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Bortolotti's first win of the season takes him top of the DTM

- **Italian hits top form in time for the closing stages of this season's title race**
- **Maro Engel finishes second, leading home a strong Mercedes-AMG trio at the Red Bull Ring**
- **Damage limitation for previous leader Kelvin van der Linde, who comes home eighth**

Spielberg. Mirko Bortolotti (I) has rediscovered his winning genes at exactly the right time in this year's DTM. After a mature performance, both tactically and in terms of his driving, the Lamborghini works driver from SSR Performance celebrated his first win of the season on Saturday at the Red Bull Ring in Austria, and moved to the top of the overall standings in the process. "That was probably the best win of my life. We made the right decisions and went for wet-weather tyres at the start. I knew that, if I was smart and could keep the tyre in a good window for a long time, I could open up a gap. I managed to do precisely that," said Bortolotti. Maro Engel (Monaco) from Mercedes-AMG Team Winward crossed the finish line second after 38 laps of racing. He now lies third in the table, twelve points behind Bortolotti, and remains firmly in contention for the title. Pole-sitter Arjun Maini (IND) claimed the third spot on the podium in a Mercedes-AMG GT3 for Mercedes-AMG Team HRT.

Key facts, Red Bull Ring, Spielberg, race 13 of 16

- **Circuit length:** 4,318 metres
- **Weather:** 11 degrees, unsettled
- **Pole position:** Arjun Maini (Mercedes-AMG Team HRT, Mercedes-AMG GT3 #36), 1:30.128 minutes
- **Winner:** Mirko Bortolotti (SSR Performance, Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo2 #92)
- **Fastest lap:** Maro Engel (Mercedes-AMG Team Winward, Mercedes-AMG GT3 #130), 1:29.929 minutes

With light drizzle falling on the alpine circuit, almost all the drivers started the 13th of this season's 16 races on wet-weather tyres on Saturday afternoon. Shortly after the start, Engel found a way past pole-sitter Maini, while Bortolotti climbed into third place. Lamborghini driver Maximilian Paul (Dresden) and Luca Stolz (Brachbach) from Mercedes-AMG Team HRT followed in fourth and fifth place. Then began the Bortolotti show: the Italian overtook Maini and Engel to take the lead on lap seven. The Vienna resident then pulled clear of the field, opening a lead of over eight seconds at times. As the race progressed, the light rain stopped and the track dried out, prompting the drivers to switch to Pirelli slicks as soon as the pit stop window opened.

After quick stops and tyre changes throughout the field, the order of the leading trio remained unchanged, with Bortolotti followed by Engel and Maini. Behind them, Clemens Schmid (A) from Dörr Motorsport rejoined the race in a surprising fourth place in his McLaren 720S GT3 Evo. The local favourite had started from 19th place as the only driver on slicks and had made up a lot of ground as

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the asphalt dried out. However, the Austrian dropped well back down the field as the race progressed, having returned with too much pressure in his tyres. Out in front, Bortolotti's lead was shrinking with every lap. At times, Engel had closed to within a second of the race leader. However, the Italian showed no signs of nerve and went on to claim his fourth DTM victory after a controlled drive. Behind Engel and Maini, Stolz came home fourth to complete the Mercedes trio. Ayhancaan Güven (TR) made up a total of seven positions and guided the Porsche 911 GT3 R of Team Manthey EMA to fifth place after an impressive display.

Maximilian Paul, who started the race from second place, ended the race in sixth place after a poor start. Lucas Auer (A) from Mercedes-AMG Team Mann-Filter was the best-placed Austrian in seventh at his home event. Kelvin van der Linde (ZA) from the Abt Sportsline team produced a fighting performance. Having come into the event as the championship leader, he pulled off some spectacular overtaking manoeuvres to climb from 17th to eighth place and now trails Bortolotti by ten points. René Rast (Bregenz) was ninth in a BMW M4 GT3 for Schubert Motorsport, Audi driver Ricardo Feller (CH) came home tenth.

Maro Engel: "When you make it onto the podium in the DTM, you cannot be too disappointed. I would have liked to have won, but Mirko Bortolotti had far more grip at the point when we were battling each other. I will go again on Sunday. I am sure that some of the drivers who finished further down the field today will also show their speed then."

Arjun Maini: "I had a good start, but unfortunately not good pace on the wet track. After the tyre change, it was much better on the slicks. However, the gap to the front two was too great. The podium still feels good, but I really wanted to win."

Result of race 13 of the season at the Red Bull Ring

1. Mirko Bortolotti (I/SSR Performance)
2. Maro Engel (D/Mercedes-AMG Team Winward), +1.161 seconds
3. Arjun Maini (IND/Mercedes-AMG Team HRT), +8.287 seconds
4. Luca Stolz (D/Mercedes-AMT Team HRT), +20.609 seconds
5. Ayhancaan Güven (TR/Manthey EMA), +23.641 seconds

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

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CHIEF TIMEKEEPER	Steffen Ruhl

Weather Start/Finish

AIR	10.8°C
TRACK	13.2°C
CONDITIONS	Wet
PRESSURE	935 hPa
AIR	11.8°C
TRACK	15.5°C
CONDITIONS	Wet
PRESSURE	935 hPa

Track Information

GREEN FLAG	13:32:07
CHEQUERED FLAG	14:33:43
SAFETY CAR PHASE	0
FULL COURSE YELLOW PHASE	0
TRACK NAME	Red Bull Ring
TRACK LENGTH	4318m
TURN COUNT	10
TOTAL DISTANCE	164.08km
FASTEST LAP:	#130. MEN - 1:29.929
FASTEST PIT STOP:	#69. VER - 3.022

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

Nr.	Driver	Man.	Nation	Team	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Lap	Time
	Car			Competitor					
1	92 Mirko Bortolotti Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			SSR Performance SSR Performance	38	1:01:36.938		32	1:30.140
2	130 Maro Engel Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team WINWARD WINWARD RACING	38	1:01:38.099	1.161	23	1:29.929
3	36 Arjun Maini Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	38	1:01:45.225	8.287	31	1:30.050
4	4 Luca Stolz Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	38	1:01:57.547	20.609	30	1:30.368
5	90 Ayhancan Güven Porsche 911 GT3 R 992			Manthey EMA Manthey EMA	38	1:02:00.579	23.641	29	1:30.458
6	71 Maximilian Paul Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			Paul Motorsport Paul Motorsport	38	1:02:02.119	25.181	21	1:30.393
7	22 Lucas Auer Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team MANN-FILTER WINWARD RACING	38	1:02:04.845	27.907	27	1:30.290
8	3 Kelvin van der Linde Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			ABT Sportsline ABT Sportsline	38	1:02:11.635	34.697	31	1:30.575
9	33 Rene Rast BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport Schubert Motorsport	38	1:02:12.384	35.446	33	1:30.630
10	7 Ricardo Feller Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			ABT Sportsline ABT Sportsline	38	1:02:13.152	36.214	35	1:30.653
11	31 Sheldon van der Linde BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport Schubert Motorsport	38	1:02:16.105	39.167	34	1:30.695
12	91 Thomas Preining Porsche 911 GT3 R 992			Manthey EMA Manthey EMA	38	1:02:17.733	40.795	34	1:30.387
13	94 Nicki Thiim Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			SSR Performance SSR Performance	38	1:02:19.439	42.501	34	1:30.227
14	14 Jack Aitken Ferrari 296 GT3			EMIL FREY RACING EMIL FREY RACING	38	1:02:25.082	48.144	26	1:30.797
15	85 Clemens Schmid McLaren 720S GT3 Evo			Dörr Motorsport Dörr Motorsport	38	1:02:25.591	48.653	23	1:30.894
16	63 Franck Perera Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			Lamborghini Team TGI by GRT GRT Grasser-Racing-Team	38	1:02:25.775	48.837	25	1:30.789
17	25 Ben Dörr McLaren 720S GT3 Evo			Dörr Motorsport Dörr Motorsport	38	1:02:26.291	49.353	34	1:30.743
18	19 Luca Engstler Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			Lamborghini Team Liqui Moly by GRT GRT Grasser-Racing-Team	38	1:02:34.876	57.938	35	1:30.243
19	69 Thierry Vermeulen Ferrari 296 GT3			EMIL FREY RACING EMIL FREY RACING	38	1:02:48.819	1:11.881	34	1:30.326

Not classified

11	Marco Wittmann BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport Schubert Motorsport	14	25:57.872	24LAPS	13	1:33.829
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*Fastest lap of the race. Car 130 driver Maro Engel on lap 23. Time 1:29.929, average speed 172.8 km/h.***Subject to final scrutineering!**

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