

Stage Classement

- 1.Niccolo Bonifazio
- 2.Youcef Reguigui
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General Classement

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- 3.Sirak Tesfom

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The stage victories of Jean-René Bernaudeau's riders since 2008 on the Tropicale

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The first time a rider wins 3 stages of the Tropicale in 5 days

Niccolo BONIFAZIO (the stage winner) :

« Once again, I was well helped by my team and more particularly by Adrien Petit in the last meters. I followed his wheel with confidence before launching my sprint. When everything goes well like today, everything seems so simple. But it's still a huge work of concentration and a burst of energy.»



The analysis of Bernard Hinault

« Niccolo Bonifazio proves that he was the best prepared sprinter before coming here to Gabon. He is clearly superior to his opponents, and when you win so easily, you have the impression that nothing can breakdown the spiral. »

The story of the day

The Tropicale has today offered a **historic day** to African cycling by drawing a stage through three different countries, Gabon, Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea. This is the first time in Africa that this was happening.

About the winner

Birthday : 29-10-1993

Italy

Team : Direct Energie

Professionnal since : 2013

Tropicale : 1st participation

Tour of Croatia : 1 stage (2018)

Tour of Poland : 1 stage (2016)

Milan-San Remo : 5th (2015)

Tomorrow
6th stage
Bitam-Oyem

107 km



Stage 5

Bitam→
Mongomo
(Guinée Eq)

126 km

BONIFAZIO DOMINATED AGAIN HIS RIVALS

Niccolo Bonifazio is beginning to enjoy the Gabonese roads. He won today his third stage in five days. The Italian of the Direct Energie team has not trembled in the streets of Mongomo (Equatorial Guinea) face his spiteful rivals like Andre Greipel and Matteo Pelucchi who still have not won anything since the departure of Bongoville last Monday. He could once again enjoy the work of his team in the last kilometers to prepare him for the final sprint. But especially the experience of the band to Jean-Rene Bernaudeau accustomed of the Tropicale Amissa Bongo since 2008 helped him this week. The knowledge of every detail on these roads frequented each year at the beginning of the season is decisive to target the stage wins but also the final classification that Niccolo Bonifazio can now hope to win Sunday in Libreville. Thanks to the bonus seconds earned on each of his victories, his lead is now 20 seconds on the French Lorenzo Manzin of Vital Concept-B & B Hotels. What could be enough to win the 14th edition of the Tropicale if tomorrow, he managed to pass the obstacle of the final circuit to Oyem who often crucial on the Gabonese race.