Media Information

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Dörr takes shock win - Preining leads going into DTM finale

- **Ben Dörr produces an impressive display to win race 14 of the season**
- **Championship leader Thomas Preining finishes second and extends his lead**
- **Imposing backdrop: 53,200 visitors at Sachsenring race weekend**

Hohenstein-Ernstthal. Nerves of steel, and driving like a man possessed – Ben Dörr (Butzbach/Dörr Motorsport) claimed his second DTM victory on Sunday at the Sachsenring. In difficult conditions, and on a track that was still damp in the early stages, the McLaren driver moved to the head of the field on lap five. From that point on, he never looked back. "I coped really well with the mixed track conditions at the start of the race. It was close again towards the end, when Thomas Preining was right on my heels on fresh tyres. On the whole, it was a really strong display from us, and one of the best races of my career," said a delighted Dörr. Championship leader Thomas Preining (A/Manthey) came home second to make it onto the podium for the sixth race in a row. That saw the Austrian extend his lead at the top of the table to 23 points ahead of the finale in Hockenheim. His team-mate Ricardo Feller (CH) finished third to make his second appearance of the season on the podium. It proved to be a miserable afternoon for Maro Engel (Monaco/Mercedes-AMG Team Ravenol): the man currently second in the overall standings was handed a 15-second penalty after the race, and consequently left empty-handed. 53,200 visitors attended the penultimate DTM weekend at the Sachsenring. Fans witnessed an eventful racing spectacle with many battles and changes of position, particularly on Sunday.

Key facts, Sachsenring, Hohenstein-Ernstthal, race 14 of 16

- **Circuit length:** 3,645 metres
- **Weather:** 18 degrees, cloudy
- **Pole position:** Maro Engel (Mercedes-AMG Team Ravenol, Mercedes-AMG GT3 #80), 1:26.307 minutes
- **Winner:** Ben Dörr (Dörr Motorsport, McLaren 720S GT3 Evo #25)
- **Fastest lap:** Finn Wiebelhaus (HRT Ford Racing, Ford Mustang GT3 #64), 1:19.414 minutes

Tyre selection was top priority ahead of the start of race 14 of the season on Sunday at the Sachsenring. Despite the track being wet in places, most drivers opted for the Pirelli slick – a decision that soon proved to be the right one. However, Bastian Buus (DK/Land-Motorsport), who started from fifth place on wet-weather tyres, took an early lead when the race got underway. He was followed by pole-sitter Engel, ahead of Dörr, who gained one position. Dörr went on the attack on lap five: the McLaren driver first overtook Engel, then Buus, who

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dropped back through the field as the track started to dry out. Behind the leading duo, Kelvin van der Linde (ZA/Schubert Motorsport), Preining and Feller occupied places three to five. By the time he came in for the first mandatory pit stop, race leader Dörr had opened a gap of over ten seconds, which he then proceeded to extend. Porsche works driver Preining climbed into second place, followed by Feller and Matteo Cairoli (I/Emil Frey Racing), who had gained ten positions in the Ferrari 296 GT3 Evo.

Dörr continued to lead in commanding fashion after the second tyre change, until the safety car made two appearances in quick succession shortly before the finish. First, Jules Gounon (F/Mercedes-AMG Team Mann-Filter) and Nicki Thiim (DK/Comtoyou Racing) collided together – both were unable to finish the race. Engel then shunted van der Linde, who was running fifth ahead of him, into the gravel bed. That resulted in a retrospective 15-second penalty for Engel, who lies second in the table. Although race leader Dörr's big advantage had been cut by the appearance of the safety car, he kept his cool after the restart and went on to take the chequered flag after 39 laps of racing. Preining, Feller and Cairoli followed in positions two to four. Lucas Auer (A/Mercedes-AMG Team Landgraf) battled his way through from eighth to fifth.

Marco Wittmann (Fürth/Schubert Motorsport) pulled off an impressive fightback. The BMW driver made up ten positions and finished sixth. Thierry Vermeulen (NL) came home seventh in the second Ferrari 296 GT3 Evo of Emil Frey Racing. The best-placed Lamborghini driver was Luca Engstler (Kempten/Red Bull Team Abt) in eighth. Buus guided his Porsche 911 GT3 R to ninth place. Maximilian Paul (TGI Team by GRT) performed well at his first race weekend after his crash at the Norisring. Having started 18th, the man from Dresden recovered well to finish tenth.

Thomas Preining: "To bounce back that way from a disappointing qualifying is world class! I gained several places in the first phase of the race, even in the difficult mixed conditions. Then came two super pit stops. It all got a bit hectic again in the closing stages, but I was able to defend second place after the two safety car phases."

Ricardo Feller: "This result feels really good after what has been a difficult season for me. We have developed well over the course of the season, but have not been rewarded with good results. The fans in the grandstands were treated to an exciting race. I will definitely watch the replay of that one."

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Result of race 14 of the season at the Sachsenring
1. Ben Dörr (D/Dörr Motorsport)
2. Thomas Preining (A/Manthey), +1.219 seconds
3. Ricardo Feller (CH/Manthey), +2.021 seconds
4. Matteo Cairoli (I/Emil Frey Racing), +2.293 seconds
5. Lucas Auer (A/Mercedes-AMG Team Landgraf), +3.565 seconds

Drivers' Championship after 14 of 16 races
1. Thomas Preining (A/Manthey), 197 points
2. Maro Engel (D/Mercedes-AMG Team Ravenol), 174 points
3. Marco Wittmann (D/Schubert Motorsport), 173 points

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

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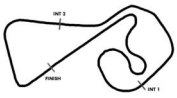

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Race 2

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Stewards / Race Management	
STEWARD	Achim Loth
STEWARD	Lars Mysliwietz
STEWARD	Maik Hänsel
RACE DIRECTOR	Sven Stoppe
CLERK OF THE COURSE	Marcel Putsche
TECHNICAL DELEGATE	Wolfgang Dammert
CHIEF TIMEKEEPER	Steffen Ruhl

Weather Start/Finish	
AIR	17.3°C
TRACK	17.6°C
CONDITIONS	Wet
PRESSURE	982 hPa
AIR	18.0°C
TRACK	18.0°C
CONDITIONS	Wet
PRESSURE	982 hPa

Track Information	
GREEN FLAG	13:42:12
CHEQUERED FLAG	14:43:22
SAFETY CAR PHASE	2
FULL COURSE YELLOW PHASE	0
TRACK NAME	Sachsenring
TRACK LENGTH	3645m
TURN COUNT	13
TOTAL DISTANCE	142.15km
FASTEST LAP:	#64. WIE - 1:19.414
FASTEST PIT STOP:	#130. ENG - 0.404

STARTED: 22 CLASSIFIED: 18 NOT CLASSIFIED: 4 DISQUALIFIED: 0

	Nr.	Driver	Man.	Nation	Team	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Lap	Time
		Car			Competitor					
1	25	**Ben Dörr**			**Doerr Motorsport**	39	**1:01:10.777**		17	1:19.878
		McLaren 720S GT3 Evo			Doerr Motorsport					
2	91	**Thomas Preining**			**Manthey**	39	**1:01:11.996**	1.219	39	1:20.349
		Porsche 911 GT3 R (992)			Manthey					
3	90	**Ricardo Feller**			**Manthey**	39	**1:01:12.798**	2.021	28	1:19.520
		Porsche 911 GT3 R (992)			Manthey					
4	14	**Matteo Cairoli**			**EMIL FREY RACING**	39	**1:01:13.070**	2.293	11	1:20.266
		Ferrari 296 GT3 EVO			EMIL FREY RACING					
5	22	**Lucas Auer**			**Mercedes-AMG Team Landgraf**	39	**1:01:14.342**	3.565	28	1:20.120
		Mercedes-AMG GT3 EVO			Landgraf Motorsport					
6	11	**Marco Wittmann**			**Schubert Motorsport**	39	**1:01:15.237**	4.460	29	1:20.017
		BMW M4 GT3 Evo			Schubert Motorsport					
7	69	**Thierry Vermeulen**			**EMIL FREY RACING**	39	**1:01:15.464**	4.687	29	1:20.413
		Ferrari 296 GT3 EVO			EMIL FREY RACING					
8	130	**Luca Engstler**			**Red Bull Team ABT**	39	**1:01:15.777**	5.000	29	1:19.753
		Lamborghini Temerario GT3			ABT Sportsline					
9	29	**Bastian Buus**			**Land Motorsport**	39	**1:01:16.365**	5.588	28	1:20.356
		Porsche 911 GT3 R (992)			Land Motorsport					
10	19	**Maximilian Paul**			**TGI Team by GRT**	39	**1:01:16.815**	6.038	17	1:20.991
		Lamborghini Temerario GT3			GRT Grasser-Racing-Team					
11	36	**Arjun Maini**			**HRT Ford Racing**	39	**1:01:17.108**	6.331	29	1:19.889
		Ford Mustang GT3			HRT Ford Racing					
12	64	**Finn Wiebelhaus**			**HRT Ford Racing**	39	**1:01:17.219**	6.442	29	1:19.414
		Ford Mustang GT3			HRT Ford Racing					
13	63	**Mirko Bortolotti**			**TGI Team by GRT**	39	**1:01:17.624**	6.847	29	1:19.849
		Lamborghini Temerario GT3			GRT Grasser-Racing-Team					
14	10	**Marco Mapelli**			**Red Bull Team ABT**	39	**1:01:17.974**	7.197	29	1:20.535
		Lamborghini Temerario GT3			ABT Sportsline					
15	16	**Timo Glock**			**Doerr Motorsport**	39	**1:01:18.599**	7.822	29	1:20.380
		McLaren 720S GT3 Evo			Doerr Motorsport					
16	77	**Simon Connor Primm**			**Seyffarth Motorsport**	39	**1:01:18.772**	7.995	28	1:20.101
		Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II			Seyffarth Motorsport					
17	80	**Maro Engel**			**Mercedes-AMG Team RAVENOL**	39	**1:01:29.022**	18.245	28	1:20.021
		Mercedes-AMG GT3 EVO			Winward Racing					
18	3	**Kelvin van der Linde**			**Schubert Motorsport**	36	**56:25.175**	3LAPS	28	1:20.133
		BMW M4 GT3 Evo			Schubert Motorsport					
Not classified										
	48	**Jules Gounon**			**Mercedes-AMG Team MANN-FILTER**	27	**40:51.960**	12LAPS	26	1:21.228
		Mercedes-AMG GT3 EVO			Winward Racing					
	7	**Nicki Thiim**			**Comtoyou Racing**	27	**41:22.801**	12LAPS	11	1:21.065
		Aston Martin Vantage AMR GT3 EVO			Comtoyou Racing					

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84	**Tom Kalender** Mercedes-AMG GT3 EVO			**Mercedes-AMG Team Landgraf** Landgraf Motorsport	15	**24:55.159**	24LAPS	12	1:22.638
8	**Nicolas Baert** Aston Martin Vantage AMR GT3 EVO			**Comtoyou Racing** Comtoyou Racing	4	**9:06.574**	35LAPS	3	1:28.376

Fastest lap of the race. Car 64 driver Finn Wiebelhaus on lap 29. Time 1:19.414, average speed 165.2 km/h.

Following stewards decision no. 51 - 3 penalty laps converted into a time penalty of 15 seconds for car no. 80

Subject to final scrutineering!		
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