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In Poland, I feel a bit at home

Olympic champion Chiara Consonni reflects on her first victory at the Tour de Pologne Women

The stunning Renaissance city of Zamość provided the setting for Consonni's first road win of the 2025 season. The Italian sprinter from CANYON//SRAM ZONDAcrypto — who won Olympic gold in the Madison at the recent Paris Games with Vittoria Guazzini, as well as being the 2022 World Champion in the Team Pursuit — lit up the day with her energy, warmth and contagious smile.

Chiara, this is your first road victory of 2025.

“I’ve been chasing this win for a while. I really wanted to win in this jersey to repay the team for the trust they’ve placed in me. We worked really well together, keeping the race under control. When I saw the 100 m to go sign, I started my sprint and gave it my all. Raising my arms at the finish line was an incredible feeling.”

How much did your track experience help?

‘This year, I’ve focused more on the road. After changing teams, I was a bit nervous — I wanted to perform well here, too. Last week, I competed in the Sei Giorni delle Rose in Fiorenzuola. The track racing improved my stamina and helped me to relax mentally. I cleared my mind and came back with more determination. This win is proof of that.’

What has it been like racing in Poland for the first time?

‘I’d never raced here before, but from day one I’ve felt at home. People are cheerful and outgoing. The crowds are warm and passionate — it’s a bit like being in Italy! I’m even trying to learn a few words of Polish — I share a room with Agnieszka Skalniak-Sójka — but so far, I can only say ‘thank you’, ‘good morning’, and ‘good evening’.’

What are your goals for the next two stages?

‘I’d love to defend the yellow jersey, but we’ll see how the race plays out. We have a strong team — Agnieszka, Zoe and the others are all in great shape, so we have plenty of options. Let’s see what happens.’