



## U23 edition of the German classic becomes more challenging in 2024

**More kilometres and metres in altitude as well as a plus in Taunus atmosphere. The recipe for success of the last professional edition is now being applied to the U23 edition. At the upcoming 1 May, the young talents will also ride twice over the Feldberg. The race will be longer, more demanding and thus further strengthen its classic character.**

As with the professionals, the race day also begins for the young cyclists in Eschborn. 129 kilometres with 2000 metres of altitude are awaiting them. From the start, they will first head into Frankfurt city centre through the finish area. On the familiar route through the Taunus, the field arrives at the Feldberg for the first time after 46 kilometres of racing. After the descent, the Taunus icon is approached for the second time via the Red Cross. Like the pros this year, the U23 riders now also have to conquer the climb from the steeper side. At the midpoint of the race, the selective section is completed. The course leads back through the Taunus to Eschborn and on to the finish in front of the Alte Oper.

Once again, more than 150 young riders are expected to compete for the cycling classic title in the U23 category on 1 May. This year, the Danish talents have dominated the race. In the bunch sprint, Joshua Gudnitz won ahead of Gustav Wang. Only time will tell if they will pursue a career like their compatriot Mads Pedersen. He won the U23 cycling classic in 2014 - five years later he became world champion. Fabio Jakobsen, Jonas Rutsch and Nils Politt are other prominent names who already stood on the podium in the junior class on 1 May.

*"May 1 has shown: the comeback of the U23 race was a huge success and the track renewal for the pros has been a complete success. So it makes sense to combine two good things. The U23 race will be expanded and will have even more of classic character. We are excited to see how the teams will accept this new challenge,"* says **Nathanael Bank**, project manager for Eschborn-Frankfurt at the Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Radports.