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Pogačar, Alaphilippe, Girmay, Gee, De Lie, Pidcock... a royal line-up for the Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal

Montréal, 27 August 2024 - On September 13th and 15th, the Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal (GPCQM) will welcome an exceptional line-up of riders, including the main protagonists from the most recent Tour de France, such as overall winner **Tadej Pogacar**, green jersey winner **Biniam Girmay**, Canadian **Derek Gee**, ninth overall, and four stage winners, including **Romain Bardet**.

The two events will feature the highest quality line-up in their history, with 24 teams and 168 riders from all five continents, including the 18 UCI WorldTeams (the world's top teams) and 5 invited ProTeams: Israel - Premier Tech, Lotto Dstny, Uno-X Mobility, Tudor Pro Cycling Team, Team Novo Nordisk, and the Canadian national team.

THE MAIN COMPETITORS ANNOUNCED TO DATE:

- **TADEJ POGACAR** (Slovenia, UAE Team Emirates), winner of the 2020, 2021, 2024 Tour de France, the 2024 Giro d'Italia, and the 2022 Grand Prix Cycliste de Montréal;
- **BINIAM GIRMAY** (Eritrea, Intermarché-Wanty), winner of the points classification and three stages of the 2024 Tour de France, third in the 2022 Grand Prix Cycliste de Québec;
- **ARNAUD DE LIE** (Belgium, Lotto Dstny), winner of last year's Grand Prix Cycliste de Québec and current Belgian national champion;
- **JULIAN ALAPHILIPPE** (France, Soudal Quick-Step), 2020 and 2021 UCI road world champion;
- **MICHAEL MATTHEWS** (Australia, Team Jayco AlUla), winner of the Grand Prix Cycliste de Québec in 2018 and 2019, winner in Montréal in 2018 and winner of ten grand tour stages;
- **THOMAS PIDCOCK** (Great Britain, INEOS Grenadiers), double Olympic Mountain Bike champion (2020 and 2024), 2022 Cyclo-cross world champion, 2023 Mountain bike world champion, stage winner in the 2022 Tour de France;
- **VALENTIN MADOUAS** (France, Groupama-FDJ), Olympic road race silver medalist in Paris;
- **ROMAIN BARDET** (France, Team dsm-firmenich PostNL), winner of four stages at the Tour de France.

Riders such as **Benoît Cosnefroy** (France, Decathlon AG2R La Mondiale Team), winner of the Grand Prix Cycliste de Québec in 2022, **Matteo Jorgenson** (United States, Team Visma | Lease a Bike), winner of Paris-Nice 2024, **Paul Lapeira** (France, Decathlon AG2R La Mondiale Team), current French national champion, **Matej Mohoric** (Slovenia, Team Bahrain Victorious), **Simon Yates** (Great Britain, Team Jayco AlUla), winner of the 2018 Vuelta a España, the current Italian national champion **Alberto Bettiol** (Italy, Astana Qazaqstan Team), **Kévin Vauquelin** (France, Arkéa-B&B Hotels), stage winner of the 2024 Tour de France, and many others will also be racing.

THE STRONG CANADIAN DELEGATION INCLUDES:

- **DEREK GEE** (Israel - Premier Tech), ninth in this year's Tour de France, stage winner and third in the general classification at the Critérium du Dauphiné 2024, double national time trial champion;
- **HUGO HOULE** (Israel - Premier Tech), first Québécois to win a stage of the Tour de France in 2023;
- **GUILLAUME BOIVIN** (Israel - Premier Tech), triple national road champion;
- **MICHAEL LEONARD** (INEOS - Grenadiers), winner of the prologue of the Tour de l'Avenir 2024
- And a **CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM** made up of young talents, ready to do battle with the best in the world peloton.

"Since the creation of the Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal, we have worked tirelessly to establish races that stand out on the world stage for their high standards, professionalism, and the warm welcome from the Québec public. Every year, we have the privilege of welcoming the biggest names in cycling. This year, the presence of riders like Tadej Pogačar and Biniam Girmay is clear proof of that. The quality of this year's field is a recognition of our constant commitment to offer exceptional events, with a large enthusiastic audience. As we move towards the 2026 UCI Road World Championships, in Montréal, our ambition is to continue to elevate these races to new heights, to the delight of cycling fans around the world," says **Joseph Limare, GPCQM General Manager**.



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This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the 1974 World Cycling Championships, the first to be held outside Europe. It will be an opportunity to celebrate the legacy of this historic event, which crowned Eddy Merckx, who won the title that year for the third time in his career, and Frenchwoman Geneviève Gambillon, who won the women's category. It's a significant milestone, especially since it's coming two years before the UCI Road World Championships to be held in Montréal in September 2026.

For this 13th edition, the GPCQM will perpetuate this spirit of high-level competition. Spectators and participants will be present in large numbers to highlight this important page in the history of cycling.

ABOUT

The Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal (GPCQM), the only UCI WorldTour events held in the Americas, contribute significantly to achieving one of the priority objectives of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI): the globalization of the WorldTour circuit. These events join those already accredited in Europe and Oceania. Since 2010, the organization has been responsible for planning and holding the GPCQM and counts on the indispensable support of public and private partners: the Government of Canada, the Government of Québec, the City of Québec, the City of Montréal, the National Battlefields Commission, the Québec Tourism Office, Tourisme Montréal, Québecor, TVA Sports as the official broadcaster of the GPCQM, Ekoï as the official helmet and sunglasses partner, and TUDOR as the official timekeeper. <https://gpcqm.ca/en/>

The same team also forms the organizing committee for the UCI Road World Championships to be held in Montréal in 2026. <https://www.montreal2026.org/en/>

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VIDEO CONFERENCE: Wednesday, August 28, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time)

- To attend the video conference held with Ontario cyclist **Derek Gee** (Israel–Premier Tech) and GPCQM Executive Director **Joseph Limare**, please contact media@gpcqm.ca

MEDIA TOUR: Week of September 2, 2024

- For an interview with Québec cyclist **Hugo Houle** (Israel–Premier Tech) or to speak with former professional cyclist **Antoine Duchesne**, please contact media@gpcqm.ca

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