



Groupama • FDJ

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Like a Breton team

Engaged with four riders and a sports director bretons, Groupama - FDJ will be one of the most local teams of this 4th edition of Bretagne Classic - Ouest-France. The Bretons will not be there to make the figuration but to win. The new generation is quite capable of it.

In 2018, the Groupama - FDJ team had thrilled the public of the Bretagne Classic - Ouest-France seeing Olivier Le Gac take part in the good break before being ranked 7th while his young fellow and teammate Valentin Madouas took the 8th place. These two boys know their Brittany and are now to be considered as pure specialists of the breton classic. They embody the succession. In Plouay, we are waiting for a Breton winner since 1992, the year of Ronan Pensec's victory.

In this team led by Frédéric Guesdon, the Breton winner of Paris-Roubaix and Paris-Tours, we will also find the international sprinter Arnaud Démare, former winner of Milan-San Remo.

To support these riders, Groupama - FDJ appealed to experienced team members. Waiting for a victory at Plouay since 1999 with Christophe Mengin, Marc Madiot's team has reason to believe.

Valentin Madouas and Olivier Le Gac, local stars

Groupama – FDJ presented its first list of riders scheduled to Plouay under the direction of the sports director **Frédéric Guesdon**.

171. William Bonnet (Fra, 37). A highly experienced teammate capable of leading his leaders far in the race, the Frenchman will be a key element of his team's system.

172. Olivier Le Gac (Fra, 26). 7th in 2018 for his third participation in Bretagne Classic, the Finisterien will evolve on his lands. He will be able to compete again the world's best riders on a course he knows every corners.

173. Valentin Madouas (Fra, 23 ans). Laurent's son, 2nd at Plouay in 1995, can win a race made for him. In full progression, now at ease on the biggest races of the world, he will be one of the big favorites of the day. In Brittany, nobody doubts that he can win the Bretagne Classic. This would be seen as a logical step in the evolution of his career. Everyone believe it !

174. Rudy Molard (Fra, 29). At ease on all terrains, he will be a perfect teammate to lead his young bretons leaders to victory.

175. Anthony Roux (Fra, 32). The 2018 French Champion will also be there in super teammate and a master card in the game of young favorites of Groupama - FDJ.

176. Benoît Vaugrenard (Fra, 37). Tenth and last participation in Plouay for the Morbihannais who will also be a luxury teammate for his young compatriots. He is probably the greatest expert of Plouay in activity, he was also on the junior world championship in 2000. With great emotion, the local rider will live his last race in Brittany.

177. Arnaud Démare (Fra, 28). Stage winner on the Giro d'Italia 2019, the former winner of Milan-San Remo was the last rider of his team engaged on the Bretagne Classic. With already four participations and as the best result a 42nd place in 2012, the French will want to do better by trying to accompany the bests before playing his card in the sprint.

The announced substitutes are **Antoine Duchesne (Can)**, **Steve Morabito (Sui)**, **Miles Scotson (Aus)** and **Ignatas Konovalovas (Ltu)**.

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