

Stage Classement

- 1.Lorenzo Manzin
- 2.Niccolo Bonifazio
- 3.Matteo Pelucchi



Stage 4

Mitziç →

Oyem

122 km

General Classement

- 1.Niccolo Bonifazio
- 2.Lorenzo Manzin
- 3.Tesfom Sirak

MANZIN GAVE A GREAT PERFORMANCE IN OYEM

31

The stage victories of a french rider since 2006

5

The number of Africans ranked today in the top 10 of the stage

The young sprinter of the French team Vital Concept-B & B Hotels Lorenzo Manzin today won the 4th stage of the Tropicale after a final in the streets of Oyem, controlled by his teammates who wanted to place him in the best conditions. He beat the two Italians Niccolo Bonifazio and Pelucchi ahead of André Greipel. The German regularly occupies top spots on this Tropicale, he hasn't yet been able to express all his talent.

Lorenzo Manzin found the opening for the first time this season on behalf of the Vital Concept-B & B Hotels team that had come to Gabon with legitimate ambitions for its rider from Reunion. « It's a great win, said Yvonnick Bolgiani, its sporting director, it's the work of the whole team today. » The breakaway of the day had barely been able to reach an advantage of two minutes, because the sprinters teams, that of the winner but also of the yellow jersey Niccolo Bonifazio, Direct Energie, and that of the sprint favorite André Greipel, Arkéa-Samsic. If this three teams joined their forces, it was also because the Tropicale became the sprinters' hunting ground. For the delight of many spectators delighted with this great show.

Lorenzo MANZIN

(the stage winner) :

« I stayed well in the wheel of my teammates up to 150 meters from the finish, so I gave everything. I was not really sure of success but I did my best. I was watching the wheels of Greipel and Bonifazio but in the last meters, I could not see anyone. I thought only of victory. »



The analysis of Bernard Hinault

« It's a great reward for Lorenzo Manzin, who has been able to enjoy the good conditions of his teammates. It's a reassuring victory for the future as it represents the new generation of French sprinters. »

The story of the day

The Jury didn't hesitate to punish the young Eritrean **Biniyam Girmay** guilty of pushing André Greipel against the barriers during the sprint. Initially 2nd he was finally placed 78th, the last place of the pack.

About the winner

Birthday : 29-07-1994

France

Team : Vital Concept-B&B Hotels

Professionnal since : 2015

Tropicale : 1ère participation

La Roue Tourangelle (2015) : 1st

Tour du Limousin (2018) : 1 stage

Vuelta (2017) : 2e of 1 stage

Tomorrow
5th stage

Bitam -Mongomo
(Guinea Equatorial)

169 km