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## Newcomer Tour: Italian triple victory in Villingen-Schwenningen

**After 48 kilometers, the podium of the first race of the Newcomer Tour of the Lidl Deutschland Tour 2024 was firmly in Italian hands. After the six eight-kilometre laps through Villingen-Schwenningen, Matilde Rossignoli won the sighting race of the Association of German Cyclists with international participation with a lead of almost 50 meters ahead of her compatriots Azzurra Ballan and Silvia Ciaghi, who were ahead in the sprint of the peloton. Hannah-Franziska Brand (Rhineland-Palatinate) was the best German in fourth place.**

Winner Rossignoli only broke away in the last five kilometers. Until then, the field had been running together. Initially at an ambitious pace. A crash shortly before the end of the second lap, which everyone survived without too much trouble, caused the pace to drop. A total of 45 riders from three countries took part in the race.

*"We are happy that we are international here," said **Jan Schlichenmaier, BDR Vice President for Youth.** "The two regional selections from Italy and France really enhance the race. It makes the race more interesting and also has advantages in terms of riding behavior. The power density is higher this way, and cycling is also very different in Italy."*

Jette Simon was a guest of honor in Villingen-Schwenningen and accompanied the Newcomer Tour race. The 20-year-old currently rides for the Continental team Maxx-Solar Rose Women Racing. Simon became junior world champion in scratch on the track in 2021 - and won the Newcomer Tour in Eisenach as a 15-year-old in 2019.

A second Newcomer Tour race is on the program tomorrow. From Homburg to Saarbrücken, 59.3 kilometers with three major climbs await. The finish is on Heuduckstraße, just like the pros. The juniors are early. They are expected to arrive shortly after 11:30 am.