



**Tim in KY** TdF Stage 17 is 178 kilometers from Muret, in the foothills of the Pyrenees, south through Tuesday's finish town deep into the mountains for three huge climbs culminating in a summit finish on the Col du Portet. Happy Bastille Day.

07-13-2021  
02:52:58 pm



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626202692-stage-17-route.jpg>

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02:53:14 pm



**Tim in KY** The first 113 kilometers of the stage are a false flat of no particular difficulty ending with the intermediate sprint at Bagnères-de-Luchon. The remaining 65 km are all climb and descent. Two Cat 1s followed by an HC finish. These same three climbs were done in 2018, but then the race started at Bagnères-de-Luchon and was only 67 kilometers long.

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02:54:24 pm



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626202773-stage-17-profile.jpg>

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**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626202787-stage-17-portet.jpg>

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02:54:48 pm



**Tim in KY** Kilometer zero is scheduled for 12:10. Finish is imagined either side of 17:00. Live stream at 11:45 on Peacock, 12:00 on NBCSN. Showers are likely at the start, possible on the climbs with temps in the upper teens.

07-13-2021  
02:56:21 pm



**Tim in KY** Rain probability greatly diminished.

07-14-2021  
05:12:24 am



**Tim in KY** No DNF or OTL yesterday. No news of any DNS today.

07-14-2021  
05:45:46 am



**Tim in KY** Neutral start.

07-14-2021  
05:55:51 am



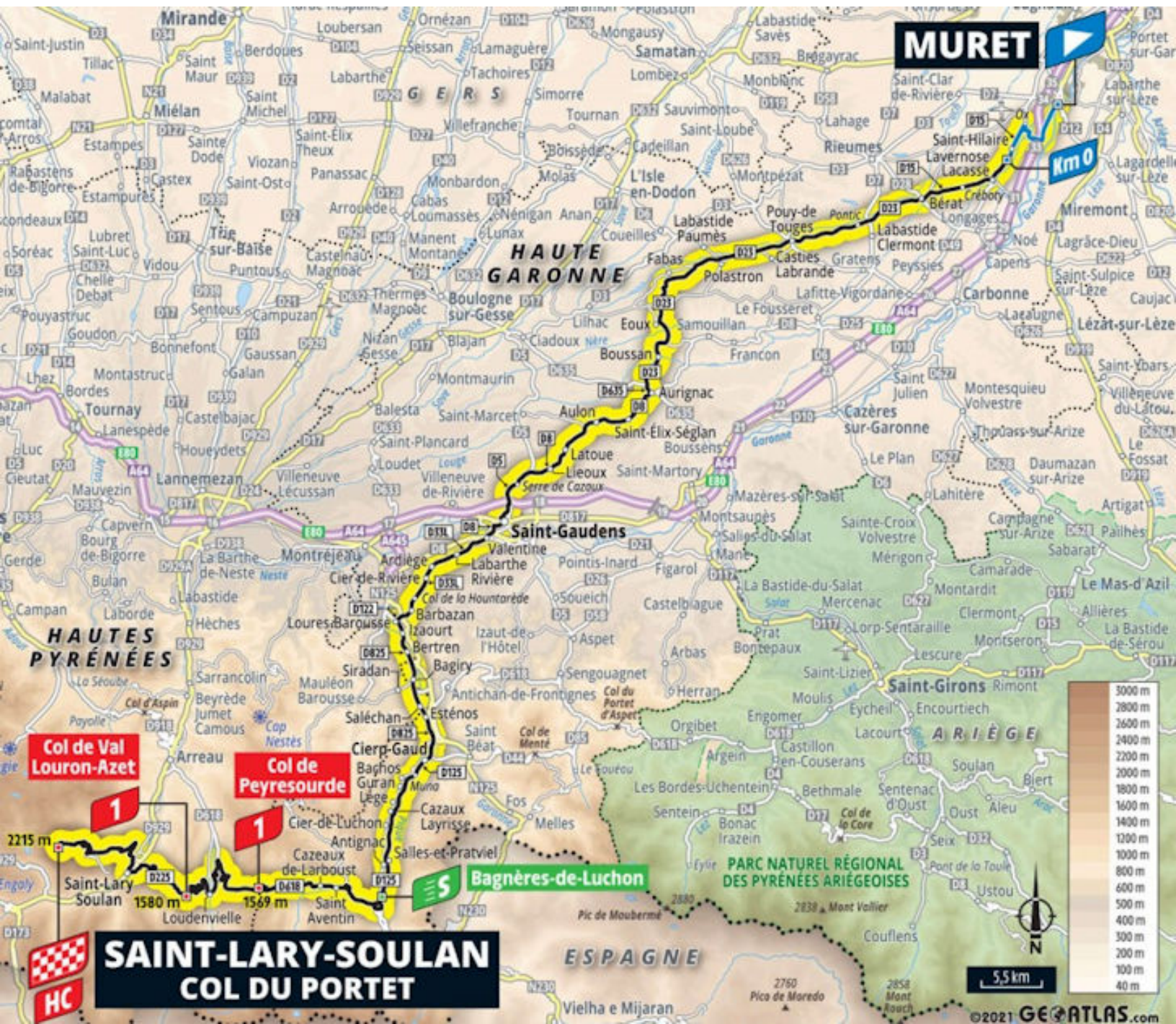
**Tim in KY** Lots of jackets despite a very temperate 18 degrees.

07-14-2021  
05:57:09 am



**Tim in KY** Cloudy and misty but no rain.

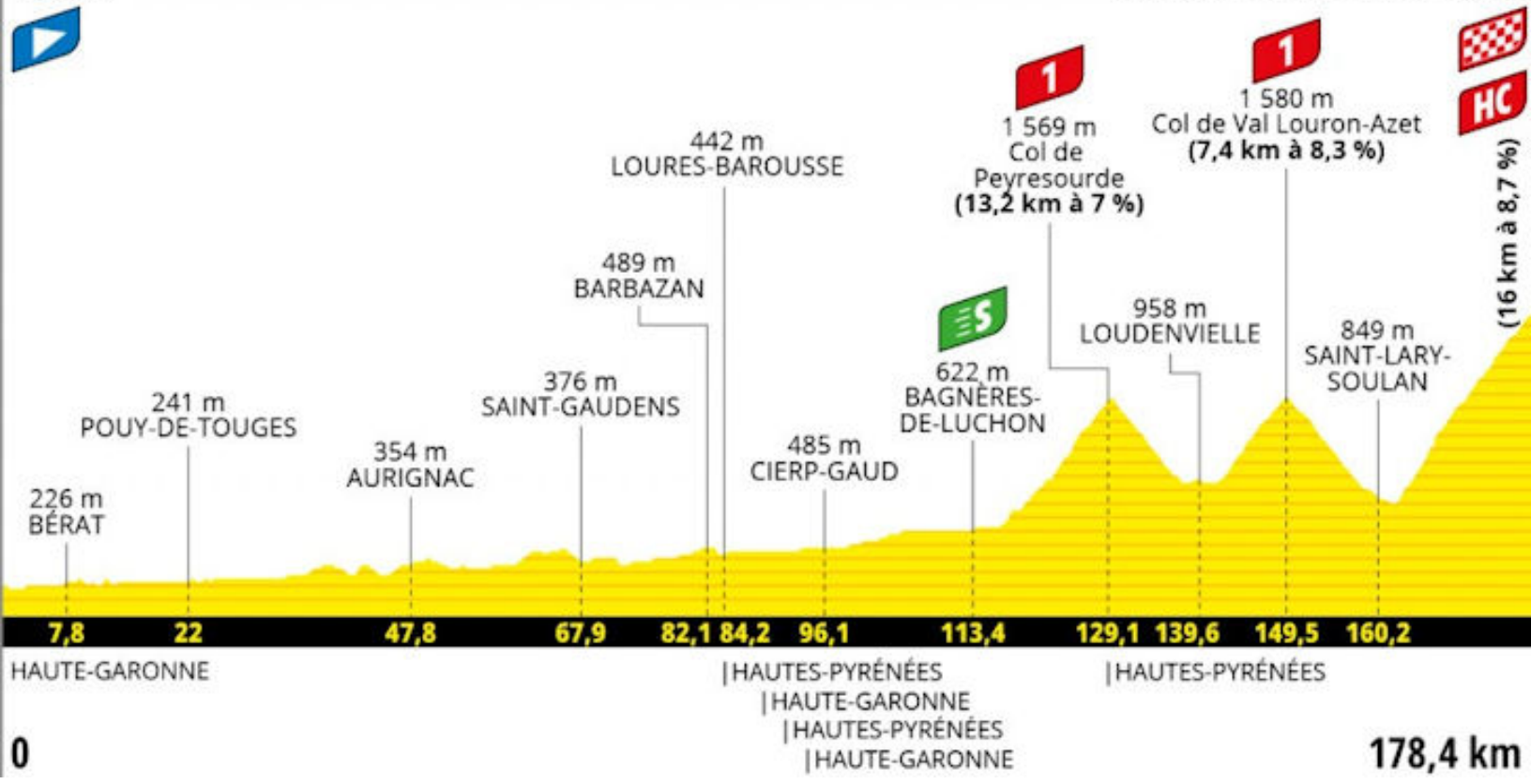
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**MURET**  
198 m



**SAINT-LARY-SOULAN**  
Col du Portet 2 215 m



# SAINT-LARY-SOULAN Col du Portet

2 215 m - km 178

(16 km à 8,7%)



825 m VIGNEC- km 162 Pied de col

1 248 m Soulan - km 166,5

1 489 m Espiaube - km 169

2 113 m Tunnel  
km 177

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Pourcentage moyen par kilomètre

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**Tim in KY** A bit of drizzle now that doesn't show on radar.

07-14-2021  
06:05:00 am



**Tim in KY** Nine km of neutral today. Still 3 to go.

07-14-2021  
06:09:39 am



**bikerabe** Race is ON

07-14-2021  
06:17:51 am



**Tim in KY** Sort of half-hearted break attempts.

07-14-2021  
06:18:08 am



**bikerabe** Rolland solosw

07-14-2021  
06:21:18 am



**Tim in KY** Looks like DQS doesn't want a break. It's a long way to the sprint.

07-14-2021  
06:22:49 am



**Tim in KY** Brief chores.

07-14-2021  
06:28:53 am



**bikerabe** Cavendish only 37 points in front of Bling, wants sprint points is riding at peloton front

07-14-2021  
06:29:25 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Morning all.

07-14-2021  
06:38:06 am



**Tim in KY** I think an easier DQS strategy would be to let a big break of non-sprinters go and eat up all the sprint points.

07-14-2021  
06:39:53 am



**Tim in KY** Morning, Charlie.

07-14-2021  
06:40:54 am



**bikerabe** Blthye on moto says peloton going slow with Cav absolutely on the peloton front

07-14-2021  
06:47:29 am



**Charlie in Tenn** I agree Tim. Let a bunch of them go.

07-14-2021  
06:48:44 am



**Charlie in Tenn** The green jersey is about finishing within the time limit for Cav. An easy day with other riders taking points is good.

07-14-2021  
06:50:15 am



**bikerabe** gap over 2 minutes

07-14-2021  
06:51:10 am



**Tim in KY** There are seven riders up the road, but not together. Four in the lead group, two chasers and then one chaser.

07-14-2021  
06:52:10 am



**Tim in KY** The peloton is almost 4:00 back.

07-14-2021  
06:52:49 am



**bikerabe** natural breaks

07-14-2021  
06:52:59 am



**Tim in KY** 19 kph tailwind right now.

07-14-2021  
06:53:49 am



**mmcally** The three chasers behind the leading group are all french guys. Bastille Day responsibilities.

07-14-2021  
06:54:00 am



**bikerabe** Cav off the front with JuJu

07-14-2021  
06:55:50 am



**Mikey** Good Morning

07-14-2021  
06:57:48 am



**Tim in KY** Now six in the lead group.

07-14-2021  
07:00:01 am



**Tim in KY** Best placed in the break is a 2:18:48.

07-14-2021  
07:01:45 am



**Tim in KY** EFN and UAE each have one rider minding the gap.

07-14-2021  
07:03:11 am



**Tim in KY** Crosswalk has abandoned.

07-14-2021  
07:05:03 am



**bikerabe** Vinego still has Kuss to work for him

07-14-2021  
07:09:02 am



**Tim in KY** And WvA.

07-14-2021  
07:10:15 am



**bikerabe** yes

07-14-2021  
07:10:38 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Vinego has the TT as a big bonus for him. He was only 27 sec behind Pog on the first one. He may just need to follow today and tomorrow.

07-14-2021  
07:10:59 am



**Tim in KY** Bernard making no progress in catching the break.

07-14-2021  
07:12:25 am



**Tim in KY** 1:07.

07-14-2021  
07:12:34 am



**bikerabe** 5 minute gap

07-14-2021  
07:13:13 am



**Tim in KY** Currently at the slowest imaginable time.

07-14-2021  
07:15:19 am



**Rocket City Gal** Good morning and happy Bastille Day! Â 4 Frenchmen in the 6-man breakâ€¦!

07-14-2021  
07:17:21 am



**Tim in KY** Morning, RCG.

07-14-2021  
07:17:49 am



**Tim in KY** Two UAE on the front followed by six AG2R. Why?

07-14-2021  
07:21:13 am



**Rocket City Gal** Most recent French riders winning in Bastille Day:Â 2017 - Warren Barguil 2005 - David MoncoutiÂ© 2004 - Richard Virenque 2001 - Laurent Jalabert 1997 - Laurent Brochard 1995 - Laurent Jalabert

07-14-2021  
07:21:42 am



**Tim in KY** Six in 25 years is a little sad.Â Not going to happen this year, either.

07-14-2021  
07:22:49 am



**bikerabe** Cttroen hoping to add to that record

07-14-2021  
07:22:52 am



**Rocket City Gal** I even beat PCS to that one â€” lâ€™™m sure theyâ€™™ll have a list at some point.

07-14-2021  
07:23:04 am



**bikerabe** 6' gap

07-14-2021  
07:26:07 am



**Tim in KY** While things are calm, I'm going to take a walk.

07-14-2021  
07:28:50 am



**Rocket City Gal** Earlier in the Tour, Cavendish indicated that the goal wasn't the green jersey, just sprint wins. However, I think now that he's had it for so many days and now that the end of the Tour is so close, he's probably changed his mind and really wants to keep it.

07-14-2021  
07:30:25 am



**Rocket City Gal** It's admirable that he's still hanging in there, given that he wasn't really training for a 3 week stage race! DQS's support of him has been fabulous.

07-14-2021  
07:31:44 am



**bikerabe** Bernard going back to peloton

07-14-2021  
07:35:53 am



**Mikey** I'm off to ride my bike. Should be a really nice day here. Have to take advantage of the beautiful weather. Enjoy the day.

07-14-2021  
07:59:30 am



**Tim in KY** I guess I didn't miss anything.

07-14-2021  
08:02:36 am



**bikerabe** Good looking bird in flight Wonder what it was

07-14-2021  
08:24:24 am



**Tim in KY** I missed the bird.

07-14-2021  
08:28:32 am



**Alison Quarles** Morning!

07-14-2021  
08:35:35 am



**Tim in KY** Hi, AliQ.

07-14-2021  
08:36:04 am



**Tim in KY** Nothing to see here.

07-14-2021  
08:36:12 am



**Katie S** Mornin, all. Are we still not yet to the first climb?

07-14-2021  
08:38:27 am



**Katie S** Or did I miss the first climb?

07-14-2021  
08:39:26 am





**Alison Quarles** @Katie S I wish I could tell you but I'm clueless...

07-14-2021  
08:40:23 am



**bikerabe** still the inter sprint to come before 1st climb

07-14-2021  
08:41:21 am



**Katie S** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626266815-1626266517005.jpeg>

07-14-2021  
08:41:56 am



**Tim in KY** First climb starts with 65 km to go.

07-14-2021  
08:42:16 am



**Tim in KY** Litter zone.

07-14-2021  
08:44:08 am



**bikerabe** 9 points for peloton winner in sprint

07-14-2021  
08:47:43 am



**Katie S** The race went through Luchon back in 2003 when I had the pleasure of being along for the ride. It's got a long, straight boulevard lined with plane trees. As it was the 100th edition of the race, they also had a nice floral arrangement at the entrance to town.

07-14-2021  
08:48:40 am



**Katie S** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626267223-1626266924782.jpeg>

07-14-2021  
08:48:44 am



**Alison Quarles** Love that!

07-14-2021  
08:50:31 am



**Katie S** Let me correct myself, it was the 100th year, but not the 100th edition.

07-14-2021  
08:53:42 am



**Tim in KY** Break actually contesting the sprint. Why?

07-14-2021  
08:55:22 am



**Katie S** sh\*ts n giggles?

07-14-2021  
08:55:37 am



**bikerabe** Danny van Poppel

07-14-2021  
08:56:27 am







**Tim in KY** On the climb.

07-14-2021  
08:59:03 am



**Katie S** Things starting to tilt up now

07-14-2021  
08:59:06 am



**Katie S** dang

07-14-2021  
09:03:41 am



**bikerabe** Bling 1st Cav 2nd

07-14-2021  
09:03:45 am



**Katie S** smart but dang

07-14-2021  
09:03:46 am



**Tim in KY** Cav didn't look like he was giving his all.

07-14-2021  
09:05:33 am



**Katie S** agree

07-14-2021  
09:05:41 am



**Tim in KY** Peloton on the climb.

07-14-2021  
09:07:34 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Tim went on a walk and I fell asleep. First time I have done that in a long time.

07-14-2021  
09:09:57 am



**Charlie in Tenn** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626268516-inter%2017.PNG>

07-14-2021  
09:10:18 am



**Tim in KY** It was that sort of stage.Â Heats up now.

07-14-2021  
09:10:25 am



**Tim in KY** Quintana is nuts.

07-14-2021  
09:11:00 am



**bikerabe** Poels 3rd wheel behind Nairo






07-14-2021  
09:11:22 am



**Charlie in Tenn** It is starting and I hope it is good.

07-14-2021  
09:11:42 am

## Virtual point classification.

RNK.		RIDER	POINTS	POINTS SINCE TODAY
1	-	 <a href="#">CAVENDISH Mark</a>	287	8
2	-	 <a href="#">MATTHEWS Michael</a>	251	9
3	-	 <a href="#">COLBRELLI Sonny</a>	201	6
4	-	 <a href="#">PHILIPSEN Jasper</a>	178	4
5	-	 <a href="#">ALAPHILIPPE Julian</a>	135	-



**Katie S** Q nuts as in lacks strategy? or just goes for it?

07-14-2021  
09:12:07 am



**bikerabe** 2021 Q goes then fades

07-14-2021  
09:12:43 am



**Tim in KY** I think those are the same thing at this point.

07-14-2021  
09:12:52 am



**bikerabe** LaTour catches front 3

07-14-2021  
09:15:09 am



**bikerabe** of chase

07-14-2021  
09:15:25 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Q only has 2 teammates in the race. One with him and one OTB.

07-14-2021  
09:16:37 am



**Tim in KY** Q only has 25 seconds on the peloton.

07-14-2021  
09:16:43 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Kwiatkowski OTB. I wonder if he is ill or is taking it easy today and will work hard tomorrow. I have a theory that Ineos has been saving a rider on a lot of these bigger stages. I seemed like there was always someone out early in a lot of stages. Of course, they had several injuries so maybe not related.

07-14-2021  
09:21:10 am



**bikerabe** designated slacker

07-14-2021  
09:22:15 am



**Tim in KY** I think he has a rest day today.

07-14-2021  
09:22:37 am



**Tim in KY** Q making no progress over the GC group.

07-14-2021  
09:24:24 am



**bikerabe** 4 km to top

07-14-2021  
09:25:24 am



**Charlie in Tenn** This has been a hard race with hard starts every stage. Cobrelli says he is done.

07-14-2021  
09:28:46 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Powless is gone. There is not going to be anyone left.

07-14-2021  
09:29:15 am



**John** Heâ€™s done or his battery pack is shot?

07-14-2021  
09:29:20 am



**Tim in KY** That always looks like a lot more than 3km from this vantage point.

07-14-2021  
09:29:34 am



**bikerabe** peloton catching Q oof course

07-14-2021  
09:29:50 am



**Tim in KY** Q learned this tactic at Movi.

07-14-2021  
09:30:33 am



**bikerabe** Latour goes

07-14-2021  
09:30:52 am



**bikerabe** Q won this stage 3 years ago with Movistar

07-14-2021  
09:32:07 am



**Charlie in Tenn** UAE seems to have a kinda strong team after all. They have ridden good on all the early climbs but have not been there at the end. Pog has not needed them so far. BTW, the last climb today is considered the hardest climb in the Pyrenees.

07-14-2021  
09:35:34 am



**Tim in KY** Tao not having a good Tour.

07-14-2021  
09:36:52 am



**bikerabe** Pog will ride tempo up Portet and sprint on the flat at top

07-14-2021  
09:37:31 am



**SFinAus** Good morning, all. Q has definitely been yo-yo-ing in a big way in the climbs this year. Weird form, or maybe lacking form and just rallies erratically when he can. UAE seems to have improved quite a bit over early days.

07-14-2021  
09:38:00 am



**Tim in KY** Break crests.

07-14-2021  
09:38:29 am



**bikerabe** KOM points takewn

07-14-2021  
09:38:42 am



**Tim in KY** WvA and Sepp shepherding Vineguard.

07-14-2021  
09:42:09 am



**Tim in KY** GC group crests.

07-14-2021  
09:42:30 am



**Katie S** Everytime I see Chevalier's name, I think:

07-14-2021  
09:43:51 am



**Katie S** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626270533-1626270235326.jpeg>

07-14-2021  
09:43:55 am



**Tim in KY** Descent is only 10 km.

07-14-2021  
09:44:18 am



**Tim in KY** Contrary to this morning's forecast, it is nice and sunny.

07-14-2021  
09:45:14 am



**Alison Quarles** Gigi!

07-14-2021  
09:45:27 am



**Tim in KY** Thank heaven.

07-14-2021  
09:46:06 am



**Tim in KY** Dam!

07-14-2021  
09:51:49 am



**Tim in KY** Break on the second Cat 1.

07-14-2021  
09:52:25 am



**Katie S** And, in case you were wondering, the Caravan is on the last climb (you can see it clearly marked on letour.com's race profile):

07-14-2021  
09:57:39 am



**Katie S** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626271361-1626271062645.jpeg>

07-14-2021  
09:57:41 am



**Katie S** Perez trying to shake it up. Turgis feeling a big turgid.

07-14-2021  
09:58:43 am



**Katie S** Godon saying "go on without me"

07-14-2021  
09:58:54 am

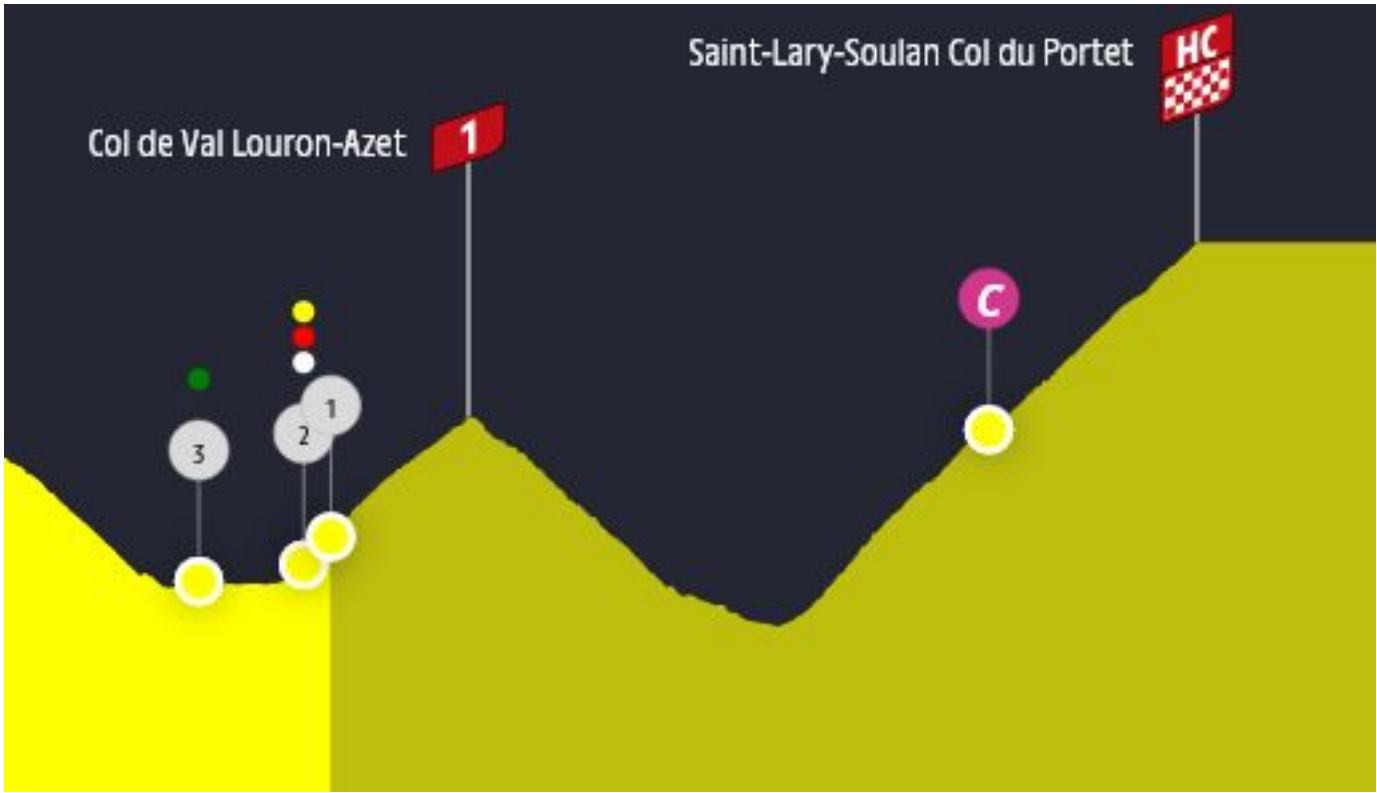


**SFinAus** I like letour.fr's live graphics and info content.

07-14-2021  
09:59:51 am









**Katie S** 1KU-ish

07-14-2021  
10:01:55 am



**Tim in KY** The plan for the caravan is to loop around the finish, go through in the down direction and go down to the valley by a different road.

07-14-2021  
10:02:24 am



**Katie S** better than the way it's happened on other mountaintop finishes, when the riders have threaded their way through the caravan to get off the mountain.

07-14-2021  
10:03:19 am



**Tim in KY** 3 km to the top for Perez.

07-14-2021  
10:06:11 am



**Tim in KY** GC group keeps shrinking.

07-14-2021  
10:09:27 am



**Tim in KY** Van Pople and Postalburger caught by the GC group.

07-14-2021  
10:10:48 am



**Tim in KY** Maurice caught.

07-14-2021  
10:11:34 am



**Katie S** just saw a grown man in a bear suit. And another in a yellow dress with rainbow colored hair. We must be entering the Land Or The Eejits.

07-14-2021  
10:12:27 am



**Katie S** outskirts of, perhaps

07-14-2021  
10:12:39 am



**bikerabe** Perez will get KOM

07-14-2021  
10:14:34 am



**Tim in KY** And he's over.

07-14-2021  
10:14:48 am



**bikerabe** He is FRENCH

07-14-2021  
10:15:08 am



**Charlie in Tenn** was it a summer dress or more of a fall/winter one?

07-14-2021  
10:15:31 am



**Katie S** more of a summer one

07-14-2021  
10:16:31 am



**John** Wouldn't it be great if Cofidis breaks their non-winning streak on Bastille Day. Hope he is able to stay away, but know he probably won't

07-14-2021  
10:17:14 am



**Tim in KY** Pog has two guys left.

07-14-2021  
10:17:55 am



**Tim in KY** Ain't gonna happen, John.

07-14-2021  
10:18:15 am



**SFinAus** Wout Poels away for points

07-14-2021  
10:18:35 am



**Tim in KY** 25 km banner for Perez.

07-14-2021  
10:18:42 am



**Katie S** Perez not looking like he's itching to do the SuperTuck. Is he much of a descender?

07-14-2021  
10:18:56 am



**Tim in KY** Don't know, Katie.

07-14-2021  
10:19:49 am



**bikerabe** 6 points for Poels now at 8-

07-14-2021  
10:20:02 am



**bikerabe** 80

07-14-2021  
10:20:09 am



**Katie S** someone just swung onto the verge there.

07-14-2021  
10:20:27 am



**Tim in KY** Sepp in the grass.

07-14-2021  
10:20:33 am



**Tim in KY** Godon catches Perez.

07-14-2021  
10:21:18 am



**bikerabe** no problem

07-14-2021  
10:21:21 am



**bikerabe** for Kuss

07-14-2021  
10:21:32 am



**Katie S** I'm going out on a limb to say Perez is not much of a descender...

07-14-2021  
10:21:56 am



**John** I know, Tim. Always fun to dream.

07-14-2021  
10:22:30 am



**Katie S** Loved seeing that kid (I hope a kid) jumping up and down on the side of teh road as the first two riders come whipping around the corner. Such a rush.

07-14-2021  
10:23:30 am



**Tim in KY** Turgis stuck in no-mans-land.

07-14-2021  
10:24:09 am



**bikerabe** Godon too young forFear

07-14-2021  
10:24:52 am



**bikerabe** last climb coming

07-14-2021  
10:25:51 am



**Tim in KY** On the HC.

07-14-2021  
10:28:06 am



**bikerabe** 16 km to finish

07-14-2021  
10:28:14 am



**Katie S** Heading for St. Larry.

07-14-2021  
10:28:22 am



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626273216-stage-17-portet.jpg>

07-14-2021  
10:28:37 am



**bikerabe** Poels at 78 points KOM

07-14-2021  
10:29:51 am



**Tim in KY** Green jersey just now cresting.

07-14-2021  
10:30:08 am



**SFinAus** That was a great camera shot of the climb.Â Oh my.

07-14-2021  
10:30:12 am



**Tim in KY** Time cut looks to be around 39 minutes.

07-14-2021  
10:33:11 am

# SAINT-LARY-SOULAN Col du Portet

2 215 m - km 178

(16 km à 8,7%)



825 m VIGNEC- km 162 Pied de col

1 248 m Soulan - km 166,5

1 489 m Espiaube - km 169

2 113 m Tunnel  
km 177

2 200 m  
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Pourcentage moyen par kilomètre

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**Katie S** geez, that road is carved in like a cattle trail

07-14-2021  
10:34:35 am



**Katie S** Steep. 13%

07-14-2021  
10:35:14 am



**Tim in KY** Godon attacks, Perez answers.

07-14-2021  
10:35:45 am



**Tim in KY** WHF dropped.

07-14-2021  
10:37:06 am



**Tim in KY** Q dropped.

07-14-2021  
10:37:26 am



**Katie S** Nairo looking pretty weak

07-14-2021  
10:37:28 am



**Tim in KY** WvA dropped.

07-14-2021  
10:37:44 am



**Katie S** WVA not so good, either

07-14-2021  
10:37:45 am



**Tim in KY** Perez goes Godon can't go.

07-14-2021  
10:38:18 am



**Katie S** Godon wasn't paying attention, either, I think.

07-14-2021  
10:38:25 am



**Katie S** C'mon Perez, turn yourself inside out and break out of the Bastille for Cofidis.

07-14-2021  
10:39:13 am



**Tim in KY** Porte pooped.

07-14-2021  
10:39:29 am



**bikerabe** Yellow group getting small

07-14-2021  
10:39:44 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Gordon is a big rider.

07-14-2021  
10:39:48 am



**SFinAus** Perez is "storming" the climb.Â Man this looks so steep.

07-14-2021  
10:40:01 am



**Alaska Davr** Good morning from the soaking mist. Not sure Iâ€™d Â prefer continuous switchbacks or seeing the pain laid out in front of me.

07-14-2021  
10:40:51 am



**Tim in KY** Ion negative.

07-14-2021  
10:40:54 am



**Tim in KY** Three EFNs still in the GC group.

07-14-2021  
10:41:55 am



**bikerabe** Sepp looking good near Pog where's Vinego ?

07-14-2021  
10:41:55 am



**Tim in KY** Right behind Pog, I think.

07-14-2021  
10:42:21 am



**bikerabe** no that's Vinego

07-14-2021  
10:43:01 am



**Charlie in Tenn** G gone

07-14-2021  
10:43:35 am



**Tim in KY** Thomas tossed.

07-14-2021  
10:43:35 am



**John** What a beast of a climb

07-14-2021  
10:43:46 am



**Charlie in Tenn** POG has one guy left.

07-14-2021  
10:44:07 am



**Katie S** plus himself

07-14-2021  
10:44:17 am



**bikerabe** big plus

07-14-2021  
10:45:10 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Pog doesn't like the heat. It "could" be a problem. I doubt it.

07-14-2021  
10:45:11 am





**Katie S** what is the temp?

07-14-2021  
10:45:45 am



**Tim in KY** Mid teens.

07-14-2021  
10:45:56 am



**bikerabe** it is Sepp behind Pog

07-14-2021  
10:46:48 am



**bikerabe** Yellow under 2 minutes

07-14-2021  
10:47:14 am



**Katie S** Lurking

07-14-2021  
10:47:24 am



**Katie S** If Uran has the legs, I say he'll attack

07-14-2021  
10:47:37 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Crapass is the one that is weakest in the TT. He has to try and attack to gain time. If he can.

07-14-2021  
10:48:43 am



**SFinAus** I'm wondering if the guys in 2nd-6th will try anything today or "keep their powder dry" until tomorrow. All depends on how they're feeling - of course.

07-14-2021  
10:49:42 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Ineos on the front. They are trying to drop a few of the top guys.

07-14-2021  
10:49:43 am



**Alaska Davr** Internet just died. Do I sneak into the office early?

07-14-2021  
10:50:04 am



**bikerabe** 10 km for Perez

07-14-2021  
10:50:23 am



**Katie S** uh-oh, Dave. Yes!

07-14-2021  
10:50:34 am



**Tim in KY** He has 1:49.

07-14-2021  
10:50:43 am



**bikerabe** Yellow at 1:12 now

07-14-2021  
10:51:45 am



**Charlie in Tenn** <https://rumbletalk-images->

07-14-2021  
10:51:58 am

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**Charlie in Tenn** wgere we stood before the stage

07-14-2021  
10:52:08 am

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**Alaska Davr** 42 seconds is not a long distance at these speeds (net back on)

07-14-2021  
10:52:19 am

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**Charlie in Tenn** The time bonuses will be in play today.

07-14-2021  
10:52:47 am

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**bikerabe** WVA at back of Yellow group

07-14-2021  
10:53:11 am

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**bikerabe** Godon caught

07-14-2021  
10:53:32 am

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**Alaska Davr** Faces of a thousand deaths: majka and perez

07-14-2021  
10:53:38 am

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**Tim in KY** Too many BIVs still in this group.

07-14-2021  
10:53:49 am

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**bikerabe** 9 km to go

07-14-2021  
10:54:55 am

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**bikerabe** Bilbao 2nd now

07-14-2021  
10:56:05 am

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**bikerabe** caught

07-14-2021  
10:56:15 am

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**SFinAus** Pog takes off!

07-14-2021  
10:56:20 am

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**bikerabe** Pog goes

07-14-2021  
10:56:28 am

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**Tim in KY** Bilbao's battery died.

07-14-2021  
10:56:38 am

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**General Classification after Stage 16**

SLO	1	POGACAR, Tadej (UAE TEAM EMIRATES)	66:23:06
COL	2	URAN, Rigoberto (EF EDUCATION-NIPPO)	+ 5:18
DEN	3	VINGEGAARD, Jonas (JUMBO-VISMA)	+ 5:32
ECU	4	CARAPAZ, Richard (INEOS GRENADIERS)	+ 5:33
AUS	5	O'CONNOR, Ben (AG2R CITROËN TEAM)	+ 5:58
NED	6	KELDERMAN, Wilco (BORA-HANSGROHE)	+ 6:16
KAZ	7	LUTSENKO, Alexey (ASTANA-PREMIER TECH)	+ 7:01
ESP	8	MAS, Enric (MOVISTAR TEAM)	+ 7:11
FRA	9	MARTIN, Guillaume (COFIDIS)	+ 8:02
ESP	10	BILBAO, Pello (BAHRAIN VICTORIOUS)	+ 10:59
FRA	11	GAUDU, David (GROUPAMA-FDJ)	+ 14:13
ITA	12	CATTANEO, Mattia (DECEUNINCK-QUICK STEP)	+ 14:45



**bikerabe** Perez gone

07-14-2021  
10:56:43 am



**Katie S** geez

07-14-2021  
10:57:16 am



**SFinAus** Crapass, Vinga and Rigo hanging in

07-14-2021  
10:57:18 am



**SFinAus** Off he goes again.

07-14-2021  
10:57:25 am



**bikerabe** Vinego goes !

07-14-2021  
10:57:25 am



**John** This is where I add my daily "this is a bit too incredible" comment

07-14-2021  
10:57:49 am



**Katie S** he is a beast or a machine or something extraterrestrial or, what John said.

07-14-2021  
10:57:57 am



**bikerabe** Uran third

07-14-2021  
10:57:59 am



**SFinAus** Just what I was ruminating on, John.

07-14-2021  
10:58:13 am



**SFinAus** Rigo cracks :(

07-14-2021  
10:58:22 am



**bikerabe** Rigo pops

07-14-2021  
10:58:24 am



**Katie S** c'mon Rigo.

07-14-2021  
10:58:42 am



**Alaska Davr** Seldom does a camera shot show how steep this is. Ouch.

07-14-2021  
10:58:45 am



**Tim in KY** Still a looong way to go.

07-14-2021  
10:58:52 am



**John** I mean, I really really want to believe heâ€™s young and super talented, butâ€¦!

07-14-2021  
10:58:53 am



**Katie S** I think the hair tufts are his tractor beam to the mother ship from Planet Pog

07-14-2021  
11:00:07 am



**Toulouse** John, that's what I always want to believe. And every time my belief bubble gets popped.

07-14-2021  
11:00:08 am



**SFinAus** Oh, my eyes.Â Somebody give that guy a bear suit

07-14-2021  
11:00:12 am



**Tim in KY** Higuita pulling Rigo.

07-14-2021  
11:01:27 am



**Alaska Davr** Crapaz either hanging on by a thread or sucking wheel and playing poker

07-14-2021  
11:03:23 am



**Katie S** Ooooh, is there some mist up here now, too?

07-14-2021  
11:03:52 am



**Charlie in Tenn** FYI first TTÂ Pog won, vinge 27, rigo 1:08, crapass 1:44

07-14-2021  
11:03:56 am



**Alaska Davr** Cyclists in the mist

07-14-2021  
11:04:09 am



**John** Pot looks annoyed that Crapass is still there

07-14-2021  
11:05:44 am



**Charlie in Tenn** long way to go

07-14-2021  
11:05:50 am



**Katie S** 5 K

07-14-2021  
11:06:00 am



**Tim in KY** Can they do this for 5 km?

07-14-2021  
11:06:11 am



**Katie S** I can't see Crapass doing it for 5 km. But Vinego looks like a cool customer.

07-14-2021  
11:06:50 am



**Charlie in Tenn** POG's neck is going to hurt after all this looking back

07-14-2021  
11:07:21 am



**Alaska Davr** Bilbao out of gas.

07-14-2021  
11:07:38 am



**Tim in KY** Out of battery.

07-14-2021  
11:07:59 am



**Katie S** Seriously, Pog? You think Crapass is going to come forward and do some work?

07-14-2021  
11:07:59 am



**Katie S** That last bit up to the line is steeper than this

07-14-2021  
11:10:26 am



**Alaska Davr** Gaudu trying to rescue the French.

07-14-2021  
11:10:28 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Crapass is racing Uran! He can't worry about these two. He riding for the podium.

07-14-2021  
11:10:33 am



**Katie S** Oh, great Jokers and chalk flares.

07-14-2021  
11:10:57 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Well, I guess since Vinge is only a second ahead of Crapass, he probably is racing him a little.

07-14-2021  
11:12:14 am



**Alison Quarles** These slow motion mountain stages wear me out.

07-14-2021  
11:12:43 am



**Katie S** I'm actually surprised there are not more fans/eejits up here.

07-14-2021  
11:13:49 am



**Katie S** Oh, geez, I just saw Vinego's breath. It \*is\* chilly up there.

07-14-2021  
11:14:21 am



**John** Those guys in bikinis donâ€™t think itâ€™s that cold

07-14-2021  
11:16:14 am



**Katie S** i have no words to respond

07-14-2021  
11:16:29 am



**bikerabe** 2 km

07-14-2021  
11:16:42 am



**Katie S** Gotta hand it to Crapass for hanging on

07-14-2021  
11:17:17 am



**John** How is Vinego's sprint?

07-14-2021  
11:17:19 am



**SFinAus** Crapasss plays his hand.

07-14-2021  
11:17:39 am



**Katie S** well, well, well

07-14-2021  
11:17:43 am



**Tim in KY** Crapass goes.

07-14-2021  
11:17:46 am



**Tim in KY** Pog catches.

07-14-2021  
11:18:08 am



**Alison Quarles** Y'all are way ahead of me.

07-14-2021  
11:18:14 am



**Katie S** i'm at 1.1

07-14-2021  
11:18:20 am



**Katie S** 1

07-14-2021  
11:18:21 am



**Alison Quarles** 1.3

07-14-2021  
11:18:30 am



**Katie S** ok, no spoiler alert from me

07-14-2021  
11:18:45 am



**Tim in KY** I'm at 700m.

07-14-2021  
11:18:52 am



**SFinAus** Pog looks very comfortable..... maybe a good poker face

07-14-2021  
11:18:56 am



**bikerabe** Vinego doesn't

07-14-2021  
11:19:10 am



**SFinAus** 600mÂ I'll be quiet.

07-14-2021  
11:19:11 am



**Toulouse** Vertical kilometers must have twice as many meters in them as the horizontal ones.

07-14-2021  
11:21:09 am



**Alison Quarles** I just won't look.

07-14-2021  
11:21:12 am



**Alaska Davr** Justice

07-14-2021  
11:21:36 am



**bikerabe** Vinego back on

07-14-2021  
11:21:44 am



**Alison Quarles** Wow.

07-14-2021  
11:21:55 am



**Katie S** You've seen the finish, AliQ?

07-14-2021  
11:22:12 am



**Alison Quarles** YES!

07-14-2021  
11:22:19 am



**Katie S** That was probably the most surprising last couple k in a while, but I guess the outcome was foregone..

07-14-2021  
11:22:49 am



**John** So much for Crapass

07-14-2021  
11:22:49 am



**Katie S** Mas says no mas, por favor

07-14-2021  
11:23:12 am



**Tim in KY** Time cut started at 38 minutes.

07-14-2021  
11:24:09 am



**SFinAus** That seemed like a brutal climb and great stage route

07-14-2021  
11:24:59 am



**Alison Quarles** TT tomorrow?

07-14-2021  
11:25:35 am





**Tim in KY** Three EFNs in the top 15.

07-14-2021  
11:25:44 am



**Charlie in Tenn** Yes, that was a tough climb. Lots of time to do something.

07-14-2021  
11:25:47 am



**Katie S** Tourmalet tomorrow

07-14-2021  
11:25:48 am



**Alison Quarles** Ah, glad I'll be here for that one.

07-14-2021  
11:26:05 am



**SFinAus** Green jersey group at ~22 minutes

07-14-2021  
11:26:17 am



**John** Go Cav go!

07-14-2021  
11:26:26 am



**Katie S** Uran holds onto 4th. I'm surprised.

07-14-2021  
11:26:32 am



**Katie S** but by a big gap from #3

07-14-2021  
11:26:46 am



**Charlie in Tenn** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626276704-stage%2017.PNG>

07-14-2021  
11:26:47 am



**Alison Quarles** Which graphic to believe?

07-14-2021  
11:27:42 am



**Charlie in Tenn** The one I posted above is the stage finish.

07-14-2021  
11:28:12 am



**Alaska Davr** Or live in suspended disbelief.

07-14-2021  
11:28:20 am



**Charlie in Tenn** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1626276837-gc%2017.PNG>

07-14-2021  
11:28:59 am



**SFinAus** From letour, cut off is counting down with ~30 minutes left





07-14-2021  
11:29:18 am

Étape 17 : Muret • Saint-Lary-Soulan Col du Portet  
Classement provisoire étape

<b>1</b>	<b>T. Pogacar</b>		<b>UAD</b>	<b>5h03'31"</b>
2	J. Vingegaard		TJV	+ 3"
3	R. Carapaz		IGD	+ 4"
4	D. Gaudu		GFC	+ 1'19"
5	B. O'Connor		ACT	+ 1'26"
6	W. Kelderman		BOH	+ 1'40"
7	P. Bilbao		TBV	+ 1'44"
8	S.A. Higuita		EFN	+ 1'49"
9	R. Uran		EFN	+ 1'49"
10	D. Teuns		TBV	+ 1'49"

## General classification after Stage 17.

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RNK.	RIDER	TEAM	TIME
1	 <a href="#">POGAČAR Tadej</a>	UAE-Team Emirates	71:26:27
2	 <a href="#">VINGEGAARD Jonas</a>	Team Jumbo-Visma	5:39
3	 <a href="#">CARAPAZ Richard</a>	INEOS Grenadiers	5:43
4	 <a href="#">URÁN Rigoberto</a>	EF Education - Nippo	7:17
5	 <a href="#">O'CONNOR Ben</a>	AG2R Citroën Team	7:34
6	 <a href="#">KELDERMAN Wilco</a>	BORA - hansgrohe	8:06
7	 <a href="#">MAS Enric</a>	Movistar Team	9:48
8	 <a href="#">LUTSENKO Alexey</a>	Astana - Premier Tech	10:04
9	 <a href="#">MARTIN Guillaume</a>	Cofidis, Solutions Crédits	11:51
10	 <a href="#">BILBAO Pello</a>	Bahrain - Victorious	12:53



**Charlie in Tenn** OK, Bilbao is gonna win tomorrow.

07-14-2021  
11:30:58 am



**John** Will Pogâ€™s win today help my fantasy team? I say no.

07-14-2021  
11:31:24 am



**Toulouse** I admire your optimism, Charlie.

07-14-2021  
11:31:39 am



**Charlie in Tenn** OK see you tomorrow.

07-14-2021  
11:32:25 am



**John** See you all tomorrow. Looking forward to another climbing day

07-14-2021  
11:33:26 am



**Katie S** Cheers all. I'm off to the store to see if I can find moules for supper on Bastille Day.

07-14-2021  
11:33:28 am