



PRESSEMITTEILUNG

Italian also wins second newcomer race

Second yesterday, the beaming winner today: Azzurra Ballan has won the second race of the Newcomer Tour as part of the Lidl Deutschland Tour 2024. The Italian won the 59.3-kilometre course from Homburg to Saarbrücken, which featured three climbs, ahead of Eléna Amann from France and another Italian, Noemi Tosin. The best German was Klara Dworatzek from Thuringia.

As on the previous day in Villingen-Schwenningen, the international starters in the U17 age group of the German Cycling Federation dominated the action. While the course was still relatively flat on Saturday, there were now three climbs on the program, which were also part of the Cycling Tour.

*"The first climb went well, the second was really difficult to ride. The third was fine again," said **Marcel Kittel**, assessing the key elements of the profile from the perspective of an ex-professional. The 36-year-old rolled over the course in the Cycling Tour field. "Overall, it's a real challenge when you have to go over it at race pace, especially as an U17 girl," said Kittel, who also honored the winners in the stands after the race.*

On the first climb, the competitors initially only briefly tested their challenger. They then got serious on the second. Seven riders broke away from the field after an attack. Later, four more juniors tried to close the gap. This only succeeded shortly before the finish line, so that eleven riders ultimately rode together onto the finishing straight in Heuduckstraße, where the last stage of the Lidl Deutschland Tour will also end later.