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Assault on top spot in the DTM – Commanding lights-to-flag victory for Aitken

- Ferrari driver takes his third DTM victory on Saturday on the dune rollercoaster
- René Rast finishes runner-up to claim the first podium of the season for BMW
- Kelvin van der Linde just hangs onto the championship lead, ahead of team-mate Ricardo Feller

Zandvoort. That was an impressive performance from Jack Aitken (GB). The Brit produced a commanding display to win race five of the DTM season on Saturday in Zandvoort, the Netherlands. In doing so, he climbed into third place in the overall standings. “Three race weekends in and I already have two wins to my name, that is awesome. The key was that I managed to open a bit of a gap immediately after the start. After that, I could control the race from the front. I could often see René Rast in my mirror in the closing stages, but I did not let that distract me,” said the 28-year-old Ferrari driver from the Emil Frey Racing team. René Rast (Bregenz) from Schubert Motorsport came home second, three seconds behind Aitken. That gave BMW its first podium of the season, courtesy of the three-time champion. Arjun Maini (IND) from Mercedes-AMG Team HRT was rewarded for his impressive qualifying performances at the wheel of the Mercedes-AMG GT3 with third place. The Indian made it onto the podium for the second time in his DTM career.

Key facts, Circuit Zandvoort, race 5 of 16

- **Length:** 4,259 metres
- **Weather:** 17 degrees, cloudy
- **Pole position:** Jack Aitken (Emil Frey Racing, Ferrari 296 GT3 #14), 1:31.762 minutes
- **Winner:** Jack Aitken (Emil Frey Racing, Ferrari 296 GT3 #14)
- **Fastest lap:** Ben Dörr (Dörr Motorsport, McLaren 720S GT3 Evo #25) 1:33.614 minutes

The start at the dune rollercoaster in the Netherlands went to plan for pole-sitter Aitken on Saturday afternoon. The Brit was immediately able to pull clear of the opposition, with only the runner-up from qualifying Clemens Schmid (A) able to stay in touch in the McLaren 720S GT3 Evo of Dörr Motorsport. They were followed in third to fifth place by Maini, Audi driver Ricardo Feller (CH/Abt Sportsline) and Lucas Auer (A) from Mercedes-AMG Team Mann-Filter. However, Rast, who started the race from seventh on the grid, switched to attack mode after just a few laps and battled his way up to fourth place.

Aitken had a lead of roughly four seconds when he came in for his mandatory pit stop, and he still led the race when he headed back out onto the 4.259-kilometre Formula 1 track. A fast tyre change allowed Rast to gain over five seconds on second-placed Schmid. The BMW driver then overtook Maini, who, on cold tyres after a late pit stop, was unable to defend second place against the 37-year-old.

Media Information

After 39 laps of racing, Aitken took the chequered flag ahead of Rast and Maini. Schmid crossed the finish line in fourth place, followed by his compatriot Auer in fifth.

Sheldon van der Linde (ZA/Schubert Motorsport) came home sixth in the BMW M4 GT3. His team-mate Marco Wittmann (Fürth) produced an impressive fightback with several skilful manoeuvres to climb ten places and finish seventh. Feller followed in eighth, while Mirko Bortolotti (I) ended the fifth DTM race of the season in ninth place in the Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo2 of SSR Performance. Completing the top ten was Luca Stolz (Brachbach) in the second Mercedes-AMG GT3 run by Mercedes-AMG Team HRT. 13th place was enough for Audi racer Kelvin van der Linde (ZA) to hang onto the championship lead – however, the Abt Sportslines driver now leads team-mate Feller by just five points. Aitken is third, just two points behind the Swiss.

René Rast: “After our performance on Friday, it really did not look as though we would be on the podium. We made a few changes to the set-up, which worked out brilliantly. I knew that Arjun Maini’s tyres were a bit colder, due to the pit stop, and that I had to attack him straight away in the battle for second place. The race was really great fun.”

Arjun Maini: “I am finally back on the DTM podium. That feels super. I made a good start, and the pit stop was flawless. As the race progressed, I was hoping there may possibly be more in it for me. However, Jack Aitken and René Rast were faster than me at the end.”

Result of race five of the season, Circuit Zandvoort

1. Jack Aitken (GB/Emil Frey Racing)
2. René Rast (D/Schubert Motorsport), +2.924 seconds
3. Arjun Maini (IND/Mercedes-AMG Team HRT), +5.932 seconds
4. Clemens Schmid (A/Dörr Motorsport), +10.197 seconds
5. Lucas Auer (A/Mercedes-AMG Team Mann-Filter), +11.492 seconds

The full result is available at dtm.com/en/results.

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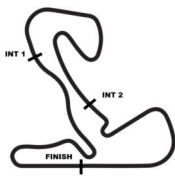
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Result List Provisional

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Weather Start/Finish

AIR	16.9°C
TRACK	33.8°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	1010 hPa
AIR	17.8°C
TRACK	34.4°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	1010 hPa

Track Information

GREEN FLAG	13:32:49
CHEQUERED FLAG	14:35:14
SAFETY CAR PHASE	0
FULL COURSE YELLOW PHASE	0
TRACK NAME	Circuit Zandvoort
TRACK LENGTH	4259m
TURN COUNT	14
TOTAL DISTANCE	166.10km
FASTEST LAP:	#25. DRR - 1:33.614
FASTEST PIT STOP:	#63. CEN - 6.302

STARTED: 20 CLASSIFIED: 17 NOT CLASSIFIED: 3 DISQUALIFIED: 0

Nr.	Driver	Man.	Nation	Team	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Lap	Time
	Car			Competitor					
1	14 Jack Aitken Ferrari 296 GT3			EMIL FREY RACING EMIL FREY RACING	39	1:02:25.078		5	1:34.197
2	33 Rene Rast BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport Schubert Motorsport	39	1:02:28.002	2.924	22	1:34.170
3	36 Arjun Maini Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	39	1:02:31.010	5.932	23	1:34.040
4	85 Clemens Schmid McLaren 720S GT3 Evo			Dörr Motorsport Dörr Motorsport	39	1:02:35.275	10.197	17	1:34.103
5	22 Lucas Auer Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team MANN-FILTER WINWARD RACING	39	1:02:36.570	11.492	19	1:34.270
6	31 Sheldon van der Linde BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport Schubert Motorsport	39	1:02:38.869	13.791	22	1:34.125
7	11 Marco Wittmann BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport Schubert Motorsport	39	1:02:39.584	14.506	23	1:34.519
8	7 Ricardo Feller Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			ABT Sportsline ABT Sportsline	39	1:02:52.315	27.237	19	1:34.521
9	92 Mirko Bortolotti Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			SSR Performance SSR Performance	39	1:02:52.708	27.630	19	1:34.215
10	4 Luca Stolz Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	39	1:02:53.258	28.180	17	1:34.788
11	130 Maro Engel Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team WINWARD WINWARD RACING	39	1:02:53.496	28.418	23	1:34.329
12	94 Nicki Thiim Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			SSR Performance SSR Performance	39	1:02:57.366	32.288	17	1:34.459
13	3 Kelvin van der Linde Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			ABT Sportsline ABT Sportsline	39	1:03:00.046	34.968	18	1:35.092
14	91 Thomas Preining Porsche 911 GT3 R 992			Manthey EMA Manthey EMA	39	1:03:00.415	35.337	24	1:34.847
15	69 Thierry Vermeulen Ferrari 296 GT3			EMIL FREY RACING EMIL FREY RACING	39	1:03:00.801	35.723	17	1:34.244
16	25 Ben Dörr McLaren 720S GT3 Evo			Dörr Motorsport Dörr Motorsport	39	1:03:01.317	36.239	18	1:33.614
17	90 Ayhancan Güven Porsche 911 GT3 R 992			Manthey EMA Manthey EMA	38	1:01:36.156	1 LAP	21	1:34.744

Not classified

19	Luca Engstler Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			Lamborghini Team Liqui Moly by GRT GRT Grasser-Racing-Team	16	26:57.851	23LAPS	9	1:35.464
71	Maximilian Paul Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			Paul Motorsport Paul Motorsport	14	22:24.227	25LAPS	5	1:35.020
63	Christian Engelhart Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			Lamborghini Team TGI by GRT GRT Grasser-Racing-Team	14	23:42.602	25LAPS	8	1:35.355

Fastest lap of the race. Car 25 driver Ben Dörr on lap 18. Time 1:33.614, average speed 163.7 km/h.

Subject to final scrutineering!

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