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TEAM CANADA ROSTER ANNOUNCED FOR THE QUEBEC CITY AND MONTREAL GRANDS PRIX CYCLISTES

OTTAWA, Aug. 25 2016. - The seventh edition of the [Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et Montréal](#) (GPCQM) will build on the tradition of road cycling in North America, welcoming the world's elite racers to the challenging courses in Quebec City and Montreal on September 9 and 11. Since their inception in 2010, the race organizers have invited the national men's road racing team to these events, allowing the riders to experience a competition of the highest calibre and perform under the eyes of the UCI WorldTour Teams. Once again this year, Cycling Canada has selected an eight-man national team roster for the races, which are the only two UCI World Tour events in the Americas.

The team is comprised of **Bruno Langlois** of Quebec, QC (Garneau-Quebecor Cycling Team), **Ryan Roth** of Cambridge, ON (Silber Pro Cycling), **Guillaume Boivin** of Longueuil, QC (Cycling Academy), **Alex Cataford** of Ottawa, ON (Silber Pro Cycling), **Matteo Dal-Cin** of Ottawa, ON (Silber Pro Cycling), **Nigel Ellsay** of Victoria, BC (Silber Pro Cycling), **Nicolas Masbourain** of Montreal, QC (Silber Pro Cycling) and **Ben Perry** of St-Catharines, ON (Silber Pro Cycling).

These 8 riders have all performed well this season, amassing 21 UCI race podiums and 5 National Championships titles between them in 2016. Langlois took the Canadian Road Championships title in June. Boivin was the Road Champion in 2015. Roth has four major UCI victories this season - including the Canadian National Time Trial Championship, Tour de Delta, Winston-Salem Classic and GP Saguenay. Perry won his third straight U23 Road Championship in June, while his teammate, Masbourain, joined him on the U23 podium in third place. Ellsay and Cataford had breakthrough seasons coming 2nd on General Classification of the Joe Martin Stage race and Tour of the Gila respectively. Dal-Cin made history in April becoming the first Canadian in 32 years to win the prestigious Redlands Bicycle Classic in California, part of USA Cycling's Pro Road Tour.

Kevin Field, Cycling Canada's Men's Road Manager, will be the directeur sportif for the two races. "We'll be looking to repeat our KOM win at the Quebec City race, and will be aggressive in Montreal," he says. "These races are a key preparation tool for Cycling Canada's UCI Road World Championships team. All eight Canadian riders have qualified for the selection pool for this event. These races are especially important for Nic (Masbourain), Ben (Perry) and Nigel (Ellsay). It's a fantastic advantage for Canada to have the unique opportunity to expose our best U23 riders to World Tour competition this close to the World Championships. We are indebted to Serge Arsenault and the entire GPCQM organization for providing us with this opportunity."



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“The Grands Prix Cyclistes have always been committed to supporting the development of road racing in this country and encouraging the next generation of local cyclists. A few of our initiatives include inviting Team Canada as well as various Pro Continental squads to our events as wild-card entries since 2010, the creation of the Critérium National de Montréal last year, or our recent partnership with the Quebec Cycling Federation to financially support the Coupe du Québec Espoirs road race series,” notes Marcel Leblanc, Vice-President, Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal.

About the Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal

The Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal, the only two spots on the International Cycling Union (UCI) WorldTour in America, contribute to fulfilling one of the primary objectives of the UCI: the globalization of elite cycling. These tour stops are in addition to the existing, officially sanctioned events in Europe and Oceania. Since 2010, the organization has been responsible for the planning and the conduct of the GPCQM and counts on the invaluable support of public and private partners: the Government of Canada, the Gouvernement du Québec, the City of Québec, the City of Montréal, the National Battlefields Commission, Québec City Tourism, Tourisme Montréal, Québecor, Air Transat, and TVA Sports (official GPCQM broadcaster).

About Cycling Canada

Cycling Canada is the governing body for competitive cycling in Canada. Founded in 1882, Cycling Canada aims to create and sustain an effective system that develops talented Canadian cyclists to achieve Olympic, Paralympic, and World Championship medal performances. With the vision of being a leading competitive cycling nation by 2020 celebrating enhanced international success, increased national participation and world class event hosting, Cycling Canada manages the High Performance team, hosts national and international events and administers programs to promote and grow cycling across the country. Cycling Canada programs are made possible through the support of its valued corporate partners – Global Relay, Lexus Canada, Mattamy Homes, Louis Garneau and Bear Mountain Resort – along with the Government of Canada, Own The Podium, the Canadian Olympic Committee and the Canadian Paralympic Committee.

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