

82nd Tour de Pologne[®]

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Ben Turner won the stage to Wałbrzych!

The third stage of the 82nd Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour, which started and finished in Wałbrzych in Wałbrzych County, ended with a sprint from a reduced peloton. The fastest rider was Ben Turner of INEOS Grenadiers. For safety reasons, the race was temporarily neutralised after the final PZU Mountain Prime, leaving the ORLEN General Classification unchanged from the previous stage.

The Lower Silesian triptych of the 82nd Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour concluded with a stage beginning and ending in Wałbrzych, Wałbrzych County, which was packed with demanding climbs. The course included three ascents of both the Walimska Pass and the Niedźwiedzica Pass, which were categorised as PZU Mountain Primes. In the final lap, the riders also tackled the PZU Mountain Prime in Rzeczk.

Earlier in the stage, the riders competed for the DPD Special Sprint in Jedlina-Zdrój and the LOTTO Intermediate Sprint in Walim.

Right after the start, the riders took advantage of the hilly terrain to launch attacks and attempt to form the day's breakaway. Several groups formed, with Fabio Van den Bossche, Timo Kielich (Alpecin-Deceuninck) and Remi Cavagna (Groupama-FDJ) being the first riders to gain a visible gap. They were later chased by eight riders: Ide Schelling (Astana Qazaqstan Team), Kelland O'Brien (Jayco-AlUla), Pierre-Thierry, Alessandro Verre (Arkéa-B&B Hotels), Reuben Thompson (Lotto-Dstny), Mateusz Gajdulewicz (Polish National Team), Pepijn Reinderink (T-Rex-Quick-Step) and Anthony Perez (Cofidis).

At the PZU Mountain Prime on the Walimska Pass, Van den Bossche claimed maximum points, after which the groups merged. Decathlon AG2R La Mondiale moved to the front of the peloton to control the breakaway. During the first two laps, Kielich (Alpecin-Deceuninck) won all the PZU Mountain Primes on the Walimska and Niedźwiedzica Passes, earning him the PZU Best Climber jersey, as well as the DPD Special Prime and the LOTTO Sprint Prime.

With 80 kilometres to go, attacks erupted in the peloton as Pello Bilbao (Bahrain Victorious) and Chris Hamilton (Team BikeExchange) accelerated. Later, Maxim Van Gils (Red Bull-BORA-hansgrohe) attempted to break away, but all attacks were neutralised.

The increased pace of the main group reduced the breakaway's lead, causing it to splinter. The strongest among them were Kielich, Van den Bossche, Cavagna, O'Brien, Reinderink and Pérez. Before the PZU Mountain Prime in Rzeczk, which was won by Timo Kielich once again, Reinderink, O'Brien and Kielich managed to break away. Matthew Riccitello (Israel-Premier Tech) also attacked from the peloton and briefly caught up with them.

Reinderink claimed the final PZU Mountain Prime in Rzeczk, but was soon caught by the peloton, leaving only O'Brien out front. Diego Ulissi (Astana Qazaqstan Team) and Lorenzo Milesi (Movistar Team) then attacked from the chasing group.

"With just over 20 kilometres to go, a crash occurred, involving the race leader among others. All of our medical vehicles stopped to assist those injured. We decided to neutralize the race to allow the ambulances to re-take their position in the convoy. After that the race restarted the times remained unchanged, with the riders only competing for the stage victory." explained **Czesław Lang**, the race's general director.

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The breakaway group resumed with a 40-second lead over the peloton, racing towards the finish line in Wałbrzych. The pace was high and the groups merged on the final kilometre. Following some excellent lead-out work from Michał Kwiatkowski (INEOS Grenadiers), his teammate Ben Turner sprinted to victory. Pello Bilbao (Bahrain Victorious) and Andrea Bagioli (Lidl-Trek) completed the top three.

"It was a nervous day; the course was tough and everyone wanted to stay at the front. Unfortunately, there was a crash, and I hope everyone is okay. You never want to see that. After the neutralisation, we had a plan, we executed it perfectly, and I'm glad I could finish it off with a win," said **Turner**.

"It was a strange situation — everyone lost focus. Everything was going well for us at that point with Jack Haig and Antonio Tiberi in front. Then the crash happened and Jack was involved too. The decision to neutralise was made. In the finale, I gave it my all and finished second, which is still a good result," said **Pello Bilbao**.

Paul Lapeira (Decathlon AG2R La Mondiale) remains in the lead in the ORLEN General Classification. Tomorrow, the riders will tackle a stage from Rybnik to Cieszyn. You can watch the 82nd Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour on TVP, Eurosport and HBO Max.