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Audi travels to Styria with tailwind

- **Mike Rockenfeller leads the standings before the third DTM round**
- **Audi has been unbeaten on the new track at Spielberg**
- **Will the Red Bull Ring give Mattias Ekström and Jamie Green wings?**

Ingolstadt/Spielberg, May 24, 2013 – With the tailwind of a commanding victory at Brands Hatch, the Audi squad is traveling to the third round of the DTM season (June 1–2) at Spielberg (Austria). Audi driver Mike Rockenfeller, after his success in England, will arrive at the Red Bull Ring as the leader of the standings. Ever since the new circuit was re-opened two years ago, Audi has won all races here.

First victory in the second race – the Audi RS 5 DTM passed its baptism by fire at Brands Hatch. In the third round at Spielberg, the Audi squad is aiming to up the ante. Styria is a good track for the brand from Ingolstadt. In both races since the track was re-opened, an Audi driver took the top spot on the podium. In 2011, it was Martin Tomczyk on his way to the title win and last year Edoardo Mortara on clinching his first ever DTM victory.

From the island to the Alps: The demands made on the drivers and the cars could hardly be any more different. With a distance of 4.326 kilometers the Red Bull Ring is one of the longest tracks on the DTM calendar and due to its large vertical differences has unique characteristics. While Brands Hatch was a downforce track, Spielberg primarily calls for aerodynamic efficiency.

The fans at the race track and in front of their TV sets can look forward to particularly spectacular use of the Drag Reduction System (DRS) that allows the rear wing angle to be flattened by depressing a button on the steering wheel. No less than three straights followed by narrow turns at Spielberg are almost ideally suited for using the system, which gives the pursuer a speed advantage and thus makes overtaking easier. Gripping maneuvers are guaranteed.

A high-caliber program is awaiting all sports fans on “Das Erste” on the first weekend in June: The DTM qualifying session on Saturday, June 1, will only be held at 17:50 and thus directly before the DFB Cup final. The race on Sunday will start at

13:30 as usual. ARD, as always, will be airing live coverage on both days on “Das Erste.” Tickets for all DTM races of the 2013 season are available at www.audi-motorsport.com/dtm.

Quotes by the officials

Dieter Gass (Head of DTM): “We’ve got fond memories of Spielberg because we were very strong there in the past two years. Especially for Edoardo (Mortara) this probably means additional motivation. We’ve slightly modified our car since 2012, so we’re optimistic that we’ll be showing a good performance again.”

Hans-Jürgen Abt (Team Director Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline): “Audi won at Spielberg last year, ‘Rocky’ was victorious most recently at Brands Hatch. That shows what’s possible with our car. Our whole squad will be starting with high concentration and perfect preparation. And who knows: Maybe Red Bull will actually be giving our two Red Bull racers wings ...”

Ernst Moser (Team Director Audi Sport Team Phoenix): “Last year, Edoardo (Mortara) won. Of course we’d like to repeat this Audi success from last year – albeit preferably with ‘Rocky’ so that we can continue to be in contention as front runners in the Championship.”

Arno Zensen (Team Director Audi Sport Team Rosberg): “At Spielberg, we won our first DTM race, so our memories are positive and we’re looking forward to the race with eager anticipation. Last year, the tables turned in favor of our team in Austria – I’m proceeding from the assumption that this will be the case again this year.”

Facts and quotes by the Audi drivers

Filipe Albuquerque (27/P), Audi Financial Services RS 5 DTM #6 (Audi Sport Team Rosberg)

- With eighth place last year, was one of the five Audi drivers in the top ten
 - After two time penalties, finished the race at Brands Hatch in 17th place
- “For me, the race at Spielberg will be the right start into the 2013 DTM season because at Hockenheim and Brands Hatch some things didn’t work perfectly. That is why I’m looking forward to Austria: My team has won there before and I was fast there last year as well.”

Mattias Ekström (34/S), Red Bull Audi RS 5 DTM #11 (Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline)

- Like Timo Scheider, ran at Spielberg back in the years from 2001 to 2003
 - Also knows the track at Spielberg from several events with partner Red Bull
- “My race here at Spielberg was very good last year too – but, unfortunately, I still barely missed a position on the podium. Our speed at Brands Hatch was good. This time, I’m wishing for a weekend without any kind of incidents. The track suits me, so a place at the very front has to be the aim.”

Jamie Green (30/GB), Red Bull Audi RS 5 DTM #12 (Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline)

- Is starting at the Red Bull Ring as a Red Bull racer for the first time
 - After Edoardo Mortara, has the second-best Spielberg tally of all Audi drivers
- “Audi won there in both of the past two years. That’s definitely a good starting base. I was sixth once and fifth once, so I’ve still got some room to move upward. Spielberg is a superb track in unusual surroundings: mountains, fields and cows directly alongside the track – that’s a great atmosphere for me.”

Miguel Molina (24/E), Audi RS 5 DTM #20 (Audi Sport Team Phoenix)

- On his RS 5 DTM is advertising the German soccer cup final at Spielberg
 - At Brands Hatch, missed a finish in the points by just half a second
- “I really like the Red Bull Ring. We’re improving from race to race and have to keep up our efforts of working hard on our performance. Edo (Mortara) showed what’s possible last year. I’m looking forward to the race.”

Edoardo Mortara (26/F/I), Playboy Audi RS 5 DTM #5 (Audi Sport Team Rosberg)

- In 2012, won his first DTM race at Spielberg
 - Experienced the worst start of the season in his still young DTM career
- “We really had two weekends to forget. But I know exactly that I’ve got a good team and a good car – all we need now is a race without incidents. I see no reason why we shouldn’t manage this at Spielberg. I took my first ever DTM race win there, so I’ve got a special relationship with this track.”

Mike Rockenfeller (29/D), Schaeffler Audi RS 5 DTM #19 (Audi Sport Team Phoenix)

- Travels to a DTM race as the leader of the standings for the first time in his career
 - After Brands Hatch, went on to contest the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring
- “Spielberg is a very nice track that I’m really looking forward to. Last year, we had a thrilling race there with many overtaking maneuvers. Now, with the DRS and the option tires, there’ll probably be even more action. Obviously, after the success at Brands Hatch, I can hardly wait to go out again and battle for the next victory.”

Timo Scheider (34/D), AUTO TEST Audi RS 5 DTM #23 (Audi Sport Team Abt)

- Has been living in Lochau at Lake Constance in Austria for many years
- Is ambassador of the “Wings for Life” foundation initiated by Red Bull

“With Austria being my adopted country, Spielberg is a kind of second home race for me that I’m very much looking forward to. Last year was an action-packed experience for me. After body contact on the starting lap, I was running in last place and then, with a recovery and the fastest race lap, moved forward to sixth. The first two rounds this year have shown me that we’re in contention – now it’s time for me to finally clinch a really good result.”

Adrien Tambay (22/F), Audi ultra RS 5 DTM #24 (Audi Sport Team Abt)

- Moved to the Austrian town of Lochau at Lake Constance before the season
- As of Spielberg, the graphics on his Audi RS 5 DTM are advertising “Audi ultra” again

“I’ve been living in Austria since this spring, so Spielberg is my home race. The round at Brands Hatch was already a clear improvement for me compared to Hockenheim – that’s exactly where I’d like to continue now. That Edo (Mortara) won here last year gives all of us an extra dose of motivation.”

The Audi drivers in the 2013 DTM

Filipe Albuquerque (P): * June 13, 1985 in Coimbra (P); residence: Coimbra (P); single (partner Joana); height: 1.74 m; weight: 65 kg; Audi driver since 2011; DTM races: 22; pole positions: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 2nd place); fastest laps: 0; points: 35; DTM titles: 0; best result DTM Spielberg: 8

Mattias Ekström (S): * July 14, 1978 in Falun (S); residence: Salenstein (CH); single (partner Heidi), one son (Mats); one daughter (Hanna); height: 1.83 m; weight: 79 kg; Audi driver since 1999; DTM races: 126; pole positions: 19; victories: 17; fastest laps: 12; points: 621; DTM titles: 2 (2004, 2007); best result DTM Spielberg: 4

Jamie Green (GB): * June 14, 1982 in Leicester (GB); residence: Monaco (MC); married to Ginny, two sons (Zachary and William); height: 1.78 m; weight: 70 kg; Audi driver since 2013; DTM races: 85; pole positions: 6; victories: 8; fastest laps: 13; points: 361.5; DTM titles: 0; best result DTM Spielberg: 5

Miguel Molina (E): * February 17, 1989 in Barcelona (E); residence: Lloret de Mar (E); single; height: 1.75 m; weight: 64 kg; Audi driver since 2010; DTM races: 33; pole positions: 2; victories: 0 (best result: 3rd place); fastest laps: 1; points: 34; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Spielberg: 11

Edoardo Mortara (I/F): * Jan 12, 1987 in Geneva (CH); residence: Geneva (CH); engaged; height: 1.82 m; weight: 75 kg; Audi driver since 2011; DTM races: 22; pole positions: 1; victories: 2; fastest laps: 0; points: 103; DTM titles: 0; best result DTM Spielberg: 1

Mike Rockenfeller (D): * Oct 31, 1983 in Neuwied (D); residence: Landschlacht (CH); single (partner Susanne); height: 1.75 m; weight: 68 kg; Audi driver since 2007; DTM races: 63; pole positions: 2; victories: 2; fastest laps: 2; points: 188; DTM titles: 0; best result DTM Spielberg: 5

Timo Scheider (D): * Nov 10, 1978 in Lahnstein (D); residence: Lochau (A); single (partner Jessica), one son (Loris-Romeo); height: 1.78 m; weight: 72 kg; Audi driver since 2006; DTM races: 131; pole positions: 11; victories: 6; fastest laps: 9; points: 383; DTM titles: 2 (2008, 2009); best result DTM Spielberg: 6

Adrien Tambay (F): * Feb 25, 1991 in Paris (F); residence: Lochau (A); single; height: 1.81 m; weight: 69 kg; Audi driver since 2012; DTM races: 12; pole positions: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 2nd place); fastest laps: 0; points: 28; DTM titles: 0; best result DTM Spielberg: –

DTM drivers' standings after 2 of 10 rounds

1 Mike Rockenfeller (Audi)	29 points
2 Bruno Spengler (BMW)	28 points
3 Augusto Farfus (BMW)	25 points
4 Gary Paffett (Mercedes-Benz)	20 points
5 Christian Vietoris (Mercedes-Benz)	19 points
6 Dirk Werner (BMW)	18 points
7 Joey Hand (BMW)	16 points
8 Robert Wickens (Mercedes-Benz)	15 points
9 Marco Wittmann (BMW)	14 points
10 Timo Scheider (Audi)	10 points
11 Mattias Ekström (Audi)	6 points
12 Pascal Wehrlein (Mercedes-Benz)	1 point
13 Roberto Merhi (Mercedes-Benz)	1 point

DTM manufacturers' standings

1 BMW	101 points
2 Mercedes-Benz	56 points
3 Audi	45 points

DTM team standings

1 BMW Team Schnitzer	46 points
2 BMW Team RBM	41 points
3 STIHL/AMG Mercedes	34 points
4 Audi Sport Team Phoenix	29 points
5 EURONICS/THOMAS SABO Mercedes AMG	21 points
6 BMW Team MTEK	14 points
7 Audi Sport Team Abt	10 points
8 Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline	6 points
9 stern/AMG Mercedes	1 point

Audi DTM statistics (since 1990)

Champion's titles: 8 (in 16 years)
 Victories: 64 (in 200 races)
 Pole positions: 69 (in 164 qualifying sessions)
 Fastest laps: 54 (in 200 races)
 Podium positions: 201 (in 200 races)

All Spielberg winners since 2001

2001 Bernd Schneider (Mercedes-Benz)
 2002 Marcel Fässler (Mercedes-Benz)
 2003 Marcel Fässler (Mercedes-Benz)
2011 Martin Tomczyk (Audi)
2012 Edoardo Mortara (Audi)

2012 flashback: First victory of the new Audi A5 DTM

Despite a less than optimal start Edoardo Mortara in his Playboy Audi A5 DTM turned into the first corner as the leader and controlled the pace at the front of the field across the entire 47 laps. After the second mandatory pit stop, Mortara had to fend off the attacks by the leader of the standings, Gary Paffett (Mercedes-Benz), and by Martin Tomczyk (BMW), which involved fierce duels. But Mortara kept his cool in both attacks, managed to gain a small advantage again and went on to cross the finish line as the winner with a 1.068-second lead. It was the first victory for Mortara, Audi Sport Team Rosberg and the Audi A5 DTM.

Track info

Track length: 4.326 km

Race distance: 47 laps = 203.322 km

DTM qualifying record on this track: Gary Paffett (Mercedes-Benz), 1m 25.784s = 181.544 km/h (June 02, 2012/Q2)

DTM race record on this track: Bruno Spengler (Mercedes-Benz), 1m 26.298s = 180.463 km/h (June 05, 2011)

Pole position 2012: Edoardo Mortara (Audi), 1m 26.171s

Fastest lap 2012: Timo Scheider (Audi), 1m 27.027s = 178.951 km/h

Turnout 2012: 48,500

TV live rating 2012: 1.49 million/10.1 % market share (source: ARD)

Edoardo Mortara about Spielberg: “The Red Bull Ring is a very nice track set in a wonderful landscape. Plus it’s one of those race tracks which are good for overtaking. One of the reasons is that the fast straights are followed by slow turns – such as turn 2. Racing at Spielberg is usually very intense as you could see again last year when I clinched victory. There’s always a large crowd at Spielberg. All this makes for a great atmosphere. The track offers everything: long straights and fast turns as well as slow ones. And the spectators almost have a total view of the circuit.”

Timetable

Saturday, June 1

09:10–10:40 Free practice

17:50–19:00 Qualifying

Sunday, June 2

13:30 Race

TV schedule (“Das Erste” live)

Saturday, June 1

17:40–19:10 Qualifying

Sunday, June 2

13:15–15:00 Race

– End –



The Audi Group delivered 1,455,123 cars of the Audi brand to customers in 2012. In 2012, the company posted revenue of €48.8 billion and an operating profit of €5.4 billion. Audi produces vehicles in Ingolstadt and Neckarsulm (Germany), Győr (Hungary), Changchun (China) and Brussels (Belgium). The Audi Q7 is built in Bratislava (Slovakia). In November 2012, CKD production of the Audi Q7 was added to the existing Audi A4, A6 and Q5 manufacturing operations in Aurangabad (India). At the Brussels plant, production of the Audi A1 has been running since 2010, while production of the new A1 Sportback began in 2012. The Audi Q3 has been built in Martorell (Spain) since June 2011. The company is active in more than 100 markets worldwide. AUDI AG's wholly owned subsidiaries include AUDI HUNGARIA MOTOR Kft. (Győr, Hungary), Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A. (Sant'Agata Bolognese, Italy), AUDI BRUSSELS S.A./N.V. (Brussels, Belgium), quattro GmbH in Neckarsulm and the sports motorcycle manufacturer Ducati Motor Holding S.p.A. (Bologna, Italy). Audi currently employs more than 70,000 people worldwide, including around 50,000 in Germany. The brand with the four rings plans to invest a total of around €11 billion by 2015 – mainly in new products and the expansion of production capacities – in order to sustain the company's technological lead embodied in its "Vorsprung durch Technik" claim. Audi is currently expanding its site in Győr (Hungary) and will start production in Foshan (China) in late 2013 and in San José Chiapa (Mexico) in 2016.

Audi lives up to its corporate responsibility and regards sustainability not only as a basis for financial success, but also as essential to ensure a worthwhile future for the generations to come. The company has therefore strategically established sustainability as a principle for its products and processes. Corporate responsibility includes fuel-efficient products, resource-efficient production processes, a future-oriented and fair personnel policy, effective involvement in society and responsible business operations in general. This gives the motto of "Vorsprung durch Technik" a new dimension that extends far beyond the products. The ultimate goal is CO₂-neutral mobility.