




 **Tim in Ky** La Vuelta stage 1 is a 13.7 kilometer team time trial in Nimes France. The profile is undaunting but the route is extremely technical. 08-18 12:59


 **Tim in Ky** //rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1503075900-VaE%20stage-1-profile.png 08-18 13:00


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 **Tim in Ky** In keeping with recent Vuelta opening TTTs, the racing starts in the late afternoon, 17:30 CET (11:30 EDT). Earliest live video, including NBC Gold is at 17:25 CET. Team start order and times here: <http://www.cyclingnews.com/news/2017-vuelta-a-espana-stage-1-team-time-trial-start-times/> 08-18 13:04


 **Tim in Ky** Weather for Nimes: Sunny. Hot. South of France. Who knew? 08-18 18:01


 **BusterSci** Nimes. You owe them your jeans. Denim is cloth "de Nimes". And the world just isn't right until Tim posts the stage profile. 08-18 19:01


 **Tim in Ky** More weather. Temperature around 30 C isn't going to change much over the span of the race, nor will the wind of about 16 km/h. Weather should not be a differentiator. 08-19 07:13
















 **donny** GHRP dash two / Cycling's not done with doping. Who knew? / TUE's firmly in hand, let the Vuelta begin! / We'll wait for the B sample to prove. 08-19 07:16

















 **donny** My name in Nimes is Levi / We drop off the Strauss, don't ask why. / no one liked denim till I 08-19 07:20

 **BusterSci** Poetry starts early / Stage starts late / Drop in and versify / The Lugnuts are great. 08-19 07:31

















 **donny** My vuelta fantasy team is a trip / apres le merde jaune c'est mon equipe / it's really team sky with a blip 08-19 08:11

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-  **Tim in Ky** That doesn't rhyme good. 08-19 09:53
-  **Mons Soseman** According to Donny's doggerel, sounds like his team had better be like SKY but with a diaper. 08-19 09:54
-  **donny** well mons, poo does seem to have a lot to do with cycling this year. just ask the guy that owns the pink jersey or ask sagan what he thinks of the uci decision 08-19 10:23
-  **Marc @ Toad Hall** Glad to see some pre-race snark/enthusiasm. I'll miss Sanchez. We can kill the next hour tuning into the live penguin feed on YouTube. 08-19 10:33
-  **SFfromAus** Greetings all 08-19 11:07
-  **Tim in Ky** Not much "all" here yet, SF. 08-19 11:08
-  **Tim in Ky** Live stream is up. 08-19 11:19
-  **Tim in Ky** Apparently it was only a test. 08-19 11:20
-  **bikerabe** Since the Tour, it was great that Marianne Vos won the European road race championship. Have you seen the profile of the World Championship TT? Final kilometers all uphill. 08-19 11:21
-  **Tim in Ky** Very picturesque town. 08-19 11:24
-  **Gilliemarie** Hi guys 08-19 11:25
-  **Tim in Ky** Hi, Gillie. 08-19 11:25
-  **Gilliemarie** When does this race get started? 08-19 11:26
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-  **Katie** Morning, all! 08-19 11:30
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-  **Tim in Ky** Teams start today at 4 minute intervals. 08-19 11:31
-  **Tim in Ky** Next up is DDD. 08-19 11:32
-  **Katie** I love me a good TTT. 08-19 11:32
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
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|  | BusterSci Sunweb looking pretty solid right now. | 08-19 12:24 |
|  | BusterSci QS through the Arena | 08-19 12:24 |
|  | BusterSci There should be lions. | 08-19 12:24 |
|  | bikerabe lions in cages \ | 08-19 12:26 |
|  | BusterSci What's the fun in that? | 08-19 12:26 |
|  | BusterSci Sunweb will take the hot seat | 08-19 12:26 |
|  | BusterSci 1st by 15s | 08-19 12:26 |

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	BusterSci Crash for LottoJumbo	08-19 12:34
	BusterSci 113 and 116. Don't have a start list and they weren't names I recognized.	08-19 12:34
	BusterSci BMC is off.	08-19 12:34
	BusterSci Astana coming in	08-19 12:35
	Gilliemarie Are they crashing on the turns?	08-19 12:35
	BusterSci 8th at 35s	08-19 12:35
	BusterSci Yes, in the corners	08-19 12:35
	BusterSci Tolhoek was the first to go down. The other guy went over him.	08-19 12:36
	BusterSci Suggestion that it was a pothole	08-19 12:36
	BusterSci Tolhoek gets a bike change.	08-19 12:37
	BusterSci QS under the kite	08-19 12:38
	BusterSci Looking smooth	08-19 12:38

	BusterSci Jungels driving	08-19 12:38
	BusterSci 1st by less than a second	08-19 12:39
	BusterSci AG2R on the ramp	08-19 12:39
	Gilliemarie How do they decide the starting order?	08-19 12:42
	BusterSci I don't know, GM. I think it's based on last year's top GC.	08-19 12:46
	Gilliemarie Thanks, that kinda makes sense!	08-19 12:47
	BusterSci I, unfortunately have to leave my client and drive home. I will not be finishing with the lead five, but I'll see y'all tomorrow. Monday, though, I'll be fighting the other geek traffic as I chase eclipse totality.	08-19 12:47
	BusterSci Jorge Arcas (Movistar) crashes and looks pretty shook up.	08-19 12:48
	BusterSci BMC 1st by 6s	08-19 12:50
	Gilliemarie Bikerabe or Marc - are you gonna fill in when BusterSci has to leave??	08-19 12:51
	BusterSci Trek on the ramp	08-19 12:51
	BusterSci Sky through the arena	08-19 12:52
	BusterSci OK, that's it for me. I'll pop back on in about 25 minutes and post final results if nobody else has.	08-19 12:54
	Marc @ Toad Hall Sorry, no video here.	08-19 12:54
	Gilliemarie Thanks Buster. No video here either Marc!!	08-19 12:54
	bikerabe will fill in	08-19 12:55

 Marc @ Toad Hall Just audio?	08-19 12:55
 Gilliemarie Awesome!	08-19 12:55
 bikerabe Trek is off last team	08-19 12:55
 Marc @ Toad Hall Attaway, Bikerabe.	08-19 12:55
 bikerabe My first name is Steve so call me SLUG	08-19 12:56
 Tim in Ky I'm back and catching up. BMC currently in the hot seat.	08-19 12:58
 Marc @ Toad Hall Who replaced Sanchez for BMC?	08-19 12:58
 bikerabe Orica coming in	08-19 12:58
 Tim in Ky Orica in 4th place.	08-19 12:59
 Tim in Ky Movi at the 3 km banner.	08-19 12:59
 bikerabe Loic Vliegen replaced Sanchez	08-19 13:00
 Marc @ Toad Hall Thanks.	08-19 13:00
 Tim in Ky Don't know a thing about the Logic Village guy.	08-19 13:00
 Tim in Ky Movi still has 8 guys with on km to go.	08-19 13:02
 Tim in Ky Movi in at 16:22.	08-19 13:03
 Tim in Ky Sky with 3 km.	08-19 13:03
 bikerabe Movistar comes in 24 sec back	08-19 13:04

	Tim in Ky Red kite for Sky.	08-19 13:05
	Tim in Ky Looks like they'll get the lead.	08-19 13:06
	Tim in Ky Nope.	08-19 13:06
	bikerabe Sky 2nd by 9 sec	08-19 13:07
	bikerabe mean 4th	08-19 13:08
	Tim in Ky Red kite for Trek. They're way off the pace.	08-19 13:10
	Tim in Ky 0:35 off for 11th place. But still, the 21 teams are only separated by 0:57 top to bottom.	08-19 13:12
	Tim in Ky Don't know who crossed first for BMC.	08-19 13:13
	Tim in Ky BMC, QS, Sunweb.	08-19 13:14
	Gilliemarie Thanks all! Guess it's lunch time for me	08-19 13:14
	bikerabe think Rohan Dennis was first	08-19 13:16
	Tim in Ky Rohan Dennis gets the red jersey.	08-19 13:16
	Tim in Ky That's it for me. Back tomorrow.	08-19 13:20
	Marc @ Toad Hall Roche gets the mountain jersey. (!)	08-19 13:24
	Gilliemarie There was a Cat 3 in the middle!	08-19 13:25
	Mons Soseman Is it over?	08-19 13:43

