



CHALLENGE SPRINT PRO – QUEBEC (SEPTEMBER 6, 2012)

AG2R La Mondiale (FRANCE)

ELMIGER Martin (Switzerland)

33 years old, professional since 2001

Award : 12 wins including 4 Jours de Dunkerque 2010

This season: 3rd Swiss championships Time Trile

The experienced Swiss rider has often shown rapid sprints in small groups.

ASTANA (KAZAKHSTAN)

Francesco Gavazzi (Italy)

28 years olds, professional in 2007

Awards: 8 wins including a stage of the Tour of Spain 2011

This season: 5th Laigueglia Trophy

Regularly present in the mass arrivals, he sets the pace this season as he joined the ranks of the Kazakh team.

BMC RACING TEAM (USA)

Danilo Wyss (Switzerland)

27 years old, professional in 2007

Awards: 2 wins including a stage of the Tour de Beauce 2009

This season: a second stage of the Criterium International

Still too irregular, he has shown again this season his sprinter qualities.

EUSKALTEL-EUSKADI (SPAIN)

Mikel NIEVE (Spain)

28 years old, professional since 2008

Awards: 2 wins a stage of the Tour of Spain 2010, stage of the Tour of Italy 2011

This season: 10th in the Giro d'Italia, Tour of Switzerland fifth

A priori, the sprint is not this climber's specialty. But he may surprise everyone.

FDJ - BIGMAT (FRANCE)

Sandy Casar (France)

33 years old, professional in 2000

Awards: 8 wins stage three of the Tour de France (2007, 2009, 2010)

This season: 4th in the Tour of Oman

A skilled sprinter, he'll make everyone forget the lack of pure sprint specialists at the FDJ (Démare, Bouhanni).

KATUSHA TEAM (RUSSIA)

Luca PAOLINI (Italy)

35 years old, professional in 2000

Awards: 18 wins including a stage at Tour of Spain 2006

This season: 7th at Tour des Flandres, 9th at the Olympic Games

His record includes many top places in big races, often acquired because his nice fast peaks.

LAMPRE-ISD (ITALY)

Matteo Bono (Italy)

28 years old, professional in 2006

Awards: 3 wins including a stage of the Tour de Romandie 2007

This season: none

Confined to the role of crew member, he will have the opportunity to be a discussion topic once again.

Liquigas-Cannondale (Italy)

Timothy Duggan (USA)

29 years year, professional in 2005

Awards: 2 wins

This season: 1 win, championship of the United States

The new USA champion is rather a versatile runner. It's up to him to be trickier.

Lotto-Belisol (BELGIUM)

Dennis Vanendert (Belgium)

24 years old, professional since 2012

Awards: None

This season: 133rd Giro d'Italia

Jelle's younger brother is still in the learning phase. It's up to him to reveal his full potential.

MOVISTAR TEAM (SPAIN)

Enrique SANZ (SPAIN)

22 years old, professional since 2010

Awards : none

This season : 2nd at the 1st stage of the Vuelta a Castilla y Leon
Spain's road junior champion in 2007, he shows great potential.

OmegaPharma-QUICK STEP (BELGIUM)

Gerald Ciolek (Germany)

26 years old, professional since 2005

Awards: 20 wins including a stage of the Tour of Spain 2009

This season: 1 win a stage of the Tour of Algarve

Former world champion hope, soon to appear in the top 5 of the world's best sprinters.

ORICA - GreenEdge (AUSTRALIA)

Matthew Goss (Australia)

25 years old, professional since 2006

Awards: 20 wins including Milan-San Remo 2011

This season: 1 victory with a stage of the Tour of Italy

One of the very best sprinters in the world, already winner of the Milan-San Remo and 2 stages at the Tour of Italy at age 25. The race's favourite though he lacked success in the Tour de France (2 times second).

RABOBANK (NETHERLANDS)

Michael Matthews (Australia)

22 years old, professional in 2009

Awards: 11 wins including Tour de Cologne 2011

This season: 2 wins, one of which is at the Clasica de Almeria

Hope 2010 world champion, who will join the Australian GreenEdge-Orica in 2013, is one of tomorrow's sprinters.

RADIOSHACK-NISSAN (USA)

Ben Hermans (Belgium)

26 years old, professional in 2009

Awards: 2 wins including a stage of the Tour of Belgium 2010

This season: 2nd championship of Belgium Clm

Complete racer, he has given the world high expectations that he has struggled to attain this year.

Sky Procycling (GREAT BRITAIN)

Davide Appollonio (Italy)

23 years old, professional in 2010

Awards: 3 wins including a stage of the Tour of Luxembourg 2011

This season: 40th Tour of Qatar

Bound for the AG2R La Mondiale team, he has the profile of tomorrow's good sprinters.

TEAM GARMIN-SHARP

Heinrich HAUSSLER (Australia)

28 years old, professional since 2005

Awards: 19 wins including a stage of the Tour of Spain in 2005 and a stage of the Tour de France 2009

This season: 4th Circuit Nieuwsblad

More complete than when he started, the German-Australian still rides at top speeds.

TEAM SAXO BANK-BANK TINKOFF (DENMARK)

Nick NUYENS (Belgium)

32 years old, professional in 2003

Awards: 20 wins including the Tour of Flanders 2011

This season: 12th Eneco Tour

Injured in Spring, he's back, in shape and can be fast in small groups.

VACANSOLEIL - DCM (NETHERLANDS)

MARCATO Marco (Italy)

28 years old, professional in 2005

Awards: 5 wins including the 2011 Tour de Vendée

This season: 1 win a stage of the Etoile de Bessèges, 7 Gent-Wevelgem

Often ranked (8th in Quebec, 7th in Montréal at last year) but rarely 1st place winner the Italian stands out more for his fighter character than his speed.

COFIDIS (FRANCE)

Aleksijs Saramotins (Latvia)

30 years old, professional in 2005

Awards: 18 wins including the 2010 GP Isbergues

This season: 1 win, championship of Latvia

The strong Latvian rider is mostly a classic rider and a specialist at time trials.

EUROPCAR (FRANCE)

David Veilleux (Canada)

24 years old, professional in 2007

Awards: 6 wins including wheel Tourangelle 2011

This season: 3 wins including the Three Valleys Varésines

Winner of the Three Valleys Varésines August 18th, a very tough semi-classical Italian, the Québécois is in great shape. In front of his audience, his motivation will be tenfold.

SPIDERTECH POWERED BY C10

Zach Bell (Canada)

29 years old, professional in 2005

Awards: 2 wins

This season: 6th championship Clm Canada

Good rider, he will have to improvise against the pure sprinters and enjoy the public's support.

TEAM CANADA

Ben CHADDOCK (Canada)

Anton VARABEL (Canada)

Rémi PELLETIER-ROY (Canada)

(information will follow)