



PRESS RELEASE

Nils Politt writes history by winning the Deutschland Tour 2021

Nils Politt (Bora - hansgrohe) wins the Deutschland Tour 2021! Following Matej Mohorič in 2018 and Jasper Stuyven in 2019, Politt entered the history books as the first German winner of the newly launched Deutschland Tour. Alexander Kristoff (UAE Team Emirates) won the stage at the grand finale in front of the Nuremberg Opera, beating Pascal Ackermann (Bora - hansgrohe) by a bike length. Kristoff celebrated his third Deutschland Tour stage win. Ackermann is rewarded with the green jersey and second place overall.

Nils Politt: *"It was a lot of fun with the team here. It was a tough race today, tough climbs, but we made it. It's something very special to win the Deutschland Tour. I was already second and now I've won it. Winning a stage race is great, but when it happens in Germany, it's all the better. The other teams put a lot of pressure on us, but our team did a great job."*

"That was a good week for the team and me. Two stage wins and on the GC podium - that's perfect. I didn't expect it to happen", said **Alexander Kristoff:** *"It was a tough but good race today, and the team was great too. In the end I got a good rear wheel, then managed a good sprint - which is actually not uncommon when I survive a race."*

Three times today, attackers shaped the stage - and at least once Nils Politt had to go deep by himself to secure the overall victory. Not with the first attack, when Remi Cavagna (Deceuninck - Quick-Step), Dario Cataldo (Movistar Team) and Justin Wolf (Bike Aid) went clear from the field on the climb to the first summit. The trio, however, was caught again on the fourth climb of the day.

With 63 kilometers to go, Joao Almeida (Deceuninck - Quick-Step) attacked on the Kasberg and quickly created a gap. Combined team forces were needed to neutralize the attack. Shortly afterwards, Dylan Teuns (Bahrain Victorious) and Matteo Jorgenson (Movistar Team) used the last climb to break away. The duo held a lead for a long time, which became dangerous for Politt. At the beginning of the first finish lap around the old town of Nuremberg, Jorgenson could no longer keep up with Teuns' pace. The Belgian remained at the top as a soloist - the field was only back together at the third crossing of the finish line.

Three kilometers from the finish, Nils Politt was only beaten by Marco Canola (Gazprom-RusVelo) at the bonus spot, then it's on to the finish straight: Jannik Steimle (Deceuninck - Quick-Step) started, Ackermann followed - but it's Alexander Kristoff (UAE Team Emirates) who was in front in the final meters: the stage win. Nils Politt can, however, defend his red jersey, with four seconds ahead of his team colleague Pascal Ackermann, Kristoff is third. Georg Zimmermann (Intermarché - Wanty - Gobert Matériaux) finishes his Deutschland Tour wearing the white jersey of the best young rider. Louis Vervaeke (Alpecin - Fenix) secured the blue jersey of the best climber. Bahrain Victorious takes home the title as the best team.

About the Deutschland Tour

The Deutschland Tour is Germany's largest cycling festival. The four-day professional race and the hands-on offers in all host cities attract more than 500,000 visitors. In Germany alone, more than 5 million viewers watch the live broadcast on ARD and ZDF - worldwide, the images go to 190 countries. On the Deutschland Tour, fans experience the German top stars and the international Tour de France elite up close. The event is a true festival around the bicycle and puts a special focus on the audience. In addition to thousands of tips on route planning before the race, 5,000 participants use the Jedermann Tour, the Ride Tour and the "kinder Joy of Moving mini tour" to participate. The Deutschland Tour is organized by the Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Radsports mbH (GFR). The GFR is a joint venture between the Tour de France organizer Amaury Sport Organization (A.S.O.) and the Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG). In addition to the Deutschland Tour, the company is also organizing the cycling classic Eschborn-Frankfurt on May 1. The Deutschland Tour 2021 will run over four stages on August 26-29 from Stralsund in the north to Nuremberg in the south of Germany.