



## Victorious start for Audi Sport Italia

- **First place for the Audi R8 LMS in Italian endurance racing**
- **Class success for Audi RS 3 LMS in Belcar Endurance Championship**
- **Second place for Audi in the TCR class of the Hockenheim 12 Hours**

**Neuburg a. d. Donau, May 24, 2021 – For Audi Sport Italia, the endurance season in its Italian homeland started extremely successfully. After two second-place finishes at the beginning of the sprint race series three weeks ago, the team clinched its first victory of the season with the Audi R8 LMS at the endurance opener. Audi Sport customer racing’s other weekend achievements include two trophies for the Audi RS 3 LMS in touring car racing.**

### **Audi R8 LMS GT3**

Historic first success on the Mediterranean island: After three decades in circuit racing, Audi Sport Italia celebrated its first victory in a championship race on Sicily. At the start of the Campionato Italiano GT Endurance season, Riccardo Agostini, Lorenzo Ferrari and Audi Sport driver Mattia Drudi managed a brilliant recovery at Pergusa. The driver trio had started from third position in the Audi R8 LMS and dropped back to fourth when, on the third lap, teammate Filip Salaquarda, of all people, collided with the sister car in another Audi during an overtaking attempt and ended up in the gravel trap himself. Agostini/Drudi/Ferrari dropped back to fifth place as a result. After the driver change from Ferrari to Agostini, the number 12 Audi was already in third place. The team of Emilio Radaelli and Ferdinando Geri reacted to the maneuvers of the rivals in the race tactics, delayed the second driver change, thus gaining time on the track and sent Mattia Drudi back into the race in the leading position. The 22-year-old talent pulled away from his pursuers with fast lap times and won with his teammates by 7.4 seconds after three hours of racing.

As front runners in the Campionato Italiano GT Endurance, in the sprint classification of the GT World Challenge Europe as well as in the GT World Challenge Australia, customer teams with the Audi R8 LMS currently lead three of the toughest GT3 racing series worldwide.

### **Audi RS 3 LMS (TCR)**

Victory at Hockenheim: Team QSR Racing School managed its second class win in a row in the Belcar Endurance Championship. At the race in Hockenheim, Joël Uylenbroeck, Jürgen van den Broeck and Yevgen Sokolovskiy in the Audi RS 3 LMS won the TA class after three hours of racing.

Second place at the halfway point of the season: Team AC Motorsport remains within striking distance of the top of the TCR class at the halfway point of the 24H Series season. Regular driver Stéphane Perrin and his teammates Mathieu Detry and Stefan Wieninger missed the class win in the Audi RS 3 LMS by only 4.3 seconds as the runners-up at the Hockenheim 12 Hours. It was already the third podium result in a row for the Belgian team. Perrin and Detry remain second in their class after four of eight endurance rounds in the club racing series.



### Coming up next week

28-29/05 Hampton Downs (NZ), round 2, North Island Endurance Series  
28-30/05 Le Castellet (F), round 2, GT World Challenge Europe Endurance Cup  
28-30/05 Le Castellet (F), round 2, GT4 European Series  
28-30/05 Le Castellet (F), round 2, TCR Europe  
29-30/05 Navarra (E), round 1, Campeonato de España Resistencia  
29-30/05 Navarra (E), round 1, TCR Spain  
29-30/05 Suzuka (J), round 3, Super GT  
29-30/05 Ningbo (CN), round 1, China GT Championship

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