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## Nordic dominance in Lublin! Stina Kagevi becomes the first leader of the Tour de Pologne Women

**The second edition of the Tour de Pologne Women started amidst a crowd of enthusiastic fans. After the individual time trial in Lublin, Stina Kagevi took the lead of the ORLEN general classification, with Poland's top rider Zuzanna Chylińska in fifth place. "I didn't expect to win at all," said today's triumphant Stina Kagevi.**

Today's individual time trial in the heart of Lublin marked the start of the 2nd edition of the Tour de Pologne Women - a prestigious race on the Union Cycliste Internationale calendar for elite female riders. Re-launched after eight years, the event attracted many teams to the start line, including three Polish squads.

Many riders were among the favourites for the top places, but the short 4.5 kilometre course near the Litewski square was in favour of surprises. Stina Kagevi of the continental team Coop - Repsol seized the opportunity and finished the dynamic section in 5:41. By the time nearly all the riders crossed the finish line, it was clear that the Swedish rider had set the fastest time. It was her first victory at this level.

"This is a very special day for me because I didn't have any expectation of victory. Especially as this is the first time that I have won a race of this calibre. Waiting for the result was definitely harder for me than the race itself. During the race I know that everything depends on me, but when I am waiting I have no control over anything," said the winner of the individual time trial.

Thanks to today's victory, the Swedish rider has become the first leader of the ORLEN general classification to wear the distinctive yellow jersey. The time trial in Lublin was dominated by Nordic riders, with Finland's Wilma Aintila of Lotto Dstny Ladies and Denmark's Christina Bragh Lorenzen finishing just 1 and 2 seconds respectively behind the winner.

In 5th place, just 3 seconds behind Stina Kagevi, was Poland's top rider, Zuzanna Chylińska of TTK Pacific Nestle Fitness, who recently won the Polish U23 title.

"I was prepared for the hot weather so that I could give my all on the course. Today's course was perfect for me - a slight uphill at the start allowed me to push hard from the start and after the turn I was able to speed downhill to the finish. My coach, Leszek Szyszkowski, was with me the whole time and thanks to his instructions I knew in which direction I had to go," said Zuzanna Chylińska, describing the short but intense stage.

MAT ATOM Developer Wroclaw riders Katarzyna Wilkos, Olga Wankiewicz and Malwina Mul also showed their strength in the opening stage of the Tour de Pologne Women, finishing 8th to 10th. Looking ahead to tomorrow's stage it will be interesting to watch the competition on the challenging, hilly course from Krasnystaw to Kraśnik, powiat kraśnicki. The race is still wide open.

### Route of the 2. Tour de Pologne Women, 28-30.06.2024:

STAGE 1: 28.06.2024, Lublin - Lublin (Individual Time Trial), 4.5 km

STAGE 2: 29.06.2024, Krasnystaw - Kraśnik, Kraśnicki County, 136 km

STAGE 3: 30.06.2024, Arche Nałęczów - Kazimierz Dolny, 103 km

More information about the race at: [www.tourdepolognewomen.pl](http://www.tourdepolognewomen.pl)