

Škoda Velotour celebrates record edition on May 1

8000 entries made the Škoda Velotour on May 1 a fully booked record event. For the first time, the race for everyone was fully booked. The start phase alone took almost an hour until all participants had passed the starting arch. The most prominent starter was certainly Boris Rhein, Prime Minister of Hesse. He tackled the 40-kilometer Škoda Velotour Skyline.

There, on a flat course, the winners needed considerably less than an hour to reach the finish. Wiebke Bull won the women's competition in 50:10 minutes, delivering an exceptional average of more than 46 km/h. The men's race was won by Florian Alexander Ehm (53:02 minutes). The 92-kilometer Škoda Velotour Express, which crossed the Feldberg but did not make the extra loop to Mammolshain, was won by Portugal's Fabio Abreu (2:14:34 hours) in the men's race and Carmen Burgmeister (2:31:09 hours) in the women's race.

The highlight, however, was the long distance over 103 kilometers and 1700 meters of altitude, the Skoda Velotour Taunus Classic, which led all starters also over the Feldberg. There the mountain king and queen were crowned by Tissot. The fastest times were set by Christian Kreuchler (24:36 minutes) and Lisa Tertsch (29:29 minutes) - both secured the prestigious title as well as the official mountain jersey and a high-quality watch from Tissot.

Up to the Feldberg, the race was rather restrained, with the largest, closed field in three years passing through Frankfurt. Towards the end of the climb, however, it fell apart. An eleven-man leading group formed, which shrank even further at Mammolshainer. There was also Moritz Beinlich, who ultimately finished the race as the winner in 2:34:41 hours. In the women's race, the winner was a well-known riders: Laura Tibitanzi (2:48:30 hours) also won this year's edition after the 2021 and 2022 editions, and completed her hat-trick.