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Rast wins in Spielberg, Bortolotti leads going into finale

- **BMW driver celebrates his second DTM victory of the season at the Red Bull Ring**
- **Local favourite Preining finishes runner-up in Sunday's race**
- **41,000 spectators watch the thrilling DTM action in the Alps**

Spielberg. The Red Bull Ring remains a happy hunting ground for René Rast (Bregenz). The BMW works driver from Schubert Motorsport won the 14th DTM race of the season at the alpine circuit on Sunday, repeating his success from last year. The 37-year-old claimed the 28th DTM win of his career thanks to a clever strategy and virtually flawless drive. "I really enjoy the races at the Red Bull Ring, which makes it all the nicer to win. My start was not good, and I then had to work my way to the front from fourth place. I kept seeing Thomas Preining in my mirror in the closing stages. I knew I could not afford to make a single mistake," said Rast. Second place went to local favourite Thomas Preining (A) in a Porsche 911 GT3 R for Manthey EMA. Arjun Maini (IND) from Mercedes-AMG Team HRT produced another impressive display to claim the third spot on the podium, just as he had done in Saturday's race. Championship leader Mirko Bortolotti (I) from SSR Performance finished fourth to extend his lead at the top of the table to 15 points. His closest rival Kelvin van der Linde (ZA) completed the top five in an Audi R8 LMS GT3 Evo2 run by Abt Sportsline. The penultimate DTM round of the year was watched by 41,000 visitors in Spielberg, Austria.

Key facts, Red Bull Ring, Spielberg, race 14 of 16

- **Circuit length:** 4,318 metres
- **Weather:** 12 degrees, fair to cloudy
- **Pole position:** Mirko Bortolotti (SSR Performance, Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo2 #92), 1:27.921 minutes
- **Winner:** René Rast (Schubert Motorsport, BMW M4 GT3 #33)
- **Fastest lap:** Thomas Preining (Manthey EMA, Porsche 911 GT3 R #91), 1:28.665 minutes

Pole-sitter Bortolotti was the major player in the first section of the race. Behind the leading Lamborghini works driver was Luca Engstler (Kempten) from Lamborghini Team Liqui Moly by GRT in second place. Behind them, there was a fierce battle for third place between Rast and Preining, who had started Sunday's race from the second row of the grid. Rast managed to work his way into second place as the race progressed. The three-time champion was followed by Engstler, Preining and Lamborghini racer Franck Perera (F) from Lamborghini Team TGI by GRT.

The mandatory pit stops shook things up among the top five. Rast came in later than his rivals to switch to Pirelli slicks, and rejoined the race in front of the leader to that point, Bortolotti. The Italian was soon overtaken by Preining and a little later by Arjun Maini (IND) in a Mercedes-AMG GT3. Meanwhile, the man currently second in the table, Kelvin van der Linde (ZA) from Abt Sportsline, had climbed into fifth place in his Audi R8 LMS GT3 Evo2. Rast conceded much of his lead to the charging Preining in the closing stages, but did not allow the Austrian within striking distance. After 39 laps of racing, the BMW driver was first across the finish line, ahead of Preining, Maini, Bortolotti and Kelvin van der Linde.

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Sheldon van der Linde (ZA) steered the second Schubert Motorsport BMW M4 GT3 to sixth place. Ayhancan Güven (TR) was embroiled in fierce wheel-to-wheel battles with his rivals and finished seventh in the Porsche 911 for Manthey EMA. Maro Engel (Monaco), who sits third in the table, climbed five places to finish eighth and remain in touch with Bortolotti at the top of the table. Perera ended the 14th DTM race of the year in ninth place, ahead of the top Ferrari driver, Jack Aitken (GB) from Emil Frey Racing, in tenth.

Thomas Preining: “I would have liked to have won, because we performed really strongly in qualifying and the race. Unfortunately, we were missing that final half a percent. A podium at my home event is cool, but it is ultimately only a small consolation at the end of a disappointing season.”

Arjun Maini: “It was an action-packed, hard-fought race. The podium feels even better than the one on Saturday, because I was able to work my way into third place from eighth on the grid. It was crucial that I managed to quickly get my tyres up to the right temperature after the pit stop.”

Result of race 14 of the season at the Red Bull Ring

1. René Rast (D/Schubert Motorsport)
2. Thomas Preining (A/Manthey EMA), +0.668 seconds
3. Arjun Maini (IND/Mercedes-AMG Team HRT), +10.367 seconds
4. Mirko Bortolotti (I/SSR Performance), +14.773 seconds
5. Kelvin van der Linde (ZA/Abt Sportsline), +15.877 seconds

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

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**Result List
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CHIEF TIMEKEEPER	Steffen Ruhl

Weather Start/Finish

AIR	11.8°C
TRACK	12.2°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	945 hPa
AIR	12.8°C
TRACK	26.5°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	945 hPa

Track Information

GREEN FLAG	13:32:25
CHEQUERED FLAG	14:33:55
SAFETY CAR PHASE	0
FULL COURSE YELLOW PHASE	0
TRACK NAME	Red Bull Ring
TRACK LENGTH	4318m
TURN COUNT	10
TOTAL DISTANCE	168.40km
FASTEST LAP:	#91. PRE - 1:28.665
FASTEST PIT STOP:	#90. GVE - 6.321

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

Nr.	Driver	Man.	Nation	Team	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Lap	Time
	Car			Competitor					
1	33 Rene Rast			Schubert Motorsport	39	1:01:30.330		28	1:28.895
	BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport					
2	91 Thomas Preining			Manthey EMA	39	1:01:30.998	0.668	25	1:28.665
	Porsche 911 GT3 R 992			Manthey EMA					
3	36 Arjun Maini			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	39	1:01:40.697	10.367	30	1:28.988
	Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT					
4	92 Mirko Bortolotti			SSR Performance	39	1:01:45.103	14.773	27	1:29.228
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			SSR Performance					
5	3 Kelvin van der Linde			ABT Sportsline	39	1:01:46.207	15.877	27	1:29.351
	Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			ABT Sportsline					
6	31 Sheldon van der Linde			Schubert Motorsport	39	1:01:47.689	17.359	30	1:29.318
	BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport					
7	90 Ayhancan Güven			Manthey EMA	39	1:01:48.269	17.939	30	1:29.056
	Porsche 911 GT3 R 992			Manthey EMA					
8	130 Maro Engel			Mercedes-AMG Team WINWARD	39	1:01:54.524	24.194	34	1:29.645
	Mercedes-AMG GT3			WINWARD RACING					
9	63 Franck Perera			Lamborghini Team TGI by GRT	39	1:01:58.942	28.612	38	1:29.686
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			GRT Grasser-Racing-Team					
10	14 Jack Aitken			EMIL FREY RACING	39	1:01:59.763	29.433	23	1:29.344
	Ferrari 296 GT3			EMIL FREY RACING					
11	11 Marco Wittmann			Schubert Motorsport	39	1:02:00.566	30.236	29	1:29.350
	BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport					
12	7 Ricardo Feller			ABT Sportsline	39	1:02:01.746	31.416	26	1:29.301
	Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			ABT Sportsline					
13	69 Thierry Vermeulen			EMIL FREY RACING	39	1:02:02.391	32.061	23	1:29.360
	Ferrari 296 GT3			EMIL FREY RACING					
14	71 Maximilian Paul			Paul Motorsport	39	1:02:04.444	34.114	21	1:29.662
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			Paul Motorsport					
15	85 Clemens Schmid			Dörr Motorsport	39	1:02:09.154	38.824	23	1:29.457
	McLaren 720S GT3 Evo			Dörr Motorsport					
16	94 Nicki Thiim			SSR Performance	39	1:02:13.958	43.628	23	1:29.847
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			SSR Performance					
17	25 Ben Dörr			Dörr Motorsport	39	1:02:16.498	46.168	29	1:29.810
	McLaren 720S GT3 Evo			Dörr Motorsport					

Not classified

22	Lucas Auer			Mercedes-AMG Team MANN-FILTER	32	51:27.219	7LAPS	23	1:29.555
	Mercedes-AMG GT3			WINWARD RACING					
4	Luca Stolz			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	25	41:39.782	14LAPS	23	1:29.510
	Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT					
19	Luca Engstler			Lamborghini Team Liqui Moly by GRT	17	28:59.869	22LAPS	10	1:29.934
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			GRT Grasser-Racing-Team					

*Fastest lap of the race. Car 91 driver Thomas Preining on lap 25. Time 1:28.665, average speed 175.3 km/h.***Subject to final scrutineering!**

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