

# 82. Tour de Pologne<sup>®</sup>

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### Sprint stars at the 82nd Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour

There are only four days left until the start of the Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour. The race will begin with a flat stage from Wrocław to Legnica — a route tailor-made for the fastest riders in the peloton. Those eyeing glory in the opening sprint include Olav Kooij, Casper van Uden, Paul Magnier, and Fernando Gaviria.

Once again, the stars of cycling are coming to Poland to compete in the 82nd Tour de Pologne. The race will feature top riders who specialize in sprints, climbing, and time trials.

One of the most anticipated battles will be among the sprinters, especially during the first stage from Wrocław to Legnica. The route through the Lower Silesia Voivodeship provides an ideal opportunity for fast finishers — one they can't afford to miss! As the race progresses, the stages will become increasingly challenging, demanding climbing skills and strong endurance from the riders.

Among the sprinting elite is **Olav Kooij** of Team Visma | Lease a Bike. The Dutchman has already won stages in the Tour de Pologne, and he added a Giro d'Italia stage win to his résumé this year. He also won the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix general classification — a testament to his strength on Polish roads. As one of the world's top sprinters, Kooij is undoubtedly a favorite to win a bunch finish. Team Visma | Lease a Bike can also count on **Matthew Brennan**, a versatile Briton who impressed with his performance in last year's ORLEN Nations Grand Prix and has already claimed ten victories this season.

If the stage ends in a group sprint, expect fierce competition from seasoned sprinters like **Fernando Gaviria** (Movistar Team), stage winner at the Tour de France, Giro d'Italia, and Tour de Pologne; **Sam Bennett** (Decathlon AG2R La Mondiale), winner of the green jersey at the 2020 Tour de France; and **Elia Viviani** (Lotto), who has won stages in all three Grand Tours.

Also competing is **Paul Magnier** of Soudal–Quick–Step, one of the most promising young sprinters who excels in one-day races. Riders like **Ethan Vernon** (Israel–Premier Tech) and **Marijn van den Berg** (EF Education–EasyPost)—the latter of whom has previously won stages and the general classification at the Tour de Pologne and the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix—are not afraid of tougher terrain, either. Another Dutchman aiming for strong sprint finishes is **Casper van Uden** of Team Picnic PostNL, who won a stage at this year's Giro d'Italia.

The 82nd Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour will showcase a world-class lineup of sprinters, each eager to add prestigious Polish stages to their career accomplishments. The race runs from August 4 to 10 and will be broadcast on TVP, Eurosport, and the MAX streaming platform, reaching fans in 65 countries worldwide!