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Zandvoort premiere for the Audi A5 DTM

- **DTM visit to the Dutch North Sea coast**
- **Five Audi victories in the past eight years**
- **Favorite track of many Audi drivers**

Ingolstadt/Zandvoort, August 21, 2012 – Only one week after the “heat battle” at the Nürburgring the next DTM race is on the agenda. At Zandvoort, though, completely different conditions are awaiting the Audi racers. On the Dutch North Sea Coast, much cooler temperatures and changeable weather have been predicted for next weekend.

The circuit in the dunes of Zandvoort has been on the calendar of the most popular international touring car series since 2001 and is the favorite track of many Audi racers. The Audi A4 DTM always felt comfortable on the particularly challenging roller-coaster circuit as well, having scored five victories at eight events – the most recent one last year with Mike Rockenfeller at the wheel.

Now the Audi A5 DTM is celebrating its Zandvoort premiere. At the DTM’s first event after the summer break, at the Nürburgring, the coupé left a strong impression. The Audi Sport squad wants to continue this performance and is setting its sights on the second victory of the season.

As the Audi drivers with the best point scores Spielberg winner Edoardo Mortara (Audi Sport Team Rosberg) and last year’s winner Mike Rockenfeller (Audi Sport Team Phoenix) are traveling to Zandvoort, each with 49 points to their tally. Following just two points behind them is Mattias Ekström (Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline), who decided the race on the North Sea Coast in his favor as many as three times in the past. Timo Scheider is considered a Zandvoort specialist too. The two-time DTM Champion started from the pole position there three times.

Two DTM races within the space of eight days mean that the teams have to work overtime. After the race at the Nürburgring, the cars were prepared right on location and subsequently taken directly to Zandvoort. The next round of the 2012 DTM will

be started on Sunday at 14:00. ARD will broadcast live on “Das Erste” starting at 13:45, local time.

Quotes by the officials

Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich (Head of Audi Motorsport): “We’re traveling directly from the Nürburgring to Zandvoort. In the Eifel we saw that we made a step forward. Our next aim is to convert this into a victory. The track at Zandvoort has provided us with a number of good results before – we work to ensure that things will be going so well also this year.”

Hans-Jürgen Abt (Team Director Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline): “The break between the Nürburgring and Zandvoort is extremely short. Obviously, this puts an extreme strain on everyone. But we like Zandvoort and are hoping to regain our old strength there and to be in contention for victory.”

Ernst Moser (Team Director Audi Sport Team Phoenix): “Zandvoort has always suited Team Phoenix well somehow. We’ve always clinched good results there. Audi, the drivers and the team love Zandvoort – these are optimum prerequisites for achieving a good result.”

Arno Zensen (Team Director Audi Sport Team Rosberg): “After the strong results at the Nürburgring with positions two and three in qualifying and ‘Edo’s’ second place in the race we’re obviously highly motivated. We want to take this momentum to Zandvoort next weekend and are hoping to be able to continue these successes.”

Facts and quotes by the Audi drivers

Filipe Albuquerque (27/P), TV Movie Audi A5 DTM #22 (Audi Sport Team Rosberg)

- Has scored points as many as five times this year
- Started from the second row last weekend

“Zandvoort is a nice track. I really like it and am fully motivated to rectify my starting mistake at the Nürburgring. My speed, though, was good there both in qualifying and in the race. I’m also gaining an increasingly better understanding of the Audi A5 DTM – and Audi Sport Team Rosberg is doing a superb job.”

Mattias Ekström (34/S), Red Bull Audi A5 DTM #3 (Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline)

- In 2002, celebrated his first DTM victory at Zandvoort

- Has won the race on the North Sea coast as many as three times before
“Zandvoort is one of my favorite tracks. I’ve driven many races there and have a lot of fond memories – for instance of my first DTM victory in 2002. After a few weekends on which we found ourselves struggling I’m hoping for a straightforward and solid race.”

Rahel Frey (26/CH), E-POSTBRIEF Audi A5 DTM #17 (Audi Sport Team Abt)

- Drove the second-fastest lap at the Nürburgring last Sunday
 - Missed Q2 at the Nürburgring by merely 18 thousandths
- “Honestly speaking, I don’t have the fondest memories of Zandvoort because the race last year was difficult. But I’ll be taking the momentum from the Nürburgring to the North Sea and will try and continue that.”

Miguel Molina (23/E), Red Bull Audi A5 DTM #10 (Audi Sport Team Phoenix)

- In 2010, started from the second row at Zandvoort
 - Has scored points twice in the 2012 season
- “Zandvoort is one of my favorite tracks. In 2010, I made it all the way into the final qualifying segment for the first time in my first DTM season. So I’ve got positive memories and am looking forward to the race. My car was very fast at the Nürburgring. The improvements are proving to be effective. I think Zandvoort can turn into a good weekend for us.”

Edoardo Mortara (25/I/F), Playboy Audi A5 DTM #21 (Audi Sport Team Rosberg)

- In 2011, scored his first points in the DTM at Zandvoort
 - For the first time, is arriving at a DTM race as the best Audi driver in the standings
- “It’ll be interesting to run again at Zandvoort so shortly after the result at the Nürburgring – on the track I like best in the DTM. I think many drivers feel that way. The circuit has many quick corners and is a challenge. In the past, it suited Audi very well too. I’m hoping this will continue to be the case.”

Mike Rockenfeller (28/D), Schaeffler Audi A5 DTM #9 (Audi Sport Team Phoenix)

- Celebrated his first DTM victory at Zandvoort last year
 - Has the same point score in the standings as Edoardo Mortara
- “Zandvoort is one of the nicest tracks – very, very fast. That suits me, I like that. Last year, I had a fantastic experience there with my first victory. If we’re in a good position again this time and the car runs well a similar success should be possible. But in the DTM you start every weekend from zero. You’ve got to fight for every thousandth – and that’s what I’m looking forward to.”

Timo Scheider (33/D), AUTO TEST Audi A5 DTM #4 (Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline)

- Has started at Zandvoort from the pole position as many as three times
- Clinched the DTM title for Audi in 2008 and 2009

“Zandvoort has been my favorite track for years. I’ve already been on the pole position there three times but haven’t won a race yet. Maybe, of all times, everything will fit together in this strange year. I’m eager to see how the weather will develop. At the moment, the forecast isn’t so good, which could make for an especially thrilling race.”

Adrien Tambay (F/21), Audi ultra A5 DTM #18 (Audi Sport Team Abt)

- Has moved his residence to Austria
- Is contesting his first DTM season

“Zandvoort is a very challenging race track – both for the driver and the car. I last ran there at the Formula 3 Masters and am looking forward to returning to this track.”

The Audi drivers in the 2012 DTM

Filipe Albuquerque (P): * Jun 13, 1985 in Coimbra (P); residence: Coimbra (P); single; height: 1.74 m; weight: 64 kg; Audi driver since 2011; DTM races: 16; pole positions: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 2nd place); fastest laps: 0; points: 21; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Zandvoort: -

Mattias Ekström (S): * Jul 14, 1978 in Falun (S); residence: Salenstein (CH); single (partner Heidi), one son (Mats); height: 1.83 m; weight: 77 kg; Audi driver since 1999; DTM races: 120; pole positions: 19; victories: 17; fastest laps: 12; points: 581; DTM titles: 2 (2004, 2007); best result, DTM Zandvoort: 1

Rahel Frey (CH): * Feb 23, 1986 in Niederbipp (CH); residence: Aedermannsdorf (CH); single; height: 1.63 m; weight: 50 kg; Audi driver since 2011; DTM races: 16; pole positions: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 12th place); fastest laps: 0; points: 0; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Zandvoort: 17

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: 27; pole positions: 2; victories: 0 (best result: 3rd place); fastest laps: 1; points: 34; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Zandvoort: 5

Edoardo Mortara (I/F): * Jan 12, 1987 in Geneva (CH); residence: Geneva (CH); single; height: 1.82 m; weight: 75 kg; Audi driver since 2011; DTM races: 16; pole positions: 1; victories: 1; fastest laps: 0; points: 70; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Zandvoort: 6

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: 57; pole positions: 1; victories: 1; fastest laps: 2; points: 123; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Zandvoort: 1

Timo Scheider (D): * Nov 10, 1978 in Lahnstein (D); residence: Lochau (A); single (partner Jessica), one son (Loris); height: 1.78 m; weight: 74 kg; Audi driver since 2006; DTM races: 125; pole positions: 9; victories: 6; fastest laps: 9; points: 372; DTM titles: 2 (2008, 2009); best result, DTM Zandvoort: 2

Adrien Tambay (F): * Feb 25, 1991 in Paris (F); residence: Lochau (A); single; height: 1.81 m; weight: 69 kg; Audi driver since 2012; DTM races: 6; pole positions: 0; victories: 0; (best result: 12th place); fastest laps: 0; points: 0; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Zandvoort: –

DTM drivers' standings after 6 of 10 rounds

1 Gary Paffett (Mercedes-Benz)	103 points
2 Bruno Spengler (BMW)	83 points
3 Jamie Green (Mercedes-Benz)	81 points
4 Martin Tomczyk (BMW)	69 points
5 Edoardo Mortara (Audi)	49 points
6 Mike Rockenfeller (Audi)	49 points
7 Mattias Ekström (Audi)	47 points
8 Christian Vietoris (Mercedes-Benz)	24 points
9 Timo Scheider (Audi)	18 points
10 August Farfus (BMW)	17 points
11 David Coulthard (Mercedes-Benz)	14 points
12 Andy Priaulx (BMW)	14 points
13 Filipe Albuquerque (Audi)	12 points
14 Miguel Molina (Audi)	8 points
15 Robert Wickens (Mercedes-Benz)	8 points
16 Ralf Schumacher (Mercedes-Benz)	7 points
17 Joey Hand (BMW)	2 points
18 Dirk Werner (BMW)	1 point



DTM manufacturers' standings

1 Mercedes-Benz	237 points
2 BMW	186 points
3 Audi	183 points

DTM team standings

1 THOMAS SABO/Mercedes-Benz Bank AMG	127 points
2 Mercedes AMG	88 points
3 BMW Team Schnitzer	84 points
4 BMW Team RMG	71 points
5 Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline	65 points
6 Audi Sport Team Rosberg	61 points
7 Audi Sport Team Phoenix	57 points
8 BMW Team RBM	31 points
9 DHL Paket/stern Mercedes AMG	22 points

Audi DTM statistics

Champion's titles: 8 (in 15 years)
 Victories: 62 (in 200 races)
 Pole positions: 66 (in 165 qualifying sessions)
 Fastest laps: 54 (in 200 races)

All Zandvoort winners since 2001

2001 Uwe Alzen (Mercedes-Benz)
2002 Mattias Ekström (Abt-Audi)
 2003 Christijan Albers (Mercedes-Benz)
2004 Mattias Ekström (Audi)
 2005 Gary Paffett (Mercedes-Benz)
2006 Tom Kristensen (Audi)
2007 Martin Tomczyk (Audi)
2008 Mattias Ekström (Audi)
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2011 Mike Rockenfeller (Audi)

2011 flashback: first DTM victory for Mike Rockenfeller

Mike Rockenfeller celebrated his first victory at a DTM race in 2011. The German laid the foundation for this with a perfect start at which he pushed himself between Bruno Spengler and Jamie Green. With an early pit stop, “Rocky” managed to overtake Spengler as well. Afterward, with a perfectly set-up Audi A4 DTM, he managed to build an advantage of up to three seconds and to control the pace at the front of the field. Martin Tomczyk took third place so that two Audi drivers mounted the podium at Zandvoort.

Track info

Track length: 4.307 km

Race distance: 44 laps = 189.508 km

DTM qualifying record on this track: Mattias Ekström (Audi), July 12, 2008, 1m 31.012s (170.364 km/h)

DTM race record on this track: Timo Scheider (Audi), August 22, 2010, 1m 32.967s (166.782 km/h)

Pole position 2011: Bruno Spengler (Mercedes-Benz), 1m 31.805s (168.893 km/h)

Fastest lap 2011: Timo Scheider (Audi), 1m 33.410s (165.991 km/h)

Turnout 2011: 29,000

TV live rating 2011: 1.51 million / 10.1 % market share (source: ARD)

Mike Rockenfeller about Zandvoort: “The track is nicely situated, through the dunes, and the close proximity to the sea is unique. But you often find sand alongside the racing line. You shouldn’t get off the racing line in order to keep from losing grip. Especially in qualifying, this is extremely important. For me, Zandvoort is the nicest track on the calendar: a tradition-steeped circuit with a lot of character. It is fast, has few run-off areas and some blind corners. Personally, I particularly like the right-hand downhill passage after the crest. Zandvoort offers a few places for overtaking where you can benefit from the mistakes of your rivals pretty well. In addition, the atmosphere with the large crowd is great. A special aspect of Zandvoort is that the fans can combine a visit to the beach with the DTM race.”

Timetable

Friday, August 24

09:45–10:15 Roll-out

10:15–10:20 Starting practice

13:20–15:10 Free practice 1



15:10–15:15 Starting practice

Saturday, August 25

09:00–10:50 Free practice 2

13:40–14:50 Qualifying

Sunday, August 26

10:20–10:50 Warm-up

14:00 Race

TV schedule (“Das Erste” live)

Saturday, August 25

13:30–15:00 Qualifying

Sunday, August 26

13:45–15:30 Race

– End –

The Audi Group delivered 1,302,659 cars of the Audi brand to customers in 2011. In 2011, the Company posted revenue of €44.1 billion and an operating profit of €5.3 billion. Audi produces vehicles in Ingolstadt and Neckarsulm (Germany), Győr (Hungary), Changchun (China) and Brussels (Belgium). The Audi Q7 is built in Bratislava (Slovakia). In July 2010, CKD production of the Audi Q5 was added to the existing Audi A4 and A6 manufacturing operations in Aurangabad (India). At the Brussels plant, production of the Audi A1 has been running since 2010, while production of the new A1 Sportback began in 2012. The Audi Q3 has been built in Martorell (Spain) since June 2011. The Company is active in more than 100 markets worldwide.

AUDI AG’s wholly owned subsidiaries include amongst others AUDI HUNGARIA MOTOR Kft. (Győr/Hungary), Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A. (Sant’Agata Bolognese/Italy), AUDI BRUSSELS S.A./N.V. (Brussels/Belgium), quattro GmbH in Neckarsulm and the sports bike manufacturer Ducati Motor Holding S.p.A. (Bologna/Italy). Audi currently employs around 65,000 people worldwide, including around 48,000 in Germany. Between 2012 and 2016 the brand with the four rings is planning to invest a total of €13 billion – mainly in new products and the extension of production capacities – in order to sustain the Company’s technological lead embodied in its “Vorsprung durch Technik” claim. Audi is currently expanding its site in Győr (Hungary) and will start production in Foshan (China) in late 2013 and in Mexico in 2016.

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 Audi Environmental Foundation. Within the context of “Vorsprung durch Technik,” which extends far beyond its products, the Company is directing its activities toward a major goal – comprehensive CO₂-neutral mobility.