

## **Matej Mohorič relives his triumph just over a month after winning the Tour de Pologne**

*The winner of the 80<sup>th</sup> edition explains why he will definitely return to the race.*

A little over a month has passed since the end of the 80<sup>th</sup> edition of the Tour de Pologne, which was won by Slovenian champion Matej Mohorič (Bahrain Victorious) after a close fight down to the last second. A few weeks after his achievement, the Slovenian champion reflects on the moments that marked his exhilarating week in Poland and recalls the importance of teamwork:

"The most exciting moment was undoubtedly when I took the lead of the race, my teammates had done a great job all week and I was happy to be able to concentrate all my strengths in the time trial and then take the overall win. It was a really important result for me, but also for the whole team.

The time trial challenge was a real key point of the race, where Mohorič showed great control and incredible adaptability.

"The most difficult moment was definitely the individual time trial," he said. "I knew the gap wasn't that big, I was only a few seconds ahead in the general classification, but as it's not my specialty I wasn't sure I could do it. But, I was really happy to have a good race and to keep the lead.

It was not an easy race for the Slovenian rider, but he managed to juggle a crash in the first stage, the bonus calculations and the valuable support of his team. Speaking of favourites, he was enthusiastic about the second stage of the 2023 edition:

"I really liked the second stage, it's the type that suits me best: a hard stage where you know that if you have the legs you can really make a difference. In the other stages, which were all about bunch sprints, it was more difficult for me to make gaps for the classification.

Mohorič said he was delighted to be back at a race like the Tour de Pologne, which has always fascinated him:

"I was happy to be back," he explained, "because of the country and the type of course: there are a lot of short, steep climbs that suit me very well. It was nice to ride on these roads again and I will definitely be back in the future.