



Florian Lipowitz to start at the Lidl Deutschland Tour

Florian Lipowitz has chosen the Lidl Deutschland Tour for his comeback to racing. 25 days after his podium finish at the Tour de France, he will roll down the start ramp for the prologue in Essen on Wednesday. Racing on home soil and in front of a German crowd, he wants to give something back to the fans who supported him during the Tour.

"For every German rider, races in Germany are something special. And for me, it's even more special this year. At the Tour de France, there were so many German fans along the route – I'm really curious to see what the atmosphere will be like next week," says **Florian Lipowitz**, looking forward to his debut. The 24-year-old will be competing at the Lidl Deutschland Tour for the very first time.

Even beyond Lipowitz, the Lidl Deutschland Tour features a strong field of world-class riders. Making his first appearance is Wout van Aert (Visma | Lease a Bike), who will line up alongside Matthew Brennan – another standout talent this season. The 20-year-old is in excellent form and won't give established Tour de France stage winners Jonathan Milan (Lidl – Trek), who also claimed the green jersey, and Kaden Groves (Alpecin – Deceuninck) an easy time in the sprints.

Brandon McNulty is also showing strong form and a very solid season overall. He'll race for UAE Team Emirates – XRG, supported by two former Deutschland Tour champions: Nils Politt (2021) and Adam Yates (2022).

735 kilometers with time trials, sprints, and many hills

McNulty is also among the favorites as the Lidl Deutschland Tour kicks off with a prologue on the grounds of the former Zeche Zollverein coal mine. After 3.1 kilometers against the clock, the first leader's jersey will be awarded.

The middle section of the race features three stages with hilly profiles, which are demanding but not impossible for sprinters: Essen–Herford (202.6 km), Herford–Arnsberg (190.3 km), and Arnsberg–Kassel (175.7 km), the queen stage. These will put the elite riders to the test and keep the fight for the blue jersey of the overall leader wide open.

If the general classification remains tight, even the final stage between Halle and Magdeburg (163.7 km) could be decisive. A royal sprint finish is expected along the Elbe. And if sprinters



are still in contention for the overall, bonus seconds at the finish line could tip the balance. Additionally – as on all other stages except the prologue – bonus seconds will also be awarded a few kilometers before the finish line at an intermediate sprint.

Live at the roadside or live on TV

Like all top-level cycling races, the Lidl Deutschland Tour offers an up-close and personal fan experience. Visitors can already plan their trip to the race route, start and finish areas using maps, schedules, and GPS files available at lidl.deutschland-tour.com. Important traffic updates can be found at verkehr.deutschland-tour.com.

Fans can also follow the action from home: coverage will be available on public broadcasters ZDF and ARD, via livestreams on sportstudio.de and sportschau.de, and on Eurosport / Discovery+. For a unique experience, the race radio from the lead vehicle can be streamed live on the official website.

Broadcast Schedule

Prologue | Wednesday, August 20

- ZDF + sportstudio.de: 16:30 – 18:30
- Eurosport / Discovery+: 16:30 – 18:30

Stage 1 | Thursday, August 21

- ARD + sportschau.de: 14:10 – 17:00
- Eurosport / Discovery+: 14:10 – 17:00

Stage 2 | Friday, August 22

- ZDF + sportstudio.de: 15:00 – 17:00
- Eurosport / Discovery+: 15:00 – 17:00

Stage 3 | Saturday, August 23

- ARD + sportschau.de: 14:10 – 17:00
- Eurosport / Discovery+: 15:05 – 17:05

Stage 4 | Sunday, August 24

- ZDF + sportstudio.de: 16:00 – 18:00
- Eurosport / Discovery+: 16:00 – 18:00