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GKD Team *fit for future* at the Cologne Marathon

25,000 runners, inline skaters and hand cyclists from all over the world took part in the 17th Cologne Marathon at this famous cathedral city on the Rhine. And for the first time, Dirk Leibel, Sascha Schönecken and Dirk Bongartz from GKD were right in the thick of it.

Over 5,000 runners stayed the course for the full 42.195 winding kilometres through Cologne's city centre. With thousands of spectators cheering the runners on at the starting line in Cologne-Deutz on the right bank of the Rhine, drizzle and strong winds could do nothing to dampen spirits. For the first time in a long time, the finishing line was once again Cologne Cathedral itself, an added motivation for the final sprint. Dirk Leibel clocked the fastest time for the GKD team with 3:58:54 hours, followed by Sascha Schönecken with 4:05:38 hours and Dirk Bongartz with 4:11:43 hours.

In changing line-ups, the GKD Team *fit for future* regularly takes part in athletic competitions. And the current team members are justifiably proud of their successful debut at the Cologne Marathon. The next challenge for the team, this time in a larger line-up, will be the relatively shorter 18 kilometre Aachen City and Region Winter Run in December 2013.

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