

American riders **Brandon McNulty** and **Ashlin Barry**, alongside Slovak rider **Viktória Chladoňová**, claimed rainbow jerseys at the 2026 UCI Road World Championships all racing in Nimbl Ultimate Exceed Pro Edition.

The **2026 UCI Road World Championships in Montréal** delivered a remarkable series of results for **Nimbl**, with **Brandon McNulty** claiming the Elite Men's road race title, **Ashlin Barry** becoming U23 World Champion, and **Viktória Chladoňová** taking the U23 Women's title.

All three riders crossed the finish line wearing the same Nimbl model: the **Ultimate Exceed Pro Edition**, the Italian brand's race-focused cycling shoe developed for riders competing at the highest level.

The Elite Men's race covered 273.2 kilometres and approximately 3,600 metres of elevation gain. After more than six hours of racing, McNulty timed his decisive move to take the rainbow jersey and claim his first Elite World Championship title.

"Winning the World Championships in Montréal still feels unreal. The team rode an incredible race for me, and on the final lap I was completely on the limit, just trying to keep the pedals turning. I only started to believe it in the last few hundred meters. On a day like that you need equipment you don't have to think about, and my Nimbl shoes were perfect right to the end. Thanks to Nimbl for being part of this." says **Brandon McNulty**, 2026 Elite Road World Champion.

The same roads provided the setting for the U23 races, where **Ashlin Barry** and **Viktória Chladoňová** claimed rainbow jerseys in their respective events. For Chladoňová, the result completed a journey from silver in Kigali last year to gold in Montréal, after a race shaped by her repeated attacks on the climbs and a decisive final sprint.

For Nimbl, the three victories represent a significant moment: the same **Ultimate Exceed Pro Edition** was beneath riders competing across the Elite and U23 men's and women's races, all finishing the World Championships as rainbow jersey winners.

Built for the moments that decide a race

The **Ultimate Exceed Pro Edition** is designed around a monocoque carbon chassis, combining a rigid and responsive platform with a lightweight race-ready construction. Its BOA® Li2 closure system provides precise micro-adjustment, while strategically placed ventilation openings support breathability when racing conditions become demanding. Available for both traditional 3-bolt cleats and Speedplay, the Exceed Pro Edition is built around a simple principle: keeping the connection between rider and pedal as direct and precise as possible.

At the Montréal World Championships, that philosophy was shared by three new world champions.

"Seeing three riders become world champions on the same week, on such a demanding course, was truly special. Brandon, Ashlin and Viktoria demonstrated the level of commitment, focus and precision that a World Championship demands. Races like the one in Montréal are a reminder of why we design Nimbl the way we do. When the pace changes, the climbs keep coming and the margins become smaller with every kilometre, there is no room for compromise. Seeing the Ultimate Exceed Pro Edition with Brandon and Ashlin in those crucial moments is a great source of pride for everyone at Nimbl." concludes **Francesco Sergio**, MD & Co-Founder, Nimbl

Three world champions. One course. One shoe built for the moments that matter.

Nimbl è un brand di ciclismo ad alte prestazioni, impegnato nel mantenere i più alti standard qualitativi, preservando l'artigianalità italiana e guidando l'innovazione. Conosciuto per le sue scarpe artigianali indossate dagli atleti del WorldTour, Nimbl aiuta i ciclisti a ottimizzare la trasmissione di potenza senza compromettere comfort e stile. Con l'espansione nell'abbigliamento, Nimbl continua a servire chi cerca l'eccellenza — offrendo un sistema costruito per elevare la performance, watt dopo watt.

