



## 11,000 participants transform Hamburg into a cycling metropolis

More than 11,000 amateur athletes have once again made the BEMER Cyclassics the biggest cycling event in Germany. With 20 degrees, plenty of sunshine and little wind, the first starters set off from 7:30 a.m. on the Alster in Hamburg to compete in the Cyclassics60 or Cyclassics100 through the Hanseatic city and the surrounding area of Schleswig-Holstein.

The first 30 riders reached the finish line in Mönckebergstraße, where the pros would later sprint for victory, after just 1:11 hours. They had ridden the shorter lap. After several attacks on Kösterberg, the leading group only came together again around 500 meters before the finish. There, Nico Hörnig from PSV Rostock proved to be the best sprinter. Just under four minutes later, Miriam Gensicke was the first woman to cross the finish line.

Hanno Rieping defended his title from the previous year on the long lap. The man from Mannheim also prevailed in the sprint of a group of more than 50 riders. He needed a good 2:10 hours for the victory. Victory in the women's race went to Switzerland. Irina Lützelschwab won as a soloist and crossed the finish line just half a minute after the first men.

Ex-professional **Rick Zabel** was also part of the Cyclassics100 field. The ex-professional had words of praise for the event. *"It was a lot of fun. I have seen a well-organized mass sports event here. And what could be nicer than cycling a lap on a Sunday morning in this weather? I met some cool people, took a few photos and had a non-alcoholic beer. Being able to ride early and watch the pro race afterwards makes for a super Sunday."*