

### Stage Classement

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The stage victories of german riders since 2008 on the Tropicale

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The first time there is so much final sprint. 6 times in 6 stages.

### André GREIPEL (the stage winner) :

« This is a great satisfaction for me, because winning at the beginning of the season as quickly allows you to gain confidence. Until then, I had not succeeded because I'm not too fan of arrivals on a slight descent. I thank all my teammates who have given everything for me since the beginning of the week.»



Stage 6

Bitam →

Oyem

107 km

## ANDRE GREIPEL LASTLY THE FASTEST

André Greipel waited six days to finally win today on the Tropicale, the Gabonese event he discovered for the first time in his career. The German team Arkéa-Samsic finally managed to achieve the perfect sprint for him and offer his new teammates a victory that will reassure his entourage. At 36, the so-called "Rostock Gorilla" scored his first win of the season but also the first for the French team. He will certainly also remember that it is in Gabon that he crossed the 155 mark of victories (156 now) in his exemplary list, including 11 stage victories on the Tour de France. The German appeared relieved after the finish line. "It's normal for a sprinter of his class," said his sport director Sébastien Hinault. He needed to win to reassure himself but also to reward his teammates who have worked a lot for him since the beginning of the event. He's beginning to find his bearings here." Niccolo Bonifazio finished seventh in the sixth stage but maintained his first place with 16 seconds ahead of second Lorenzo Manzin. The final stage will be hotly contested as it awards 19 seconds of bonuses.



### The analysis of Bernard Hinault

« It was time to win for André Greipel on this Tropicale. He circled around but could not concretize. His victory today is the reaction of the great champions. The last stage tomorrow in Libreville will be contested.»

### The story of the day

All the big favorite sprinters announced before the Tropicale 2019 have now each won at least, one stage. After Bonifazio (3 wins), Greipel and Manzin (1), Reguigui waits now his turn. Tomorrow in Libreville ?

### About the winner

**Birthday : 16-07-1982**

**Germany**

**Team : Arkéa-Samsic**

**Professionnal since : 2005**

Tropicale : 1<sup>st</sup> participation

Tour de France : 11 stages

Giro : 7 stages

Vattenfall Classic : 1<sup>er</sup> (2015)

Tomorrow  
7th stage

Nkok-Libreville

132,2 km