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**Evenepoel, Seixas, del Toro...
a world-class field for the 15th edition of the GPCQM!**



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Québec City and Montréal, Wednesday, September 2 -

The Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal (GPCQM) return on September 11 and 13 for their 15th edition, with an exceptional field serving as a full-scale dress rehearsal for the UCI Road World Championships Montréal 2026, which begin one week later (September 20-27).

World champions, Grand Tour winners, Olympic champions and winners of the biggest classics on the world calendar: the very best of the international peloton have answered the call for this 2026 edition.

Remco Evenepoel — runner-up to **Tadej Pogačar** at the last Tour de France, double Olympic champion at Paris 2024, and former world champion—will return to Québec City after first racing there in 2019.

Mexican revelation **Isaac del Toro**, third at the Tour de France at just 22, will also be among the favourites as he discovers the GPCQM for the first time. The UAE Team Emirates XRG climber will be backed in his quest by teammates **Brandon McNulty**, **Adam Yates** and **Tim Wellens**, winners of the Grand Prix Cycliste de Montréal in 2025, 2023 and 2015, respectively.

France's new cycling sensation, 19-year-old **Paul Seixas**, fourth at the last Tour de France, will also be on the start line for his first appearance at the Canadian classics.

Thomas Pidcock, **Matteo Jorgenson**, and record-holder for most Grand Prix wins **Michael Matthews** round out a field that ranks this 15th edition among the strongest in the event's history.

With just one week to go before the UCI Road World Championships get underway, Montréal will become the epicentre of world cycling. The GPCQM will kick things off: for the riders, it marks the final full-scale dress rehearsal on courses they will return to just days later in pursuit of the rainbow jersey. A unique opportunity in an unprecedented context.

No fewer than 22 teams will take the start of the Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal, including all 18 UCI WorldTeams, 3 ProTeams and the Canadian national selection—154 riders from more than 30 countries across all five continents.

→Headliners confirmed to date:

REMCO EVENEPOEL (BEL) - RED BULL - BORA - HANSGROHE

Remco Evenepoel returns to the GPCQM seven years after his only previous appearance—and he's arriving with an even more impressive résumé: double Olympic champion at Paris 2024, world champion, Vuelta a España winner, and runner-up to **Tadej Pogačar** at the last Tour de France. The Red Bull - BORA - hansgrohe leader brings the same ambition to every race he enters: to win. He'll be one of the top favourites on both Canadian circuits.



PAUL SEIXAS (FRA) – DECATHLON CMA CGM TEAM

Paul Seixas is only 19, but he's already cycling's newest sensation. After winning the Tour du Pays Basque and the Flèche Wallonne in 2026, he became the first French rider to win a WorldTour stage race since 2007. Making his GPCQM debut, the Decathlon CMA CGM prodigy heads into Canadian race week brimming with confidence.

ISAAC DEL TORO (MEX) – UAE TEAM EMIRATES XRG

At just 22, **Isaac del Toro** made history for Mexican cycling, becoming the first rider from his country to reach the Tour de France podium. This season alone, he's already won the UAE Tour, Tirreno-Adriatico, the Tour Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, and the Tour of Germany—and he arrives in Canada in red-hot form with a single goal: his first win in the Canadian classics.

THOMAS PIDCOCK (GBR) – PINARELLO-Q36.5 PRO CYCLING TEAM

Thomas Pidcock arrives at the GPCQM with the confidence of a rider who has nothing left to prove—a two-time Olympic mountain bike champion, a Strade Bianche winner, and someone who can deliver his best on any terrain. On hilly courses that suit him perfectly, the Briton will be one of the most formidable contenders.

MICHAEL MATTHEWS (AUS) – TEAM JAYCO ALULA

Michael Matthews already holds the record for most Grand Prix wins, with four to his name—three in Québec City (2018, 2019, 2024) and one in Montréal (2018)—and he's the man to beat on the Québec circuit. Nobody knows these roads better than the Australian, who'll be chasing a fifth title to cement his place as the greatest winner in GPCQM history.

BRANDON MCNULTY (USA) – UAE TEAM EMIRATES XRG

Winner of the 2025 Grand Prix Cycliste de Montréal and the 2025 Tour de Pologne, **Brandon McNulty** has also won stages at both the Vuelta a España and the Giro d'Italia. A well-rounded rider, the American was U.S. time trial champion in 2023 and 2024.

MATTEO JORGENSON (USA) – TEAM VISMA I LEASE A BIKE

Winner of Paris-Nice in 2024 and 2025, **Matteo Jorgenson** also has a general classification win at the 2023 Tour of Oman to his name. Runner-up at Tirreno-Adriatico in 2026, the American is one of the driving forces behind Team Visma I Lease a Bike.

DEREK GEE-WEST (CAN) – LIDL-TREK

Derek Gee-West is one of the biggest names in Canadian cycling today, and he'll lead the national delegation at both classics. A well-rounded rider just as comfortable in the mountains as against the clock, he's dreaming of a historic home win—just one week before Montréal hosts the UCI Road World Championships.

Other renowned riders—including **Quinn Simmons** (United States, Lidl-Trek), U.S. national champion; **Giulio Ciccone** (Italy, Lidl-Trek), winner of the 2025 Clasica San Sebastian and the mountains classification at both the 2026 Giro d'Italia and the 2025 Tour de France; **Arnaud De Lie** (Belgium, Lotto Intermarché), winner of the 2023 Grand Prix Cycliste de Québec; **Michał Kwiatkowski** (Poland, Netcompany INEOS), 2014 UCI Road World Champion, stage winner at the 2020 and 2023 Tour de France; and **Ben Healy** (Ireland, EF Education-EasyPost), winner of a 2025 Tour de France stage and third at the 2025 UCI Road World Championships—will round out an ambitious, attack-minded field.



A strong Canadian delegation will also be on hand, including:

- **DEREK GEE-WEST** (Lidl-Trek), 2026 Canadian time trial champion, 4th at the 2025 Giro d'Italia,
- **GUILLAUME BOIVIN** (NSN Cycling Team), three-time Canadian road race champion (2009, 2015 and 2021),
- **PIER-ANDRÉ COTÉ** (NSN Cycling Team), 2023 Pan American road race champion, 2022 Canadian road race champion,
- **JÉRÔME GAUTHIER** (national selection), 2026 Canadian road race champion,
- **MICHAEL WOODS** (national selection), stage winner at the Tour de France and the Vuelta a España, bronze medallist at the 2018 World Championships.

*“Since their creation in 2010, the Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal have never been stronger. This anniversary edition brings together a field that reflects what our races have become: a must on the world calendar, capable of attracting the best riders on the planet. The first-ever appearances of **Paul Seixas**, **Isaac del Toro** and **Thomas Pidcock** on our circuits, alongside **Remco Evenepoel** and our all-time wins leader **Michael Matthews**, say it all about the appeal of the Grands Prix Cyclistes. Coming just one week before the UCI Road World Championships Montréal 2026, this edition takes on even greater significance. The GPCQM will kick off the biggest cycling event of the year. We can’t wait.”*, said Joseph Limare, General Manager of the GPCQM.



ABOUT THE GRANDS PRIX CYCLISTES DE QUÉBEC ET DE MONTRÉAL

Created in 2010, the Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal are the only UCI WorldTour races held in the Americas. Each year, the best teams and greatest champions in international professional cycling go head-to-head in two races, ranked among the most demanding and prestigious on the world calendar.

Taking place on September 11 and 13, this 15th edition falls less than ten days before the UCI Road World Championships Montréal 2026. With 22 teams at the start—including all 18 WorldTeams—and updated courses, the Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal will serve as a key test run ahead of cycling's biggest event of 2026.

→ Download the 2026 courses here:

Québec City: <https://gpcqm.ca/en/gp-quebec>

Montréal: <https://gpcqm.ca/en/grand-prix-cycliste-montreal>

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