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KELLY FIRED UP FOR FINAL RACE BEFORE BEIJING

Australian Cycling legend Shane Kelly will take to the track in Erfurt, Germany tonight (Australian time) in what will be his final race meet before the Beijing Olympics.

The four time World Champion will compete in a Sprint Grand Prix, where he'll lock horns with Olympic rivals from numerous countries including Germany, the United Kingdom, Greece and Malaysia.

Kelly said "it is going to be great to hit the track and race again after a two to three week break, training is one thing but nothing beats good competitive racing, so I am looking forward to seeing where I am at mentally and physically against quality opposition".

The outdoor concrete semi covered Velodrome is not expected to produce fast times, but Kelly says the event will be a great opportunity for him to have a close look at his Olympic rivals.

"This event will give me a great chance to do some homework and see how my rivals are going in their preparations for China, events like this are always useful because you can pick up things that may prove useful when it matters most".

Kelly, an Olympic Silver and dual Olympic Bronze medallist is looking for a strong performance tonight in Germany, but he rates the chance to get a feel for racing again against some of the biggest names in the sport, just as important.





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“After a lengthy break, it’s always good to get back on the bike and be tested and I will certainly be pushed tonight”.

He added “if the good results come, well that would be great, I am certainly not going there to make up the numbers”.

The Andreasried Veledrome, officially opened back in 1885, and is the oldest Veledrome in the world.

It’s steeped in high calibre cycling tradition, and underwent a full redevelopment in 2006, which took the facility to one of the most modern venues in the world.

“It’s great to visit and race at one of the world’s most historic venues, there are not too many places where I haven’t raced, but this is one of them, so I’m looking forward to seeing how the night unfolds”.

Please note - Erfurt, Germany is currently eight hours behind Australian Eastern Standard Time.

