



ORLEN Nations Grand Prix 2025: Schrettl takes the overall win, while Zamperini wins the final stage

A strong showing from Polish riders marks a thrilling end to the race.

The 2025 edition of the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix delivered another thrilling finale. In an electrifying finish near the Arłamów Hotel, Italian Under-23 champion **Edoardo Zamperini** outsprinted Poland's **Patryk Goszczurny** to win the stage with Danish rider Tore Troelsen finishing third. The overall victory and white jersey went to Austria's Marco Schrettl.

The seventh edition of this year's race lived up to expectations, with the fourth and final stage delivering the mountainous showdown that fans had been hoping for. The peloton tackled a challenging route from Lesko to Arłamów, ascending through Kalwaria Pałacowska, Gruszowa and Fredropol once again. Edoardo Zamperini also claimed a bonus sprint here. The pace was aggressive right from the start, but the Austrian team quickly shut down any early breakaway attempts in order to protect Marco Schrettl's lead. Eventually, a group of nine riders broke away and, thanks to strong teamwork, built a lead of over a minute on the chasing pack. On the steep ascents of the Bieszczady Mountains, Zamperini proved to be the strongest, edging out Patryk Goszczurny, with Denmark's Tore Troelsen completing the top three.

"This victory means a lot. It shows that I'm on the right path and gives me motivation for the rest of the season. It's my first win wearing the Italian champion's jersey — and probably the last time I'll race in it — so I'm glad I made it count," said an emotional **Zamperini** at the finish.

General classification leader **Marco Schrettl** secured the overall victory, ahead of Ludovico Maria Mellano and Filippo Turconi of Italy.

"I'm incredibly happy — not just for winning, but for the way the team rode," said Schrettl. *'The stage was chaotic, with lots of attacks, but we stayed in control and defended the jersey.'*

Patryk Goszczurny also had positive things to say about his ride: *"Today I felt really great. After Thursday's stage, I was disappointed not to finish the break I was in — I got too cold. Today, I wanted to prove my worth, and I think I did."*

Mateusz Gajdulewicz of Poland also impressed, finishing sixth overall after taking third place in the previous stage. *"My goal was to finish in the top 10, and I achieved it. After the first half of the race, few believed in us, but our coach did. Half of our team are first-year U23s. I'm finishing my U23 years now, so I hope this result helps me find a good team,"* said the 22-year-old.

A birthday gift for Lang

The Polish team's strong performance came as a fitting birthday gift for **Czesław Lang, General Director of the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix**, who turned 70 today. *"This is a wonderful birthday present,"* said Lang. *"In seven editions, we've seen real progress. The Poles rode beautifully — third yesterday, second today and sixth overall. That's never happened before. We have great talent that will continue to grow."*