Sagan sprints towards Trento: “I’m coming back”

After the knee injury sustained at the Tour de France, Peter Sagan looks forward to his racing comeback at the UEC Road European Championships in Trento (September 8th-12th), five years after his victory in Plumelec.

In 2016 in Plumelec (France), Peter Sagan inaugurated with a win the first edition of the UEC Road European Championships for the Elite categories, writing the first page of a prestigious golden book. Five years later, the three-time World Champion is completing his preparation for the “Trentino 2021” edition from September 8th to 12th, 2021.

The name of Sagan joins other major riders such as Tadej Pogacar, Remco Evenepoel, Filippo Ganna and Kasper Asgreen, who have already confirmed their presence at the UEC Road European Championships “Trentino 2021”. 
The European Championships will also mark Sagan’s return to racing after the knee injury that forced him to withdraw from the Tour de France, and the consequential surgery. “My recovery is on the right track,” stated the Slovak. “I’m training intensively in order to get back to the best possible level.”

Trento will be both a litmus test and an important goal, with an Elite Men’s race (179 km), on Sunday September 12th, potentially very well suited for Sagan’s skills. “In a race such as the Road European Championships, there are so many factors that can influence a race and nearly all of them are beyond our control. Just that makes it impossible to truly foresee how it will play out. The only thing I am sure about is that I will give it my all, and I’ll try to get the best result I can”, explained Sagan.

Five years ago, the European Champs – and the following World title – were the last major successes before Sagan switched teams to Team BORA-hansgrohe, the one he is now about to leave for French TotalEnergies. A stint full of success, just like the one that the European Champs have enjoyed over these five years, with more top-class winners like Alexander Kristoff, Matteo Trentin, Elia Viviani e Giacomo Nizzolo.

“Without a doubt, the UEC Road European Championships have seen an impressive growth since 2016. I don’t know to what extent my victory contributed to this, but I’m happy to add my small stone even if it’s just a little bit. As for this year’s edition, I’m sure it will have a top-level field that will guarantee an exciting race”, said Peter Sagan.

Trento, August 25th, 2021
PROGRAM

Wednesday, September 8th

9:15 am - Junior Women Individual Time Trial – 22.4 km
10:45 am - Junior Men Individual Time Trial – 22.4 km
2:30 pm - Team Relay – 44.8 km (2 giri del circuito di 22.4 km)

Thursday, September 9th

9:15 am - U23 Women Individual Time Trial – 22.4 km
10:45 am - Elite Women Individual Time Trial – 22.4 km
2:15 pm - U23 Men Individual Time Trial – 22.4 km
4:00 pm - Elite Men Individual Time Trial – 22.4 km

Friday, September 10th

9:00 am - Junior Men Road Race – 107.2 km
1:50 pm - Junior Women Road Race – 67.6 km
4:30 pm - U23 Women Road Race – 80.8 km

Saturday, September 11th

9:00 am - U23 Men Road Race – 133.6 km
2:15 pm - Elite Women Road Race – 107.2 km

Sunday, September 12th

12:30 pm - Elite Men Road Race – 179.2 km

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