

83rd Tour de Pologne[®]

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Olav Kooij on the preliminary start list of the 83rd Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour!

Everything indicates that one of the biggest sprinting stars – Olav Kooij from the Decathlon CMA CGM Team – will start in the 83rd Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour. The Dutchman has repeatedly confirmed that he belongs to the world's top tier – this year he achieved a stage victory in the Tour de France and he has 5 stage wins in the Tour de Pologne to his credit!

There are riders who are invariably associated with the Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour. One of them is undoubtedly the 24-year-old Olav Kooij, who has been racing in the colors of the French Decathlon CMA CGM Team since the current season. The Dutchman has very good memories of Poland, which are connected with both youth categories and professional competitions.

Even as a junior, he claimed a win in a race in Grudziądz, and two years later – together with his national team teammates – he dominated the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix. The Dutch team won the team time trial then, and the next day Kooij turned out to be unrivaled in the bunch sprint, triumphing in the ORLEN General Classification of the entire race. The good streak continued, which resulted in a contract with the WorldTour team Jumbo-Visma (later Team Visma | Lease a Bike).

In their colors, he also won in Poland – this time on the "big stage" in the Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour. In the last 4 editions of the race, he won as many as 5 stages, showcasing his sprinting talent. His achievements also include 3 stage wins in the Giro d'Italia, a victory in the Cycloclassic Hamburg and a recent stage victory in the Tour de France, in which he continues to compete.

Olav Kooij was also included on the preliminary start list of the 83rd Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour, which will take place on August 3-9 on the route from Gdynia to the "Wieliczka" Salt Mine. Among the diverse stages, there will also be chances for sprinters, which will certainly be an important goal for the Decathlon CMA CGM Team.

The squad includes, among others, Kooij's leadout men, including the very dynamic Cees Bol, but also riders who can fight in more difficult terrain. The talented Leo Bisiaux and Paul Lapeira – a former French champion who achieved a stage victory in Karpacz last year and held the yellow jersey of the ORLEN General Classification leader for several days – are set to start in Poland.

As befits a team sponsored by Decathlon – the sponsor of the Decathlon Team Classification – they will arrive at the 83rd Tour de Pologne with the hope of fighting for the highest goals.

The competition in the 83rd Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour will be available to watch via broadcasts on TVP and Eurosport channels, as well as on the HBO Max streaming platform, thanks to which the signal from the race will reach fans in 65 countries.