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Valcar - Cylance for the experiment

13th team in the WorldTour Women's standings, the Italian team will be one of the outsiders of the day. Introducing a young collective on the Grand Prix of Plouay - Lorient Agglomeration - Trophy WNT Women, she will be there to confront the best teams in the world with the desire to progress.

For its third season in the women's peloton, the **Valcar - Cylance** team will return for the second time to Plouay where the team saw all its members finish the race last year. Proof that there is in this young team a lot of motivation to progress by facing the best teams in the world.

With an average age of 22, the collective of the Italian team will be one of the youngest at the start of the race. Valcar - Cylance will have very promising young women like Elisa Balsamo, 20th in WorldTour, and Marta Cavalli, 31st. They will be well supported by teammates also in full progression.

Italy has not won in Plouay since 2008 with Fabiana Luperini. If a victory remains difficult to win, we can be sure that the Italian cyclists will still be in the front on the breton heights.

The Italy's future

Valcar – Cylance presented its first list of riders scheduled at Plouay under the direction of **Davide Arzani**.

151. Silvia Persico (Ita, 22). High-level cyclocrosswoman, 4th in the U23 World Championship in 2019, the young Italian continues her apprenticeship in international road cycling. Plouay will be a beautiful experience to live.

152. Elisa Balsamo (Ita, 21). Junior World Champion in 2016, she is one of the most promising young women in cycling. Recent 2nd of the Prudential RideLondon Classic (WorldTour), she can be the revelation of the plouaysienne race.

153. Maria Giulia Confalonieri (Ita, 26). The most experienced of the team lives a beautiful season with many places of honor. She will be a good guide for Elisa Balsamo.

154. Asja Paladin (Ita, 24). Good teammate now used to compete in the biggest races of the calendar, she will also be a good guide for her promising young partners.

155. Marta Cavalli (Ita, 21). 10th of Gent-Wevelgem and 11th of the Tour of Flanders, the young Italian progresses quickly. She will once again want to compete with the best in the world.

156. Elena Pirrone (Ita, 20). The double world junior champion in 2017 (road and time trial), newcomer to the team, is still learning at the highest level in the world.

The announced substitutes are **Alessia Vigilia (Ita)**, **Ilaria Sanguineti (Ita)** and **Barbara Malcotti (Ita)**.

