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## **Eager anticipation of DTM home round at Norisring**

- **Audi driver Mike Rockenfeller travels to Nuremberg as leader of the standings**
- **Newcomer Jamie Green with best Norisring tally of all drivers**
- **Le Mans record winner Tom Kristensen supports Audi team**

**Ingolstadt/Nuremberg, July 5, 2013 – A full grandstand made of stone, thousands of Audi flags and a unique atmosphere between the Dutzendteich lake and the paddock: The entire Audi team is looking forward to the DTM home round with eager anticipation. With a strong performance by the whole squad the drivers and teams are aiming to bring Audi's first victory at the Norisring since 2002 home to Ingolstadt.**

Only 75 kilometers, as the crow flies, separate the Audi headquarters in Ingolstadt and the race track in the heart of Nuremberg. Accordingly, there is a large fan community of employees and followers who support the Audi line-up year after year. In 2013, the Audi Sport Teams Abt Sportsline, Phoenix and Rosberg are leaving no stone unturned to give the 'Audians' a good reason to celebrate on Sunday.

The last Audi victory at the Norisring was clinched by Laurent Aiello in June 2002. His duel with DTM record champion Bernd Schneider across the entire race distance of 44 laps back then is still regarded as one of the most spectacular races in DTM history and ended in an advantage of 0.197 seconds. Although Mattias Ekström and Timo Scheider mounted the podium six times since then, another victory has not been clinched there to date. Newcomer Jamie Green is bringing four triumphs to the squad at the only city street race on the DTM calendar. The Briton won in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012, thus acquiring the nickname 'Mister Norisring.'

At the Norisring in particular, the Drag Reduction System (DRS), which allows the angle of the rear wing to be flattened by pushing a button on the steering wheel, will be an important factor in the battle for victory. Especially at the end of the long start-finish straight, the race drivers when braking into the Grundig turn have an



ideal opportunity for overtaking. The option tires, which may only be used during the race, provide the strategists with another thrilling tactical tool. As the race track, which only has a length of 2.3 kilometers, uses roads with different types of asphalt and concrete surfaces that are normally open to regular traffic tires are a particularly interesting topic.

The Audi squad will be enjoying prominent support in a spirit of friendship by Tom Kristensen. The Le Mans record winner, who just won the legendary 24-hour race in France for the ninth time, is visiting his brand colleagues at the Norisring. Kristensen himself competed in the DTM from 2004 to 2009 and finished all of his six races in Nuremberg in the top eight. On the weekend, the Dane will be driving his Le Mans winning car, the Audi R18 e-tron quattro, across the race track for a few demo laps.

Tickets for all DTM races of the 2013 season are available at [www.audi-motorsport.com/dtm](http://www.audi-motorsport.com/dtm). Fans in many countries of the world can watch qualifying and the race live on the DTM's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/dtmintlive](http://www.youtube.com/dtmintlive). A total of 39 TV channels air live DTM coverage in 141 countries.

In Germany, as usual, ARD will broadcast live on "Das Erste:" Qualifying on Saturday (July 13) starting at 14:30, the race on Sunday (July 14) starting at 13:15.

### **Quotes by the officials**

**Dieter Gass (Head of DTM):** "It's a nice feeling to travel to the Norisring as the leader of the standings. All the fans and employees who support us on location always make a race there very special for us, so my wish is for us to be able to clinch the corresponding, positive result. I'm not only focused on Jamie (Green) with his past Norisring victories in this respect. We've got a strong team in general and will try and get as many of our guys as possible to the far front of the field."

**Hans-Jürgen Abt (Team Director Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline):** "For us as a Bavarian team, the race at the Norisring naturally is the pinnacle of the season. Our strong wish is to finally give something back to all the fans and supporters. With Jamie (Green) in the team we've got a proven Norisring expert in our ranks who may be able to give our squad the crucial impulse in the right direction."

**Ernst Moser (Team Director Audi Sport Team Phoenix):** "With Mike (Rockenfeller) we're traveling to the Norisring as the leader of the standings. Audi's big aim for years has been to finally win here again – and that's our big aim again this weekend. We know that in terms of speed we've got what it takes to do so."



**Arno Zensen (Team Director Audi Sport Team Rosberg):** “The summer break was long enough. Our whole squad is now looking forward to the round in the ‘German Monaco.’ If it were up to me, Edo (Mortara) or Filipe (Albuquerque) would be the drivers to end Audi’s long barren spell there.”

#### **Facts and quotes by the Audi drivers**

##### **Filipe Albuquerque (28/P), Audi Financial Services RS 5 DTM #6 (Audi Sport Team Rosberg)**

- Contested a round of the GRAND-AM Series in the Audi R8 during the break
  - Is competing in his third DTM season in the same team with the same team-mate
- “While in 2012 I often finished in the points the 2013 season has been disappointing for me so far. No matter where I start from – I always end up at the far rear. We’re going to give everything to make sure this will soon change again. The Norisring is a very unusual track – so it may be a good venue for the tables to turn.”

##### **Mattias Ekström (34/S), Red Bull Audi RS 5 DTM #11 (Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline)**

- Was on podium at the Norisring five times before
  - Is celebrating his 35th birthday on race Sunday
- “My aim is victory. Following a strong qualifying performance, winning the race again for the first time in many years was in our hands last year. But after the first lap of the race it was all over due to a collision. That’s why I’d like to repeat the Saturday this year and am wishing for a smooth race on Sunday. I’m very much looking forward to the Norisring.”

##### **Jamie Green (31/GB), Red Bull Audi RS 5 DTM #12 (Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline)**

- Won at the Norisring in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012
  - At the Lausitzring, scored his first points as an Audi driver
- “The characteristics of the Norisrings can’t be compared with any other race track. That’s why it’s difficult to make a prediction about the relative strengths. Naturally, I’ve got a special relationship with this race. But even though I’ve won there four times that’s no guarantee for anything – especially not in the DTM. Before and on the weekend, I’ll be working just as hard as always, prepare myself and set up the car.”



**Miguel Molina (24/E), Audi RS 5 DTM #20 (Audi Sport Team Phoenix)**

- Will be advertising the 2013 Audi Cup again on his Audi RS 5 DTM
  - Is increasingly improving his German due to his second residence in Adenau
- “It’s been a long time that Audi has won this race. We’re going to give everything to be successful at the home round. We know that we can do it. But we must try and put all the pieces of the puzzle together on a single weekend. We had a bit of time to take a breather and are now traveling to the Norisring with top motivation.”

**Edoardo Mortara (26/F/I), Playboy Audi RS 5 DTM #5 (Audi Sport Team Rosberg)**

- With his victories in Macau, is regarded as an expert for city street circuits
  - Contested a round of the GRAND-AM Series in the Audi R8
- “After a personally successful season in 2012, it’s hard now having to battle for each single point. At the Lausitzring, we took a step in the right direction. Now I’m hoping for us to be able to continue this way at the Norisring.”

**Mike Rockenfeller (29/D), Schaeffler Audi RS 5 DTM #19 (Audi Sport Team Phoenix)**

- Is traveling to the Norisring as the leader of the standings with the same points score as Bruno Spengler
  - Is the only Audi driver to have won a race in the 2013 season so far
- “As the only city street circuit on the calendar, the Norisring is something very special. We’ve got a lot of fans there who keep their fingers crossed for us every year. I’m hoping that we’ll finally be able to live up to their expectations. Mercedes-Benz has traditionally been very strong in Nuremberg but this time the cards have been reshuffled, also thanks to the option tires and DRS. We’re not necessarily the favorites, but we’re going to attack.”

**Timo Scheider (34/D), AUTO TEST Audi RS 5 DTM #23 (Audi Sport Team Abt)**

- On a visit to Moscow during the summer break, promoted the DTM race there
  - Won the Audi Sailing Cup with his race engineer Markus Michelberger
- “It’s almost incredible that at the Norisring we’re already at the season’s mid-point. I’m looking forward to the race, to the atmosphere between the narrow grandstands and above all to the many Audi fans who are supporting us. We’re traveling to Nuremberg with optimism and are going to give everything to clinch an Audi victory.”



**Adrien Tambay (22/F), Audi ultra RS 5 DTM #24 (Audi Sport Team Abt)**

- Has only run once before in a DTM car at the Norisring
- Just barely missed scoring his first point in the 2013 season at the Lausitzring  
“I’m looking forward to the Norisring because it’s not comparable with other race tracks. Before the DTM, I drove there in other racing categories. Even though I scored no points, I had good races at Spielberg and at the Lausitzring. Now the next step can follow: a good race and points!”

**The Audi drivers in the 2013 DTM**

**Filipe Albuquerque (P):** \* June 13, 1985 in Coimbra (P); residence: Coimbra (P); single (partner Joana); height: 1.74 m; weight: 65 kg; Audi driver since 2011; DTM races: 24; pole positions: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 2nd place); fastest laps: 0; points: 35; DTM titles: 0; best result DTM Norisring: 11 (2012)

**Mattias Ekström (S):** \* July 14, 1978 in Falun (S); residence: Salenstein (CH); single (partner Heidi), one son (Mats); one daughter (Hanna); height: 1.83 m; weight: 79 kg; Audi driver since 1999; DTM races: 128; pole positions: 19; victories: 17; fastest laps: 12; points: 635; DTM titles: 2 (2004, 2007); best result DTM Norisring: 2 (2010)

**Jamie Green (GB):** \* June 14, 1982 in Leicester (GB); residence: Monaco (MC); married to Ginny, two sons (Zachary and William); height: 1.78 m; weight: 70 kg; Audi driver since 2013; DTM races: 87; pole positions: 6; victories: 8; fastest laps: 13; points: 371.5; DTM titles: 0; best result DTM Norisring: 1 (2008/2009/2010/2012)

**Miguel Molina (E):** \* February 17, 1989 in Barcelona (E); residence: Lloret de Mar (E); single; height: 1.75 m; weight: 64 kg; Audi driver since 2010; DTM races: 35; pole positions: 2; victories: 0 (best result: 3rd place); fastest laps: 1; points: 34; DTM titles: 0; best result, DTM Norisring: 12 (2011/2012)

**Edoardo Mortara (F/I):** \* Jan 12, 1987 in Geneva (CH); residence: Geneva (CH); engaged; height: 1.82 m; weight: 75 kg; Audi driver since 2011; DTM races: 24; pole positions: 1; victories: 2; fastest laps: 0; points: 105; DTM titles: 0; best result DTM Norisring: 5 (2011)

**Mike Rockenfeller (D):** \* Oct 31, 1983 in Neuwied (D); residence: Landschlacht (CH); single (partner Susanne); height: 1.75 m; weight: 68 kg; Audi driver since 2007; DTM races: 65; pole positions: 2; victories: 2; fastest laps: 3; points: 218; DTM titles: 0; best result DTM Norisring: 6 (2012)



**Timo Scheider (D):** \* Nov 10, 1978 in Lahnstein (D); residence: Lochau (A); single (partner Jessica), one son (Loris-Romeo); height: 1.78 m; weight: 72 kg; Audi driver since 2006; DTM races: 133; pole positions: 11; victories: 6; fastest laps: 9; points: 383; DTM titles: 2 (2008, 2009); best result DTM Norisring: 3 (2008)

**Adrien Tambay (F):** \* Feb 25, 1991 in Paris (F); residence: Lochau (A); single; height: 1.81 m; weight: 69 kg; Audi driver since 2012; DTM races: 14; pole positions: 0; victories: 0 (best result: 2nd place); fastest laps: 0; points: 28; DTM titles: 0; best result DTM Norisring: 15 (2012)

#### **DTM drivers' standings after four of ten rounds**

<b>1 Mike Rockenfeller (Audi)</b>	<b>59 points</b>
2 Bruno Spengler (BMW)	59 points
3 Gary Paffett (Mercedes-Benz)	47 points
4 Christian Vietoris (Mercedes-Benz)	40 points
5 Augusto Farfus (BMW)	33 points
6 Marco Wittmann (BMW)	32 points
7 Robert Wickens (Mercedes-Benz)	27 points
8 Dirk Werner (BMW)	22 points
<b>9 Mattias Ekström (Audi)</b>	<b>20 points</b>
10 Joey Hand (BMW)	16 points
11 Timo Glock (BMW)	15 points
<b>12 Jamie Green (Audi)</b>	<b>10 points</b>
<b>13 Timo Scheider (Audi)</b>	<b>10 points</b>
14 Daniel Juncadella (Mercedes-Benz)	8 points
<b>15 Edoardo Mortara (Audi)</b>	<b>2 points</b>
16 Pascal Wehrlein (Mercedes-Benz)	2 points
17 Roberto Merhi (Mercedes-Benz)	2 points

#### **DTM manufacturers' standings**

1 BMW	177 points
2 Mercedes-Benz	126 points
<b>3 Audi</b>	<b>101 points</b>



### **DTM team standings**

1 BMW Team Schnitzer	81 points
2 STIHL/AMG Mercedes	67 points
<b>3 Audi Sport Team Phoenix</b>	<b>59 points</b>
4 EURONICS/THOMAS SABO Mercedes AMG	49 points
5 BMW Team RBM	49 points
6 BMW Team MTEK	47 points
<b>7 Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline</b>	<b>30 points</b>
<b>8 Audi Sport Team Abt</b>	<b>10 points</b>
9 stern/AMG Mercedes	10 points
<b>10 Audi Sport Team Rosberg</b>	<b>2 points</b>

### **Audi DTM statistics (since 1990)**

Champion's titles: 8 (in 16 years)  
Victories: 64 (in 202 races)  
Pole positions: 69 (in 166 qualifying sessions)  
Fastest laps: 55 (in 202 races)  
Podium positions: 202 (in 202 races)

### **All Norisring winners since 2000**

2000 Joachim Winkelhock (Opel), Bernd Schneider (Mercedes-Benz)  
2001 Uwe Alzen (Mercedes-Benz)  
**2002 Laurent Aiello (Abt-Audi)**  
2003 Christijan Albers (Mercedes-Benz)  
2004 Gary Paffett (Mercedes-Benz)  
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### **2012 flashback: Disappointment for Audi at home round**

Following extreme heat on both days of practice and qualifying completely different conditions of rainy weather and cooler temperatures prevailed in Nuremberg on race day, which caused a major commotion right in the first turn. Mattias Ekström was pushed from behind into the car in front and had to park his Red Bull Audi A5 DTM,



which had been the fastest Audi during the whole weekend, right after the first lap with a heavily damaged front end. Mike Rockenfeller was one of the few Audi drivers to make it through turn one unharmed but, due to a jammed wheel nut, lost valuable time at the first pit stop and in sixth place was ultimately the best Audi driver.

### **Track info**

Track length: 2.300 km

Race distance: 83 laps = 190.900 km

DTM qualifying record on this track: Bruno Spengler (Mercedes-Benz), June 28, 2008, 47.785s (173.276 km/h)

DTM race record on this track: Bruno Spengler (Mercedes-Benz), June 29, 2008, 48.446s (170.912 km/h)

Pole position 2012: Gary Paffett (Mercedes-Benz), 49.139s

Fastest lap 2012: Jamie Green (Mercedes-Benz), 54.451s (152.063 km/h)

Turnout 2012: 135,000

TV live rating 2012: 1.50 million/11.8 % market share (source: ARD)

**Jamie Green about the Norisring:** “On my first Norisring run I took two pole positions in Formula 3 and in the DTM I’ve won four times in front of this great crowd that always completely fills the grandstand at the start and finish. So obviously I’m getting along quite well there, despite the fact that the Norisring is a pretty strange track that isn’t the most enjoyable one to drive on. There are tracks and turns that are more fun. At the Norisring, it’s mainly about braking, slow turns and driving with little downforce in a way we don’t normally do in the DTM. Because there are only straights and slow turns you can follow the car in front of you more closely than in other DTM races and that’s why duels there are better than in other DTM races.”

### **Timetable**

#### **Friday, July 12**

18:45–19:00 Roll-out

#### **Saturday, July 13**

09:05–10:35 Free practice

14:40–15:50 Qualifying

#### **Sunday, July 14**

08:55–09:35 Pit stop practice

13:30 Race





**TV schedule (“Das Erste” live)**

**Saturday, July 13**

14:30–16:00 Qualifying

**Sunday, July 14**

13:15–15:00 Race

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In 2012, the Audi Group delivered 1,455,123 cars of the Audi brand to its customers, generated revenue of €48.8 billion and achieved an operating profit of €5.4 billion. The Audi Group is globally present in more than 100 markets and produces vehicles in Ingolstadt and Neckarsulm (Germany), Győr (Hungary), Brussels (Belgium), Bratislava (Slovakia), Martorell (Spain), Kaluga (Russia), Aurangabad (India), Changchun (China) and Jakarta (Indonesia). The brand with four rings will produce cars also in Foshan (China) as of late 2013 and in San José Chiapa (Mexico) starting in 2016. AUDI AG’s wholly owned subsidiaries include quattro GmbH (Neckarsulm), Automobili Lamborghini S.p.A. (Sant’Agata Bolognese, Italy) and the sports motorcycle manufacturer Ducati Motor Holding S.p.A. (Bologna, Italy). The Group currently employs more than 70,000 people worldwide, including around 50,000 in Germany. Total investment of approximately €11 billion is planned by 2015 – mainly in new products and sustainable technologies. Audi lives up to its corporate responsibility and has strategically established the principle of sustainability for its products and processes. The long-term goal is CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral mobility.