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## **Record run ends after twelve victories: Frijns third at Lausitzring**

- Spectacular fights on last day of two Lausitzring weekends
- Pitstop strategy of Frijns, Müller and Rast doesn't work
- Head of Audi Motorsport Dieter Gass: "A fantastic race for the fans"

**Lausitzring, August 23, 2020 – Robin Frijns from Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline was the best Audi driver in third place in the "craziest" DTM race of the season so far, even though the Dutchman started from pole position for the fourth time this year.**

"Unfortunately, I still have to wait for my first DTM victory," said Frijns after taking third with a pass shortly before the finish. "It was definitely a crazy race. I started from pole and had the feeling that the pace was pretty okay. René (Rast) and Nico (Müller) behind me had a similar pace. All three of us pitted for tires quite late. When I came out again, I was only seventh. It was extremely difficult to fight my way back to the front."

Just behind Frijns, Jamie Green from Audi Sport Team Rosberg crossed the finish line in fourth. "I stopped pretty early and was able to build a good gap afterwards," said Green. "As the leader you are not allowed to use Push-to-Pass or DRS. That's why Timo Glock and Lucas Auer caught me and finally passed me. Afterwards, I was able to keep up well with the two BMWs, but I didn't want to try a crazy move in the end. While trying to overtake Timo Glock, I came out of the last corner badly and Robin caught me. A pity, because a podium would have been great today."

In a similar move, championship leader Nico Müller took fifth away from defending champion René Rast on the finish straight. Just 0.011 seconds separated the two title rivals – 78 thousandths less than in their photo finish a week ago.

"This was a very strange race," said Nico Müller. "At first, I didn't understand what we did wrong. We stopped late and lost places as a result. But that's normal. The only strange thing was that we couldn't make up the positions this time despite the fresher tires. Everyone defended themselves with DRS. That's why we lost the chance to catch up with the two BMWs in front. When René had no more DRS, I overtook him basically at the finish line. That was my only highlight. Until the pitstop, I thought that we would fight for victory today again. Unfortunately, that wasn't the case."



René Rast drew a similar conclusion: “In the fight between Robin, Nico and me we probably concentrated too much on ourselves and overlooked that the BMWs were pitting quite early, managing an undercut. That’s a bit of a shame because Nico, Robin and I could have all won the race today.”

Loïc Duval from Audi Sport Team Phoenix also scored points in eighth place. Mike Rockenfeller narrowly missed scoring points in eleventh after an unsuccessful experiment with the setup of his car.

“This was an incredible race,” said Head of Audi Motorsport Dieter Gass. “From the first to the last lap the gaps were incredibly tight. The first nine cars crossed the finish line within 4.2 seconds. Finally, both brands fought for victory again. Our top three gambled a bit today. When you change the tires late, you have to overtake other cars in the end – that didn’t work this time. It’s a pity that our winning streak has come to an end. If you have three cars on the top three grid positions, you naturally want to win. But for the fans it was a fantastic race. They asked for tough fights between drivers from the same brand. And that’s exactly what they got today.”

With twelve consecutive victories, Audi has set a new record in the DTM. For one year and 13 days the Four Rings were unbeaten in the DTM – this, too, has never been achieved before. In the Manufacturers’ Championship Audi has more than twice as many points as BMW after the first third of the season.

The next two races will take place on September 5 and 6 at the famous TT Circuit in Assen (Netherlands). For the first time this year, spectators will be allowed at the track.

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