

Stage Classement

- 1.Lorenzo Manzin
- 2.André Greipel
- 3.Youcef Reguigui

Stage 6

Bitam →
Oyem
107 km



General Classement

- 1.Niccolo Bonifazio
- 2.Lorenzo Manzin
- 3.André Greipel

NICCOLO BONIFAZIO FROM END TO END

The Italian Niccolo Bonifazio won the final classification of the 14th edition of the Tropicale Amissa Bongo today after having kept his yellow jersey from the first to the last stage. The sprinter of the Direct Energie team also won three stages to complete his domination of the Gabonese race. For his first race with his new team, he wanted to shine and prove that his new manager Jean-René Bernaudeau was not mistaken in recruiting him. The Gabonese roads have even allowed him to do better, by winning the first stages race of his career. "It was important for me to win a race like here in Gabon," he explains, "because it required a lot of concentration and consistency throughout the week. This is the first time that I came running in Africa, I will keep a great memory.»

Lorenzo Manzin was also happy today by winning his second leg after the one he got in Oyem last Thursday. The young French team Vital Concept-B & B Hotels managed to beat André Greipel.

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The 1st time an Italian wins the final classification of the Tropicale

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The african riders in the top 10 of the final classement

Lorenzo Manzin (the stage winner) :

« It's a great win for me but also for the whole team. It does a lot of good for morale especially when you're a sprinter like me. Beat André Greipel is very valuable because he is a great sprint champion. It's good to be able to gauge that kind of rider. »



The analysis of Bernard Hinault

« This is the victory of youth. Lorenzo Manzin has no complex and his first win in the week had already given him confidence. Today he beats directly André Greipel after failing yesterday. It's proof of a big character. »

The story of the day

Since Rafâa Chtioui in 2015 no winner of the Tropicale had kept his yellow jersey end to end. Bonifazio is the 8th rider to achieve this performance.



About the final winner

29-10-1993
Italy
Team : Direct Energie
Professionnal since 2013
Tropicale : 1st participation
Tour of Croatie : 1 stage (2018)
Tour of Poland : 1 stage (2016)
Milan-San Remo : 5th (2015)
Tropicale 2018 : 3 stages + final classement