



Route update for the cycling classic: Eschborn-Frankfurt gets a new profile and becomes more demanding

Six months before 1 May, the WorldTour race is sharpening its classic profile. With more altitude metres and the comeback of the 200-kilometre distance, the cycling classic is becoming more demanding. Attacking riders will again be in the focus of Eschborn-Frankfurt, the race outcome will be more open. At the centre of the innovations is the Feldberg, which must be conquered twice.

3000 metres of altitude spread over 202 kilometres - these are the pure route facts of the 2023 cycling classic. A glance at the profile reveals it: the highest mountain in the Taunus will dominate the race on 1 May.

After the start in Eschborn and a first finish in Frankfurt, the Feldberg is traditionally the first difficulty of the day after 46.5 kilometres of racing. For the first time next year, however, it will also leave its mark on the second half of the race. At kilometre 116.6, it must be conquered again - and from the more difficult, south-western ascent. After the pros already have the second crossing of the Mammolshainer in their legs, they continue directly over the Billtalhöhe up to the Feldberg.

This new challenging climbing sequence will be used by attack-minded classic specialists to make the holiday difficult for the sprinters. "It's been ten years since the fans could cheer a small group or solo winner. To make the race more open again, we have found new Taunus challenges. The second climb to the Feldberg can make the difference! With the Mammolshainer there is now more than 15 kilometres of challenging climbing exactly at the halfway point. A perfect ramp to split the field," says Fabian Wegmann, Sport Director of Eschborn-Frankfurt.

In addition to the second Feldberg passage, the climbs to Kittelhütte and Glashütten, each of which will also be ridden twice, add further jags to the route profile. Together with the three crossings of the Mammolshainer Stich, but also the cobblestone passages in the old town of Eppstein, a preliminary decision for the 2023 cycling classic is expected in the Taunus.

The chances of success for these Taunus attacks are increasing because the pursuers now have less time until the finish. There are only 35 kilometres to go after the last Mammolshainer climb to the Alte Oper. After two finish passages, thousands of fans in Frankfurt city centre will celebrate the winner of the 2023 Cycling Classic trophy.