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Audi drivers promise thrilling finale

- **Mortara and Ekström have not written off the DTM title yet**

Ingolstadt, October 14, 2015 – The Audi drivers Edoardo Mortara (Italy) and Mattias Ekström (Sweden) have promised the DTM fans to leave no stone unturned in the finale at Hockenheim next weekend to make the title race as thrilling as possible.

The two drivers from Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline are entering the last two races of the year, in which a total of 50 points are yet to be awarded, with a deficit of 37 and 38 points, respectively, to Mercedes driver Pascal Wehrlein. "Obviously, it's going to be very difficult for us and we have to hope that Wehrlein will be encountering problems. But in motorsport, anything's possible," Mortara said on Wednesday during an Audi telephone press conference. "As long as we've still got a chance, we're going to battle. It's clear that Mattias or I will have to win the first round on Saturday to keep the title race open."

His teammate Mattias Ekström, who managed to secure the second DTM title in his career in the last race at Hockenheim in 2007, views the situation in a similar vein. "Under my own power, I won't be able to become Champion anymore this time because two victories alone won't be enough for me," says the Swede. "Our opponent will no doubt have to be struck by two bad days. But it doesn't take much to score zero points twice in the DTM. I know this from past experience and it can easily happen to others too. For the sake of entertainment, it would be good if Edo and I took first and second place on Saturday to make up a large number of points. In that case, the fans would get to see a tremendous battle for the Championship on Sunday."

In the manufacturers' and the teams' classifications, the decisions in the 2015 DTM are still pending as well. ARD will air live coverage of the two final races from Hockenheim: on Saturday starting at 13.00 and on Sunday starting at 15.00 CEST.

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