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10th place for Buchmann in the final GC at Tour de Romandie.

Due to a solid time trial Emanuel Buchmann finishes the Tour de Romandie in a strong 10th place overall. After a successful end to his first part of the season, he now starts his preparations for the season highlights in July.

Perfect weather conditions guaranteed a fair fight for the overall victory in the Tour de Romandie today. A 17.8k long individual time trial in Lausanne, had to finally decide who was strongest after a tough week of racing.

Like in the Prologue in Aigle, the parkour was technically demanding, with lots of tight corners. The first part of the course was also uphill with more than 300m of climbing, before the second part was mainly downhill towards the finish.

It was an important day for Emanuel Buchmann. The young German had put himself in a superb position in the GC on yesterday's queen stage, where he proved once again his climbing talent with a strong 3rd place. Now it was the race against the clock, which had to decide if he could defend his position also on the last day of the Tour de Romandie.

Buchmann started well, found into his rhythm fast, and set a strong pace on the first part of the course. But he also didn't over pace and was therefore able to push also on the second, faster part of the TT. Compared to his GC rivals Emu's speed was promising and with a time of 26:11 he proved that also his TT skills improved over the last month. P. Roglic took the time trial, with Buchmann finishing 24th. With this solid performance, he claimed a strong 10th place in the final general classification, while R. Porte won the Tour de Romandie 2017.

"We are very happy with the performance of Emu this week. He was always concentrated and did no mistake. We planned to attack on the queen stage already the day before, but you always need the legs to go then. Also the TT today was strong. I am confident that we will see Emu even stronger the next months, because I know he has still some room to improve. But now we'll celebrate first his 10th place here in the Romandie." – Enrico Poitschke, sports director

"Well, it was really close in the end, just 4 seconds to the 7th place, but I am happy with my top ten result. A top ten was our goal here from the beginning. Now I will go to another



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altitude camp and prepare for July. We can be satisfied with this first part of my season, and I know I haven't reached my peak performance yet." – Emanuel Buchmann



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