

## **BEMER Youngclassics: Four stages and a guest appearance in Barmstedt for the first time**

When the BEMER Cyclassics turn Hamburg into a German cycling stronghold on September 8, young cyclists will once again have the chance to showcase themselves. The BEMER Youngclassics is one of the most prestigious stage races in the U17 age group. The top German and European riders of tomorrow compete here, with around 150 riders at the start. Nils Politt and Pascal Ackermann, as well as Jasper Stuyven on the international stage, have used the race as a springboard to great professional careers.

The Youngclassics will open the cycling weekend on Friday. A total of four stages over three days are on the program for the juniors. It starts with a nine-kilometer individual time trial in Oldendorf (Luhe) in the south of Hamburg, Lower Saxony. The following day, there will be a 12.5-kilometre team time trial in the morning, followed by a 70-kilometre circuit race in neighboring Soderstorf.

The cross-border event then moves to Schleswig-Holstein on Sunday. The grand finale for the youngsters will start in Barmstedt, leading them over 50 kilometers to the finish line on Hamburg's Mönckebergstraße, where the professional and amateur athletes will also end their races. The young men can definitely feel the breath of their role models behind them. Just half an hour after the staging of the Youngclassics start on the Barmstedt market square, the elite are already coming through the town.

As the youngsters are able to ride at a professional pace over the shorter distance, they will maintain their lead and so soak up the professional feeling. Because along the route, which only omits the elite lap over the Waseberg, the youngsters ride via Pinneberg and Wedel and then through Blankenese into the center of Hamburg on exactly the same route that the pros take to reach the finish line.

Two intermediate sprints in Appen and Wedel and two uphill finishes on Kösterberg and on the Elbchaussee at Parkstraße await along the way. These are the last challenges before the grand finale on Hamburg's shopping mile, where numerous spectators will be cheering the youngsters on to the finish line.

At the podium ceremony in front of a large audience, the winner of the yellow jersey for the stage race will be finally decided. The winner of the mountain classification receives the red



jersey, the best sprinter celebrates in turquoise. The white jersey awaits the best rider of the younger age group.