

Stage Classement

1. Biniam Girmay
2. Youcef Reguigui
3. Niccolo Bonifazio

Stage 4

Mitzić →
Oyem
122 km



General Classement

1. Niccolo Bonifazio
2. Tesfom Sirak
3. André Greipel

GIRMAY HAILU SURPRISED EVERYONE

While the German sprinter André Greipel was expected to win the first time today, an 18-year-old Eritrean kid doubled everyone on the line to achieve his first UCI race success. As worthy heir of Daniel Teklehaimanot, who is here as leader of the national team of Eritrea, the young rider didn't have complex facing professional sprinters. He knew how to wait for the right moment to pass on the line the cadors who had not been suspicious of him. The professional teams had however imagined having done the hardest by returning to the last breakaway, the Cameroonian Clovis Kamzong just 5 kilometers before the arrival, he was the last survivor of a long runaway of 5 riders. Everything seemed then to be in place to offer the professionals a great fight but it was not counting on this young unknown. He will be able to boast for a long time that he has hung up champions such as Greipel, Bonifazio and Manzin who are accustomed to the biggest sprints on the world races. Italy's Niccolo Bonifazio keeps his yellow jersey as leader.

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The stage victories of Eritrea on the Tropicale in 9 participations

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In centimeters the difference that separates on the finish line the winner Biniam Girmay and the second Youcef Reguigui

Biniam GIRMAY HAILU (the stage winner) :

« Today I did never doubt myself. I felt that I had good legs, just had to wait until the last moment to start my sprint. My teammates have prepared me well to place me in the best conditions. »



The analysis of Bernard Hinault

« It's a great pleasure to see a young African beating the best professional sprinters here. He proves at 18 only that Africa is the way of the cycling future. He ran intelligently, that should serve as an example to many young riders. In cycling, anything is possible! You just have to believe in yourself. »

The story of the day

The jury had to use **the photo-finish** to decide the winner between Biniam Girmay and Youcef Reguigui. This video control system has existed for a long time in cycling well before the VAR in football

About the winner

Birthday : 23-10-2012
Eritrea
National Team of Eritrea
Professionnal since : 2013
Tropicale : 1st participation
Tour of Croatia : 1 stage (2018)
Tour of Poland : 1 stage (2016)
Milan-San Remo : 5th (2015)

Tomorrow 5th stage

Bitam -Mongomo (Guinea Equatorial)

169 km