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MOVISTAR TEAM AND ALPECIN-PREMIER TECH RIDERS SHINE ON CANYON BIKES IN 2026

In September as **Enric Mas** stood atop the podium at the **Vuelta a España**, arms raised in celebration, having finally conquered the Grand Tour that had eluded him throughout his career, it was also one of the biggest victories for Canyon's **Aeroad CFR**. After three previous runner-up finishes, the Movistar Team leader finally secured his biggest career victory, marking a landmark moment for himself, his team and for Canyon.



Mas's win was an obvious highlight, but overall 2026 was another year of celebration for Canyon on the road, with the stars of the men's peloton delivering major success throughout the season, from **Mas'** dramatic victory at the **Vuelta a España** to **Mathieu van der Poel** holding off the peloton to take a thrilling stage win in Paris at the **Tour de France** in July. From the cobbles of the Spring Classics to national titles and Grand Tour success, versatility and aggressive racing were the cornerstones of Canyon riders' road victories this year.

The wins came thick and fast, with both Movistar and Alpecin-Premier Tech out of the blocks and taking early victories. For Alpecin-Premier Tech, Germany's **Henri Uhlig** opened the team's account with his first-ever pro win in France on stage 3 of the **Etoile de Bessèges - Tour du Gard**. It wasn't long before former road world champion **Mathieu van der Poel** got in on the act, in scintillating form. He won his first road race of the

season at **Omloop Nieuwsblad** before taking two more wins on stage at **Tirreno Adriatico** in March, continuing his build-up to the Spring Classics.



A phenomenal 69km solo win would follow for van der Poel at **E3 Saxo Classic** a few weeks later on Canyon's new **Endurace CFR**, before the Alpecin-Premier Tech leader rounded out his spring campaign with a highly respectable second place in the Tour of Flanders and fourth in another memorable edition of **Paris-Roubaix**.



Meanwhile, van der Poel's fast-finishing teammate Jasper Philipsen kicked off his season with strong wins at **Danilith Nokere Koerse** and **In Flanders Fields - From Middelkerke to Wevelgem**.



At Movistar the spring was dominated by early-season success in several Spanish stage races, with **Ivan Romeo** winning a stage and the overall at the **Vuelta a Andalucia Ruta Ciclista Del Sol**, before veteran rider **Nairo Quintana** followed suit with a stage and the overall title at the **Vuelta Asturias Julio Alvarez Mendo**.

June brought another significant win for Movistar Team and Canyon, as **Pablo Castrillo** powered to victory in the **Elite Men's Spanish National Time Trial Championships**.

The **Tour de** France saw both teams fight on all fronts and, despite some early setbacks, find success. Philipsen came into the race with his form on the rise, thanks to a dominant win in the **Copenhagen Sprint** and two stages, plus the overall title, on home roads at the **Baloise Belgium Tour**.

The Belgian would have to wait some time to open his account at the **Tour de France**, but after several close calls, the sprinter finally took a well-deserved victory on the road to Voiron on stage 17, netting the 11th Tour stage win of his glittering career.

Van der Poel had a Tour de France to remember, first winning a pulsating stage from the breakaway on the road to Ussel, courtesy of a near 100km breakaway, before outfoxing and outsprinting his companions on the

line. Still, the all-rounder saved the best for last.



On the stage into Paris, **van der Poel** was at his most aggressive, attacking through the French capital before breaking away in the finale to take the yellow jersey. Heading into the final few hundred meters, it looked as though the remnants of the peloton would make the catch, but in dramatic scenes reminiscent of his astonishing win at Amstel Gold Race in 2019, the flying Dutchman held on to take a jaw-dropping win ahead of **Philipsen**, who led the peloton home in second place.



The season was far from finished, with August bringing a run of victories for both Movistar and Alpecin-Premier Tech before the final Grand Tour of the season, the Vuelta a España, came into view.

August was also a hugely successful month for Alpecin-Premier Tech, with **Jasper Philipsen** delivering a standout performance at the Renewi Tour in Belgium. The Belgian sprinter claimed three stage victories across the five-day WorldTour race, taking wins on stages 2, 4 and 5 to secure both the overall general classification and the points jersey.

Coming into the final Grand Tour of the season, the Vuelta a España, **Mas** was a pre-event favourite for the top-five after enduring a tough start to the season. Fifth in the Vuelta a Burgos in early August suggested the Spanish leader was on the right track, while 50th in the opening time trial on his Canyon Speedmax CFR TT was commendable, given that racing against the clock has never been Mas' forte.

The first volley of tough stages that littered the first week, including the road to Andorra la Vella and Castelló, propelled the Movistar leader into a promising second place in the overall standings. On the road to Aramón Valdelinares on stage 7, the race turned on its head when overall leader Tadej Pogačar crashed out, putting **Mas** automatically into the leader's red jersey.

With still two weeks to race and several competitors breathing down his neck, the race was far from over. On his first day in the overall lead, **Mas** launched a perfect attack to win the stage, top the Alto de Aitana, and extend his slender advantage over his rivals. On stage 18 of the race, the key individual time trial into Jerez de la Frontera, **Mas** put in the TT of his life to finish 12th, meaning he went into the last clutch of mountain stages with a healthy but not impregnable 1:37 over his closest rival.



Mas and his Movistar team managed those final days in the mountains perfectly, letting breaks fly up the road but keeping their key rivals within touching distance, before **Mas** took charge and valiantly defended his red jersey.

At the finish in Granada, **Mas** took the top step of the podium, celebrating the greatest win of his career, Movistar and Canyon's first men's Grand Tour victory since 2019, and one of the season's most entertaining stage races.



The season will go down as a huge success for both Movistar Team and Alpecin-Premier Tech. Consistent throughout the year, and with many definitive high points along the way, 2026 was a landmark year for Canyon riders on the **Aeroad CFR**, adding another incredible year to the history books.

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