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Deutschland Tour 2022 with a spectacular finale in Stuttgart

The 4th and last stage of the Deutschland Tour 2022 once again turned many things upside down. However, the top positions in the overall classification remained unchanged. Adam Yates (Ineos Grenadiers) took 5th place in the final stage, running over 186.6 kilometers from Schiltach to Stuttgart – just to win the Deutschland Tour 2022. Even the day's victory could not push Peio Bilbao (Bahrain Victorious), the overall second, further ahead. However, the Spaniard can console himself with the green jersey, which he took last minute from Norwegian Alexander Kristoff.

Bilbao said after his stage win: *"Fighting for the overall classification was hard. But I felt I could fight for the stage win today. That worked out. That's why it was a good week for me in my first race in Germany. For sure I will come back."*

Even more confident was **Yates**. *"'Lucky' is not the word I would use. This win really means a lot for me. We tried to control the race from the beginning, but it felt like everybody wanted to be in the break today. At one point it got tight, but we stayed calm, didn't panic and came away with the win."*

Behind Yates and Bilbao there was movement in the overall standings. At the last moment, Ruben Almeida Guerreiro (EF Education - EasyPost) made it to the podium. He was helped by the bonus seconds he gained as second of the day at the finish and at the day's bonification sprint. Georg Zimmermann (Intermarché - Wanty - Gobert Matériaux) moved to the 4th place in the GC by sprinting to third place in the final stage. On top of that, he won the white jersey of the best young rider like he did last year.

Zimmermann said: *"It's the first time that I was able to compete with a field of such high-class climbers on a MTF. I gained a lot of experience and confidence. For me it was new territory to go for the overall classification. It worked out well though, maybe I'll try again soon."*

Jakob Geßner (Lotto - Kern Haus) was able to defend his blue jersey for the best climber without scoring any more points on the last day. *"For me it's the best stage race in my career so far. As a team we wanted to play a role in the Deutschland Tour. With the mountain jersey we did that, I guess. So, we all can drive home with confidence."*

The last stage of the Deutschland Tour had picked up speed early. This was ensured by a large group that included German national champion and defending Deutschland Tour winner Nils Politt (BORA - hansgrohe) as well as strong climbers Romain Bardet (Team DSM), Alessandro Covi (UAE Team Emirates) or Clément Berthet (AG2R Citöen Team), who had virtually taken the red jersey from Yates at least for a while.

A smaller leading group made it to Stuttgart on the circuit that had to be ridden three times. But Yates sent Filippo Ganna to the front, who quickly narrowed the gap and eventually closed it. All attempts by the contenders to get Yates or Bilbao into trouble again had no impact.