

# 82. Tour de Pologne<sup>®</sup>

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**Victor Langellotti secured his first UCI WorldTour victory and took the lead in the ORLEN General Classification**

*Fans were treated to a thrilling 82nd Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour. Brandon McNulty (UAE Team Emirates-XRG) looked set to win, but Victor Langellotti (INEOS Grenadiers) overtook him in the final metres. The Monegasque rider also became the new leader of the ORLEN General Classification.*

The 'Queen' stage of the 82nd Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour took riders on a challenging route from BUKOVINA Resort to Bukowina Tatrzańska. The battle unfolded over three laps featuring climbs up the Harnaś Wall in Rzepiska and the BUKOVINA Wall in Gliczarów, both of which are classified as category 1 PZU Mountain Primes. The last of these, on the third lap, was dedicated to Joachim Halupczok, a former world champion and Olympic silver medallist. The route also featured two LOTTO Sprint Primes, in Szaflary and Biały Dunajec, as well as the Soudal Special Prime in Rzepiska. The uphill finish in Bukowina Tatrzańska suited climbing specialists perfectly.

Once again, many riders attempted to break away from the peloton, but it wasn't easy. Shortly after the start, the field reached the Harnaś Wall, which was won by Timo Kielich (Alpecin-Deceuninck), the dominant leader of the PZU Best Climber Classification. A nine-rider breakaway formed at the front: Olav Kooij, Matthew Brennan (Team Visma | Lease a Bike), Timo Kielich (Alpecin-Deceuninck), Enzo Paleni (Groupama-FDJ), Lorenzo Milesi (Movistar Team), Paul Magnier (T-Rex Quick-Step), Reuben Thompson (Lotto), Chris Hamilton (Team Picnic PostNL) and Nadav Raisberg (Israel-Premier Tech).

Marijn van den Berg and Colby Simmons (EF Education-EasyPost) bridged the gap from the peloton, while UAE Team Emirates-XRG set the pace behind them. Timo Kielich again came out on top at the following KOM and sprint points – the PZU Mountain Prime on the BUKOVINA Wall, the LOTTO Sprint Prime in Szaflary and the Harnaś Wall PZU Mountain Prime – while Chris Hamilton won the second BUKOVINA Wall PZU Mountain Prime. The main group began closing in on the breakaway, from which Colby Simmons attacked. On the final ascent of the Harnaś Wall, Bahrain Victorious increased the pace and Rafał Majka (UAE Team Emirates-XRG) broke away from the peloton, catching up with the break. Among those distanced was race leader Paul Lapeira (Decathlon AG2R La Mondiale).

Antonio Tiberi (Bahrain Victorious) took the last Harnaś Wall PZU Mountain Prime, after which Quinten Hermans (Alpecin-Deceuninck) surged clear to claim the Soudal Special Prime in Rzepiska. Following the descent, a large front group reformed, including Lapeira, who managed to rejoin them. However, he was dropped for good on the final BUKOVINA Wall PZU Mountain Prime, dedicated to Joachim Halupczok, when Majka drove the pace again. Earlier, at the LOTTO Sprint Prime in Biały Dunajec, Brandon McNulty took three bonus seconds ahead of Tiberi and his teammate, Jan Christen. McNulty and Tiberi played key roles on the final climb, attacking alongside Filippo Zana (Team Jayco AlUla). After Tiberi won the PZU Mountain Prime, more riders joined them to form a 16-strong lead group, with Majka setting a fierce tempo. With 10 kilometres to go, Rudy Molard (Groupama-FDJ) attacked, pursued by Hermans. Once he was caught, Jan Christen tried his luck, but was unable to break free.

As they approached the final ramp, Majka took the lead again, setting up another move by Christen. When Christen was caught, McNulty launched a strong attack. It looked like the American had won, but in the final metres, **Victor Langellotti** (INEOS Grenadiers) surged past to claim victory. **McNulty** finished second, with **Pello Bilbao** (Bahrain Victorious) crossing the line seven seconds later. Langellotti now leads the ORLEN General Classification by seven seconds over McNulty, ahead of tomorrow's time trial at the Wieliczka Salt Mine.

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*"I knew this climb, and I knew I had to wait until the last 500 metres because that's where it got really steep. I knew I'd be strong there, and even though Brandon was far ahead, I felt confident and waited for the right moment. I gave it my all and I'm very happy to have won. It will be very hard to keep the jersey tomorrow – Brandon McNulty is a great time trialist and it's going to be a big fight. Today, I'll enjoy the victory. Tomorrow, I'll give everything to defend the lead,"* said **Victor Langellotti**. The INEOS Grenadiers team started today's stage without Michał Kwiatkowski and Magnus Sheffield, who are both struggling with health issues. *"It was a very tough day. When we saw this morning that Kwiato and Magnus were unwell and had to withdraw, that was difficult. Despite that, we didn't give up; the guys did an incredible job and this wouldn't have been possible without them. I'm very grateful for that,"* said **Langellotti**, after beating Brandon McNulty in the finale.

*"Of course, you always want to win a stage, but it was also important for me to stay close to the leaders ahead of tomorrow. Today went better than I expected. It was a really tough day, and the climbs were very steep. With 700 metres to go, I gave it a go, but unfortunately the INEOS rider overtook me. Still, it was a good day. I'm excited for the time trial because it's my specialty. I can't wait,"* commented **Brandon McNulty**.

Timo Kielich (Alpecin–Deceuninck) is the leader of the PZU King of the Mountains classification and was also part of the day's breakaway. *"The best plan was to score points for the mountains classification right from the start, because then I knew I'd keep the jersey. When I arrived, I had some doubts about my form, so I'm glad I found my legs by getting into the breakaways. I think my form will improve after this week,"* said **Kielich**. *"I was surprised by how many fans were along the route, especially on the final climb, where there were huge crowds. I'm happy I could fight for the jersey,"* he added.

**Patryk Stosz** (Polish National Team) remains in the blue LOTTO Most Active Rider jersey, while **Ben Turner** (INEOS Grenadiers) still leads the Lang Team Points Classification. The best-ranked Pole in the race – and winner of the ORLEN VITAY Best Polish Rider prize – was **Rafał Majka**, who finished ninth. *"We didn't win today's stage, but we still have a chance of winning the whole race. Cycling is a team sport, and without wanting to boast, I knew how to ensure the team rode their best. On the Harnaś Wall, I had a problem when my chain dropped. I had to chase the group, and it cost me a bit. I'm happy I can still bring joy to Polish fans. As a 36-year-old, I'm still up there at the front,"* said **Majka** after the finish. The Polish rider and former Tour de Pologne winner was also praised by **Brandon McNulty**: *"Majka is one of the best riders you could have helping you, and riding with him is always a pleasure,"* he admitted.

The 82nd Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour will finish tomorrow with an individual time trial starting and finishing at the Wieliczka Salt Mine. The first rider is scheduled to set off at 13:30. The stage will be broadcast on TVP, Eurosport and HBO Max.