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### Third win of the season and back on top of the table: Mirko Bortolotti celebrates at the Sachsenring

- Pole-sitter impresses on Sunday with commanding lights-to-flag victory
- Saturday's winner Luca Stolz ends his impressive weekend in second place
- 42,000 visitors enjoy the return of the DTM to the Sachsenring after 21 years

Hohenstein-Ernstthal. Mirko Bortolotti (I) regained the lead in the DTM championship on Sunday at the Sachsenring. The Lamborghini driver from SSR Performance kept his cool, even after the race was temporarily stopped on lap one due to a collision involving multiple cars, and won race twelve of the season with a lead of 1.541 seconds. "That was one of the most emotional wins of my career. Jack Aitken tried to pass me right at the start. It was extremely important, in that situation, for me to defend my lead. Unfortunately, there are only four races left this season. With my form as it is at the moment, I would like to drive another 20 races," said Bortolotti. Behind the Italian, Saturday's winner Luca Stolz (Brachbach) crossed the finish line second after 46 laps of racing in his Mercedes-AMG GT3. Ricardo Feller (CH) was third across the line in an Audi R8 LMS GT3 Evo2, but was subsequently handed a five-second penalty for causing a collision. That saw Bortolotti's team-mate Franck Perera promoted to third place. The return of the popular series to the Sachsenring after 21 years was watched by 42,000 visitors, who were treated to three days of thrilling motorsport in sunny late summer weather.

#### Key facts, Sachsenring, race 12 of 16

- **Circuit length:** 3,645 metres
- **Weather:** 29 degrees Celsius, sunny
- **Pole position:** Mirko Bortolotti (SSR Performance, Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo2 #92), 1:17.366 minutes
- **Winner:** Mirko Bortolotti (SSR Performance, Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo2 #92)
- **Fastest lap:** Ricardo Feller (Abt Sportsline, Audi R8 LMS GT3 Evo2 #7), 1:19.072 minutes

The twelfth round of the DTM season was just two minutes old on Sunday, when it was interrupted following a collision involving several cars. It took more than 20 minutes until the drivers were able to resume the race behind the safety car. Pole-sitter Bortolotti controlled the field from the front again after the re-start, followed by Stolz, Ferrari driver Jack Aitken (GB), Perera and Feller in positions two to five.

All the top drivers came in for their tyre change as soon as the pit stop window opened. Bortolotti competently held on to his lead. Behind him, Aitken was overtaken by first Stolz, then Feller, who had come out in front of Perera. The battle between the Brit and the Swiss driver resulted in Aitken's car picking up a puncture, and he was forced to retire from the race shortly after. Feller received a time penalty for this manoeuvre after the race. The SSR Performance team endured a worrying moment

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when Bortolotti reported a drop in oil pressure. However, the 33-year-old refused to surrender his lead and went on to take victory for the third race weekend in a row, taking his tally for the season to three. In doing so, Bortolotti also returned to the top of the DTM Drivers' Championship. Behind the top three, Porsche works driver Thomas Preining (A) came home fourth and drops back to second place in the overall standings.

Thierry Vermeulen (NL) produced another strong display to finish fifth in the Ferrari 296 GT3 of Emil Frey Racing. Feller found himself down in sixth place following his penalty. Behind him, Mercedes-AMG driver Arjun Maini (IND) crossed the finish line seventh to claim his first top-ten result of the season. The best BMW driver was René Rast (Bregenz), who, as on Saturday, showed plenty of fighting spirit to climb from 15<sup>th</sup> to eighth place. Patric Niederhauser (CH) was ninth in an Audi R8 LMS GT3 Evo2, Mercedes-AMG driver Jusuf Owega (Cologne) ended the twelfth DTM race of the season in tenth place.

**Luca Stolz:** "I still cannot find the right words to describe this weekend. It is mega to back up our good form after the third place at the Lausitzring. Given the success ballast, it was clear that it would be tough to stay with the leading group. I had to give it everything to defend my position against Jack Aitken when exiting the pit lane, and also a few times against Ricardo Feller. "

### Result of race 2 at the Sachsenring

1. Mirko Bortolotti (I/SSR Performance)
2. Luca Stolz (D/Mercedes-AMG Team HRT), +1.541 seconds
3. Franck Perera (F/SSR Performance), +2.637 seconds
4. Thomas Preining (A/Manthey EMA), +4.744 seconds
5. Thierry Vermeulen (NL/Emil Frey Racing), +5.285 seconds

The full race result is available at [dtm.com/de/ergebnisse](https://dtm.com/de/ergebnisse).

### 2023 DTM calendar

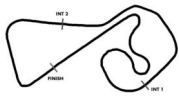
26.05. – 28.05.2023	Motorsport Arena Oschersleben
23.06. – 25.06.2023	Circuit Zandvoort / NL
07.07. – 09.07.2023	Norisring
04.08. – 06.08.2023	Nürburgring
18.08. – 20.08.2023	DEKRA Lausitzring
08.09. – 10.09.2023	Sachsenring
22.09. – 24.09.2023	Red Bull Ring / A
20.10. – 22.10.2023	Hockenheimring Baden-Württemberg

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## Stewards / Race Management

STEWARD	Achim Loth
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STEWARD	Maik Hänsel
RACE DIRECTOR	Sven Stoppe
CLERK OF THE COURSE	Marcel Putsche
TECHNICAL DELEGATE	Wolfgang Dammert
CHIEF TIMEKEEPER	Daniel Schulze

## Weather Start/Finish

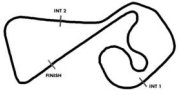
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TRACK	24.8°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	980 hPa
AIR	28.8°C
TRACK	26.1°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	980 hPa

## Track Information

GREEN FLAG	13:32:37
CHEQUERED FLAG	14:56:35
SAFETY CAR PHASE	2
FULL COURSE YELLOW PHASE	0
TRACK NAME	Sachsenring
TRACK LENGTH	3645m
TURN COUNT	13
TOTAL DISTANCE	167.67km
FASTEST LAP:	#7. FEL - 1:19.072
FASTEST PIT STOP:	#91. PRE - 5.900

STARTED: 27 CLASSIFIED: 18 NOT CLASSIFIED: 9 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	46	1:23:57.629		21	1:19.656
2	4 Luca Stolz Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	46	1:23:59.170	1.541	22	1:19.480
3	94 Franck Perera Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			SSR Performance SSR Performance	46	1:24:00.266	2.637	20	1:19.296
4	91 Thomas Preining Porsche 911 GT3 R			Manthey EMA Manthey EMA	46	1:24:02.373	4.744	19	1:19.672
5	69 Thierry Vermeulen Ferrari 296 GT3			EMIL FREY RACING EMIL FREY RACING	46	1:24:02.914	5.285	19	1:19.608
6	7 Ricardo Feller Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			ABT Sportsline ABT Sportsline	46	1:24:04.797	7.168	19	1:19.072
7	36 Arjun Maini Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	46	1:24:05.332	7.703	22	1:19.712
8	33 Rene Rast BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport Schubert Motorsport	46	1:24:07.709	10.080	18	1:19.376
9	83 Patric Niederhauser Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			Tresor Orange 1 Tresor Attempto Racing	46	1:24:10.893	13.264	31	1:19.650
10	84 Jusuf Owega Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team BWT Mercedes-AMG Team Landgraf	46	1:24:14.889	17.260	21	1:19.512
11	27 David Schumacher Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team WINWARD WINWARD RACING	46	1:24:17.107	19.478	19	1:19.793
12	11 Marco Wittmann BMW M4 GT3			Project 1 Project 1	46	1:24:19.676	22.047	19	1:19.176
13	3 Kelvin van der Linde Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			ABT Sportsline ABT Sportsline	46	1:24:20.032	22.403	28	1:19.497
14	9 Tim Heinemann Porsche 911 GT3 R			Toksport WRT Toksport WRT	46	1:24:24.535	26.906	20	1:19.158
15	22 Lucas Auer Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team WINWARD WINWARD RACING	46	1:24:30.252	32.623	41	1:19.499
16	56 Sandro Holzem BMW M4 GT3			Project 1 Project 1	46	1:24:47.838	50.209	21	1:19.678
17	63 Clemens Schmid Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			GRT Grasser-Racing-Team GRT Grasser-Racing-Team	46	1:24:48.687	51.058	20	1:20.047
18	6 Alessio Deledda Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			SSR Performance SSR Performance	45	1:24:33.147	1 LAP	22	1:20.567
<b>Not classified</b>									
8	Luca Engstler Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			LIQUI MOLY Team Engstler LIQUI MOLY Team Engstler	31	1:05:50.170	15LAPS	21	1:19.818
40	Mattia Drudi Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			Tresor Orange 1 Tresor Attempto Racing	30	1:03:08.915	16LAPS	20	1:20.420



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Nr.	Driver Car	Man.	Nation	Team Competitor	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Lap	Time
14	Jack Aitken Ferrari 296 GT3			EMIL FREY RACING EMIL FREY RACING	17	45:41.221	29LAPS	9	1:19.887
24	Ayhancan Güven Porsche 911 GT3 R			Team75 Motorsport KÜS Team Bernhard	16	44:16.878	30LAPS	11	1:21.086
90	Dennis Olsen Porsche 911 GT3 R			Manthey EMA Manthey EMA	2	4:34.047	44LAPS	2	2:49.215
48	Maro Engel Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team MANN-FILTER Mercedes-AMG Team Landgraf	1	10:22.048	45LAPS		
1	Sheldon van der Linde BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport Schubert Motorsport					
99	Marvin Dienst Porsche 911 GT3 R			Toksport WRT Toksport WRT					
75	Laurin Heinrich Porsche 911 GT3 R			Team75 Motorsport KÜS Team Bernhard					

Fastest lap of the race. Car 7 driver Ricardo Feller on lap 19. Time 1:19.072, average speed 165.9 km/h.

Following stewards decision no. 51 - penalty lap converted into a time penalty of 5 seconds for car no. 84

Following stewards decision no. 53 - penalty lap converted into a time penalty of 5 seconds for car no. 7

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