10:52:37 am



**Tim in KY** Is caught.

05-05-2024  
10:53:16 am



**Katie S** Done and dusted

05-05-2024  
10:53:24 am



**PasadenaK8** Peccato...

05-05-2024  
10:53:24 am



**Tim in KY** Lead group getting smaller and smaller.

05-05-2024  
10:54:17 am









**Tim in KY** New pavement.

05-05-2024  
10:54:49 am



**Tim in KY** Pog down to one helper again.

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10:56:07 am



**Tim in KY** Pog goes off on his own.

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10:59:19 am



**Tim in KY** He's still got 4 km to go.

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11:00:05 am



**PasadenaK8** ðŸŽ¶ When I was young, I never needed anyoneâ€™!ðŸŽ¶

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11:02:18 am



**Katie S** Those daze are gonnne

05-05-2024  
11:02:52 am



**Joanna in Virginia** I step out to mix dough and Pog is OTB, attached to Peloton now.

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11:02:52 am



**Tim in KY** You are way behind, Jo.

05-05-2024  
11:03:56 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Clearly.

05-05-2024  
11:04:14 am



**Tim in KY** Kite for Pog.

05-05-2024  
11:07:26 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Can't wait to see that as my coverage has 7.3km to go.

05-05-2024  
11:08:40 am



**Tim in KY** On to the cobbled section.

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11:09:32 am



**PasadenaK8** With not another rider in sight.

05-05-2024  
11:10:05 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Kind of like me in the Chat.

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11:10:55 am



**Katie S** I would like to report that, like Mystic Dan, i pipped Pog by a nostril from the trainer.

05-05-2024  
11:11:44 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Well done, Katie! We need to see the photo, though.

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11:12:11 am



**Katie S** Ummmmm

05-05-2024  
11:12:23 am



**Joanna in Virginia** :D

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11:12:35 am



**PasadenaK8** Youâ€™re our own little Broom Wagon here in the Pub, Joanna \*;-)

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11:12:37 am



**Joanna in Virginia** LOLOL!

05-05-2024  
11:12:48 am



**Katie S** See you all tomorrow!

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11:17:31 am



**Joanna in Virginia** Glad I could join today, will be working tomorrow - and maybe still watching this stage.

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11:18:20 am



**PasadenaK8** Haha. See you when we see you, Joanna. Ciao tutti ðŸ‘ˆ

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11:19:02 am



**Katie S** Great to get to watch together today

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11:19:20 am