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Prologue over 2.9 kilometers: Lidl Deutschland Tour 2024 starts in Schweinfurt

For the third time in a row, the Lidl Deutschland Tour starts with a prologue. This year, the backdrop for the latest edition of the short race against the clock is the center of the Lower Franconian city of Schweinfurt. The starting gun will be fired here at 13:48.

Mauro Brenner (Lotto Kern-Haus PSD Bank) will be the first of 120 riders to start the race on the market square of the small Bavarian town. A handful of bends and three long straights later, after 2.9 kilometers, the finish line awaits in Niederwerrner Straße on the corner of Kornmarkt. Luke Lamperti (Soudal Quick-Step) will bring up the rear. All riders start 60 seconds apart. The fastest riders will only need just over three minutes to complete the course. As in previous years, the pros will once again be on road bikes - time trial equipment is not permitted. For this reason, but above all due to the short distance, the sprinters are likely to be in serious competition with the time trial specialists.

Between 12:45 and 13:15, the pros can take the course under their wheels for a final inspection. At the latest then they will notice that the course has no significant elevations, but the last few hundred meters are slightly uphill. This is not enough for a mountain classification, which is why the black jersey with the colorful dots will not yet be awarded. In addition to the stage win, there is also the blue jersey for the overall leader and the green jersey for the rider with the most points. Both jerseys officially go to the stage winner, but the green jersey will be worn by the prologue runner-up on the way to Heilbronn on the second day.

The white jersey for the best young rider (born after January 1, 1999) and the community jersey, where fans can vote for their rider of the stage on Instagram, will also be awarded.

The Expo on Schweinfurt's market square opens at 10 a.m., marking the start of the event. The first cyclists on the Ride Tour will be on the route from 10:30 a.m. and will set off on a leisurely lap of the finish area. Afterwards, the little ones get their turn at the "kinder Joy of Moving mini Tour". They will be on the route between 11:45 and 12:30.