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## **Quotes after the race at the Nürburgring**

**Ingolstadt/Nürburg, August 17, 2014 – Two Audi drivers – Mike Rockenfeller and Edoardo Mortara – were on podium in the DTM race at the Nürburgring. Quotes after round seven of the season.**

**Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich (Head of Audi Motorsport):** “When you’ve got five cars in the top six on the grid, positions two and three are not enough. We clearly fell short of our potential today. We’re going to use the break between now and the Lausitzring to look better in the last three races of the season. In the drivers’ classification, a preliminary decision was made. But in the manufacturers’ classification, everything is still possible.”

**Dieter Gass (Head of DTM):** “Having two drivers on podium in the DTM is basically a good result. Congratulations to Mike (Rockenfeller) and Edo (Mortara). Obviously, it’s not satisfactory that only these two managed to make use of their good grid positions. We did not achieve our aim of winning the race. What’s more, we lost a lot of cars – especially at the race start. Losing four out of eight cars due to collisions is painful.”

**Mike Rockenfeller (Schaeffler Audi RS 5 DTM), 2<sup>nd</sup> place**

**Tires: option/standard**

“Basically, I’m very pleased. This was a weekend the way it should be. Of course I had hopes of beating Marco Wittmann with ten kilograms less in my car. Unfortunately, that didn’t work out. But I’m honest: second place is a nice result. We should have managed that more often this year. I’m traveling to the next races with a positive feeling and am going to give my best as long as everything is still open. Let’s see how that pans out.”

**Edoardo Mortara (Audi Sport Audi RS 5 DTM), 3<sup>rd</sup> place**

**Tires: option/standard**

“I had a good race weekend here at the Nürburgring. The weekends before were very difficult. The race wasn’t necessarily perfect. My start could have been better – but from the right-hand side it’s always more difficult. But in the end, I was very pleased. I’m hoping that things will continue this way in the next races.”

**Adrien Tambay (Playboy Audi RS 5 DTM), 11<sup>th</sup> place**

**Tires: standard/option**

“I was unfortunate at the start because I was pushed and lost a lot of places. My car was damaged at the rear. It was a tough race, but I battled and tried to make the best of the situation and made up a lot of positions.”

**Jamie Green (Hoffmann Group Audi RS 5 DTM), 15<sup>th</sup> place**

**Tires: option/standard**

“Everything that could go wrong went wrong. I had a bad start and immediately lost a few parts of my car when I wasn’t able to get out of the way in a duel between Miguel (Molina) and Timo (Scheider). On option tires, I was simply lacking speed compared to the cars in front of me. A lot of drivers overtook me. Then I had a rough duel with Farfus. Afterwards, my car was even more heavily damaged. From that point on, it was difficult to stay motivated. Subsequently, on standard tires, things were going a bit better. Unfortunately, I didn’t manage to finish in the top ten.”

**Nico Müller (Audi Financial Services RS 5 DTM), retirement**

**Tires: standard**

“It was frustrating because the race had really started well. I was the quickest on standard tires and had good chances of making up places at the end of the race. The car felt very good and I was able to pass Timo (Scheider). Half a lap later, he was pushed from behind and hit me. Unfortunately, that ended my race.”

**Timo Scheider (AUTO TEST Audi RS 5 DTM), retirement**

**Tires: standard**

“I knew that starting on standard tires would be difficult. I gave my best and had a good start. After two laps, everything was sorted and going well. I then defended myself against Robert Wickens, he missed the braking point and hit me with locked wheels. I flew off and hit Nico Müller, which ended the race for both of us. It was a shame because we had chances of scoring points. It was a foolish and unnecessary action on Robert’s part.”

**Miguel Molina (Audi Sport Audi RS 5 DTM), retirement**

**Tires: option**

“It wasn’t the best race of my life. I’m upset about what happened in turn one.”

**Mattias Ekström (Red Bull Audi RS 5 DTM), retirement**

**Tires: standard**

“I had a good start and in the first turns things weren’t going bad for me either. Then there was contact with other vehicles and my car was damaged. A weekend to forget.”

**Hans-Jürgen Abt (Team Director Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline):** “We’re not completely happy with this race because we lost two cars on the first lap through no fault of our own. It’s nice that Edo (Mortara) was on podium and that we’re second and third in the Championship. But that doesn’t really satisfy us. We had different expectations. But we had no chance for victory and need to work on changing that.”

**Ernst Moser (Team Director Audi Sport Team Phoenix):** “The positive aspect for starters: we’re incredibly happy about ‘Rocky’s’ (Mike Rockenfeller) second place and particularly about him being able to still attack Wittmann towards the end of the race. If the race had lasted a few laps longer, he might have even grabbed him. An impeccable performance. We’re back. In Timo’s (Scheider) case, we took the risk of starting on standard tires. He did a good job of staying clear of the commotions and was the leading standard driver. Then this action by Mercedes happened, which cost him the race. Points would definitely have been possible.”

**Arno Zensen (Team Director Audi Sport Team Rosberg):** “This wasn’t our race. Jamie (Green) didn’t move off well at the start and immediately lost a few parts. All the contacts he had with rivals didn’t help matters. The car was definitely damaged quite a bit. He kept battling all the way up to the end but that was all that was possible. In Nico’s (Müller) case it was really a shame. He had the speed but then there was this silly action. Wickens hit Scheider, who then hit Nico. That was very frustrating.”

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