

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

Ottawa, ON, August 20, 2015 – The sixth edition of the [Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal](#) will build on the tradition of road cycling in North America, welcoming the world's elite racers to the challenging courses in Québec City and Montréal on September 11 and 13. 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 WorldTeams. Once again this year, Cycling Canada has selected an eight-man national team roster for the races, which are the only two UCI WorldTour events in the Americas.

This year's team comprises **Ryan Anderson** (Vancouver, BC / Optum p/b Kelly Benefits Strategies), **Guillaume Boivin** (Longueuil, QC / Optum p/b Kelly Benefits Strategies), **Rob Britton** (Victoria, BC / Team Smartstop), **Alex Cataford** (Ottawa, ON / Silber Pro Cycling), **Adam de Vos** (Victoria, BC / Team H&R Block), **Benjamin Perry** (St. Catharines, ON / Silber Pro Cycling), **Ryan Roth** (Cambridge, ON / Silber Pro Cycling), and **Michael Woods** (Ottawa, ON / Optum p/b Kelly Benefits Strategies).

These riders have all performed well this season, with six riders boasting either a UCI stage win or podium. **Boivin** took the Canadian Championships title in June and the bronze medal at the Pan-Am Games in Toronto. **Anderson** finished second at the Delta UCI road race and at the Canadian Championships behind his teammate Boivin. **Britton** won the general classification of the Tour of the Gila. **Woods** recently won Stage 2 at the Tour of Utah and claimed second place in the general classification. **Roth** finished second overall at the GP Saguenay as well as second in the time trial and third in the road race at the Canadian Championships.

Kevin Field, Cycling Canada's Men's Road Manager, will be the directeur sportif for the two races. "The objective of the team will be to have one rider ranked in the Top 10 at the Québec City event, and activate the peloton and be part of key breakaways in Montréal," he says. "The event will also be a great preparation tool for the 2015 UCI Road World Championships to be disputed in Richmond, Virginia, later in the month. All eight Canadian riders have qualified for the selection pool for this event."

The cyclists selected for this project have earned 33 of Canada's 49 UCI race podium performances this season and include five of Canada's top six ranked riders. **Anderson, Boivin** and **Britton** are currently racing the USA Pro Challenge in Colorado, and all team members except for **Britton** will race the Tour of Alberta starting September 2.

"Whether by 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 this year, or our recent partnership with the Québec Cycling Federation to financially support the Coupe du Québec Espoirs road race series, the Grands Prix Cyclistes have always been committed to supporting the development of road racing in this country and to encouraging the next generation of local cyclists," notes **Marcel Leblanc, Vice-President, Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal.**

In addition, this past June the Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal organizers announced the addition of the [Critérium National de Montréal](#) to the race schedule. This is a development event reserved for North American road racers with a UCI (International Cycling Union) licence in the Junior, U23 and Elite categories (ages 17 to 29).

The full list of riders entered in the 6th edition of the Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal will be announced next week.

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 UCI WorldTour in America, contribute to fulfilling one of the primary objectives of the UCI WorldTour: the globalization of elite cycling. These tour stops join the list of existing, officially sanctioned events in Europe, Oceania and Asia. Since 2010, the organization has been responsible for the planning and the conduct of GPCQM and counts on the invaluable support of public and private partners to maintain its standards: the government of Canada, the government of Québec, the city of Québec, the city of Montréal, the National Battlefields Commission, the Québec Tourism Bureau, Montréal Tourism, Québecor, Air Transat, and TVA Sports (official GPCQM broadcaster). <http://gpcqm.ca/en/home/>

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 community programs to promote cycling in Canada. For more information, please visit: www.cyclingcanada.ca

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