

German still out front

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ON THE WAY TO THE FINISH: Stefan Steinweg, winning Thursday's Stage One. -Photo: TOBAGO IMAGES

GERMANY'S Stefan Steinweg was third in the second stage of the Tobago International Cycling Classic yesterday, but continued in the overall lead of the four-day five-stage event in the sister isle.

On opening day Thursday, Steinweg was the class of the field completing the 120km stage one in two hours 23 minutes and 26 seconds to take the lead in division 1.

The 39-year-old German registered a 15 minutes and 3 second effort for the 11 km time trial yesterday that ensured he would keep the lead.

Up to press time results for the third stage were not available.

Yesterday's time trial winner was Canadian Trevor Connor from the team of Mazurcoaching.com. in 14:24 while New Zealander Heath Blackgrove of Team Gremli was second in 14:32.

Pan American Games silver medallist T&T's Emile Abraham, the seven-time winner of the event who last won the race in 2003, was 11th in 15:31, dropping from second overall to fifth. On Thursday, the Tobago-born pedal-pusher was second in in 2:24.11.

Third overall is Marloe Rodman of Jamaica, riding for Heat Wave who was fourth yesterday in Stage two in 15:11.

Another German Timo Schulz is fourth overall after crossing the line fifth in Stage Two in 15:12.

The third phase of the race started at the Multi Purpose Complex in Tobago and the pack will make their way from Black Rock to Mt Irvine, Bucco Junction to Shirvan Road, left on Claude Noel Highway, left at Marie Junction to Whim, then left on Plymouth Road to Turtle Beach before finishing back at the starting line.