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## **Busy schedule for Audi Sport**

- **Three races on three consecutive weekends**
- **DTM visits Zandvoort in The Netherlands**
- **Audi is set on taking lead of the standings**

**Ingolstadt, May 6, 2011 – A busy schedule for Audi Sport: The DTM season opener at Hockenheim, the debut of the Audi R18 TDI at Spa-Francorchamps and the next DTM race immediately following at Zandvoort (The Netherlands) on May 15 – the squad around Head of Audi Motorsport Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich is certainly not suffering from boredom these days.**

Audi has fond memories of the DTM's Dutch round on the outskirts of Amsterdam. The brand with the four rings has always been strong on the track in the dunes along the North Sea coast in the past. Particularly impressive was Audi's showing in 2008 when the four current-specification Audi A4 DTM cars of Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline occupied the top four places and the best Mercedes-Benz finished with more than a 20-second gap.

In 2009 (pole position for Oliver Jarvis) and 2010 (pole position for Timo Scheider) Audi again set the benchmark at Zandvoort. That it was a Mercedes-Benz driver – Gary Paffett – who won nonetheless still upsets the Audi squad. Therefore, Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich has clearly stated the aim for this round: victory.

The Hockenheim season opener has shown that the Audi A4 DTM apparently harmonizes well with the tires of the new exclusive DTM supplier Hankook. Based on the experience gathered at Hockenheim with respect to optimum inflation pressures it should be possible at Zandvoort to make even better use of the new tires' potential – as this continues to be the key to success in the DTM.

In addition, Hockenheim has suggested that in 2011 Audi not only has the youngest driver line-up in its DTM history but possibly the strongest one as well.



The two-time DTM champions Mattias Ekström and Timo Scheider both lived up to their leading roles by clinching positions two and four. And both are regarded as absolute Zandvoort specialists. Mattias Ekström has already won there three times. Timo Scheider took the pole position an equal number of times and is now set on finally claiming his first victory on his favorite track.

Martin Tomczyk, who made a strong initial showing as a member of Audi Sport Team Phoenix, has previously been on the top of the podium at Zandvoort (in 2007). Given that his team has a tradition of being particularly strong on the dune circuit the idea of Tomczyk clinching victory in a year-old car is not far-fetched at all.

Mike Rockenfeller and Oliver Jarvis struggled with the set-up of their cars at Hockenheim. Both have performed in-depth analyses of the data together with their vehicle engineers and aim to show at Zandvoort that they are sitting in two current Audi A4 DTM cars for a good reason. Particularly so as they have a strong team-mate in Miguel Molina who in last year's A4 was very quick at Hockenheim yet again.

Filipe Albuquerque and Edoardo Mortara paid dearly on their DTM debuts at Hockenheim. Team Director Arno Zensen (Audi Sport Team Rosberg), however, continues to be fully convinced of having two uncut diamonds in his team. Mortara was in a class of his own in the Formula 3 Euro Series at Zandvoort last year.

And last but not least there is Rahel Frey. At Hockenheim the young Swiss not only thrilled the paddock with her charm. She also showed a solid performance at the wheel of her Audi A4 DTM and aims to further improve at Zandvoort.

So, all nine Audi racers can hardly wait to start from the grid at Zandvoort. They want to deliver a similar amount of action as they did at Hockenheim and capture the top of the standings for Audi. For those who cannot travel to the venue, ARD will air live coverage from Zandvoort starting at 1:55 p.m. (local time) on Sunday (May 15).

#### **Other topics of the weekend**

- Who will do the best job of handling the Hankook tires at Zandvoort?
- Will Audi be able to take the lead of the standings at Zandvoort?
- With a track record of four victories so far, will Audi remain the most successful brand at Zandvoort since the beginning of its factory commitment in 2004?

- After his Formula 3 victory at Zandvoort last year, will Edoardo Mortara be able to shine there in the DTM as well?

### Quotes by the officials

**Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich (Head of Audi Motorsport):** “We always like to return to Zandvoort. We’ve celebrated a large number of exploits there with Audi. We’ll try and clinch our first win of the season on this track. At Zandvoort, we’re set on heading for the DTM title which we want to bring back to Ingolstadt and Neckarsulm.”

**Hans-Jürgen Abt (Team Director Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline):** “Zandvoort is an incredibly great track. We’ve gathered fantastic experiences there. It’s also one of Audi’s favorite circuits. After the results at Hockenheim we’re very confident that we’ll be in contention for victories again. We’ll also continue to work hard on achieving the best set-up for our cars. In combination with the new Hankook tires this will be the crucial factor that decides who will be at the very front.”

**Ernst Moser (Team Director Audi Sport Team Phoenix):** “Zandvoort has always been a good track for Phoenix in the past. Martin (Tomczyk) has previously won a race there. That’s why we’ve got every reason to expect that we’ll clinch a good result. With Rahel (Frey) we want to take the next step and come closer to the pace of the others. She was still lacking some speed at Hockenheim. But with the spirit she demonstrates on the track we’ll soon get to where we want to be.”

**Arno Zensen (Team Director Audi Sport Team Rosberg):** “Zandvoort is always worth a visit. It’s a really beautiful circuit in the Dutch dunes. At night you can even walk along the beach eating a fish sandwich. Of course we’re dying to race there because it’s a real driver’s track. It should suit our drivers, Filipe Albuquerque and Edoardo Mortara, too. By clinching a grid position among the top ten and making a good race start we showed last weekend what is possible. We can probably build on that.”

### Facts and quotes by the Audi drivers

#### **Filipe Albuquerque (25/P), TV Movie Audi A4 DTM #18 (Audi Sport Team Rosberg)**

- Was beaten below his potential at his first DTM race
- Contested the A1GP series at Zandvoort in 2008

“I know Zandvoort better than Hockenheim, which I was relatively unfamiliar with. What’s more, the Audi A4 DTM has always been very strong at Zandvoort. Now I’m starting with more experience. My motivation is very high anyway. Expectations compared with the debut race naturally increase as well.”

**Mattias Ekström (32/S), Red Bull Audi A4 DTM #8 (Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline)**

- Has a track record of three DTM victories at Zandvoort
- Was on the podium a total of seven times at ten races
- After his injury, shone as the best Audi driver at Hockenheim

“I’ve got very fond memories of Zandvoort. The competition, also within our own team, will be very thrilling there because I’ve got strong team colleagues. I’ll have to give my maximum and am thoroughly preparing myself for this at home. The championship has just begun. There are still nine classification rounds to go. Through hard work a podium will hopefully be possible again at Zandvoort.”

**Rahel Frey (25/CH), Glamour Audi A4 DTM #15 (Audi Sport Team Phoenix)**

- Was the third-best rookie out of five drivers on her DTM debut
- Knows Zandvoort only from a brief test

“Zandvoort will be a big challenge for me. I don’t know the track really well yet. I drove ten laps at a Formula 3 test once. So it’ll start with a learning phase. But I was able to gather some experience at Hockenheim which I’ll take with me to Zandvoort.”

**Oliver Jarvis (27/GB), Audi Sport performance cars A4 DTM #5 (Audi Sport Team Abt)**

- Was on pole in a year-old car two years ago at Zandvoort
- As the runner-up at Zandvoort achieved his best race result so far

“Hockenheim is history. My season starts at Zandvoort. I can hardly wait to drive there. I love this track and the region. I’ve had good results there. In 2009 I achieved my first pole position there as well as my best race result.”

**Miguel Molina (22/E), Red Bull Audi A4 DTM #22 (Audi Sport Team Abt Junior)**

- Was sent into a spin at the first race at Hockenheim
- Achieved fifth place at Zandvoort last year

“I’m hoping for Zandvoort to turn out better than my season opener. Last year I drove one of my best races of the year there. Naturally, I’m aiming to clinch as good a result as possible. We’ll work hard to achieve this. We’ll try and work out an even better set-up. I’ve got a positive feeling before this race.”

**Edoardo Mortara (24/I/F), Playboy Audi A4 DTM #19 (Audi Sport Team Rosberg)**

- Was the best Audi newcomer at Hockenheim in qualifying and the race
- Achieved the pole position, victory and fastest lap in the Formula 3 Euro Series at Zandvoort last year

“Zandvoort is a very special event. I think quite a bit will be possible there. I’ve always enjoyed driving there. Particularly important at the first rounds is that I finish the races in order to gain experience. This was our aim most recently at Hockenheim. I completed all the race laps – that was important. And we’ll be making use of this experience at the next races. Naturally we want to improve some more and eliminate minor mistakes. A track like Zandvoort rewards a good driver.”

**Mike Rockenfeller (27/D), E-POSTBRIEF Audi A4 DTM #9 (Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline)**

- After a difficult opening round, is set on achieving a good result at Zandvoort
- Competes in the new Audi R18 TDI a week before the DTM race at Spa

“Zandvoort is a track I really like. If my car is as good again as it was on the first weekend up to the race I’ll be able to run at the far front. That’s the goal. I’m planning to go for an all-out attack because I’ve got nothing to lose. I’m very much looking forward to this track and am very positive that we’ll manage a better result there.”

**Timo Scheider (32/D), AUTO TEST Audi A4 DTM #4 (Audi Sport Team Abt)**

- Started from pole there three times before, most recently last year
- Has achieved two podium places at Zandvoort since 2008 but no victory yet

“Now, Zandvoort is coming up. That’s clearly my favorite track. Three times I’ve been on pole there. I’m really looking forward to it. Last year, I unfortunately bungled the start. But then I had an incredible race and made up ground again to third place. Now I want to finally settle my unfinished business and clinch victory – for Audi and for myself. That would finally give me the satisfaction of having won on my favorite track for once.”

**Martin Tomczyk (29/D), Schaeffler Audi A4 DTM #14 (Audi Sport Team Phoenix)**

- Celebrated victory at Zandvoort in 2007
- Was on the podium in the dunes a total of three times

“Zandvoort is a demanding and a fantastic track. I’m eager to see how it’ll be to drive on the new tires there and how the difference between the older and the newer cars will pan out. These are some of the unknown factors. But I do believe that we’ll be competitive again and in contention for places at the front. Let’s be surprised. Obviously, I want to finish as the best driver of a year-old car again.”

## The Audi drivers in the 2011 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: 1; pole positions: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 17th place); fastest laps: 0; points: 0; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Zandvoort: -

**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: 105 pole positions: 16; victories: 14; fastest laps: 11; points: 490; DTM titles: 2 (2004, 2007); best result, DTM Zandvoort: 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: 1; pole positions: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 15th place) fastest laps: 0; points: 0; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Zandvoort: -

**Oliver Jarvis (GB):** \* Jan 09, 1984 in Burwell (GB); residence: Ermatingen (CH); single; height: 1.80 m; weight: 70 kg; Audi driver since 2008; DTM races: 33; pole positions: 1; victories: 0 (best result: 2nd place); fastest laps: 0; points: 41; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Zandvoort: 2

**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: 12; pole positions: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 4th place); fastest laps: 1; points: 15; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Zandvoort: 5

**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: 1; pole position: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 14th place); fastest laps: 0; points: 0; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Zandvoort: -

**Mike Rockenfeller (D):** \* Oct 31, 1983 in Neuwied (D); residence: Altnau (CH); single; height: 1.75 m; weight: 67 kg; Audi driver since 2007; DTM races: 43; pole positions: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 3rd place); fastest laps: 1; points: 43; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Zandvoort: 10

**Timo Scheider (D):** \* Nov 11, 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: 110; pole positions: 9; victories: 6; fastest laps: 6; points: 324;  
DTM titles: 2 (2008, 2009); best result, DTM Zandvoort: 2

**Martin Tomczyk (D):** \* Dec 07, 1981 in Rosenheim (D); residence: Aesch/Basel (CH);  
single (partner Christina); height: 1.88 m; weight: 75 kg; Audi driver since 2001;  
DTM races: 103; pole positions: 7; victories: 4; fastest laps: 5; points: 253; DTM  
titles: 0; best result, DTM Zandvoort: 1

#### **2011 DTM season interim statistics**

Victories: Mercedes-Benz 1; Audi 0  
Pole positions: Mercedes-Benz 1; Audi 0  
Fastest laps: Mercedes-Benz 1; Audi 0  
Leading laps: Mercedes-Benz 38; Audi 0

#### **Audi DTM statistics**

Pole positions: 58  
Victories: 54  
Fastest laps: 47  
Champion's titles: 7 (1990, 1991, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009)

#### **All Zandvoort winners since 2001**

2001 Uwe Alzen (Mercedes-Benz)  
**2002 Mattias Ekström (Abt-Audi)**  
2003 Christijan Albers (Mercedes-Benz)  
**2004 Mattias Ekström (Audi)**  
2005 Gary Paffett (Mercedes-Benz)  
**2006 Tom Kristensen (Audi)**  
**2007 Martin Tomczyk (Audi)**  
**2008 Mattias Ekström (Audi)**  
2009 Gary Paffett (Mercedes-Benz)  
2010 Gary Paffett (Mercedes-Benz)

#### **Track info**

Track length: 4.307 km  
Race distance: 41 laps = 176.587 km

DTM qualifying record on this track: Mattias Ekström (Audi), 1m 31.012s = 170.364 km/h (July 12, 2008)

DTM race record on this track: Timo Scheider (Audi), 1m 32.967s = 166.782 km/h (August 22, 2010)

Pole position 2010: Timo Scheider (Audi), 1m 31.590s = 169.289 km/h (August 21, 2010)

Fastest lap 2010: Timo Scheider (Audi), 1m 32.967s. = 166.782 km/h (August 22, 2010)

Turnout 2010: 39,000

TV live rating 2010: 1.22 million/10.2 % market share (source: ARD)

**Timo Scheider about Zandvoort:** “For me, Zandvoort is the most demanding track on the calendar. It has all the stretches that seem like they’ve been made for a DTM car: extremely quick sections where you feel the aerodynamic downforce, slow turns and kerbs you’ve got to run over hard. The second third of the track has a more recent coat of tarmac than the other parts. So when you enter the slower turns of the third section of the track there’s a risk of overdriving the car and losing time. The best opportunity for overtaking has traditionally been at the end of the start-finish finish straight in front of the Tarzanbocht. An issue that only exists at Zandvoort is the North Sea wind and the sand from the dunes. A combination of both makes for track conditions that are extremely difficult to predict.”

#### **Zandvoort statistics since 2004 (Audi “factory” commitment)**

Races: 7

Audi victories: 4

Pole positions: 5

Fastest laps: 3

#### **2010 flashback**

With a third-place finish Timo Scheider achieved the first podium result of the year. Scheider, the quickest in qualifying, gave away the chance of victory at the start when he stalled the engine of his Audi A4 DTM and dropped from first to tenth place. With fast lap times and a good strategy Scheider recovered to position three. Mattias Ekström in fourth place reduced the gap to the overall leader, Bruno Spengler, who had to settle for seventh place at Zandvoort. Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline scored points with all five cars. DTM rookie Miguel Molina achieved his best result so far, a fifth-place finish.



### **2010 results**

- 1 Gary Paffett (Mercedes-Benz) 42 laps in 1h 07m 04.346s
- 2 Paul Di Resta (Mercedes-Benz) + 0.396s
- 3 Timo Scheider (Audi A4 DTM) + 12.238s
- 4 Mattias Ekström (Audi A4 DTM) + 18.659s
- 5 Miguel Molina (Audi A4 DTM) + 19.310s
- 6 Oliver Jarvis (Audi A4 DTM) + 20.568s
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- 8 Martin Tomczyk (Audi A4 DTM) + 21.706s
- 11 Alexandre Prémat (Audi A4 DTM) + 33.747s
- 13 Mike Rockenfeller (Audi A4 DTM) + 44.528s
- 14 Katherine Legge (Audi A4 DTM) + 48.892s

### **Timetable**

#### **Friday, May 13**

12:05–12:35	Roll-out
12:35–12:40	Starting practice
15:10–16:40	Free practice 1
16:40–16:45	Starting practice

#### **Saturday, May 14**

09:25–10:55	Free practice 2
13:40–14:50	Qualifying

#### **Sunday, May 15**

09:30–10:00	Warm-up
14:00	Race

### **TV schedule (ARD live)**

#### **Saturday, May 14**

13:30–14:50	Qualifying
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#### **Sunday, May 15**

13:55–15:30	Race
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The Audi Group sold around 1,092,400 cars of the Audi brand in 2010. The Company posted revenue of €35.4 billion and an operating profit of €3.3 billion in 2010. Audi produces vehicles in Ingolstadt and Neckarsulm (Germany), Győr (Hungary), Changchun (China) and Brussels (Belgium). Aurangabad in India saw the start of CKD production of the Audi A6 at the end of 2007, of the Audi A4 in early October 2008 and of the Audi Q5 in July 2010. Production of the new Audi A1 has been running at the Brussels plant since May 2010. The Company is active in more than 100 markets worldwide. AUDI AG's wholly owned subsidiaries include AUDI HUNGARIA MOTOR Kft., Automobili Lamborghini Holding S.p.A. in Sant'Agata Bolognese (Italy) and quattro GmbH in Neckarsulm. Audi currently employs around 60,000 people worldwide, including around 46,600 in Germany. Between 2011 and 2015 the brand with the four rings is planning to invest around €11 billion, mainly in new products, in order to sustain the Company's technological lead embodied in its "Vorsprung durch Technik" slogan. By 2015, Audi plans to increase the number of models in its portfolio to 42.

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 newly established Audi Environmental Foundation.