



PRESSEMITTEILUNG

Late attack lets Asgreen celebrate at the Deutschland Tour in Eisenach

Kasper Asgreen (Deceuninck-Quick Step) won the hilly 3rd stage of the Deutschland Tour through the Thuringian Forest. The Dane won the final sprint against Jasper Stuyven (Trek-Segafredo) after a late attack. Sonny Colbrelli (Bahrain-Merida) led the chasing group that crossed the line 17 seconds later. Stuyven secured the red jersey of the overall leader of the Deutschland Tour.

"It was a great team effort today. We had Alaphilippe in the breakaway and were therefore able to spare ourselves in the field. For the final we had a plan and everyone did his part perfectly. I improved my sprinting skills and beating a rider like Stuyven is a great confirmation," said Asgreen.

"I attacked in the final and Kasper could not catch up with me. I then cooperate with him to get the leading jersey. And I can be really satisfied with that. At the moment things look good in the overall standings, but the race isn't over yet," said the new overall leader Stuyven. The Belgian leads the classification before the final stage with 13 seconds ahead of Colbrelli and 18 seconds ahead of Alexey Lutsenko (Astana). Best German rider is Simon Geschke (CCC), 23 seconds behind in twelfth place.

"The final was very difficult and tactical. Deceuninck-Quick Step had three riders in the group. Then I rode away with Buchmann, that was our only chance. But we were caught again. And Stuyven and Asgreen were too strong in the end," Geschke said at the finish. He belonged together with Emanuel Buchmann (Bora-hansgrohe) to the first chasing group. "In the last climb, the pace was extremely high. When I attacked in the final, Stuyven passed me. The atmosphere at the Deutschland Tour is great and it's a really hard race, that makes it exciting. Tomorrow we hope for a sprint with Ackermann", Buchmann said at the finish.

After the start in Göttingen Julian Alaphilippe (Deceuninck-Quick Step), Mads Pedersen (Trek-Segafredo) and Miká Heming (Dauner Akkon) formed the breakaway of the day after a few kilometers. At times the trio got a lead of more than seven minutes from the field, Heming won the first mountain classification in Heilbad Heiligenstadt and the sprint classification in Treffurt. The last 40 kilometers with three ascents through the Thuringian Forest were decisive. At this time, only Alaphilippe and Pedersen were in the lead with about 1:30 minutes. Alaphilippe secured the mountain classification at the Hohe Sonne climb, Pedersen the sprint classification in Eisenach 27 kilometers before the finish, but their escape was over immediately afterwards. A new leading group of about 20 riders formed on the climb over the Vachaer Stein, which did not include overall leader Alexander Kristoff (Team UAE Emirates). The Norwegian reached the finish line 1:20 minutes behind. The leading group stayed together for the most part in the second ascent to the Hohe Sonne. But on the last three kilometers Stuyven attacked and was accompanied shortly afterwards by stage winner Asgreen.

The final stage of the Deutschland Tour will be 159.5 kilometers from Eisenach to Erfurt tomorrow.