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Stolz claims first win of the season for Mercedes-AMG, Kelvin van der Linde back on top of the DTM table

- **Sachsenring specialist Luca Stolz celebrates his third victory in the DTM**
- **Unpredictable DTM: Nine different race winners from twelve races**
- **48,000 visitors enjoy an exciting and action-packed event at the Sachsenring**

Hohenstein-Ernstthal. Luca Stolz (Brachbach) stayed cool in the heat of the Sachsenring: the 28-year-old from Mercedes-AMG Team HRT kept his calm in a turbulent race on Sunday and crossed the finish line first after 44 laps of racing. "I am finally back on the DTM podium, and as a winner too. The victory was a little fortunate, with Thierry Vermeulen picking up a penalty – he was the fastest man today. It still feels great though, and I hope we can carry this momentum into the closing stages of the season," said Stolz. Twelve races into the season, the Mercedes-AMG racer is the ninth driver to record a win. Six of the seven manufacturers in the DTM have now won at least one race this season. Kelvin van der Linde (ZA) was runner-up, 0.769 seconds behind Stolz. That was enough to see the Audi driver from Abt Sportsline return to the top of the table. Third place went to Thierry Vermeulen (NL), who was denied a possible maiden DTM win by a penalty, which he received for breaching the pit stop regulations. 48,000 visitors watched the races at the Sachsenring, which really put the drivers and their cars through their paces in high temperatures.

Key facts, Sachsenring, Hohenstein-Ernstthal, race 12 of 16

- **Circuit length:** 3,645 metres
- **Weather:** 30 degrees, sunny
- **Pole position:** Thierry Vermeulen (Emil Frey Racing, Ferrari 296 GT3 #69), 1:17.311 minutes
- **Winner:** Luca Stolz (Mercedes-AMG Team HRT, Mercedes-AMG GT3 #4)
- **Fastest lap:** Thierry Vermeulen (Emil Frey Racing, Ferrari 296 GT3 #69), 1:19.082 minutes

Dutchman Vermeulen, at the wheel of a Ferrari 296 GT3 for Emil Frey Racing, took advantage of the first pole position of his DTM career and pulled away from the rest of the field at the start. Mercedes-AMG driver Stolz overtook Kelvin van der Linde and moved into second place ahead of the South African. They were followed in fourth and fifth place by Maro Engel (Monaco) from Mercedes-AMG Team Winward and Jack Aitken (GB) in a second Ferrari run by Emil Frey Racing. After the mandatory pit stops, the top four drivers were bunched closer together. Reigning champion Thomas Preining (A) gained three positions with a fast tyre change, and climbed into fifth place.

There was drama on lap 24: three-time champion René Rast (Bregenz), in a BMW M4 GT3, made contact with Jordan Pepper (ZA) from Lamborghini Team TGI by GRT ahead of him. The DTM debutant in turn collided with BMW works driver Marco Wittmann (Fürth), and both cars ended the race in the gravel bed. The Safety Car was required to make an appearance. The re-start did not initially bring

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about any changes, until Vermeulen was handed a penalty lap for a pit stop offence committed by his crew. Stolz took advantage, moved into the lead, and went on to take an excellent victory ahead of Kelvin van der Linde. Behind Vermeulen, Preining managed to fight his way into fourth, while Engel ended the race in fifth place.

Saturday's winner Aitken crossed the finish line sixth, while Mirko Bortolotti (I) came home seventh in a Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo2 for SSR Performance. That was not enough for the Italian to hang onto top spot in the table, and he now trails championship leader Kelvin van der Linde by seven points. BMW drivers Sheldon van der Linde (ZA) and Rast from Schubert Motorsport finished eighth and ninth. Nicki Thiim (DK) rounded out the top ten in a second Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo2 run by SSR Performance.

Kelvin van der Linde: "I did not have the speed to win, and spent a lot of time looking in my mirror. After eighth place on Saturday, it was important to bounce back in the title race. The good grid position played a big role, and the team got the best out of the car."

Thierry Vermeulen: "It looked for a long time as though I was going to get my first DTM win, so third place feels a bit disappointing. After the penalty lap, I was unfortunately not able to find a way past Kelvin van der Linde. However, it has been a super weekend for the team, with Jack Aitken's win on Saturday and my third place. I hope we can back that up."

Result of race twelve of the season at the Sachsenring

1. Luca Stolz (D/Mercedes-AMG Team HRT)
2. Kelvin van der Linde (ZA/Abt Sportsline), +0.769 seconds
3. Thierry Vermeulen (NL/Emil Frey Racing), +1.315 seconds
4. Thomas Preining (A/Manthey EMA), +2.246 seconds
5. Maro Engel (D/Mercedes-AMG Team Winward), +4.422 seconds

The full result can be found at dtm.com/en/results

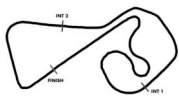
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**Result List
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STEWARD	Achim Loth
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STEWARD	Maik Hängel
RACE DIRECTOR	Sven Stoppe
CLERK OF THE COURSE	Marcel Putsche
TECHNICAL DELEGATE	Wolfgang Dammert
CHIEF TIMEKEEPER	Steffen Ruhl

Weather Start/Finish

AIR	29.8°C
TRACK	27.4°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	975 hPa
AIR	30.7°C
TRACK	32.3°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	975 hPa

Track Information

GREEN FLAG	13:32:17
CHEQUERED FLAG	14:34:38
SAFETY CAR PHASE	1
FULL COURSE YELLOW PHASE	0
TRACK NAME	Sachsenring
TRACK LENGTH	3645m
TURN COUNT	13
TOTAL DISTANCE	160.38km
FASTEST LAP:	#69. VER - 1:19.082
FASTEST PIT STOP:	#31. SVL - 3.671

STARTED: 19 CLASSIFIED: 13 NOT CLASSIFIED: 6 DISQUALIFIED: 1

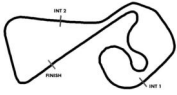
Nr.	Driver	Man.	Nation	Team	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Lap	Time
	Car			Competitor					
1	4 Luca Stolz Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	44	1:02:22.057		32	1:19.525
2	3 Kelvin van der Linde Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			ABT Sportsline ABT Sportsline	44	1:02:22.826	0.769	31	1:19.695
3	69 Thierry Vermeulen Ferrari 296 GT3			EMIL FREY RACING EMIL FREY RACING	44	1:02:23.372	1.315	4	1:19.082
4	91 Thomas Preining Porsche 911 GT3 R 992			Manthey EMA Manthey EMA	44	1:02:24.303	2.246	22	1:19.411
5	130 Maro Engel Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team WINWARD WINWARD RACING	44	1:02:26.479	4.422	21	1:19.748
6	14 Jack Aitken Ferrari 296 GT3			EMIL FREY RACING EMIL FREY RACING	44	1:02:30.198	8.141	31	1:19.928
7	92 Mirko Bortolotti Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			SSR Performance SSR Performance	44	1:02:34.095	12.038	32	1:20.001
8	31 Sheldon van der Linde BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport Schubert Motorsport	44	1:02:35.058	13.001	11	1:19.807
9	33 Rene Rast BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport Schubert Motorsport	44	1:02:39.391	17.334	4	1:20.059
10	94 Nicki Thiim Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			SSR Performance SSR Performance	44	1:02:40.481	18.424	18	1:20.249
11	85 Clemens Schmid McLaren 720S GT3 Evo			Dörr Motorsport Dörr Motorsport	44	1:02:44.574	22.517	21	1:19.959
12	22 Lucas Auer Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team MANN-FILTER WINWARD RACING	44	1:02:44.792	22.735	21	1:20.188
13	90 Ayhancan Güven Porsche 911 GT3 R 992			Manthey EMA Manthey EMA	44	1:02:49.614	27.557	21	1:19.652

Not classified

19	Luca Engstler Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			Lamborghini Team Liqui Moly by GRT GRT Grasser-Racing-Team	31	48:13.908	13LAPS	19	1:19.932
25	Ben Dörr McLaren 720S GT3 Evo			Dörr Motorsport Dörr Motorsport	29	42:41.671	15LAPS	20	1:19.931
63	Jordan Pepper Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			Lamborghini Team TGI by GRT GRT Grasser-Racing-Team	22	30:17.416	22LAPS	4	1:20.151
71	Maximilian Paul Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			Paul Motorsport Paul Motorsport	21	29:15.181	23LAPS	18	1:19.992
7	Ricardo Feller Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			ABT Sportsline ABT Sportsline	17	23:17.063	27LAPS	4	1:20.473
36	Arjun Maini Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	15	20:28.576	29LAPS	5	1:20.592

Disqualified

11	Marco Wittmann BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport Schubert Motorsport
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**Result List
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Amended
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Nr. Driver Car	Man. Nation	Team Competitor	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Lap	Time
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Fastest lap of the race. Car 69 driver Thierry Vermeulen on lap 4. Time 1:19.082, average speed 165.9 km/h.

Following stewards decision no. 39 disqualification for car no. 11

Following stewards decision no. 42 3 penalty laps converted into a time penalty of 15 seconds for car no. 90

Subject to final scrutineering!		
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