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A DTM first in front of 110,000 fans: Thiim follows in his father's footsteps and makes history with Norisring victory

- **Lamborghini driver wins the DTM race at the Norisring, 33 years after his father Kurt Thiim**
- **Mirko Bortolotti tops the table after the first half of the season**
- **110,000 visitors to the 40th anniversary of the racing series at the street circuit in Nuremberg**

Nuremberg. This has never happened before in the DTM: Nicki Thiim from SSR Performance claimed his maiden DTM victory in the Sunday race at the Norisring. The Lamborghini driver and his dad Kurt Thiim are the first father and son in the 40-year history of the DTM to both go down in the list of winners in this prestigious series. Two of Kurt Thiim's 20 wins came at the street circuit in Nuremberg. "As a young boy, I followed my father's DTM races here. Victory at the Norisring has always been at the very top of my bucket list. It feels incredible to repeat my father's success, particularly after what has been a difficult season so far. The moments after the finish were very emotional for me," said a visibly moved Thiim after his commanding lights-to-flag victory. Mercedes-AMG driver Maro Engel (Monaco) produced an impressive display to take second place in his 100th DTM race. Thiim's team-mate Mirko Bortolotti (I) was third and new enters the second half of the season as the new championship leader. 110,000 visitors enjoyed an exciting weekend at the only street circuit in Germany, as the DTM celebrated its 40th anniversary with a feast of action both on and off the track.

Key facts, Norisring, race 8 of 16

- **Length:** 2,162 metres
- **Weather:** 19 degrees, cloudy
- **Pole position:** Nicki Thiim (SSR Performance, Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo2 #94), 48.758 seconds
- **Winner:** Nicki Thiim (SSR Performance, Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo2 #94)
- **Fastest lap:** Nicki Thiim (SSR Performance, Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo2 #94) 49.141 seconds

Pole-sitter Thiim backed up his fine form at the start of this season's eighth DTM race, consistently pulling away from team-mate Bortolotti in the first half of the race. Engel followed in third place, while the championship leader coming into the race, Kelvin van der Linde (ZA) in an Audi R8 LMS GT3 Evo2 for Abt Sportsline, and Mercedes-AMG driver Luca Stolz (Brachbach) completed the top five.

When the pit stop window opened after 20 minutes, Engel's tactics came into play. The experienced racer was one of the first to change his Pirelli tyres. When Bortolotti emerged from the pit lane ahead of him one lap later, Engel was able to pass him, having already got plenty of heat into his tyres. Out in front, Thiim had a perfect pit stop and rejoined the race at the head of the field, ahead of Engel and Bortolotti. With roughly ten minutes of the race remaining, the safety car made an appearance, as a

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piece of carbon had to be removed from the track. The top three retained their positions after the restart – Thiim crossed the finish line first after 69 laps. Behind the leading trio, Arjun Maini (IND) came home fourth for Mercedes-AMG Team HRT after a flawless display in his Mercedes-AMG. Fifth place went to Saturday’s winner René Rast (Bregenz) in the Schubert Motorsport BMW M4 GT3, who again showed great determination to gain 14 places over the course of the race.

Defending champion Thomas Preining (A) from the Manthey EMA team started from twelfth on the grid, but managed to climb to sixth place in his Porsche 911 GT3 R after some impressive overtaking manoeuvres in the closing stages. Stolz ended Sunday’s race at the Nuremberg street circuit in seventh place. Ayhanca Güven (TR) was eighth in the second Manthey EMA Porsche, followed by Kelvin van der Linde. The South African started from fourth but dropped well back down the field after contact with Ferrari driver Jack Aitken (GB) from the Emil Frey Racing team. He eventually had to settle for ninth place, ahead of Lucas Auer (A/Mercedes-AMG Team Mann-Filter). That result saw van der Linde concede top spot in the table to Bortolotti and end the first half of the 2024 DTM season in second place. Rast lies third in the overall standings.

Maro Engel: “The season has been one of highs and lows so far. As such, it is really nice to put in a good race and finish on the podium in my 100th race. Anyone who experiences the DTM with all the fans at the Norisring knows what the series is all about. It was also an absolute highlight to stand on the podium together with my daughter.”

Mirko Bortolotti: “I enjoy it every time I drive in the DTM at the Norisring. The atmosphere in the grandstands was mega. This is a super result for the whole team. The first half of the season has not been perfect for us, but I am still pleased to be leading the championship. That is something we can build on, in order to be even stronger in the second half.”

Result of race 8 of the season at the Norisring

1. Nicki Thiim (DK/SSR Performance)
2. Maro Engel (D/Mercedes-AMG Team Winward), +0.777 seconds
3. Mirko Bortolotti (I/SSR Performance), +1.880 seconds
4. Arjun Maini (IND/Mercedes-AMG Team HRT), +3.098 seconds
5. René Rast (D/Schubert Motorsport), +4.023 seconds

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

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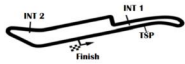
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**Result List
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Stewards / Race Management

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RACE DIRECTOR	Sven Stoppe
CLERK OF THE COURSE	Arthur Hirning
TECHNICAL DELEGATE	Wolfgang Dammert
CHIEF TIMEKEEPER	Steffen Ruhl

Weather Start/Finish

AIR	18.6°C
TRACK	21.2°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	980 hPa
AIR	18.8°C
TRACK	22.0°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	980 hPa

Track Information

GREEN FLAG	13:31:12
CHEQUERED FLAG	14:32:19
SAFETY CAR PHASE	1
FULL COURSE YELLOW PHASE	0
TRACK NAME	Norisring
TRACK LENGTH	2162m
TURN COUNT	4
TOTAL DISTANCE	149.17km
FASTEST LAP:	#94. THI - 49.141
FASTEST PIT STOP:	#3. KVL - 6.586

STARTED: 20 CLASSIFIED: 19 NOT CLASSIFIED: 1 DISQUALIFIED: 0

Nr.	Driver	Man.	Nation	Team	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Lap	Time
	Car			Competitor					
1	94 Nicki Thiim			SSR Performance	69	1:01:07.550		46	49.141
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			SSR Performance					
2	130 Maro Engel			Mercedes-AMG Team WINWARD	69	1:01:08.327	0.777	45	49.196
	Mercedes-AMG GT3			WINWARD RACING					
3	92 Mirko Bortolotti			SSR Performance	69	1:01:09.430	1.880	46	49.278
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			SSR Performance					
4	36 Arjun Maini			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	69	1:01:10.648	3.098	41	49.261
	Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT					
5	33 Rene Rast			Schubert Motorsport	69	1:01:11.573	4.023	55	49.362
	BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport					
6	91 Thomas Preining			Manthey EMA	69	1:01:12.761	5.211	54	49.272
	Porsche 911 GT3 R 992			Manthey EMA					
7	4 Luca Stolz			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	69	1:01:13.211	5.661	40	49.403
	Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT					
8	90 Ayhan Güven			Manthey EMA	69	1:01:15.707	8.157	35	49.344
	Porsche 911 GT3 R 992			Manthey EMA					
9	3 Kelvin van der Linde			ABT Sportsline	69	1:01:16.039	8.489	48	49.352
	Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			ABT Sportsline					
10	22 Lucas Auer			Mercedes-AMG Team MANN-FILTER	69	1:01:17.125	9.575	43	49.400
	Mercedes-AMG GT3			WINWARD RACING					
11	11 Marco Wittmann			Schubert Motorsport	69	1:01:18.148	10.598	44	49.405
	BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport					
12	7 Ricardo Feller			ABT Sportsline	69	1:01:18.553	11.003	56	49.338
	Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			ABT Sportsline					
13	63 Franck Perera			Lamborghini Team TGI by GRT	69	1:01:19.063	11.513	49	49.439
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			GRT Grasser-Racing-Team					
14	31 Sheldon van der Linde			Schubert Motorsport	69	1:01:19.215	11.665	51	49.412
	BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport					
15	69 Thierry Vermeulen			EMIL FREY RACING	69	1:01:19.854	12.304	55	49.495
	Ferrari 296 GT3			EMIL FREY RACING					
16	25 Ben Dörr			Dörr Motorsport	69	1:01:22.839	15.289	54	50.209
	McLaren 720S GT3 Evo			Dörr Motorsport					
17	85 Clemens Schmid			Dörr Motorsport	69	1:01:25.643	18.093	33	50.221
	McLaren 720S GT3 Evo			Dörr Motorsport					
18	14 Jack Aitken			EMIL FREY RACING	69	1:01:31.765	24.215	47	49.392
	Ferrari 296 GT3			EMIL FREY RACING					
19	19 Luca Engstler			Lamborghini Team Liqui Moly by GRT	64	57:46.395	5LAPS	15	49.544
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			GRT Grasser-Racing-Team					
Not classified									
71	Maximilian Paul			Paul Motorsport	14	14:51.319	55LAPS	9	49.650
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			Paul Motorsport					

Fastest lap of the race. Car 94 driver Nicki Thiim on lap 46. Time 49.141, average speed 158.3 km/h.

Following stewards decision no. 54 - 3 penalty laps converted into a time penalty of 15 seconds for car no. 14

Following stewards decision no. 58 penalty lap converted into a time penalty of 5 seconds for car no. 31

Subject to final scrutineering!

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Clerk of the Course: Arthur Hirning

Timekeeper: Steffen Ruhl