

THE ORLEN NATIONS GRAND PRIX IS A SPRINGBOARD FOR YOUNG TALENTS **The first rider to wear the ORLEN leader jersey is now riding his first full season as a pro.**

Warsaw, May 8th, 2021 - The ORLEN Nations Grand Prix is indisputably a race designed for young riders who will build the future of world cycling. This is exactly the aim and the spirit with which the Polish U23 race, included in a UCI circuit of 6 competitions, was born three years ago.

Clément Champoussin, a young rider from the new generation of French talents, is the proof. The twenty-two-year old will ride his first full season as a pro with the AG2R Citroen team after his debut in the WorldTour last year in April. Climber, mountain biker and time trial specialist, Clément is an allround rider who has shown great things in his career as an U23.

In 2019 he became the first rider to wear the brand new ORLEN Nation Grand Prix' leader jersey after an exciting 27 km-long Time Trial from Jurgów to Bukowina Tatrzńska. Even though the Frenchman lost his leadership for bad luck in the second stage, he will remain the first GC leader of the race forever in cycling history.

The leader jersey is unchanged and is waiting to be worn by a new leader who might find a prestigious engagement at the end of the year and begin his long career in this sport, which can only give enormous emotions.

Despite its young life, the Orlen Nation Grand Prix is already a strong competition where rising talents can measure themselves, growing up in a challenging environment just before facing their career as pro cyclists.

'I love it, and it is a great satisfaction for us to see young people grow and establish themselves in professional cycling. I still remember when I started and I can identify with each of them. I am happy that ORLEN has shared this dream with us and, for three years now, we have been able to organize this wonderful race year after year.' says Czeslaw Lang, ORLEN Nations Grand Prix general director.