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Audi with tailwind to the next race

- **DTM visits Motorsport Arena Oschersleben**
- **Sights are set on first place in the manufacturers' championship**
- **Five Audi victories on this track in the past eight years**

Ingolstadt/Oschersleben, September 7, 2012 – The DTM remains a thriller. By achieving the one-two-three triumph at Zandvoort at the end of August defending champion Audi has made up 49 points in a single race and is now just five points behind Mercedes-Benz in the manufacturers' standings. In the drivers' standings, as well, nothing is impossible. With a victory at the Motorsport Arena Oschersleben (September 14 to 16), Audi racer Edoardo Mortara (Audi Sport Team Rosberg), in the best case, could narrow the gap to leader of the standings Gary Paffett (Mercedes-Benz) to nine points.

Since its return with a manufacturer's commitment in the 2004 season Audi has won five of the eight DTM races at Oschersleben. Last year, the brand clinched a one-two-three result with a record advantage. Mattias Ekström put a proud distance of 42.167 seconds between himself and his immediate rivals – a result that had never before been seen in the DTM since its re-launch in 2000.

Most of the Audi drivers are looking forward to the East-German circuit with similarly eager anticipation as they most recently did to the dune circuit at Zandvoort, as every one of them associates a special highlight with Oschersleben. For Mattias Ekström, it was last year's record victory; for Timo Scheider, his first victory at a DTM race; for Mike Rockenfeller, his first podium in the DTM; for Miguel Molina, his first pole position; for Rahel Frey, her best DTM result to date – and Edoardo Mortara (third last year), Filipe Albuquerque and Adrien Tambay like the track at Oschersleben as well.

Overtaking on the 3.969-kilometer track is deemed to be extremely difficult. That is why qualifying on Saturday (starting at 13:30 – local time – live on "Das Erste") may produce a preliminary decision. And particularly there Audi was extremely strong in

the last two races. At the Nürburgring, three A5 DTM cars were on the two front rows and at Zandvoort, Audi even took the top five spots on the grid.

Advance ticket sales are promising a record turnout. Those not traveling to Oschersleben can watch the race live on “Das Erste” as usual. On race Sunday, ARD will be airing live coverage from Oschersleben starting at 13:45 (local time).

Quotes by the officials

Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich (Head of Audi Motorsport): “With the one-two-three victory at Zandvoort we made a considerable leap forward in the standings and in the manufacturers’ classification we are now just five points behind Mercedes-Benz and clearly in front of BMW. If we manage a similarly strong team performance as we last did at the Nürburgring and at Zandvoort we might even become the front runner at Oschersleben.”

Hans-Jürgen Abt (Team Director Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline): “We’ve won Oschersleben as many as five times and will leave no stone unturned to clinch another victory there for Audi. We’re looking forward to the race in front of a fantastic crowd and many enthusiastic fans.”

Ernst Moser (Team Director Audi Sport Team Phoenix): “The good results from the Nürburgring and Zandvoort are giving all of us tailwind. We can achieve a lot with that. Oschersleben has always suited us and Audi.”

Arno Zensen (Team Director Audi Sport Team Rosberg): “We’re looking forward to Oschersleben. We’ve recently been scoring a lot of points while our competitors weren’t quite as successful. As a result, we’ve made up some ground in the championship. It would be fantastic if the whole Audi team could take this momentum along to Oschersleben.”

Facts and quotes by the Audi drivers

Filipe Albuquerque (27/P), TV Movie Audi A5 DTM #22 (Audi Sport Team Rosberg)

- Most recently, managed the leap into Q4 two consecutive times
 - Was pushed off the track at Oschersleben in 2011 by Ralf Schumacher
- “Oschersleben is a track I really like. I’ve always felt at home there. The speed is right. Team Rosberg is doing a fantastic job. And I know by now how to make it into

Q4. I'm convinced that it's just a question of time until I'm on podium – so why not at Oschersleben?"

Mattias Ekström (34/S), Red Bull Audi A5 DTM #3 (Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline)

- Won at Oschersleben in 2011 with a record advantage
- Triumphed this year at the DTM show event in Munich

"I like Oschersleben and have particularly fond memories of last year. My aim is for this weekend to go equally well. We've got to improve some more but I'm convinced that we're heading in the right direction. I'm hoping for us to find an optimal set-up for Saturday and Sunday to put us in contention for victory."

Rahel Frey (26/CH), E-POSTBRIEF Audi A5 DTM #17 (Audi Sport Team Abt)

- In twelfth place, clinched her best DTM result to date at Oschersleben in 2011
- Set the second-fastest lap at the Nürburgring this year

"I'm looking forward to Oschersleben: a new race track, a new challenge, a new opportunity. At Zandvoort, things didn't go so well for me, so there's quite a bit for me to make up for."

Miguel Molina (23/E), Red Bull Audi A5 DTM #10 (Audi Sport Team Phoenix)

- In 2011, started from the pole position at Oschersleben
- Was on the podium at the 2011 Hockenheim finale

"Oschersleben is a special place for me. Last year, I managed to clinch my first pole position there in the DTM. This gives me a confident feeling. Also, it's time to finally show something again. I believe that we can have a good weekend at Oschersleben."

Edoardo Mortara (25/I/F), Playboy Audi A5 DTM #21 (Audi Sport Team Rosberg)

- Completed the Audi one-two-three result at Oschersleben in 2011
- Won as many as two DTM races this year

"Oschersleben has been a good track for me so far. In 2010, I won the Formula 3 title and in 2011 took my second DTM podium there. So I've got fond memories. After the Nürburgring and Zandvoort, we're optimistic and hoping to be able to achieve another top result."

Mike Rockenfeller (28/D), Schaeffler Audi A5 DTM #9 (Audi Sport Team Phoenix)

- In 2007, in just his second DTM race, took third place at Oschersleben
- In 2012, has started from the three front rows of the grid as many as five times

"Oschersleben is a track I really like. In my first DTM year, I immediately had a solid success with my first podium and a great race. As a matter of fact, I've always

enjoyed driving there. I'm hoping that our A5 DTM will be quick, that we'll have a good set-up – and if I could win the race in the end that would be ideal.”

Timo Scheider (33/D), AUTO TEST Audi A5 DTM #4 (Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline)

- In 2008, celebrated his first victory in a DTM race at Oschersleben
- Took his tenth DTM pole position in total at Zandvoort

“After the strong upward trend and the pole position at Zandvoort, I'm taking all my motivation and positive feelings with me to Oschersleben. I've still got fond memories of my first DTM victory. I've always felt comfortable there and found my rhythm right from the first lap on. I'm hoping that this will again be the case this year and that I'll be able to show a similar performance as I did at Zandvoort – but this time with a good race result.”

Adrien Tambay (F/21), Audi ultra A5 DTM #18 (Audi Sport Team Abt)

- In fifth place, scored his first DTM points at Zandvoort
- Made it all the way into Q3 at Zandvoort

“After scoring my first points at Zandvoort, a load has come off my chest. Now I may be able to tackle the race weekends in a slightly different way. I'm going to try and advance a bit further in qualifying in order to benefit from this in the race. I'm looking forward to the track because I've got fond memories of it.”

The Audi drivers in the 2012 DTM

Filipe Albuquerque (P): * Jun 13, 1985 in Coimbra (P); residence: Coimbra (P); single; height: 1.74 m; weight: 64 kg; Audi driver since 2011; DTM races: 17; pole positions: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 2nd place); fastest laps: 0; points: 21; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Oschersleben: –

Mattias Ekström (S): * Jul 14, 1978 in Falun (S); residence: Salenstein (CH); single (partner Heidi), one son (Mats); height: 1.83 m; weight: 77 kg; Audi driver since 1999; DTM races: 121; pole positions: 19; victories: 17; fastest laps: 12; points: 596; DTM titles: 2 (2004, 2007); best result, DTM Oschersleben: 1

Rahel Frey (CH): * Feb 23, 1986 in Niederbipp (CH); residence: Aedermannsdorf (CH); single; height: 1.63 m; weight: 50 kg; Audi driver since 2011; DTM races: 17; pole positions: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 12th place); fastest laps: 0; points: 0; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Oschersleben: 12

Miguel Molina (E): * Feb 17, 1989 in Girona (E); residence: Lloret de Mar (E); single; height: 1.75 m; weight: 62 kg; Audi driver since 2010; DTM races: 28; pole positions: 2; victories: 0 (best result: 3rd place); fastest laps: 1; points: 34; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Oschersleben: 8

Edoardo Mortara (I/F): * Jan 12, 1987 in Geneva (CH); residence: Geneva (CH); single; height: 1.82 m; weight: 75 kg; Audi driver since 2011; DTM races: 17; pole positions: 1; victories: 2; fastest laps: 0; points: 95; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Oschersleben: 3

Mike Rockenfeller (D): * Oct 31, 1983 in Neuwied (D); residence: Altnau (CH); single (partner Susanne); height: 1.75 m; weight: 67 kg; Audi driver since 2007; DTM races: 58; pole positions: 1; victories: 1; fastest laps: 2; points: 141; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Oschersleben: 3

Timo Scheider (D): * Nov 10, 1978 in Lahnstein (D); residence: Lochau (A); single (partner Jessica), one son (Loris); height: 1.78 m; weight: 74 kg; Audi driver since 2006; DTM races: 126; pole positions: 10; victories: 6; fastest laps: 9; points: 372; DTM titles: 2 (2008, 2009); best result, DTM Oschersleben: 1

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: 7; pole positions: 0; victories: 0; (best result: 5th place); fastest laps: 0; points: 10; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Oschersleben: –

DTM drivers' standings after 7 of 10 rounds

1 Gary Paffett (Mercedes-Benz)	109 points
2 Jamie Green (Mercedes-Benz)	93 points
3 Bruno Spengler (BMW)	91 points
4 Edoardo Mortara (Audi)	74 points
5 Martin Tomczyk (BMW)	69 points
6 Mike Rockenfeller (Audi)	67 points
7 Mattias Ekström (Audi)	62 points
8 Christian Vietoris (Mercedes-Benz)	24 points
9 August Farfus (BMW)	19 points
10 Timo Scheider (Audi)	18 points
11 David Coulthard (Mercedes-Benz)	14 points
12 Andy Priaulx (BMW)	14 points
13 Filipe Albuquerque (Audi)	12 points
14 Adrien Tambay (Audi)	10 points



15 Miguel Molina (Audi)	8 points
16 Robert Wickens (Mercedes-Benz)	8 points
17 Ralf Schumacher (Mercedes-Benz)	8 points
18 Dirk Werner (BMW)	5 points
19 Joey Hand (BMW)	2 points

DTM manufacturers' standings

1 Mercedes-Benz	256 points
2 Audi	251 points
3 BMW	200 points

DTM team standings

1 THOMAS SABO/Mercedes-Benz Bank AMG	133 points
2 Mercedes AMG	101 points
3 BMW Team Schnitzer	96 points
4 Audi Sport Team Rosberg	86 points
5 Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline	80 points
6 Audi Sport Team Phoenix	75 points
7 BMW Team RMG	71 points
8 BMW Team RBM	33 points
9 DHL Paket/stern Mercedes AMG	22 points
10 Audi Sport Team Abt	10 points

Audi DTM statistics

Champion's titles: 8 (in 15 years)
 Victories: 63 (in 201 races)
 Pole positions: 67 (in 166 qualifying sessions)
 Fastest laps: 54 (in 201 races)

All Oschersleben winners since 2000

2000 Manuel Reuter (Opel), Manuel Reuter (Opel), Uwe Alzen (Opel), Bernd Schneider (Mercedes-Benz)
 2001 Marcel Fässler (Mercedes-Benz)
2004 Tom Kristensen (Audi)
 2005 Gary Paffett (Mercedes-Benz)
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2010 Paul Di Resta (Mercedes-Benz)

2011 Mattias Ekström (Audi)

2011 flashback: Audi one-two-three result in the rain

In 2011, Mattias Ekström, Martin Tomczyk and rookie Edoardo Mortara delivered an Audi one-two-three result in a memorable wet race. Martin Tomczyk in a sensational recovery managed to advance from position 14 on the grid to second place and extended his lead in the standings. Mattias Ekström pushed forward from fourth to second place at the start and needed only eight laps to overtake Bruno Spengler in the Mercedes who had been leading the race until then. The two-time DTM Champion went on to set one fastest lap after the other and crossed the finish line with no less than a 42-second advantage.

Track info

Track length: 3.696 km

Race distance: 51 laps = 188.496 km

DTM qualifying record on this track: Timo Scheider (Audi), Apr 19, 2008, 1m 21.146s (163.971 km/h)

DTM race record on this track: Timo Scheider (Audi), Sep 19, 2010, 1m 22.991s (160.326 km/h)

Pole position 2011: Miguel Molina (Audi), 1m 22.371s (161.533 km/h)

Fastest lap 2011: Mattias Ekström (Audi), 1m 38.831s (134.670 km/h)

Turnout 2011: 65,000

TV live rating 2011: 1.50 million / 9.3 % market share (source: ARD)

Timo Scheider about Oschersleben: "Oschersleben is a very special track for me. It has fast and slow turns and is very selective. The track is not very wide. In addition, there are a few places where you've got to drive hard over the curbs. Overtaking is generally difficult; there's an opportunity in turn 1 and in the last turn. Other than that, you've only got a chance if the driver in front of you makes a mistake. Obviously, that makes qualifying extremely important for us. The same goes for the pit stops as the pit lane is exceptionally long. I've got fond memories of Oschersleben because that's where I celebrated my first DTM victory. The atmosphere is always fantastic. You can tell that there isn't a lot of motorsport in the north of Germany – the fans are extremely interested and thankful too. That's nice."

Timetable

Friday, September 14

09:45–10:15 Roll-out
10:15–10:20 Starting practice
13:05–14:55 Free practice 1
14:55–15:00 Starting practice

Saturday, September 15

09:10–11:00 Free practice 2
13:40–14:50 Qualifying

Sunday, September 16

10:30–11:00 Warm-up
14:00 Race

TV schedule (“Das Erste” live)

Saturday, September 15

13:30–15:00 Qualifying

Sunday, September 16

13:45–15:30 Race

– End –



The Audi Group delivered 1,302,659 cars of the Audi brand to customers in 2011. In 2011, the Company posted revenue of €44.1 billion and an operating profit of €5.3 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 July 2010, CKD production of the Audi Q5 was added to the existing Audi A4 and A6 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 amongst others 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 bike manufacturer Ducati Motor Holding S.p.A. (Bologna/Italy). Audi currently employs around 65,000 people worldwide, including around 48,000 in Germany. Between 2012 and 2016 the brand with the four rings is planning to invest a total of €13 billion – mainly in new products and the extension 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 has long been fulfilling its social responsibility on many levels – with the aim of making the future worth living for generations to come. The basis for Audi's lasting success is therefore formed by environmental protection, the conservation of resources, international competitiveness and a forward-looking human resources policy. One example of AUDI AG's commitment to environmental issues is the Audi Environmental Foundation. Within the context of "Vorsprung durch Technik," which extends far beyond its products, the Company is directing its activities toward a major goal – comprehensive CO₂-neutral mobility.