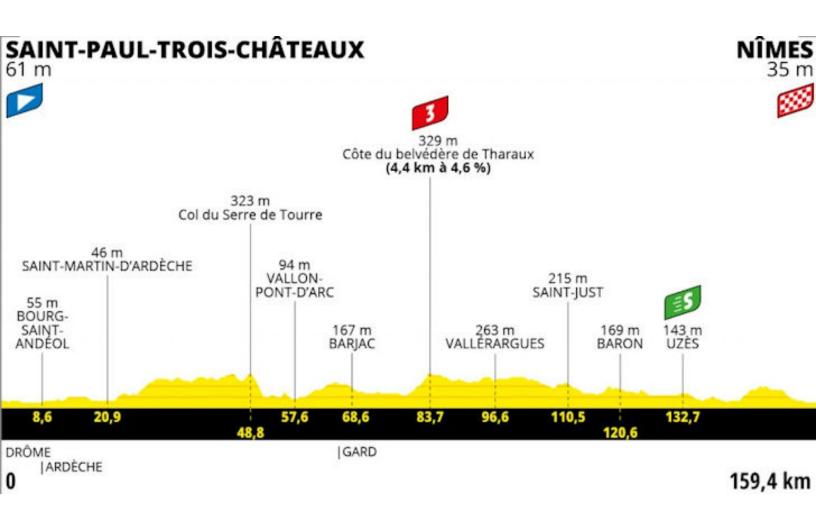


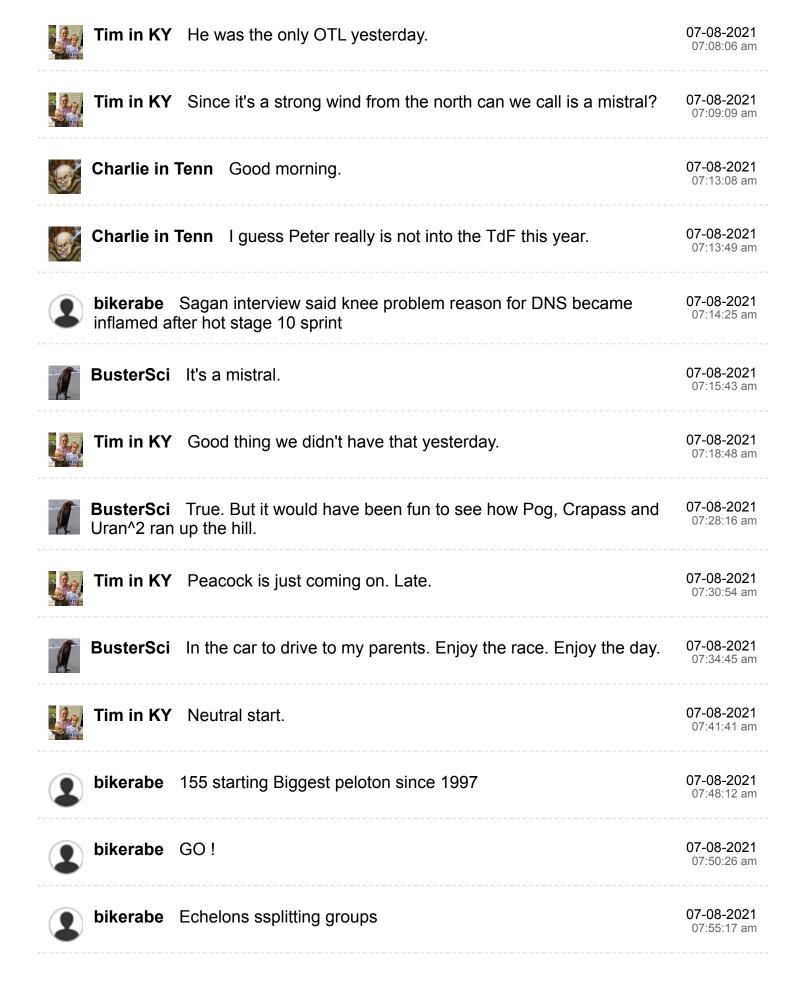
Tim in KY TdF Stage 12 is 160 kilometers from Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux 07-07-2021 02:16:18 pm west across the Rhone and through the Gorges de l'Ardà che then turning south to the finish in Nîmes, almost on the Mediterranean.

Tim in KY https://rumbletalk-images-07-07-2021 02:17:08 pm upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1625682127-stage-12-route.jpg 07-07-2021 **Tim in KY** The roads are undulating and there is one Cat 3 climb halfway 02:17:43 pm through the stage. The profile suggests a bunch sprint finish but there is the possibility of crosswinds along the latter half of the route. The finish is fairly straightforward although there are three wide 90 degree turns inside the last 3 kilometers. 07-07-2021 Tim in KY https://rumbletalk-images-02:17:53 pm upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1625682171-stage-12-profile.jpg 07-07-2021 Tim in KY https://rumbletalk-images-02:18:48 pm upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1625682226-stage-12-finish-route.jpg **Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 13:40. Finish is imagined either 07-07-2021 02:19:25 pm side of 17:20. Live stream at 13:00 on NBCSN, 13:20 on Peacock. Forecast is sunny with temps in the mid-20s. **Tim in KY** Forecast has changed to the possibility of thunderstorms at the 07-07-2021 04:40:02 pm finish. 07-08-2021 **BusterSci** Start will be delayed 10 minutes due to strong tailwinds. 06:13:28 am 07-08-2021 Tim in KY 29 km/h 07:00:51 am 07-08-2021 **Tim in KY** Peter Sagan is DNS today. 07:01:53 am 07-08-2021 **bikerabe** Luke Rowe Ineos didn't make time cut yesterday 07:07:06 am









bikerabe splitting	07-08-2021 07:55:35 am
Tim in KY Four echelons right now.	07-08-2021 07:56:26 am
Charlie in Tenn It is a mess already.	07-08-2021 07:56:30 am
bikerabe Cav out front leadout	07-08-2021 07:56:45 am
S bikerabe Morkov otb	07-08-2021 07:57:02 am
Charlie in Tenn The G group did a good job when the trees bloked the wind to catch the group in front of them.	07-08-2021 07:59:54 am
Tim in KY Errands.	07-08-2021 08:01:42 am
Charlie in Tenn Looks like 7 trying to get off the front before the next big turr in about 5 kms.	07-08-2021 08:03:09 am
Charlie in Tenn Nothing settled in the front yet.	07-08-2021 08:04:42 am
bikerabe Porte in 3rd chasing group Geraint in 2nd group	07-08-2021 08:06:59 am
bikerabe 64 kph !	07-08-2021 08:07:18 am
bikerabe 13 riders in front	07-08-2021 08:09:28 am
bikerabe including JuJu	07-08-2021 08:10:31 am
Katie S Good morning, all	07-08-2021 08:11:17 am

bikerabe peloton together gap 2'	07-08-2021 08:17:10 am
Alison Quarles Morning!	07-08-2021 08:19:02 am
BusterSci Smart DQS. If this holds The break can gobble the intermediate sprint points and Cav can focus on winning.	07-08-2021 08:20:10 am
Katie S Pretty countryside.	07-08-2021 08:20:22 am
Katie S Curious why we have sprinters in the front group.	07-08-2021 08:24:03 am
bikerabe gap going to 4 minutes	07-08-2021 08:24:26 am
bikerabe 5 1/2 'Â gap	07-08-2021 08:30:14 am
BusterSci You can't beat Cav so get in a break?	07-08-2021 08:30:25 am
Charlie in Tenn The break is going to win today. DQS let to many good riders get away. Plus yesterday was hard for Cav and everyone else.	07-08-2021 08:31:52 am
Mikey Good Morning	07-08-2021 08:33:03 am
Katie S yeah, that's what I was figuring, Buster. Weird interview with Matthews about some "anti-Cavendish" plan in the peloton. He dismissed it a just wanting to win stages.	07-08-2021 ^{08:34:06 am} S
BusterSci Cav accused BEX of negative racing a couple days ago. That's what it's about.	07-08-2021 08:36:24 am
Katie S ah	07-08-2021 08:36:48 am
Katio S So a little NPPRR: My 60th birthday is this weekend. I'm baying a	07-08-2021

Katie S So, a little NRRBBB: My 60th birthday is this weekend. I'm having a group of friends over for a party, about 13-15 people. I know the vax status of all but two, and so we asked them. Got a rebuke of a text back saying, essentially, it's none of

our business. So, we assume they are not vaccinated and, based on some other intel, believe they're actually anti-vaxxers. So, we are telling the other guests that they declined to state. One of our friends is in remission from multiple myeloma. It seems a reasonable and fair thing to ask of people you've invited to your home. Thoughts?

07-08-2021 **BusterSci** Ok. Help. On my phone, listening to podcasts. Every time a post 08:40:30 am comes in on the Pub it takes the sound control away from the podcast app. I turn the sound off and it stops, but if I look at a different app, the sound on the Pub comes on again. Anybody?

Alison Quarles @Katie S I think your vax question is fair considering the 07-08-2021 08:42:28 am compromised immune system of your one friend. Sometimes you need to think of others and not just yourself.

Rob Katie, I went to a funeral before I was able to have my vaccination. I did 07-08-2021 08:43:56 am a lateral flow test before I went, would you be happy if everyone tested first?



Mikey https://rumbletalk-images-07-08-2021 08:45:18 am upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1625748616-Elevator%20Pen.jpg

Mikey Happy pre birthday Katie	07-08-2021 08:45:39 am
Katie S Floaty pen! ELEVATOR! I love it!	07-08-2021 08:45:45 am
BusterSci Rescind their invite. Do it nicely and explain the situation, emphasizing that your intent is to protect someone who is especially vulnerable. Add (if true) that you'd be happy to get together with them separately be they're meaningful people in your life. If they don't respond well to that you've just decluttered your relationships. And Happy Happy!	
Mikey Tried to get a video of operation for you Katie but file was too large	07-08-2021 08:47:05 am
Tim in KY Gorges.	07-08-2021 08:49:17 am



07-08-2021 08:49:38 am





07-08-2021 **Charlie in Tenn** Happy Birthday. 60 is the new whatever age you want. I 08:49:55 am suggest following Buster's advice. Cool floaty pen.

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Katie S Thanks for the thoughts/ ideas. Yeah, I considered rescinding and 08:49:56 am suggesting a separate get-together. I am regretting extending the invitation, and I suspect this may result in a decluttering of relationships. It's awkward to say the least. 07-08-2021 Happy B-day, Katie. A I agree with Buster. Tim in KY 08:50:03 am 07-08-2021 **Mikey** Your party, your rules. Explain with tact. People are understanding 08:50:14 am when you are upfront and honest. **BusterSci** They should be owned by George. George's gorgeous gorges 07-08-2021 08:50:19 am 07-08-2021 **Charlie in Tenn** Yes, those are nice gorges. 08:50:27 am That sounds like a cool roadside stand to sell things to cool one's 07-08-2021 Katie S 08:50:42 am gorge 07-08-2021 Engorge at George's Gorgeous Gorges? BusterSci 08:51:27 am 07-08-2021 it's a foie gras stand! Katie S 08:51:51 am 07-08-2021 Katie S or ticks 08:51:56 am 07-08-2021 Mikey Gorgeous George wrestled with a gorgeous gorge. 08:52:35 am 07-08-2021 **Charlie in Tenn** From Wiggo, Cav is not wearing the full green skin suit 08:53:21 am today. The race organizers decided not to give him one today. It kinka threw Cav off this morning. He thought this was a sprint day and he should have the suit. 07-08-2021 **BusterSci** Cav should have just gone out there in his helmet. Just his 08:55:20 am helmet. 07-08-2021 oh goodness. that'd have been a statement. Katie S 08:55:42 am

BusterSci Maybe a green banana hammock, just to stay decent.	07-08-2021 08:56:36 am
Katie S of course	07-08-2021 08:57:45 am
BusterSci If it's good enough for fans	07-08-2021 08:58:08 am
Tim in KY UAE "minding" the gap, not sprinter teams.	07-08-2021 08:58:44 am
Mikey What do you think of the idea that the organizers are trying to "toughen" up the race so that if Cav does break the record he is somehow a more worthy champion. Golf seems to have done that	07-08-2021 09:01:55 am
Tim in KY Pog not wearing yellow shorts. And he hasn't before. Why does Cav need green shorts?	07-08-2021 09:02:20 am
BusterSci I think the jerseys look better with black shorts anyway.	07-08-2021 09:03:11 am
Katie S definitely not brown shorts, skinsuit or no	07-08-2021 09:04:44 am
Tim in KY Sticky sunglasses for WHF.	07-08-2021 09:04:59 am
Tim in KY Polka dot shorts?	07-08-2021 09:05:24 am
BusterSci No	07-08-2021 09:06:08 am
Tim in KY Break about to turn left and head south.	07-08-2021 09:06:09 am
Katie S Definitely a fashion no-no	07-08-2021 09:06:14 am
BusterSci Taking things south is normally my job.	07-08-2021 09:06:47 am



Tim in KY There they go.	07-08-2021 09:07:04 am
bikerabe 3 ku over 9' gap	07-08-2021 09:09:36 am
BusterSci As far as Cav goes? The best response of any athlete to a perceived slight is to win.	07-08-2021 09:12:35 am
Katie S I was thinking, maybe he just roll along in his black shorts, fix his cleats now and then, maybe stop for a picnic, let his legs recover today and then come back with stunning wins on each of the subsequent flat stages. Including Champs.	07-08-2021 09:14:00 am
Katie S ughhhh 60 kph winds at the finish?	07-08-2021 09:15:37 am
Tim in KY Best placed rider in the break is at 50:57, so UAE doesn't give a shit about the gap.	07-08-2021 09:15:54 am
Tim in KY Where are you seeing that Katie? Weather.com says 16 km/h.	07-08-2021 09:16:49 am
Tim in KY Waterfall.	07-08-2021 09:17:42 am
Katie S maybe I misheard. It was McCrossan, in any event	07-08-2021 09:18:03 am
BusterSci So it was a whiny 16kph	07-08-2021 09:18:22 am
Tim in KY Nice hill town.	07-08-2021 09:19:25 am
Tim in KY Omar Fraile is a legend?	07-08-2021 09:20:12 am
BusterSci Definition of legend 1a : a story coming down from the past especially : one popularly regarded as historical although not verifiable	07-08-2021 09:21:40 am

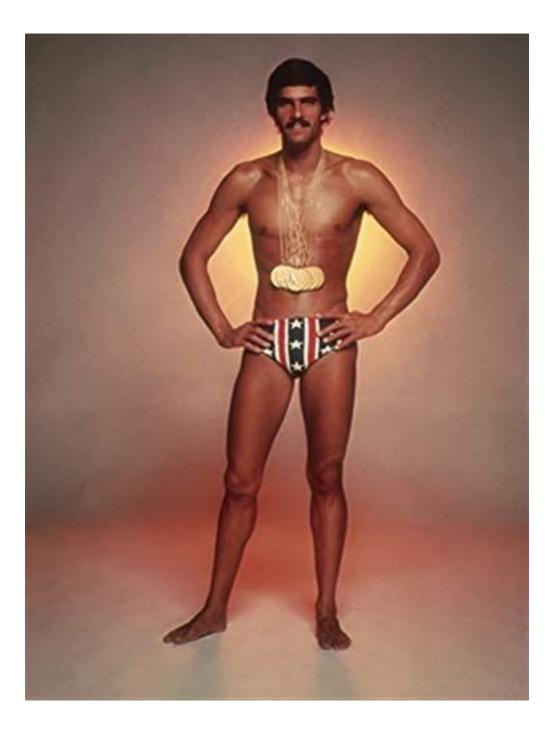
BusterSci He gets the last part	07-08-2021 09:21:53 am
Tim in KY Slower than the slowest currently.	07-08-2021 09:23:39 am
Tim in KY I have to prep some brussels sprouts and get them marinating. Back after.	07-08-2021 09:27:59 am
BusterSci That sounds like one of DStan's. "I have to go marinate some Brussels sprouts, if you know what I mean."	07-08-2021 09:29:17 am
Mikey Blanche the asparagus	07-08-2021 09:30:00 am
BusterSci Shuck the corn	07-08-2021 09:30:38 am
Mikey Can the tomatoes	07-08-2021 09:30:52 am
BusterSci Clean the beans	07-08-2021 09:30:53 am
Mikey Split the peas	07-08-2021 09:31:29 am
BusterSci I ensure every spring I tell Frau at least once that I took a pea in her garden.	07-08-2021 09:32:31 am
Mikey How many times does one letter make all the difference?	07-08-2021 09:34:04 am
Charlie in Tenn I need Conner Swift to win with WHF second for fantasy points. However, I would love for Greipel to win from the break.	07-08-2021 09:36:48 am
BusterSci Vos won her 30tg Giro stage today	07-08-2021 09:37:00 am
Katie S Love it.	07-08-2021

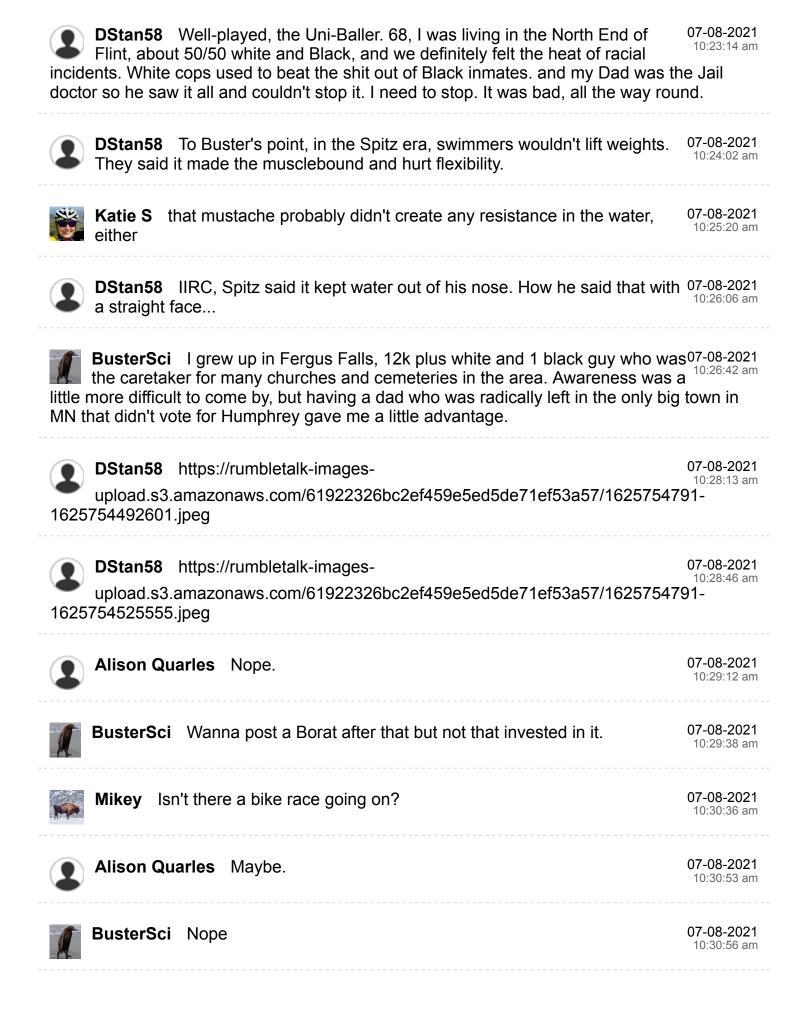


Charlie in Tenn Wiggo talked to Greipel. "I don't know what I am doing here." "No one in this group is going to take me to the finish." Seems Greipel i very grounded in the reality of bike racing.	07-08-2021 ^{09:39:23} am S
BusterSci And if I were Cav right now I'd win 35 in green on the Champs an retire in the spot.	d07-08-2021 09:39:24 am
Charlie in Tenn Sounds nice but Cav probably needs to just focus on the next win and see what happens.	07-08-2021 09:40:48 am
BusterSci Very true	07-08-2021 09:41:13 am
BusterSci But if he does break the record? Leave on top.	07-08-2021 09:41:41 am
Katie S Yeah, like Froome should have	07-08-2021 09:42:08 am
BusterSci It'll be interesting to see if Froome sticks around another year. He should know by now if he can improve or if he's truly cooked. It was a brutal crash he was in and recovery was never going to be easy.	07-08-2021 09:47:10 am
Mikey Froome recovered and trained in So Cal this winter and produced impressive numbers. I'll bet he came back after getting those results	07-08-2021 09:48:57 am
BusterSci I just don't believe any talk about training numbers. They're always good when the rider isn't performing and they're always poor when they go on to win.	07-08-2021 09:50:45 am
Mikey I agree, numbers aren't everything. At the same time athletes have to have some kind of standard to base performance. And today, data seems to be everything. I kind of like the removal of power meters from bikes but it's not go happen.	09:56:39 am
Charlie in Tenn Olympics news: the olympics may banned spectators due to Tokyo having declared a Covid emergency yesterday.	07-08-2021 09:57:25 am

BusterSci I like the idea of allowing data collection from power meters b not allowing a precious. Just put a data logger on.	out 07-08-2021 09:58:03 am
BusterSci The Olympics are a corrupt, country ruining political sham a should disappear. Sorry.	and 07-08-2021 09:59:01 am
BusterSci PS: I'll be watching.	07-08-2021 10:00:52 am
DStan58 Olympic processes are horribly corrupt, just like FIFA. And just Buster, I put all calls on hold.	t like 07-08-2021 10:08:32 am
DStan58 Have a few minutes, wanted to see what the NRBBB was this	a.m. 07-08-2021 10:08:55 am
DStan58 I have to marinate some Brussels sprouts in a few	07-08-2021 10:09:37 am
BusterSci That's what he said	07-08-2021 10:10:17 am
DStan58 Maybe this has been discussed, but what does everyone think about Pogo's team announcing he's also going to ride the Vuelta?	07-08-2021 10:11:05 am
Katie S Goodness,I step out for walkies and the Olympics gets thrown us the bus. Sigh. I still get a rush when I hear the Olympic anthem, remember the first time I was aware enough to tune in. I think it was the Mark Spitz year.	
BusterSci I saw a proposal to create permanent Olympic venues on eac continent. Then, instead of countries flushing billions for never-again used venues, they can set up reusable venues spread amongst multiple countries ar (read:pay off the IOC) again.	10:13:30 am
Katie S That makes sense.	07-08-2021 10:14:09 am
Alison Quarles Ahhh, Mark Spitz.	07-08-2021 10:14:33 am
DStan58 I remember seeing that, too. It's so common-sense, it'll never happen as long as the process to get on the IOC is so corrupt. Costs milli get a seat, so you'll sell your vote to the highest bid city to try and get even.	07-08-2021 on to

Tim in KY DStan, Pog in la Vuelta sounds silly.	07-08-2021 10:16:05 am
BusterSci Especially since Colbrelli is going to win.	07-08-2021 10:16:53 am
Katie S Politt firing up the egg beaters	07-08-2021 10:16:59 am
Charlie in Tenn 68 Olympics for me. John Carlos and Tommie Smith (and Peter Norman)	07-08-2021 10:17:58 am
DStan58 Makes you wonder how Jalabert went from good sprinter to great all-rounder and climber, eh? Oh, wait, we know.	07-08-2021 10:18:30 am
DStan58 68 was THE GAMES for me, too, Charlie. And Bob Beamon and Fosbury. My dad was a track guy, he just kept staring at the screen saying, "What the hell is he doing? What the Hell?"	07-08-2021 10:19:48 am
BusterSci Being on his bike six hours a day?	07-08-2021 10:19:51 am
BusterSci 68 was too soon for me. Just short of 5. But I do recall the response the the fists, even though I didnt recall or understand it at the time.	07-08-2021 10:21:10 am
DStan58 Boy, when were dumping on HWSNBN and JaJa, that's some low hanging grapes, eh?	- 07-08-2021 10:21:15 am
DStan58 https://rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/16257543 1625754083274.jpeg	07-08-2021 10:21:23 am 382-
BusterSci Grape, in one case.	07-08-2021 10:21:34 am
Tim in KY Breakaway is having some useless fun.	07-08-2021 10:22:33 am
BusterSci Post that next to Phelps. A totally natural evolution in Physiology.	07-08-2021 10:22:56 am









BusterSci Just a club ride	07-08-2021 10:31:08 am
Alison Quarles Tiz is stuck so no race at my house.	07-08-2021 10:31:19 am
bikerabe just keep refreshing Tiz and switch between sources to restart video AQ	07-08-2021 10:33:19 am
Tim in KY 1 KU to go.	07-08-2021 10:33:46 am
Alison Quarles Refresh worked!	07-08-2021 10:34:01 am
DStan58 There is. A bunch of guys are about 14:00 ahead with about 35 km left to ride. I have to go talk about the Tour's old days for an audiobook. Trying to get this book to market by the time the Tour is done. Be well, y'all. Tomorrow is a for Cav. I'm not sure that QSD is going to pull this back together.	10:34:14 am
BusterSci Just passed the giant otter	07-08-2021 10:35:52 am
BusterSci I did. Not the race.	07-08-2021 10:37:03 am
BusterSci Now FFHS	07-08-2021 10:38:03 am
Charlie in Tenn I wondered.	07-08-2021 10:38:08 am
bikerabe Giro d'Italia Donne La Eternale Marianne Vos wins stage 7 that's 30 Donne wins for her	07-08-2021 10:38:19 am
Charlie in Tenn Old news see above but Vos is pretty good.	07-08-2021 10:39:11 am
BusterSci Fergus High, our Alma mater. Now we stand again in praise. May our song reach out together in all future days. Shouts of victory now we hail thee, steadfast in our ways. May our songs reach out together in all future days!	07-08-2021 10:40:09 am



Tim in KY With all this break attacking, the leaders are now faster than the imagined time.	07-08-202 10:41:43 ar
Tim in KY Sprint uncontested.	07-08-202 10:42:11 ar
bikerabe Erviti, Politt, Kung Sweeney ou front	07-08-202 10:42:14 ar
S bikerabe in front	07-08-202 10:42:31 ar
Katie S Gosh that sunshine is pretty. We're on day something of dreary gray skies.	07-08-202 10:42:50 ar
Katie S This is the time of year that locals go searching for sun. All we have to do is drive 10 miles east over the coastal hills or 40 miles south to Santa Cruz.	07-08-202 10:43:33 ar
bikerabe keeps it cooler Katie	07-08-202 10:43:36 ar
Katie S true. it's 53 out there now.	07-08-202 10:44:06 ar
Tim in KY "The coldest winter I ever spent was one summer in San Francisco."	07-08-202 10:44:29 ar
bikerabe PDX at 58"	07-08-202 10:44:38 ar
Katie S yep	07-08-202 10:44:40 ar
bikerabe that's a famous qoute	07-08-202 10:45:12 ar
Katie S It's the time of year the sweatshirt vendors at Fisherman's Wharf do	07-08-202 10:45:15 ar

Katie S It's the time of year the sweatshirt vendors at Fisherman's Wharf do ⁰⁷⁻⁰⁸⁻²⁰²¹ their best business. Lots of people clad in shorts and sandals wearing brand new Alcatraz hoodies

Charlie in Tenn Seems like rain at the TdF	07-08-2021 10:48:53 am
Tim in KY Cav apparently told his team that he didn't have the legs today.	07-08-2021 10:49:27 am
Tim in KY 20 km banner.	07-08-2021 10:50:00 am
Tim in KY Chasers have given up. 0:55.	07-08-2021 10:53:04 am
bikerabe pursuit don't want to work for WHF	07-08-2021 10:53:51 am
Katie S Hmmm. is it me or the Peacock, but I'm stalled out	07-08-2021 10:54:29 am
bikerabe front 4 67 kpn	07-08-2021 10:54:35 am
Tim in KY It's you.	07-08-2021 10:54:59 am
Katie S i'm baaack.	07-08-2021 10:55:08 am
bikerabe Sweeney attacks Go Harry !	07-08-2021 10:57:06 am
Katie S I love his name. It sounds so 1950s or something.	07-08-2021 10:58:13 am
S bikerabe Kung dropped	07-08-2021 10:59:36 am
bikerabe Politt attacks	07-08-2021 11:00:09 am
Katie S Air scoop wide	07-08-2021 11:01:33 am

Mikey Summary so far: Tim does graphics, (thank God), undulating day, delay for wind blowing too hard, SAGAN wait DNS, Luke Rowe doesn't make it, strong wind from the nort means mistral, Peter not really into it, early echelons, it's a mess, curious countryside, anti-cavendish, vax status, Katie will be 60, floaty pen, tact, gorgeous gorges, can wears nothing, sticky sunglasses, polka dots always a good call, Buster takes things south, stop for a pic pic, Omar Fraile makes an appearance, prepping sprouts, veggie tales, olympic news, bus runs over them, Ahh Mark Spitz, Politt firing up the egg beaters, Low hanging fruit errrr grapes, Nope, maybe, nope giant otter, the race starts...

bikerabe 10 km	07-08-2021 11:02:17 am
Alison Quarles (y)	07-08-2021 11:03:12 am
SFinAus I always enjoy your summaries, Mikey.	07-08-2021 11:03:50 am
Tim in KY Bessinger gone from the chase.	07-08-2021 11:03:59 am
Charlie in Tenn Gonna be hard to bring him back now.	07-08-2021 11:04:23 am
Tim in KY Unless he cracks.	07-08-2021 11:04:42 am
Katie S I don't think the chasers want to let him go, so he's got his work cut out for him.	07-08-2021 11:05:26 am
Tim in KY Politt gets red number.	07-08-2021 11:05:52 am
Tim in KY This finish would be ugly as a bunch sprint.	07-08-2021 11:10:03 am
bikerabe True dat	07-08-2021 11:10:21 am
Charlie in Tenn Anyone have Politt on their fantasy team?	07-08-2021 11:11:20 am
Katie S When the first string guys are excluded, it's interesting to see who rises from the bench. New careers are born this way.	07-08-2021 11:12:26 am

) Preliminary results.

RNK.	RIDER	TEAM	TIME
1	POLITT Nils	BORA - hansgrohe	3:22:12
2	ERVITI Imanol	Movistar Team	0:31
3	SWEENY Harry	Lotto Soudal	0:31
4	KÜNG Stefan	Groupama - FDJ	1:58
5	🚘 MEZGEC Luka	Team BikeExchange	2:06
6	📕 GREIPEL André	Israel Start-Up Nation	2:06
7	THEUNS Edward	Trek - Segafredo	2:06
8	🚺 VAN MOER Brent	Lotto Soudal	2:06
9	II ALAPHILIPPE Julian	Deceuninck - Quick Step	2:06
10	📕 HENAO Sergio	Team Qhubeka NextHash	2:06

Tim in KY The fastest imaginable time.	07-08-2021 11:12:28 am
Charlie in Tenn Good job of all those guys to get in the break.	07-08-2021 11:17:18 am
Tim in KY Peloton is 10 km out.	07-08-2021 11:18:52 am
Mikey Bobbke just went with the "keep the powder dry" for another day call.	
Katie S All righty, that's a wrap for me. Need to go to the bank and get a fancy coffee treat. Love that Cav' aimed for the line first.	07-08-2021 11:28:40 am
bikerabe Cav gets 3 points	07-08-2021 11:28:46 am
Tim in KY Just occurred to me that the race started 10 minutes late so Politt actually finished 10 minutes faster than the fastest imaginable time.	07-08-2021 11:29:15 am
Charlie in Tenn https://rumbletalk-images- upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/16257598 stage%2012.PNG	07-08-2021 11:52:47 am 64-
Charlie in Tenn Thanks all. See ya tomorrow.	07-08-2021 11:53:41 am