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Milestone at the Nürburgring: Sheldon van der Linde claims the 100th DTM victory for BMW

- **Brotherly double: Sheldon follows Kelvin's win on Saturday with victory on Sunday**
- **Exciting, hard, spectacular – DTM drivers serve up feast of action in the Eifel**
- **62,500 visitors enjoy round five of this season's DTM at the Nürburgring**

Nürburg. Liberation for Sheldon van der Linde (ZA): the South African claimed his first win of the season after 41 exciting laps at the Nürburgring on Sunday. In doing so, he also secured the 100th victory in the DTM for BMW. "From eighth on the grid, I really did not expect to win or even finish on the podium. It is about a year since my last win in the DTM, which makes this moment all the sweeter. The battle with Maro Engel was on the limit, but really good fun," said the overjoyed Schubert Motorsport driver after the tenth race of the season. Maro Engel (Monaco) finished runner-up for Mercedes-AMG Team Winward in a Mercedes-AMG GT3 and, after third place on Saturday, took his place on the podium for a second time this weekend. Third place went to Marco Wittmann in another BMW run by Schubert Motorsport. Saturday's winner Kelvin van der Linde (ZA) from Abt Sportsline came home fourth in an Audi R8 LMS GT3 Evo2 to extend his lead at the top of the table. The 62,500 visitors at the Nürburgring for round five of this season's DTM were treated to some thrilling and spectacular racing in a wide range of conditions.

Key facts, Nürburgring, Nürburg, race 10 of 16

- **Circuit length:** 3,629 metres
- **Weather:** 17 degrees, cloudy
- **Pole position:** Maro Engel (Mercedes-AMG Team Winward, Mercedes-AMG GT3 #130), 1:33.750 minutes
- **Winner:** Sheldon van der Linde (Schubert Motorsport, BMW M4 GT3 #31)
- **Fastest lap:** Ayhan Güven (Manthey EMA, Porsche 911 GT3 R #90), 1:26.696 minutes

Sheldon van der Linde made up five positions at the start of race ten of the DTM season at the Nürburgring, slotting into third place behind pole-sitter Engel and Audi driver Ricardo Feller (CH) from Abt Sportsline. Fellow BMW racer Wittmann and Mirko Bortolotti (I) in a Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo2 for SSR Performance, followed in fourth and fifth place. After two safety car phases to recover cars, Sheldon van der Linde climbed into second and attacked Engel, who initially came out on top in a fierce battle that lasted several laps.

The action came thick and fast after the mandatory pit stops. René Rast (Bregenz) returned to the track with cold Pirelli tyres on his BMW M4 GT3, and promptly collided with the adjacent Engel. The Mercedes-AMG driver span, and Rast was punished with three penalty laps. Sheldon van der Linde took advantage and moved into the lead, ahead of Engel and Wittmann. Championship leader Kelvin

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van der Linde (ZA), who had lost a lot of ground after a minor contact at the start of the race, benefitted from a fast pit stop and climbed into fourth place. That order then remained the same through to the finish. Ayhancan Güven (TR) from Manthey EMA produced the fightback of the day. The Porsche driver gained 14 positions before finishing fifth to claim his best result of the season.

Thierry Vermeulen (NL) also made great progress through the field. The Ferrari driver from the Emil Frey Racing team started the race from 17th on the grid, was last to come into the pits and change his Pirelli tyres, and then finished sixth. As on Saturday, Thomas Preining (A) showed no lack of aggression, but was barged off the track and ended the race in seventh place. Both Feller and Bortolotti dropped back over the course of the race and had to settle for eighth and ninth place respectively. Franck Perera (F) guided his Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo2 to tenth place.

Maro Engel: “Up until the collision with René Rast, we were in a top position. As such, I think victory would have been ours today. Every point counts in the championship, but you cannot turn back time. Regardless of that, it was a super weekend and the team gave me a mega car.”

Marco Wittmann: “That was a good weekend for us as a team. Sixth place in the rain on Saturday, a podium and victory for Sheldon van der Linde on Sunday. I was not quite able to match the pace up front in the first half of the race. I was much better after the pit stop.”

Result of race ten of the season at the Nürburgring

1. Sheldon van der Linde (ZA/Schubert Motorsport)
2. Maro Engel (D/Mercedes-AMG Team Winward), +3.256 seconds
3. Marco Wittmann (D/Schubert Motorsport), +5.813 seconds
4. Kelvin van der Linde (ZA/Abt Sportsline), +12.003 seconds
5. Ayhancan Güven (TR/Manthey EMA), +12.714 seconds

The full result can be found at dtm.com/en/results.

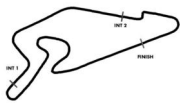
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CLERK OF THE COURSE	Kai Rübenhagen
TECHNICAL DELEGATE	Wolfgang Dammert
CHIEF TIMEKEEPER	Steffen Ruhl

Weather Start/Finish

AIR	17.0°C
TRACK	19.5°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	945 hPa
AIR	16.8°C
TRACK	20.1°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	945 hPa

Track Information

GREEN FLAG	13:32:37
CHEQUERED FLAG	14:35:19
SAFETY CAR PHASE	2
FULL COURSE YELLOW PHASE	0
TRACK NAME	Nürburgring
TRACK LENGTH	3629m
TURN COUNT	11
TOTAL DISTANCE	148.78km
FASTEST LAP:	#90. GVE - 1:26.696
FASTEST PIT STOP:	#11. WIT - 6.351

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

Nr.	Driver	Man.	Nation	Team	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Lap	Time
	Car			Competitor					
1	31 Sheldon van der Linde			Schubert Motorsport	41	1:02:42.337		21	1:26.751
	BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport					
2	130 Maro Engel			Mercedes-AMG Team WINWARD	41	1:02:45.593	3.256	25	1:26.786
	Mercedes-AMG GT3			WINWARD RACING					
3	11 Marco Wittmann			Schubert Motorsport	41	1:02:48.150	5.813	26	1:26.812
	BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport					
4	3 Kelvin van der Linde			ABT Sportsline	41	1:02:54.340	12.003	20	1:26.956
	Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			ABT Sportsline					
5	90 Ayhancan Güven			Manthey EMA	41	1:02:55.051	12.714	32	1:26.696
	Porsche 911 GT3 R 992			Manthey EMA					
6	69 Thierry Vermeulen			EMIL FREY RACING	41	1:02:57.079	14.742	29	1:26.719
	Ferrari 296 GT3			EMIL FREY RACING					
7	91 Thomas Preining			Manthey EMA	41	1:02:57.093	14.756	20	1:26.699
	Porsche 911 GT3 R 992			Manthey EMA					
8	7 Ricardo Feller			ABT Sportsline	41	1:03:00.292	17.955	21	1:27.009
	Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			ABT Sportsline					
9	92 Mirko Bortolotti			SSR Performance	41	1:03:02.698	20.361	23	1:27.202
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			SSR Performance					
10	63 Franck Perera			Lamborghini Team TGI by GRT	41	1:03:04.066	21.729	23	1:27.110
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			GRT Grasser-Racing-Team					
11	4 Luca Stolz			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	41	1:03:05.120	22.783	21	1:26.961
	Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT					
12	22 Lucas Auer			Mercedes-AMG Team MANN-FILTER	41	1:03:05.491	23.154	30	1:27.502
	Mercedes-AMG GT3			WINWARD RACING					
13	14 Jack Aitken			EMIL FREY RACING	41	1:03:05.892	23.555	9	1:26.903
	Ferrari 296 GT3			EMIL FREY RACING					
14	71 Maximilian Paul			Paul Motorsport	41	1:03:08.937	26.600	21	1:27.170
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			Paul Motorsport					
15	25 Ben Dörr			Dörr Motorsport	41	1:03:11.098	28.761	23	1:27.429
	McLaren 720S GT3 Evo			Dörr Motorsport					
16	19 Luca Engstler			Lamborghini Team Liqui Moly by GRT	41	1:03:12.575	30.238	25	1:26.970
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			GRT Grasser-Racing-Team					
17	33 Rene Rast			Schubert Motorsport	40	1:02:51.824	1 LAP	8	1:27.204
	BMW M4 GT3			Schubert Motorsport					
Not classified									
36	Arjun Maini			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT	12	18:43.262	29LAPS	9	1:27.367
	Mercedes-AMG GT3			Mercedes-AMG Team HRT					
94	Nicki Thiim			SSR Performance	2	3:05.625	39LAPS	2	1:30.101
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2			SSR Performance					
85	Clemens Schmid			Dörr Motorsport					
	McLaren 720S GT3 Evo			Dörr Motorsport					

Fastest lap of the race. Car 90 driver Ayhancan Güven on lap 32. Time 1:26.696, average speed 150.6 km/h.

CAR #91 0.5 SECONDS TIME PENALTY TO REPLACE CHANGE OF POSITIONS

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