



Fabian Wegmann is the new Sports Director of the BEMER Cyclassics

When the top stars race for the title at the BEMER Cyclassics on September 8, a new sporting director will be sitting in the lead car of the WorldTour race. Fabian Wegmann is taking over the role from long-time race director Roland Hofer, who at the age of 80 is enjoying a well-deserved retirement.

Fabian Wegmann experienced a dozen Cyclassics editions himself during his professional career. At the end of his active career, the three-time German champion switched sides and took on the role of sporting director for the most important German races. He is already involved in the Eschborn-Frankfurt cycling classic, the Deutschland Tour and his home race, the Sparkassen Münsterland Giro. Now the BEMER Cyclassics, the second German WorldTour race, will follow.

Fabian Wegmann: *"I'm really looking forward to the new task. I'm familiar with the GFR and A.S.O. teams - that's a big advantage when it comes to race planning. I've competed in Hamburg more often than in very few other races. So I know the character of the BEMER Cyclassics. Now I'm interested in what we can optimize and what adjustments we can make to sharpen the race character."*

As Sports Director, Wegmann is jointly responsible for planning the route of the professional race. Together with the experienced A.S.O. team, the 43-year-old has already been out on the roads in Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein. Further inspections will follow until September in order to guarantee an exciting and safe cycling race. He is also in constant contact with the pros to promote the race in the city on the Elbe. On race day itself, he will be pulling all the strings for the professional race in the lead vehicle.

Thanks to Roland Hofer

As Roland Hofer's successor, Fabian Wegmann will take over as the next generation of race director. **Matthias Pietsch**, Managing Director of the Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Radsports: *"Roland Hofer was a Cyclassics constant. He helped build up this classic and shaped it as race director. Under his leadership, the Hamburg fans cheered on many world stars. He made great cycling possible in and around Hamburg. On behalf of these fans and more than a thousand professionals who have competed in the Cyclassics over the years, we say thank you!"*