



A German classic attendance is worthwhile itself

Route celebrations in Eschborn and the Taunus places - large Expo with stage program already starting from Sunday in Frankfurt

May 1 will once again be a classic bike festival for all fans and visitors. Who wants to celebrate May comes already on Sunday to the Old Opera. For the first time, the large expo with many exhibitors, stage program and live music will also take place there the day before the race. On Monday, many festivals await along the route again. Especially in the communities of the Süwag Team Taunus it is worth visiting the hotspots to cheer on the participants of the Škoda Velotour, the U23 and the professional race.

In Eschborn, the large german classic fan festival will take place on Monday from 11 a.m. on the town hall square. A big screen and a colorful entertainment program with music offer lots of fun for young and old. Shortly after 12 noon, the pros will come by for the first time to get their applause before the sharp race start. More than 4 hours later, the fans in Eschborn will see a different picture at the second pass, because for the riders at the front, there are less than 25 kilometers left to the finish line in Frankfurt.

Route festivals in the towns and communities of Süwag Team Taunus

The communities of the Süwag Team Taunus also have a lot to offer on May 1: In Oberursel, German classic fans traditionally celebrate at the market square, in Sulzbach at the Dalles, in Schwalbach at the gas station and in Kronberg with a big screen at Berliner Platz. The castle town of Eppstein is a newcomer to the event and will host a festival for the whole family in the middle of the old town below the castle. In Oberursel, fans will experience all pelotons. Already in the morning, from 09:23, the participants of the Škoda Velotour will pass by, around 12 o'clock the talents of the U23 race and only three quarters of an hour later the WorldTour professionals. In Eppstein, Sulzbach and Schwalbach, the day starts at 10:30 a.m. with the amateur riders of the medium and long distance - the pros come first around 2 p.m. and then another 2 hours later. Kronberg welcomes first the riders of the Škoda Velotour Taunus Classic and from 2:30 pm the professionals.

Königstein has a special atmosphere hotspot to offer every year with the Mammolshainer Stich. The iconic climb is one of the biggest challenges of the German classic, often pre-decisive and always attracting thousands of spectators on May 1. Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., the cheering is for the riders of the Škoda Velotour Taunus Classic. This longest Velotour route is also the most popular. Fans and spectators can welcome more than 5000 starters with a lot of applause at the Mammolshainer. The professionals will have to face the challenge three times and will pass between 14:23 and 16:14. If you want to be there at the Mammolshainer, plan on the fact that the track festival is only accessible by bike and on foot.





Hochtaunuskreis is partner of the King of the Mountain (KOM)

The Taunus with its climbs characterizes the profile of the German classic. Fittingly, the Hochtaunuskreis is the partner of the mountain classification in the WorldTour race. For the pros, the challenges have increased this year and they can collect mountain points (3, 2, 1) five times in the Taunus. The mountain classifications, two passages on the Feldberg and three crossings on the Mammolshainer, bear the region's logo for the first time. The best Taunus climber will be rewarded with a prize from the region at the award ceremony.

Fans who want to be present at these racing highlights can also make a note of the route party of the Niederreifenberg volunteer fire department. Starting at 11 a.m., the barbecue and bouncy castle will provide the right atmosphere to cheer on amateur riders, young talents and the world's best professionals.

For the visit to the route and route-festivities, the passage times, closure times and traffic information can be looked up at <u>verkehr.eschborn-frankfurt.de</u>.

German classic-Expo: 2 locations - 2 days

The sporting highlights will be framed by the numerous offers at the two German classic expos. In the start area at the XXXLutz parking lot in Eschborn and in the finish area at the Alte Oper in the middle of downtown Frankfurt, spectators and fans will be offered a lot. More than 75 exhibitors will present themselves with offers around the topics of cycling, exercise, health and nutrition - and that already on the day before the race.

Already on Sunday, April 30, the Expo will be open from noon to 5 p.m. at the race number distribution in Eschborn. In Frankfurt, the Expo will take place over two days for the first time and already starts on Sunday with a family day. Until 8 p.m., people can party into May at Opernplatz, where there will also be live music. On race day itself, the Eschborn event site opens from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., while in Frankfurt it's hustle and bustle between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Many exhibitors offer activities to participate in. Among the highlights are the bicycle experience world of the "kinder Joy of Moving mini tour" or the Süwag energy garden. In the experience world, children can test their cycling skills and improve them under professional guidance. For this purpose, a varied learning course, a bicycle and running bike simulator and a special pump track are available for the kids. In the Energy Garden, people will be pedaling for a good cause. Those who want to use their energy for something good will swing onto the rowing machine, bicycle, go-kart, tricycle or the running track. The energy service provider Süwag rewards every kilometer with a donation of two euros to a charitable institution from the region: on Sunday, the ride will be for the Kinderhilfsstiftung (Children's Aid Foundation) and on Monday for the FEM Mädchenhaus Frankfurt (Girls' House Frankfurt).