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## **English weeks for Audi Sport**

- **Two races in the United Kingdom within the space of eight days**
- **DTM visits Brands Hatch**
- **100th DTM race for Mattias Ekström**

**Ingolstadt, August 27, 2010 – Within the space of just eight days as many as two important races in the United Kingdom are on the agenda of the squad of Head of Audi Motorsport Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich: the British DTM round at Brands Hatch on September 5 (starting at 1:45 p.m. CEST live on “Das Erste”) and just one week later the 1000-kilometer race at Silverstone with the Audi R15 TDI diesel race sports car.**

The toughest rival at Silverstone will be Peugeot, who Audi defeated at the famous Le Mans 24 Hours in June. Brands Hatch will see a continuation of the prestige duel against Mercedes-Benz, which the Audi squad was able to decide in its favor three consecutive times, in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

With four out of six possible DTM titles since its comeback in 2004, Audi’s track record in the DTM is impressive on the whole. Accordingly, everyone at Audi Sport and in the three teams is pursuing the aim of putting Audi back on a winning track in the 2010 season.

With respect to pole positions and fastest race laps, the score between Audi and Mercedes-Benz is still level at 3 after six of the eleven scheduled races. “This demonstrates that the A4 DTM continues to deliver the required performance, particularly since the technology has been frozen compared with last year’s,” says Head of Audi Motorsport Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich. “At the first six races there have simply been too many minor mistakes on our side which have cost us possible victories and podium places, and thus a better position in the championship as well. We need to return to a zero-defects job of the kind that enabled us to achieve our ninth exploit at Le Mans this year.”

According to the law of averages Audi would be due for winning at Brands Hatch because ever since the DTM has been visiting the demanding roller-coaster circuit on the outskirts of London Audi and Mercedes-Benz have taken turns of scoring victories there. In 2006 Mattias Ekström triumphed, in 2007 Bernd Schneider, in 2008 Timo Scheider and in 2009 Paul Di Resta.

But the last two Brands Hatch races also showed how close the battles are fought on this track which with a length of 1.929 kilometers is the shortest circuit in the DTM year: in 2008 Timo Scheider prevailed with just a 0.793-second lead over Paul Di Resta. Last year the result was the other way around, but the gap almost as narrow: Scheider was just short of 0.896 seconds to Di Resta at the finish.

Due to the short track length at Brands Hatch hundredths and thousandths of a second in qualifying will yet again make a difference of several positions on the starting grid. And no less than 98 laps must be completed in the race. This makes the strategy particularly difficult for all the teams because it is nearly impossible to return to the track without hitting traffic after pitting. Hence conflicts like those between Bruno Spengler and Mike Rockenfeller in the most recent event at Zandvoort are practically pre-programmed.

### **Mattias Ekström to contest his 100th DTM race**

Mattias Ekström, who as the best Audi driver is ranking in fourth place of the standings, 16 points behind Bruno Spengler, will contest his 100th DTM race at Brands Hatch. The statistical results which the 32-year-old Swede has achieved in the first 99 races of his DTM career are worthy of particular mention: 16 times he started from the pole position, 14 races were won by Ekström who in 2004 and 2007 won the champion's title as well. A total of 47 times the Audi driver finished on the podium (in 47.5 percent of all races) – which statistically translates into almost every second run. Plus, he has scored 475 points so far in his career, which equates to about 4.8 points per race.

### **Topics of the weekend**

- Will Audi achieve its – overdue – first victory since Valencia?
- Will Timo Scheider's form curve continue to point upward?
- Will Mattias Ekström continue to be able to make up ground in the standings?
- How will Oliver Jarvis and Katherine Legge do in their home round?
- How will the Dunlop tires handle the compression after the "Paddock Hill" bend?
- Will "Magic" Molina be able to shine again?

- Will Markus Winkelhock's streak of misfortune come to an end?

### Quotes by the officials

**Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich (Head of Audi Motorsport):** "Although we improved our performance at Zandvoort we haven't reached the place yet that we want to be at, which is the top of the podium. For Brands Hatch we'll continue to work on finding our way back to our success story."

**Hans-Jürgen Abt (Team Director Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline):** "We always enjoy traveling to Brands Hatch where we've had good experiences. Everyone is eager to take the performance we regained at Zandvoort to Brands Hatch and hoping for that little bit of fortune we need to be at the very front again."

**Ernst Moser (Team Director Audi Sport Team Phoenix):** "In the United Kingdom we're competing in the mother country of motorsport. The fans there are particularly loyal and we want to deliver a good showing to them at Brands Hatch. With the lighter 2008-specification vehicles we'll be able to compete at the front of the field. We'll give everything to finally make Audi win again. From a strategic perspective, Brands Hatch will be very difficult. Finding a time window for calling the car in and sending it back out without hitting traffic is the special, additional challenge at this race. To the teams making the more fortunate choices in this respect, the differences amount to not just one but several positions."

**Arno Zensen (Team Director Audi Sport Team Rosberg):** "Brands Hatch is always worth a visit. It's the home round for our driver Katherine Legge. She wants to make a particularly good showing in front of her home audience. She drove a good race at Zandvoort as well. Maybe we can continue that way. In the case of Markus (Winkelhock) we're clearly setting our sights on the points we finally need to score."

### Facts and quotes by the Audi drivers

#### **Mattias Ekström (32/S), Red Bull Audi A4 DTM #5 (Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline)**

- Won the DTM's first round at Brands Hatch in 2006
- Clinched as many as three podium places in four races
- Will contest his 100th DTM race at Brands Hatch

"I've had several exploits at Brands Hatch as well as some misfortune. But this year I'm looking forward to the next run. It would really be nice to finish on the podium there."

**Oliver Jarvis (26/GB), Tabac Original Audi A4 DTM #2 (Audi Sport Team Abt)**

- Finished in the points for the first time at his home round last year
- Started from row three as the best driver of a year-old car in 2008

“It’s great to be back in the UK and to run at Brands Hatch. It’s one of my favorite tracks. I’m hoping for a successful race and many points. I want to fight for a podium position. The track is pretty difficult. It’s very short but every mistake in qualifying costs you dear because of the small time gaps. Overtaking is very difficult there, so the grid positions predetermine the outcome of the race.”

**Katherine Legge (30/GB), Glamour Audi A4 DTM #15 (Audi Sport Team Rosberg)**

- Gained several places at Zandvoort thanks to a good strategy by her team
- The circuit is located just about 80 kilometers away from her native Guildford

“I’m very much looking forward to my home race. Friends and family will cheer me on there. It really looks like the older cars will be very fast there, too. Obviously, I know the track like the back of my hand. I do expect quite a bit of this round.”

**Miguel Molina (21/E), Audi Bank A4 DTM #18 (Audi Sport Rookie Team Abt)**

- Will compete at Brands Hatch for the first time
- Drove his best race most recently at Zandvoort

“Brands Hatch will be another new track for me at which I want to be competitive as quickly as possible. I’ll try and be as good there as I was at Zandvoort. I’m very confident that our team will manage this.”

**Alexandre Prémat (28/F), TV Movie Audi A4 DTM #9 (Audi Sport Team Phoenix)**

- Started from grid position three in the year-old car as the best Audi driver in 2007
- Has finished in the points just once so far at Brands Hatch

“I’m looking forward to driving on the UK track. Obviously, the race is about scoring as many points as possible for Audi and Team Phoenix. The circuit is incredibly short, which makes it very special. You complete one lap in just about 40 seconds. That’s why the large number of 98 laps makes the race seem very long. It takes a lot of concentration.”

**Mike Rockenfeller (26/D), S line Audi A4 DTM #10 (Audi Sport Team Phoenix)**

- Last year clinched seventh place as his best Brands Hatch result so far
- Was heading for points at Zandvoort before being turned around by a rival

“We’re driving the short circuit version at Brands Hatch again this year. So the race will be particularly exciting and close. As always, qualifying will be crucial. Everything’s got to fit perfectly. After the disappointing result at Zandvoort I’m

hoping to score points again at Brands Hatch and to drive a normal race without body contact.”

**Timo Scheider (31/D), GW:plus/Top Service Audi A4 DTM #1 (Audi Sport Team Abt)**

- Finished the past two rounds at Brands Hatch on the podium
- Dominated the 2008 round with pole position, victory and fastest lap
- Started the race from row one in both of the past two years

“Brands Hatch no doubt is a track that suited me really well in the past two years. I won there, started from pole and finished in second place as well. So I’ve got very fond memories of this circuit. I’m traveling to Brands Hatch with a lot of motivation, particularly after my pole position and recovery in the race at Zandvoort. We’re hoping to be able to continue this performance.”

**Martin Tomczyk (28/D), Red Bull Cola Audi A4 DTM #6 (Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline)**

- Achieved two podium results in four races at Brands Hatch
- Second place three years ago was his best result

“Brands Hatch is a very short circuit, but it’s fun to drive it, too. At Zandvoort, Mercedes was stronger than we’d thought. The field should be pretty well-balanced at Brands Hatch although we’ll only know this for sure once we’re there. But I am looking forward to this track even though it’s the smallest and shortest one on the calendar.”

**Markus Winkelhock (30/D), Playboy/GW:plus Audi A4 DTM #14 (Audi Sport Team Rosberg)**

- Eleventh place has been his best result at Brands Hatch to date
- Is still without points in the 2010 season

“I’m looking forward to Brands Hatch and hope that my run of bad luck will end there because it’s pretty depressing. I’m looking ahead and believe that things will get better. Brands Hatch is definitely a track I enjoy and that suits me well. My motivation is strong despite the fact that I’m not experiencing a ‘high’ at the moment. That’s why I’m hoping for things to start looking up again as soon as possible.”

## The Audi drivers in the 2010 DTM

**Mattias Ekström (S):** \* Jul 14, 1978 in Falun (S); residence: Salenstein (CH); single; height: 1.83 m; weight: 77 kg; Audi driver since 1999; DTM races: 99; pole positions: 16; victories: 14; fastest laps: 10; points: 475; DTM titles: 2 (2004, 2007); best result, DTM Brands Hatch: 1st

**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: 26; pole positions: 1; victories: 0 (best result: 2nd place); fastest laps: 0; points: 31; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Brands Hatch: 8th

**Katherine Legge (GB):** \* Jul 12, 1980 in Guildford (GB); residence: Ermatingen (CH); single; height: 1.73 m; weight: 58 kg; Audi driver since 2008; DTM races: 26; pole positions: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 12th place); fastest laps: 1; points: 0; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Brands Hatch: 15th

**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: 6; pole positions: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 5th place); fastest laps: 0; points: 6; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Brands Hatch: -

**Alexandre Prémat (F):** \* Apr 05, 1982 in Juvisy-sur-Orge (F); residence: Ermatingen (CH); married to Cléo, one daughter (Zoe); height: 1.82 m; weight: 74 kg; Audi driver since 2007; DTM races: 36; pole positions: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 2nd place); fastest laps: 0; points: 37; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Brands Hatch: 7th

**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: 37; pole positions: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 3rd place); fastest laps: 1; points: 33; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Brands Hatch: 7th

**Timo Scheider (D):** \* Nov 11, 1978 in Lahnstein (D); residence: Lochau (A); single, one son (Loris); height: 1.78 m; weight: 74 kg; Audi driver since 2006; DTM races: 104; pole positions: 8; victories: 5; fastest laps: 5; points: 289; DTM titles: 2 (2008, 2009); best result, DTM Brands Hatch: 1st

**Martin Tomczyk (D):** \* Dec 07, 1981 in Rosenheim (D); residence: Aesch/Basel (CH); single (engaged to Christina); height: 1.88 m; weight: 75 kg; Audi driver since 2001;

DTM races: 98; pole positions: 7; victories: 4; fastest laps: 5; points: 234; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Brands Hatch: 2nd

**Markus Winkelhock (D):** \* Jun 13, 1980 in Stuttgart (D); residence: Berglen-Steinach (D); single; height: 1.75 m; weight: 65 kg; Audi driver since 2007; DTM races: 44; pole positions: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 4th place); fastest laps: 0; DTM titles: 0; points: 17; best result, DTM Brands Hatch: 11th

### 2010 DTM point standings

1 Bruno Spengler (Mercedes)	44 points
2 Gary Paffett (Mercedes)	35 points
3 Paul Di Resta (Mercedes)	33 points
<b>4 Mattias Ekström (Audi)</b>	<b>28 points</b>
5 Jamie Green (Mercedes)	26 points
<b>6 Timo Scheider (Audi)</b>	<b>23 points</b>
<b>7 Mike Rockenfeller (Audi)</b>	<b>12 points</b>
<b>8 Alexandre Prémat (Audi)</b>	<b>8 points</b>
<b>9 Oliver Jarvis (Audi)</b>	<b>8 points</b>
<b>10 Miguel Molina (Audi)</b>	<b>6 points</b>
<b>11 Martin Tomczyk (Audi)</b>	<b>5 points</b>
12 Ralf Schumacher (Mercedes)	3 points
13 Susie Stoddart (Mercedes)	2 points
14 Maro Engel (Mercedes)	1 point

### 2010 DTM season interim statistics

Victories: Mercedes 5; Audi 1  
Pole positions: Mercedes 3; Audi 3  
Fastest laps: Mercedes 3, Audi 3  
Leading laps: Mercedes 255; Audi 54  
Points: Mercedes 144; Audi 90

### Audi DTM statistics

Pole positions: 57  
Victories: 53  
Fastest laps: 42  
Champion's titles: 7 (1990, 1991, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009)

### **All winners of DTM races at Brands Hatch (since 2006)**

**2006 Mattias Ekström (Audi)**

2007 Bernd Schneider (Mercedes-Benz)

**2008 Timo Scheider (Audi)**

2009 Paul Di Resta (Mercedes-Benz)

### **Track info**

Track length: 1.929 km

Race distance: 98 laps = 189.042 km

DTM qualifying record on this track: Paul Di Resta (Mercedes-Benz), 41.750s =  
166.333 km/h (September 05, 2009)

DTM race record on this track: Paul Di Resta (Mercedes-Benz), 42.387s = 163.833  
km/h (September 06, 2009)

Pole position in 2009: Paul Di Resta (Mercedes-Benz), 41.750s = 166.333 km/h  
(September 05, 2009)

Fastest lap in 2009: Paul Di Resta (Mercedes-Benz), 42.387s = 163.833 km/h  
(September 06, 2009)

Spectators in 2009: 20,400

TV live viewers, ARD 2009: 1.13 million (Source: ARD)

**Oliver Jarvis about Brands Hatch:** “Brands Hatch is a fascinating circuit with a lot of tradition. Although the Indy Car circuit is very short, I’d say it was a very difficult one. It only takes the smallest mistakes in the qualifying sessions to drop back a number of starting positions because the time differentials are so minute. My favorite section is the Paddock Hill bend, which is one of the best and most challenging corners around. How you come out of the bend is also crucial so that you can really put your foot down up to Druids Bend. This is the most important section for overtaking maneuvers. What makes Brands Hatch so special is that the spectators in the grandstands above Brabham Straight can see the entire circuit and therefore don’t miss a thing.”

### **DTM statistics at Brands Hatch since 2006**

Races: 4

Audi victories: 2

Pole positions: 2

Fastest laps: 2



### **Brands Hatch 2009 flashback**

By finishing the race as the runner-up, Timo Scheider continued to extend his lead of the standings. The Audi driver had to admit a merely 0.896-second defeat to Paul Di Resta. With Martin Tomczyk in third place, another Audi driver achieved a podium position. Mattias Ekström finished fifth and defended his position as the runner-up in the standings. A total of five Audi drivers scored points at Brands Hatch. The best driver of a year-old car was Mike Rockenfeller in seventh place.

### **2009 results**

- 1 Paul Di Resta (Mercedes) 90 laps in 1h 10m 31.345s
- 2 Timo Scheider (Audi A4 DTM) + 0.896s
- 3 Martin Tomczyk (Audi A4 DTM) + 1.422s
- 4 Gary Paffett (Mercedes) + 1.880s
- 5 Mattias Ekström (Audi A4 DTM) + 2.264s
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- 7 Mike Rockenfeller (Audi A4 DTM) + 6.646s
- 8 Oliver Jarvis (Audi A4 DTM) + 7.197s
- 11 Alexandre Prémat (Audi A4 DTM) - 1 lap
- 15 Katherine Legge (Audi A4 DTM) - 1 lap

## Schedule (local times)

### Friday, 3 September

11:50–12:20	Roll-out
12:20–12:25	Starting practice
14:50–16:20	Free practice 1
16:20–16:25	Starting practice

### Saturday, 4 September

09:00–10:30	Free practice 2
12:45–13:41	Qualifying

### Sunday, 5 September

10:00–10:30	Warm-up
13:00	Race

## TV schedule (ARD live, German time)

### Saturday, 4 September

13:30–15:00	Qualifying
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### Sunday 5 September

13:45–15:35	Race
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The Audi Group sold around 950,000 cars of the Audi brand in 2009. The Company posted revenue of €29.8 billion and an operating profit of €1.6 billion. 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 and of the Audi A4 in early October 2008. 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 58,000 people worldwide, including 45,500 in Germany. Between 2010 and 2012 the Audi Group is planning to invest around €5.5 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.