



Algerian Youcef Reguigui finally wins in Gabon

After coming often close to stage victory on the Tropicale, he already finished 8 times on the podium, the Algerian Youcef Reguigui finally won on the Gabonese roads today in Bifoun.

Youcef Reguigui waited six years before winning a stage on the Tropicale. Until then he had always been beaten on the wire. Today in Bifoun he was finally able to win by dominating the peloton of this 15th edition, in sprint his specialty. He erupted his joy at the finish.

At 30 he also offered his country Algeria a first victory in the Gabonese race like a symbol for Youcef Reguigui who was the first Algerian rider to join a team of World Tour, the first world division, MTN-Qhubeka which later became Dimension Data. He learned a lot from great sprinters like Mark Cavendish and Edvald Boasson Hagen who raced on the same team.

He waited with patience today for the return of the peloton on the last escapees just 3 kilometers before the finish to regain confidence and prepare with the help of his compatriot Yacine Hamza who allowed him for this strong finish.

After Eritreans Natnael Tesfazion and Biniam Girmay, the Cameroonian Clovis Kamzong, it is the fourth African victory in five stages on this Tropicale, that never happened in fifteen editions.

Natnael Tesfazion retains his yellow leader's jersey even if the gaps have narrowed at the top of the general classification, Jordan Levasseur (Natura4Ever-Roubaix) got closer to 2" thanks to the bonifications during the stage.