

82. Tour de Pologne[®]

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The official presentation kicks off the 82nd Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour
Crowds gathered at Wrocław's Centennial Hall to welcome the stars of the peloton ahead of Poland's premier stage race.

On Sunday evening, August 3, fans packed the plaza outside the iconic Centennial Hall for the official team and rider presentation. This event marked the ceremonial start of Poland's top cycling event, with riders preparing to compete in seven challenging stages for the highly sought-after yellow jersey. Although the race doesn't begin until Monday, the atmosphere was already electric. As tradition dictates, the presentation was held on the eve of the opening stage. The striking Centennial Hall, a UNESCO World Heritage Site designed by Max Berg, provided a dramatic backdrop.

A large crowd welcomed the 23 teams and their riders as they were introduced on a purpose-built stage. The loudest cheers were reserved for Polish stars Rafał Majka (UAE Team Emirates–XRG), who recently announced that 2025 will be his final season, and Michał Kwiatkowski (INEOS Grenadiers), who is returning from injury.

"I want to end my career at the top, feeling strong and still enjoying it," **Majka** said. "I just finished 12 days of mountain training, and I'm in good shape. The Tour de Pologne is special to me. I won it in 2014, and now we're heading back to Bukowina. I want to feel that atmosphere again."

"There's a real sense of relief to be back," added **Kwiatkowski**. "After being out for four and a half months and having done very little preparation, I'm just glad to have made it through my first race yesterday in San Sebastián."

A Route for All – But Not an Easy One

Several international contenders took the stage as well, and many are already eyeing stage wins, especially in the opening stage from Wrocław to Legnica. It's one of the few clear chances for sprinters.

"Every edition brings new challenges," said **Olav Kooij** (Team Visma | Lease a Bike), who is favored to win the first stage. "This year's route looks particularly demanding, but we have opportunities. Stage 1 could be one of them, and stage 4 might end in a sprint if things play out right."

Paul Magnier (T-Rex Quick-Step) shared his excitement: "This is my second time at the Tour de Pologne, and I also raced the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix. I have great memories of Poland. The stages are tough but beautiful, and the atmosphere is special. I'm ready to give it my all and enjoy every kilometer."

Pello Bilbao (Bahrain Victorious), a major GC contender, pointed to the intensity of the course: "This is my fourth Tour de Pologne, and I always leave with good memories. I love these open races where the outcome is hard to predict. I finished third a few years ago with low expectations, and I'd like to try again. The route looks tougher this time, especially the final stages with over 3,000 meters of climbing and narrow roads. It's going to be intense."

"We organize this race for the fans." Race director **Czesław Lang** also addressed the crowd: "It's been a beautiful presentation, and I'm thrilled to see so many people here in front of Centennial Hall. We organize this race for the fans, and I hope to see great turnouts throughout the week. With seven diverse stages, the overall winner will have to be the strongest and most complete rider."

The 82nd edition of the Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour runs from August 4 to 10, with a route stretching from Wrocław to the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The race will be broadcast on TVP, Eurosport, and the streaming platform MAX, reaching viewers in over 65 countries.