



ENTRY LIST

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AG2R LA MONDIALE (FRANCE)

Hugo HOULE (Canada)

Age 22, turned professional in 2011

Career wins: 2nd in the 2012 Tour de Beauce

This season: 5th in the Canadian National Time Trial Championship

The Quebecer is the logical choice to represent this French team in the Challenge Sprint Pro, where his power could propel him to the podium.

ASTANA PRO TEAM (KAZAKHSTAN)

Alexey LUTSENKO (Kazakhstan)

Age 21, turned professional in 2012

Career wins: 2012 Under-23 Road Race World Champion

This season: 69th in the Critérium du Dauphiné

After capturing the World Under-23 title in September 2012, this Kazakh athlete quickly found himself riding with the big boys. And despite his young age, his team's managers didn't hesitate to enter him in the Tour de France in his first year (he dropped out after Stage 18).

BELKIN-PRO CYCLING TEAM (NETHERLANDS)

Moreno HOFLAND (Netherlands)

Age 22, turned professional in 2010

Career wins: 5, including 2 stages of the Tour de l'Avenir (2011, 2012)

This season: 43rd in the Ronde van Zeeland Seaports

This young sprinter is still learning the ropes, but he's viewed as one of the best Under-23 riders around. The Dutchman has two podium results this year in mass finishes in the Tour of Turkey and Tour of Denmark.

BMC RACING TEAM (UNITED STATES)

Amael MOINARD (France)

31, professional in 2005

Record: 2 victories including the 7th stage of Paris-Nice 2010

This season: 16th in the Criterium International

A hard working team-mate of Cadel Evans, whom he helped win the 2011 Tour de France, the Frenchman has a chance to play his own card here. And he could be one of the week's sensations.

CANNONDALE PRO CYCLING (ITALY)

Guillaume BOIVIN (Canada)

23, professional in 2010

Record: 4 victories including two stages of Mi-août bretonne 2010

This season: 1 victory, 2nd stage of Tour de Beauce

A good rider on flat terrain, the Montreal-born Boivin quit the Tour of Spain after ten days. He is back on home soil in great shape. And he is quite capable of showing his sprinting prowess if need be.

EUSKALTEL-EUSKADI (SPAIN)

Gorka IZAGIRRE (Spain)

Age 25, turned professional in 2009

Career wins: 3, including the 2011 and 2012 Classic of Ordizia

This season: 7th in the Tour Down Under

Though less in the spotlight than his younger brother and teammate Ion, this Basque rider is an outstanding rider over all kinds of terrain, and could post a surprising result in this atypical event.

FDJ.fr (FRANCE)

Dominique ROLLIN (Canada)

Age 30, turned professional in 2001

Career wins: 6, including 4th place in the 2008 Tour of California

This season: 6th in the Grand Prix Cholet–Pays de la Loire

The Québécois rider has shown himself to be a stalwart road captain, in the Flanders Classics among other races, and is capable of a serious speed burst. In front of a home crowd, he'll have plenty of motivation.

GARMIN SHARP (UNITED STATES)

Fabian WEGMANN (Germany)

Age 30, turned professional in 2002

Career wins: 16, including the 2009 and 2010 Frankfurt Grand Prix

This season: 12th in the Amstel Gold Race

A tough customer when vying for victory in a small group, the German has shone in the finishing stages of each edition of the Québec City Grand Prix Cycliste, coming in 7th in 2010, 4th in 2011, and 8th in 2012. That makes him a serious threat in the Challenge Sprint Pro.

KATUSHA (RUSSIA)

Rudiger SELIG (Germany)

Age 24, turned professional in 2012

Career wins: one victory, Limbourg Classic 2013

This season: 1 victory, 7th ProRace Berlin

He figures as the future of the group of many excellent German sprinters (Greipel, Kittel, Degenkolb). And by winning the difficult Limbourg Classic in the spring, he demonstrated that he is gaining in confidence.

LAMPRE-MERIDA (ITALY)

Jan POLANC (Slovenia)

21, professional in 2011

Record: 2 victories including Tour of Frioul Venezia-Giulia 2013

This season: 2 victories (see above)

A promising young rider, the Slovenian joined the ranks of the Italian team in early August. Considered a highly talented prospect, he will discover the atmosphere of the Challenge Sprint Pro while taking part in Canada in his very first WorldTour

LOTTO BELISOL (BELGIUM)

Jens DEBUSSCHERE (Belgium)

Age 24, turned professional in 2011

Career wins: 5th, Sun Tour 2011

This season: 27th, Tour des Flandres

For his third pro year, the Flemish had the occasion to feature his speed, at Paris-Nice or Tour de Picardie.

MOVISTAR TEAM (SPAIN)

Francisco VENTOSO (Spain)

Age 31, turned professional in 2004

Career wins: 29, including Paris-Brussels in 2010

This season: 11th in Milan-San Remo

Though he's disappointingly without a podium finish this season, the Spaniard has won stages in the Giro d'Italia and Vuelta a España in the past, and remains a sprinter to be reckoned with.

OMEGA PHARMA – QUICK-STEP CYCLING TEAM(BELGIUM)

Matteo TRENTIN (Italy)

Age 24, turned professional in 2011

Career wins: 1, Stage 14, 2013 Tour de France

This season: (see above)

The Italian was one of the revelations of this year's Tour de France. Despite never having competed in the storied event, he caused a sensation by winning the Lyon stage in a sprint. He's quick, clever and has plenty of stamina, so he's definitely one of the men to watch.

ORICA GREENEDGE (AUSTRALIA)

Matthew GOSS (Australia)

Age 26, turned professional in 2006

Career wins: 21, including the Grand Prix de Ouest-France in 2010 and Milan–San Remo in 2011

This season: 1st in Stage 2 of Tirreno–Adriatico

After finishing third in the Challenge Sprint Pro last year, the Australian will be out for revenge this time. Though his trophy case isn't yet overflowing, he's still a world-class sprinter.

RADIOSHACK LEOPARD (LUXEMBURG)

Danilo HONDO (Germany)

Age 39, turned professional in 1997

Career wins: 53, including 2 stages of the 2001 Giro d'Italia

This season: 30th in Gent–Wevelgem

Though he hasn't won a race in three years and has made his name mostly as a leadout rider for stars like Alessandro Petacchi and Robbie Hunter, the German veteran could prove to be a tough customer in this short-distance event.

SKY PROCYCLING (GREAT BRITAIN)

Geraint THOMAS (Great Britain)

Age 27, turned professional in 2007

Career wins: 4 victories on road, two-time Olympic champion and three-time world champion on track

This season: 1 victory, 2nd stage of the Down Under Tour (3th overall)

Talented in pursuit, this Welshman built his reputation on track. Since the Olympic Games in London where he won gold (team pursuit), he gave priority to road. In spite of a hairline fracture

on the hip on Tour de France, he came out as a courageous teammate. The Challenge Sprint Pro format should suit him.

TEAM ARGOS-SHIMANO (NETHERLANDS)

Luka MEZGEC (Slovenia)

Age 25, turned professional in 2010

Career wins: 8, including the 2011 Memorial Henryka Łasaka

This season: 2nd in Halle–Ingooigem

After toiling with third-tier squads for years, this Slovenian has had no trouble adapting to the big leagues this season, with, among other results, three podium results in mass finishes in the Giro.

TEAM SAXO-TINKOFF (DENMARK)

Rory SUTHERLAND (Australia)

Age 31, turned professional in 2002

Career wins: 8, including the 2012 Tour de Beauce

This season: 6th in the Klasika Primavera

This Australian, who began his career in the Netherlands and then spent seven years on the U.S. circuit, is known as an all-rounder, at home in week-long stage races.

VACANSOLEIL–DCM PRO CYCLING TEAM (NETHERLANDS)

Danny VAN POPPEL (Netherlands)

Age 20, turned professional in 2012

Career wins: 1, Stage 1 of the 2012 Tour de Leon

This season: 5th in the Ride London Classic

He was the youngest man entered in the Tour de France this year, and very nearly won the first stage (finishing third). The youngest son of Jean-Paul, a great sprinter of the late '80s and early '90s, he's definitely inherited his dad's speed burst. A rider to watch.

TEAM EUROPCAR (FRANCE)

David VEILLEUX (Canada)

Age 25, turned professional in 2007

Career wins: 9, including the 2012 Tre Valli Varesine

This season: 2, including Stage 1 of the Critérium du Dauphiné

The Quebec-born Veilleux, who was knocked out in the first heats of both previous editions of the Challenge Sprint Pro, knows he'll have a tough time against faster competitors. The encouragement of the home crowd should be ample compensation.

CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM (CANADA)

Zach BELL (Canada)

Age 30, turned professional in 2005

Career wins: 5, including 2013 Canadian National Road Championship

This season: 3, including the Canadian National Road Championship

Crowned Canadian champion this past June in Saint-Georges, Zach Bell also happens to be the defending champ in the Challenge Sprint Pro, having outpaced countryman Rémi Pelletier-Roy on Grande Allée last year. That makes him a clear favourite.