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Chiara Consonni Sprints to Glory in Zamość

The third Tour de Pologne Women got underway in style. Chiara Consonni from Canyon//SRAM zondacrypto claimed the opening stage, becoming the fastest in Zamość and the first leader of the ORLEN General Classification.

World-class racing in Poland continued on Tuesday with a stage starting and finishing in Zamość, which launched the third Tour de Pologne Women. The riders faced a 105-kilometre flat route passing through the picturesque Roztocze National Park and Szczepieszyn, where the day's only LOTTO Sprint Prime was located.

From the outset, the peloton was active, with Charlotte Clarke (Black Magic pb Tonelli) being the first to attack. She was caught, as were other riders who attempted to break away later on, including Martyna Szczęśna (MAT ATOM Deweloper Wrocław), Natalia Krześlak (TKK Pacific Nestlé Fitness) and Argiro Milaki (Aromitalia 3T Vaiano), the current Greek champion.

Around halfway through the stage, Sophie Marr (Black Magic pb Tonelli) moved to the front, building a lead of about 50". Iurani Blanco (Human Powered Health) gave chase, but was unable to reach the LOTTO Sprint Prime in Szczepieszyn. Marr met the same fate, being caught shortly before the finish. Meanwhile, back in the peloton, sprint trains formed, with Chiara Consonni (Canyon//SRAM Zondacrypto) taking the most points at the LOTTO Sprint Prime. In the final kilometres, Anne Kniijnenburg (VolkerWessels) made a determined solo effort, but was eventually caught by the bunch.

The Zamość stage ended in a sprint finish, where **Chiara Consonni** once again proved unbeatable. She is therefore the first leader of both the **ORLEN General Classification** and the **LOTTO Most Active Rider Classification**, and will start tomorrow's stage in Chelm wearing the yellow ORLEN jersey. *"This is my first Tour de Pologne, and I'm really happy to be racing in Poland. I had never been before, but the people are so kind, outgoing and cheerful that it feels a bit like home. There were so many fans lining the roads and cheering us on, and the atmosphere was fantastic. This is also my first road victory of the season and my first with the team, which makes me incredibly happy. We were fairly sure that this stage would end in a bunch sprint most of the time, but in cycling you never really know. We worked well as a team, kept the race under control and close to the breakaway, and then I gave it my all in the sprint to achieve my goal. When I saw the 100 m sign, I started my sprint, and crossing the finish line first was an incredible feeling. Today, everything went the way I had hoped. Now we'll see what we can do in the next two stages, but for now, I'm just enjoying the moment,"* said **Consonni**. Behind her, **Clara Copponi** (Lidl-Trek) and **Kathrin Schweinberger** (Human Powered Health) took second and third place respectively.

"The stage was relatively straightforward, but we knew the finale would be fast, so we had to set up the sprint train. My teammates and I were in a good position, and the finish was contested at very high speed. I'm happy with second place, and we'll try again tomorrow. We also have Emma Norsgaard Bjerg, who can sprint too, so we're ready for another fast finish," said **Copponi**.

"It was a really nice stage. We're here with a small squad, but we tried to race actively and respond to the many attacks. We knew we had to focus on the finish. I blindly followed Silvia Zanardi's wheel, and I'm happy with third place, although I'd like to do better. Tomorrow's finish will be harder and

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more exciting as it's a bit uphill, so you'll need a lot of power at the end. The roads are good, the weather is nice, and we're really enjoying it," added **Schweinberger**.

Kaja Rysz of Poland just missed out on the podium, finishing fourth. *"We were very alert, and I tried to maintain a good position, which wasn't easy – I had to fight hard for my spot. Marta Jaskulska and the other girls from the national team helped me a lot in the final, and I'm very grateful to them for that. However, in sport, just a second in the wrong position can ruin the entire plan. We expected the stage to end in a bunch sprint and were prepared for it. Tomorrow, our goal is to reach the podium. There will be a bit more climbing, which suits me well. After the Tour de France, I had plenty of rest – I only rode my bike a few times, mostly for easy rides. Now I'm slowly getting back into the rhythm of racing, and things can only get better,"* explained **Kaja Rysz**.

Tomorrow, the riders will tackle a 100-kilometre route starting and finishing in Chełm, with a fight for points and seconds at the LOTTO Sprint Prime in Gmina Chełm. The race starts at 13:00 and will be broadcast on TVP, Eurosport and HBO Max, with live coverage reaching fans in 65 countries.