

NORDHAUG OUTSHINES FAVORITES TO WIN IN MONTRÉAL

(Montréal, Québec) Sunday, September 9, 2012 – Many expected Edvald Boasson-Hagen to shine in Montréal on Sunday, but his Sky teammate and compatriot Lars-Petter Nordhaug surged cunningly in the finale to win the third edition of the Grand Prix Cycliste de Montréal.

The former Norwegian champion, 28, outwitted the rest of the bunch when he took advantage of the close watch between the leading favourites to go on his own. Italy's Moreno Moser, at first working for Liquigas leader Peter Sagan, also found himself in contention for victory in the final stretch and finished second again experienced Russian Alexandr Kolobnev (Katusha).

Australia's Simon Gerrans, the Grand Prix Cycliste du Québec winner, had to be content with a 4th place while Boasson-Hagen was 5th. For the first time, Canada will have four riders at the season-ending Worlds and reasonable ambitions.

"We'll go there quietly and see how it goes. The way I improved on my form since Friday, I hope I can build on my condition to peak at the Worlds," said Ryder Hesjedal, who finished a good 23rd and stayed in contention throughout.

The day was also special for Michael Barry, who rode his last race in Canada in front of fans, family and friends. "To see one of my team-mates win here was good way to cap it off," he said.

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