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### Bora - Hansgrohe as outsider

Faithful to Plouay's rendez-vous since its accession to the WorldTour, the Bora-Hansgrohe team will be, for the fourth time, at the Bretagne Classic - Ouest-France. With a squad bereft of its iconic leaders, the german team will be outsider with many free card riders.

7th at Plouay in 2010, at the age of 20, Peter Sagan was never again able to fight for the victory on the breton classic. The Slovak has also demonstrated in his book "My World": the breton race is too hard for him. For sure, it's a one day race he will never win. Too much rain, too much wind, twisty country roads, an endless series of climbs and descents, and finally a defeat... Too much hard to live for the leader from **Bora - Hansgrohe** who is afraid to take a shower in Plouay. By his declarations, the triple world champion - winner of the stage Lorient-Quimper on the Tour de France 2018 - seems to demonstrate that the Bretagne Classic is a race much more difficult than any flanders classics. Perhaps the hardest in the world ? The idea is not unpleasant for the Bretons...

Reserved for the real "Gwazed" (brave and strong men in breton language), the Bretagne Classic - Ouest-France will however allow some warriors of Bora - Hansgrohe to stand out from the peloton to try to win the victory. The usual teammates will be, this time, free to try their luck and stand out on a classic WorldTour reserved for those who are not afraid to venture into celtics lands.

## Lukas Pöstlberger and Patrick Konrad as leaders

**Bora - Hansgrohe** has presented its first riders list scheduled in Plouay under the direction of the sporting director **Christian Pömer**.

**71. Erik Baska (Svk, 25).** The Slovak will be there as a teammate to support his leaders.

**72. Cesare Benedetti (Ita, 32).** Winner at Pinerolo on the last Giro d'Italia, the faithful teammate would make a good actor in the breakaway of the day.

**73. Maciej Bodnar (Pol, 34).** The Polish Time Trial Champion will be there as a teammate to support his leaders.

**74. Patrick Konrad (Aut, 27).** The Austrian Champion, 7th of the Flèche Wallonne and 13th of Liège-Bastogne-Liège should appreciate the crossing of the Black Mountains. By anticipating, he can go far.

**75. Oscar Gatto (Ita, 34).** Faithful teammate, the Italian will be there to relay his leaders on the occasion of his third presence at Plouay.

**76. Christoph Pfingsten (Ger, 31).** This will be the first participation in Plouay for the former cyclo-crossman who will be able to support his leaders.

**77. Lukas Pöstlberger (Aut, 27).** 11th of the Bretagne Classic in 2017, the Austrian has the best reference of his team in Plouay. 4th of Dwars door Vlaanderen this season, the pink jersey of the 2017 Giro will also be able to play his personal card.

The announced substitutes are **Jay McCarthy (Aus)** and **Juraj Sagan (Svk)**.

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