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Deutschland Tour - another second's game?

Next Wednesday, August 23, the Deutschland Tour 2023 will start. This year, the professionals will cover 732 racing kilometers on their way from St. Wendel to Bremen. The five days of racing can once again turn into an exciting game of seconds.

Right at the start, the battle for every single second is ignited. A short but winding individual time trial of only 2.3 kilometers through the center of St. Wendel brings the top pros close to the spectators. Last year, it was less than two seconds that decided the first leader's jersey.

The pros also spend the second day of racing in Saarland. But for the leader it will not be a day to rest. On the way from St. Wendel to Merzig, undulating terrain, many changes of direction and a crisp finish lap offer plenty of opportunities for attacks. In addition, valuable bonus seconds will be awarded. Memories of 2018 are awakened, when a small field of favorites decided the day's victory among themselves in Merzig.

August 25 is on the Deutschland Tour calendar a stage of superlatives. Between Kassel and Winterberg, the 200-kilometer mark will be broken - the longest daily section this year. In addition, there are the most meters in altitude (2,950) and the highest point of this year's Tour (766 m). The last five kilometers to the finish line are also all uphill. For many riders, this classic day offers another opportunity to make up seconds.

The third stage seems easier on paper: fewer kilometers, less elevation gain. But the bare figures of this pure NRW stage are deceptive. There are short steep climbs hidden in the profile. Be it the notorious "Eule" right after the start in Arnsberg or to the Langenberg transmitter at the halfway point. Whoever wants to win the Deutschland Tour 2023 will set accents on Saturday at the latest. A preliminary decision on the overall victory will be made in Essen.

Hanover heralds the grand finale of the Tour. On the final day, the flat terrain of Lower Saxony promises a finish for the sprinters. Past the Weser Stadium and Bremen's old town, the race heads to the finish area in Überseestadt. The first finish passage gives the sprinter teams an opportunity to survey the final. Three laps later, it is clear who will win the Deutschland Tour 2023.

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Fans can already plan their visit to the Deutschland Tour. Maps, schedules and GPS files are available for download at deutschland-tour.com. Information on visiting the event area or along the route is available at verkehr.deutschland-tour.com.