

= 2015 Tour of Chongming Island World Cup =

The 2015 Tour of Chongming Island World Cup was a one @-@ day road cycling race . It was run as part of the ninth Tour of Chongming Island , which includes both a multi @-@ stage event and a single @-@ stage event . The single @-@ stage race , which was part of the 2015 UCI Women 's Road World Cup , was held on 17 May 2015 , in Shanghai , China .

On wide , mostly flat highways , there were no significant breakaways in the first half of the race , until the duo of Hongyu Liang (China Chongming ? Liv ? Champion System) and Anastasia Chulkova (BePink ? La Classica) established a one @-@ minute lead over the peloton . Their advantage was slowly broken down , predominately due to the work of the Team Hitec Products riders , and they were reabsorbed into the peloton with 7 kilometres (4 @.@ 3 mi) to go . In a bunch sprint , the Italian rider , Giorgia Bronzini (Wiggle ? Honda) won , beating 2014 winners Kirsten Wild (Team Hitec Products) and Fanny Riberot (France national team) .

= = Entry = =

Ten of the UCI women 's team entered the race , each featuring five or six riders . They were joined by eight national teams containing either four or five riders , bringing the total entry up to 93 riders .

= = Course = =

The route changed from previous years . The race started at the Shanghai Oriental Sports Center and took place almost entirely on wide , straight highways , with corners predominantly being expansive ninety @-@ degree bends . The course initially followed the Middle Ring Road , the Huaxia Elevated Road and the G1501 Shanghai Ring Expressway , before entering the 10 @-@ kilometre @-@ long (6 @.@ 2 mi) tunnel under the Yangtze River to reach Changxing Island , shortly followed by a 8 @-@ kilometre @-@ long (5 @.@ 0 mi) bridge to Chongming Island , from where the route followed the course of previous years , along slightly smaller roads to the finish .

= = Preview = =

After four rounds of the 2015 UCI Women 's Road World Cup , there had been four different winners ; Jolien D 'Hoore at the Ronde van Drenthe , Lizzie Armitstead at the Trofeo Alfredo Binda @-@ Comune di Cittiglio , Elisa Longo Borghini at the Tour of Flanders , and Anna van der Breggen at the La Flèche Wallonne Féminine . Anna van der Breggen led the World Cup standings as the racing moved to China for the Tour of Chongming Island , with 290 points , but her Rabo @-@ Liv team were not invited to take part in the event . Kirsten Wild won both the stage race and the World Cup event in 2014 , and repeated her success in the 2015 stage race . She was the pre @-@ race favourite to win the 2015 World Cup race on a course that favoured sprinters .

= = Race = =

There were early attacks by two of the Asian teams , China Chongming @-@ Liv @-@ Champion System and the Korean national team , but on each occasion they were caught back up by the peloton reasonably quickly . The first intermediate sprint was won by Simona Frapporti (Alé ? Cipollini) , while a subsequent Queen of the Mountain climb was won by Lauren Kitchen (Team Hitec Products) . Crossing the Shanghai Yangtze River Bridge , some riders fell off the back of the peloton in the strong crosswinds . Shortly after , two riders , Hongyu Liang (China Chongming ? Liv ? Champion System) and Anastasia Chulkova (BePink ? La Classica) , broke away and established a lead of roughly one minute , during which Chulkova claimed the second intermediate sprint . Team Hitec Products riders were at the front of the peloton to close the gap , though another group threatened to split around 15 kilometres (9 @.@ 3 mi) from the finish . The peloton caught up with the leading duo with 7 kilometres (4 @.@ 3 mi) of the race remaining .

Closing towards the finish in a bunch sprint , Wiggle @-@ Honda had intended Chloe Hosking to be the sprinter to try and win , but she got caught up behind a crash in the final kilometre , and so Giorgia Bronzini acted as a lead @-@ out for Annette Edmondson . She had initially intended to move out from behind Kirsten Wild (Team Hitec Products) for a sprint with around 700 metres (2 @, @ 300 ft) to go , but there was no room , so she stayed in Wild 's draft . She then found that Edmondson had not been able to follow her , and opted to defend her position and launch a late sprint to pass Wild . Bronzini won , followed by Wild and Fanny Riberot , riding for the France national team . The first 74 riders were all designated the same time .

= = Results = =

= = World Cup standings = =