



Lawson out to end his rookie DTM season as champion at Norisring



Kiwi driver poised for title with Cassidy drafted in as Albon team replacement.

Liam Lawson travels to the grand finale of the 2021 DTM season at the Norisring circuit with his sights set on his rookie campaign with the prestigious drivers' title as Red Bull AlphaTauri AF Corse look to lock up the title.

Here is all you need to know:

- Ahead of the eighth and final race weekend of 2021 at the German street circuit in Nuremberg, 19-year-old New Zealander Lawson holds a 14-point lead over closest rival Kelvin van der Linde (RSA).

- Lawson - driving the #30 Ferrari 488 GT3 Evo 2020 with the Red Bull livery - has the best prospects of winning ahead of Van der Linde and Maximilian Götz (GER), who he leads by 26 points.

- A maximum 56 points are up for grabs with Lawson on track to become the youngest champion in place of Wehrlein (GER), who was crowned champion in 2015 just one day before his 21st birthday.

- With his victory at the season-opener at Monza, Lawson took over from Wehrlein as the youngest ever race winner in the DTM and has already secured the title of Junior Champion 2021.

- Last time out at the Hockenheimring, Lawson claimed his fifth second-place finish of the year in the DTM with three previous race wins, a third and a fourth place to his name.

- Lawson said: "I've never been here before, but I've heard a lot about it and just from watching races there it's absolutely epic. I'm already really really proud of the whole team that kept pushing the whole year long, so I can close off the championship."

- Fellow Kiwi Nick Cassidy, 27, will stand in for Alex Albon (THA) in the #23 Ferrari 488 GT3 Evo 2020 sports car of Red Bull's premium fashion brand AlphaTauri as the duo are set to make DTM history as it will be the first time two Zealanders have lined up on the starting grid.

- As Cassidy was registered at the start of the season, he is classified in the championship and he is also a former Norisring winner from his time in the FIA Formula E European Championship.

- Cassidy said: "I'm really excited to be joining the team. I really like the circuit, I've raced there before in F1 and I hope I can help the team secure the Team championship this season."

- Red Bull AlphaTauri AF Corse goes into the final two races with a 68-point lead over the second-placed Team ABT Sportsline. A team can score a maximum 96 points with Red Bull AlphaTauri AF Corse winning four races and securing further nine podiums already.

- Norisring aka the 'German Monaco' is traditionally the highlight of a DTM season with the bumpy, hard-bit street circuit boasting four left turns, two right-handers and walls lining large sections of the course instead of run-off zones allowing no room for mistakes.

- Red Bull AlphaTauri AF Corse Team Manager Andrea Guidotti said: "The team is working hard to prepare for the eventful races at Hockenheim, everything is at stake and we will be ready to fight. It's going to be a real battle for both the team and driver titles."

DTM Norisring facts

Event: Eighth of the eight DTM weekends in 2021

Date: October 8-10

Location: Nuremberg (GER)

Circuit: Norisring

Length: 2.3km

Drivers and cars

Nick Cassidy (NZ), #23 AlphaTauri Ferrari 488 GT3 Evo 2020, 0 pts.

Liam Lawson (NZL), #30 Ferrari 488 GT3 Evo 2020, 206 pts.

2021 DTM driver 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

2021 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

Schedule

Friday, October 8

12:05 – 12:50: Free practice 1

16:05 – 16:50: Free practice 2

Saturday, October 9

10:00 – 10:20: Qualifying for race 1

13:30 – 15:00: Race 1

Sunday, October 10

10:00 – 10:20: Qualifying for race 2

13:30 – 15:00: Race 2

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