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Junior talents of the Audi Sport TT Cup prove their prowess

- **Audi one-make cup participants test at the Hockenheimring**
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- **Project Leader Philipp Mondelaers: "Very high level of driving skills"**

Ingolstadt, April 12, 2016 – Final training before the new season starts. The permanent entrants in the Audi Sport TT Cup completed their final driving test before the season opener. At the Hockenheimring, the international talents covered a total of 4,400 kilometers in the Audi TT cup car, gathering important data and experiences in the process.

During the test on the tradition-steeped 4.574-kilometer track, the international entrants of the Audi one-make cup covered a total of 955 laps. At the end of the driving test, the field had completed an aggregate of more than 37 hours of driving time. In addition to the test kilometers, the talents, aged 20 years on average, took part in specific practice units, such as starts and simulated procedures of a race weekend.

"In all the training units, as well as in the race concluding the test day, the drivers were very close in terms of times," says Philipp Mondelaers, Project Leader of the Audi Sport TT Cup. "It's more than positive for us to see that the rookies are instantly among the front runners. This underscores the high level of driving skills we have in the 2016 Cup." Detlef Schmidt, Technical Project Leader of the Audi Sport TT Cup, made a positive assessment as well: "We gathered a lot of important data and experiences. And not to forget, we had no retirements after nearly 4,400 kilometers."

On the day following the test, the young talents completed a professional media training session at the Audi Forum Neckarsulm. "The Audi Sport TT Cup is more than just a racing series," says Mondelaers. "We'd like to provide the young drivers with driving fundamentals for a career as a professional race driver and, at the same time, impart exemplary demeanor outside the cockpit to them. This necessarily includes workshops such as media training."



From May 6 to 8, the Audi Sport TT Cup will start to the new season with two races. “The season opener at Hockenheim will be featuring a varied mix of motorsport: with the DTM, the World Rallycross Championship and the Porsche Carrera Cup,” says Mondelaers. “We’re delighted about being able to offer another highlight in the form of the Audi Sport TT Cup.”

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