

Lawson extends title lead ahead of DTM season finale



Kiwi driver excels at Hockenheim with teammate Alex Albon also impressing.

Liam Lawson produced a strong showing to extend his championship lead as he finished in fourth place on Saturday and second on Sunday at Hockenheim. Here is all you need to know:

- The penultimate race weekend was all about the championship battle, with Lawson focused on maximising point-scoring opportunities behind the wheel of his Ferrari 488 GT3 Evo 2020.
- The New Zealander narrowly missed out on a podium in Saturday's race, settling for fourth after a late pass by Germany's Mike Rockenfeller who had significantly fresher tyres. On Sunday, Lawson took second place to secure his ninth podium (including three wins) in just 14 races this season.
- With just two races remaining, Lawson has a 14 point advantage over Kelvin van der Linde at the top of the drivers' standings as he looks to win the series in his rookie season.
- The 19-year-old said: "Overall my race pace was really good. It's great to come to the final two races at the Norisring leading the championship, but we see that things change every weekend. Today we had the weight advantage, next time Kelvin van der Linde will have it (a weight advantage) again."
- Teammate Alex Albon also produced a high-class performance at Hockenheim, battling his way from ninth on the grid at the start to second by the chequered flag during Saturday's race. He then scored more important points for the team on Sunday as he finished in sixth place.

- The Thai driver now sits fifth in the overall standings and will be looking to finish the season on a high at the final race weekend at Norisring.

- Albon said: "What made our race great yesterday was our problem today. We used new tyres for our second stint yesterday and took advantage of it but that also meant that we had to do our first stint today on used tyres, which made it really difficult. After our pitstop, my pace was really strong again, but I had to carry extra weight and had quite a lot of damage on the car as well so P6 was all I could do. All in all, it was a decent weekend."

- The strong showing by both drivers helped Red Bull AlphaTauri AF Corse extend its lead in the team standings to 68 points. Just 96 points remain on offer for the teams at the final round at the Norisring next weekend.

Race 1 Result (Top 5):

1. Kelvin van der Linde (RSA) – Team ABT Sportsline
2. Alex Albon (THA) – Red Bull AlphaTauri AF Corse
3. Mike Rockenfeller (GER) – Team ABT Sportsline
4. Liam Lawson (NZL) – Red Bull AlphaTauri AF Corse
5. Maximilian Götz (GER) – Mercedes-AMG Team HRT

Race 2 Result (Top 5):

1. Lucas Auer (AUT) – Mercedes-AMG Team Winward
2. Liam Lawson (NZL) – Red Bull AlphaTauri AF Corse
3. Maximilian Götz (GER) – Mercedes-AMG Team HRT
4. Philip Ellis (SUI) – Mercedes-AMG Team Winward
5. Dani Juncadella (ESP) – Mercedes-AMG Team HRT

Overall DTM drivers' standings:

1. Liam Lawson (NZL) – Red Bull AlphaTauri AF Corse 206 points
2. Kelvin van der Linde (RSA) – Team ABT Sportsline 192
3. Maximilian Götz (GER) – Mercedes-AMG Team HRT 180
4. Marco Wittmann (GER) – Walkenhorst Motorsport 165
5. Alex Albon (THA) – Red Bull AlphaTauri AF Corse 130

Overall DTM team standings:

1. Red Bull AlphaTauri AF Corse 336 points
2. Team ABT Sportsline 268
3. Mercedes-AMG Team Winward 252
4. Mercedes-AMG Team HRT 208
5. Walkenhorst Motorsport 165

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