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Attilio Viviani offers Cofidis' first victory 2020

The young Italian Attilio Viviani, only 23 years old, started his season in fashion like his team Cofidis, which returned to the Tropicale after six years of absence, winning the first stage between Bitam and Ebolowa in neighboring Cameroon.

Elia Viviani's younger brother, one of the biggest sprinters in the peloton, also demonstrated that he can ride fast in sprint. He won ahead the French Lorenzo Manzin of Total-Direct Energie team and the young Eritrean Biniam Girmay of Nippo-Delko Marseille, these two who had already won stages on the Tropicale in 2019.

"It's a very great satisfaction in opening our meter of victory from the first race, said Alain Deloeuil, the sport director of Cofidis team. All the guys worked hard to get Attilio into the sprint in the best possible conditions. "

Pierre-Luc Périchon the oldest rider of the team prepared this work by joining a breakaway composed of the Moroccan Adil El Arbaoui, the Rwandan Moise Mugisha and the Eritrean Dawit Yemane. Périchon had managed to control the pace of this group when the peloton came back.

The breakaway was condemned 30 kilometers before the finish-line and despite a final attack by the Rwandan Joseph Areruya, winner of the Tropicale in 2018, the peloton already prepared for a massive sprint in the streets of Ebolowa.

Attilio Viviani, who was still a trainee at Cofidis last summer, followed his brother Elia this winter in the French team, which came from the Deceuninck-Quickstep team. The younger brother hoped in Ebolowa that his older brother would copy him tomorrow during the first stage of the Tour Down Under in Australia.

