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Yates dominates on Schauinsland and takes overall lead of the Deutschland Tour

At no point did Adam Yates (Ineos Grenadiers) leave any doubt that any other rider could win the queen stage of the Deutschland Tour up to the Schauinsland. While fellow favorites like Romain Bardet (Team DSM), Bauke Mollema (Trek - Segafredo) or the climbers from BORA - hansgrohe lost ground, the 30-year-old attacked early and rode the last eight kilometers solo towards the summit. Including bonus seconds, the Briton took a 30-second lead in the GC over Pello Bilbao (Bahrain Victorious), who finished second.

Behind Yates, the GC was shaken up. Bilbao is the new second. Mauri Vansevenant (Quick-Step Alpha Vinyl), who finished third in the stage, is now also in this position in the fight for the red jersey. However, the 23-year-old Belgian is at the top of the young rider classification, tied with Mattias Skjelmose (Trek - Segafredo). Georg Zimmermann (Intermarché - Wanty - Gobert Matériaux) is one second behind, being the best German rider in the overall standings.

The other two classification jerseys remain with their previous owners. Alexander Kristoff (Intermarché - Wanty - Gobert Matériaux) defended the green jersey. Jakob Geßner (Lotto - Kern Haus) continues to wear the blue jersey. *"We started today with the goal to get as many points as possible at the first KOM. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough for the maximum points, but for remaining in the lead. A jersey like that on your shoulders always gives extra motivation. We didn't start here as a Continental team just to ride along."*

Simon Geschke (German national team) had mixed feelings about his home stage. *"From a sporting point of view, it was very average. But average is not enough on such a day at this level. My legs were not as they should have been. I have to accept that things are a bit tougher at the moment."* The 36-year-old, on the other hand, was able to enjoy the atmosphere. *"It was almost a bit like the Tour de France here at the Schauinsland despite the weather. I heard my name very often and was more excited than usually."*

Right at the start in Freiburg, a group of six had broken away. The brothers Michiel and Abram Stockman (both Saris Rouvy Sauerland), Joshua Huppertz and Geßner (both Lotto - Kern Haus) had already been in breakaway groups on the previous stages. They were joined by Frederik Raßmann (Dauner - Akkon) and Harm Vanhoucke (Lotto Soudal). Their maximum lead was more than seven minutes. In the climb to Luisenhöhe 15 kilometers before the finish, the leading group fell apart. As BORA - hansgrohe then rode at speed into the Schauinsland, the peloton also broke up. Then it was Yates' turn.

Due to the small gaps after the Schauinsland stage, the fight for the overall lead is now postponed to the last stage from Schiltach to Stuttgart. Spread over 186.6 kilometers, about 3000 meters of altitude have to be overcome - more than on any other stage of this year's Tour.