



Strong peloton registers for May 1

One month before May 1, another strong peloton is emerging at the cycling classic. Ten UCI WorldTour teams and nine ProTeams will start at this year's edition of Eschborn-Frankfurt. All the teams of the active cycling classic winners will also be taking part.

For John Degenkolb and his team DSM, the home race is as firmly anchored in the calendar as it is for Bora - hansgrohe, the only German team in the UCI WorldTour. With Sam Bennett, the team won last year and goes into the race in front of home fans on May 1 as defending champions.

2021 Alpecin-Deceunick has prevailed with Jasper Philipsen. The Belgian team is looking to add another WorldTour classic success to its successful spring. UAE Team Emirates, the current leader in the world rankings and home to 2019 winner Pascal Ackermann, has also signed up. Series winner Alexander Kristoff, who has been on the podium at every event in the last eight years, will start in Eschborn this time with his new team Uno-X.

For Jonas Rutsch and his team EF Education - EasyPost, the new, more demanding course of the cycling classic could pay off. With Bahrain Victorious, Cofidis, Intermarché - Circus - Wanty and Team Jayco Alula, other international WorldTour teams with German riders in their ranks have announced their participation. The French Team Arkea - Samsic rounds off the strong lineup of WorldTeams.

"The cycling classic has become well established with the teams. This year, too, fans can look forward to a strong peloton. The mix between the established, large teams and the young, up-and-coming teams promises an exciting race. I'm curious to see how the teams adjust to the more difficult course and which riders they will rely on for May 1," says **Fabian Wegmann**, Sports Director of Eschborn-Frankfurt.

Eschborn-Frankfurt sharpens its classic profile this year. With 3000 meters of altitude spread over 202 kilometers, the cycling classic challenges increase. The focus of the route update is the Feldberg, which is now climbed twice. A new addition is a sequence of Mammolshainer, Billtalhöhe and Feldberg ascents from the more challenging, southwestern side at the start of the second half of the race. Together with the shortened finale between the last Mammolshainer passage and the finish line, the chances of success for Taunus attacks could increase.

Teams Eschborn-Frankfurt 2023 (as of April 5)

UCI WorldTeams

Alpecin-Deceuninck (BEL)
Bahrain Victorious (BRN)
Bora – hansgrohe (GER)
Cofidis (FRA)
EF Education – EasyPost (USA)
Intermarché – Circus – Wanty (BEL)
Team Arkea – Samsic (FRA)
Team DSM (NED)
Team Jayco Alula (AUS)
UAE Team Emirates (UAE)

UCI ProTeams

Bingoal WB (BEL)
Burgos-BH (ESP)
Green Project-Bardiani CSF-Faizane (ITA)
Israel Premier Tech (ISR)
Lotto Dstny (BEL)
Q36.5 Pro Cycling Team (SUI)
Team Flanders – Baloise (BEL)
TotalEnergies (FRA)
Uno-X Pro Cycling Team (NOR)