



Youth at the controls

Young team founded in 2017, Bahrain - Merida will live its third Bretagne Classic - Ouest-France. The winner of a podium since his discovery of the race in 2017, the Bahrain team will present itself with two young leaders supported by strong teammates, including a former winner of Plouay.

3rd with Sonny Colbrelli in 2017, the **Bahrain - Merida** team did not take long to acclimatize to the biggest race of Brittany. For her third try, she will present in Plouay with a group of two young leaders in full progression: the already well known Slovenian Matej Mohoric and the Spaniard Ivan Garcia Cortina who starts to talk about him at the highest level. Motivated to the idea of winning a first WorldTour classic, these two young people with profiles adapted to the Bretagne Classic - Ouest-France will be there to win.

In the Bahrain - Merida collective, there will be a former winner of the Grand Prix de Plouay. Surprise winner in 2011, the Slovenian Grega Bole will once again be a key rider for his team.

Matej Mohoric and Ivan Garcia Cortina as leaders

Bahrain - Merida has presented its first list of riders scheduled to Plouay under the direction of **Alberto Volpi**.

61. Valerio Agnoli (Ita, 34). The experienced Italian will live his seventh participation in Plouay. He will be there as a teammate to help his leaders.

62. Grega Bole (Slo, 34). Winner in 2011, 4th in 2015, the Slovenian likes Plouay who brought him the most beautiful victory of his career. He returns for the sixth time on the breton classic to help his young leaders.

63. Chun Kai Feng (Tpe, 30). For the first time, a rider from Taiwan will be leaving Brittany Classic. A loyal teammate, the bronze medalist of the Asian Championship will be there to help his leaders.

64. Ivan Garcia Cortina (Esp, 23). The young spanish is a specialist of belgian races. 13th in Kuurne-Bruxelles-Kuurne, 16th in A Travers Flanders or 24th in the Tour of Flanders, he should like the Bretagne Classic. It could be one of the beautiful surprises of the day.

65. Matej Mohoric (Slo, 24). 9th in Gent-Wevelgem, the young Slovenian is a rider used to playing leading roles at the WorldTour. Winner of stages on the Vuelta and Giro, winner of the Tour of Benelux, he lacks a great classic to his palmares. Plouay could be that one. He will be among the favorites of the day.

66. Jan Tratnik (Slo, 29). Solid winner of the Volta Limburg Classic in 2018, he loves hard races. For his first Bretagne Classic, he will be a strong teammate in the Bahrain - Merida collective.

67. Andrea Garosio (Ita, 25). Neo-professional, the Italian continues his apprenticeship of the high level. He will be in Plouay as a teammate.

The announced substitute is **Stephen Williams (Gbr)**.

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