

PRIMOZ ROGLIC WILL WEAR BIB NUMBER “1”



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Key points :

- The winner of La Vuelta 19, Primož Roglič, will wear bib number “1” in the official departure of La Vuelta 20 on the 20th of October in Irun.
- Jumbo-Visma will be participating with one of the strongest teams, and with Tom Dumoulin as co-leader along with other favourites including Enric Mas, Thibaut Pinot, Richard Carapaz and Chris Froome.
- Sam Bennett and Pascal Ackermann are the main

candidates for sprint victories.

The **list of pre-registered participants for the 75th edition of La Vuelta** shows that the Tour de France favourites will be coming to Spain, starting with the winner of La Vuelta 19, Slovenian rider **Primož Roglič**, who was the big favourite to win the Grand Boucle from start to finish, before ceding the yellow jersey to his countryman Tadej Pogacar, in the second-last stage, just 24 hours from the arrival in Paris. He will be leading the **Jumbo-Visma team featuring the strongest line-up with Tom Dumoulin as co-leader and his luxury team mates: Robert Gesink, George Bennett and Sepp Kuss**. The latter won stage 15 of La Vuelta 19 in the summit of the Acebo Sanctuary.

Nans Peters (AG2R-La Mondiale), **Alexey Lutsenko** (Astana Pro Team) and **Dani Martinez** (EF Pro Cycling), winners of mountain stages in the last Tour de France, are also pre-registered in La Vuelta 20, as are the protagonists of the Tour de France's general classification: **Enric Mas** (5th), **Tom Dumoulin** (7th), **Damiano Caruso** (10th), **Guillaume Martin** (11th), **Alejandro Valverde** (12th), **Richard Carapaz** (13th) and **Sepp Kuss** (15th). For most of them, La Vuelta is a new chance to improve on this season's performances.

La Vuelta is also a good opportunity to make amends for the frustrations they encountered during the Tour: **Thibaut Pinot** and his compatriot **David Gaudu** (Groupama-FDJ), **Esteban Chaves** (Mitchelton-Scott) and **David de La Cruz** (UAE Team Emirates), who began injured and ended up becoming one of the most valued collaborators of the final winner, Tadej Pogacar. **The Tour de France revelation had already made an impression in last year's edition of**

La Vuelta (3rd in the general classification and winner of three mountain stages).

Michael Woods (EF Pro Cycling) is feeling positive: 8th in the Tirreno-Adriático (and a stage win), 3rd in La Flèche Wallone and 7th in the Liège-Bastogne-Liège. The winner at the Balcón de Bizkaia summit in 2018 arrives fresh for La Vuelta, a race he particularly enjoys. Among those pre-registered are also great stage hunters such as **Dylan Teuns** (Bahrain-McLaren), leader for one day in La Vuelta 19, **Tim Wellens** (Lotto-Soudal) and young prodigies such **Andrea Bagioli** and **Mauri Vansevenant** (Deceuninck-Quick Step).

There are two stars among the pre-registered sprinters: **Sam Bennett** (Deceuninck-Quick Step), the man who dethroned Peter Sagan in the battle for the green jersey in the Tour de France, and **Pascal Ackermann** (Bora-Hansgrohe), winner of the points classification in the Giro 2019, during his very first participation in a Grand Tour. **Jasper Philipsen** (UAE Team Emirates), **Matteo Moschetti** (Trek-Segafredo) and **Magnus Cort** (Astana Pro Team) are among the candidates to challenge the supremacy of these two sprinters.