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Colbrelli wins final stage of the Deutschland Tour in Erfurt, Stuyven wins overall

After third and second place on the preliminary stages, Sonny Colbrelli (Bahrain-Merida) had finally won his stage at the Deutschland Tour: after 159.5 kilometers the Italian beat in a tough sprint Yves Lampaert (Deceuninck-Quick Step) and Alexander Kristoff (Team UAE Emirates). Jasper Stuyven (Trek-Segafredo) finished fifth at the last stage, that led from Eisenach to Erfurt, and sealed his overall victory of the Deutschland Tour.

"My team did a great job controlling the stage and in the end it all depended on me. I'm very happy with this victory. It's my first overall success in a stage race, which makes it very special for me. I already heard last year that the Deutschland Tour is great, with little controlled stages. And it was clear to me that I definitely wanted to participate here," said overall winner Stuyven.

"Today the stage win was the goal, that worked perfectly. I really liked the route of the Deutschland Tour, they were stages that suit a rider like me very well," said stage winner Colbrelli, who finished the overall standings three seconds behind Stuyven. Belgian Lampaert finished third twelve seconds behind.

"The final lap was not easy with the finishing straight rising. The team did a good job and the sprint was great, but I just didn't have the legs against Colbrelli. Unfortunately, I also lost the sprint jersey to him," said Kristoff, who finished second behind Colbrelli in the sprint classification with equal points. The young rider competition was won by U23 world champion Marc Hirschi from German Team Sunweb.

Simon Geschke (CCC) was the best German rider in the day's result and finished tenth. "It was another difficult stage and I never thought that the group would end up so small. That's why I was able to keep up with the sprint. In the overall standings I'm unfortunately not quite as good as I had hoped. Nevertheless, the Deutschland Tour was a lot of fun," said Geschke. Born in Berlin, Geschke finished the Deutschland Tour in twelfth place as the best German in the overall standings.

Directly after the start in Eisenach, yesterday's stage winner Kasper Asgreen (Deceuninck-Quick Step) and Mads Pedersen (Trek-Segafredo) attacked and later Jenthe Biermans (Team Katusha-Alpecin), Nans Peters (Ag2r La Mondiale), Magnus Cort (Astana), Kamil Gradek (CCC) as well as Evgeny Shalunov (Gazprom-Rusvelo) joined the duo. On the way, Biermans and Cort secured the mountain classifications up to the Neue Ausspanne and on the Ruppberg on the hilly terrain through the Thuringian Forest.

However, the group's lead never exceeded two minutes and after 80 kilometers their escape was over - only Cort saved himself a few more kilometers and won the mountain prize at over 800 meters altitude in Oberhof. The Dane secured the mountain classification of this Deutschland Tour. Afterwards, the route ran without difficulties until the final lap in Erfurt. In the meantime, Ben Gastauer (Ag2r La Mondiale) and later young German Joshua Huppertz (Lotto Kern Haus) attacked, but both did not get far.

The decision was made on two final laps with a rising finishing straight in Erfurt, on which Deceuninck-Quick Step in particular forced a high pace. However, the Belgian team narrowly missed out on the day's victory.