

GIACOMO NIZZOLO RETURNS TO PARIS NICE AS HEANO MAKES TEAM QHUBEKA ASSOS DEBUT

WINNER ON STAGE TWO OF THE 2020 EDITION

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USPA NEWS - Team Qhubeka ASSOS (www.TeamQhubeka.com) has named an exciting lineup for Paris-Nice which starts on Sunday, featuring a return for Giacomo Nizzolo, who took a stunning stage victory at the race in 2020, and a debut for Colombia's Sergio Henao. The eight-stage race is expected to feature a number of sprint opportunities which will see the European and Italian champion ably supported by the now familiar faces of compatriot Matteo Pelucchi and Germany's Max Walscheid.

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We'd like to extend a huge "thank you" to Rodrigo Mota Garrido for submitting his video to announce our team for Paris-Nice. You can watch that here (<https://bit.ly/3rllffv>). Our team has been doing this initiative since the start of the season and look forward to continuing to look at ways to bring our incredible fans closer to the team they support.

PARIS NICE LINE UP [squad numbers]:-----

“€ Giacomo Nizzolo [33]

“€ Fabio Aru [21]

“€ Sergio Henao [10]

“€ Sander Armée [32]

“€ Victor Campenaerts [55]

“€ Matteo Pelucchi [27]

“€ Max Walscheid [13]

GIACOMO NIZZOLO-----

Paris-Nice is obviously one of the toughest races of the year - always stressful and always raced with a high rhythm. I think it will be very important as the next step towards the goals that follow, starting with Milan-Sanremo so it's a race that's definitely very important for the Classics as well. We're looking forward to being there, to put some work, kilometres and quality into the legs and trying to be sharp and score some results in the sprint stages.

SERGIO HENAO-----

I'm am so happy to finally be back in Europe and to be starting the season with Team Qhubeka ASSOS at Paris-Nice.

I can't wait to get racing with my new team and look forward to playing my part in contributing to our team's goals, and working towards the success of the team.

GABRIELE MISSAGLIA - SPORT DIRECTOR-----

As we've seen the team race so far, we want to ensure overall that we try and play the best possible part we can in the race and race as a team. This has been a key feature starting with what we spoke about during our training camp and something that we will continue at Paris-Nice. How will we do that? Well, in Giacomo we have a rider who has already won a race this season, and who won a stage here in 2020. We will fully support him in the stages we feel he can contest while Victor and Max will be looking to putting in really strong time trial performances on stage three. They've both been riding really well, so I'm excited about what they can offer us. For the general classification we have a strong group in Fabio, Sander and Sergio. It's great to finally have the latter link up with us and we know that he can be an important rider for the season to come so it will be interesting to see what his level is at the moment.

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