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Quotes after the race at Moscow

Ingolstadt/Moscow, July 13, 2014 – The DTM’s second visit to Moscow Raceway ended in a podium finish by Mattias Ekström. Quotes by the Audi drivers following a turbulent race.

Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich (Head of Audi Motorsport): “Obviously, we’re not pleased to see two Audi drivers taking each other out of the race. Today, this even happened twice. While it wasn’t intentional in either case, it’s clear that such things should not happen. The incidents deprived us of valuable points and part of our advantage in the manufacturers’ classification. Mattias (Ekström) again drove a strong race and now is the only driver to have mounted the podium three times this year. But he’s got to work on his qualifying form.”

Dieter Gass (Head of DTM): “We obviously had higher expectations for this race. The goal was clear that we were set on winning. We missed this mark pretty clearly. We just made too many mistakes to win this race. We definitely need to look at this and eliminate these issues for the future.”

Mattias Ekström (Red Bull Audi RS 5 DTM), 3rd place

Tires: option/standard

“Sundays seem to be my days quite often. This was another one of them – with plenty of tough fights. I had to keep my cool all the way to the end. Finishing this race in third place is okay, these are good points. However, I’m beginning to feel the loss of holding the ‘big’ trophy.”

Nico Müller (Audi Financial Services RS 5 DTM), 5th place

Tires: option/standard

“I’m happy about the points. But the way they’ve been clinched and the number – there’s probably room for improvement in that respect. We had a problem with the option tires and I had to make sure that I’d survive until the pit stop window opened. Afterwards, on the standard tires, I was running superbly, drove a long stint and became faster and faster. The first part of the race was frustrating and the second one was great. On the whole, I’m pleased and fifth place is good.”



Edoardo Mortara (Audi Sport Audi RS 5 DTM), 9th place

Tires: option/standard

“This was a difficult race today – especially after the accident with Jamie (Green) on the first lap. I was on the inside on option tires and I think he didn’t see me. Afterwards, I tried and gave my best – resulting in ninth place. More than these two points wasn’t possible today. It’s a shame. It was another race in which we could have been in contention at the front.”

Miguel Molina (Audi Sport Audi RS 5 DTM), 12th place

Tires: standard/option

“We had a good strategy. The first safety car period was positive for us. The second one was too long. We couldn’t improve any more. In the end, it was a difficult race. We scored no points. But we were fast and are going to build on that next time.”

Adrien Tambay (Playboy Audi RS 5 DTM), retirement

Tires: option/standard

“The race was near-perfect – up to the re-start following the safety car period. Everybody saw what happened. I don’t want to put the blame on anybody. Mike (Rockenfeller) is sorry about the incident. Two Audis colliding is something that shouldn’t happen. But things like this do happen. We lost a podium result today. We could have easily finished in third place. That was a shame and I’m hoping for Germany to win the World Cup.”

Mike Rockenfeller (Schaeffler Audi RS 5 DTM), retirement

Tires: standard

“I can only say one thing: that I’m incredibly sorry for Adrien (Tambay), Audi and my Phoenix team. It was clearly my mistake and not intentional. After the re-start, I just wanted to drive behind him, because a lap later I would have had to pit for a tire change anyhow. Maybe my front wheels weren’t warm enough. In any event, I’m surprised that they locked and I slipped into the rear end of Adrien’s car. Just slightly – but that’s enough to make somebody spin. To make things worse, we touched and the race was over for both of us. I can only apologize to everybody involved in this.”

Timo Scheider (AUTO TEST Audi RS 5 DTM), retirement

Tires: standard

“Another difficult weekend. We had the right strategy of starting on standard tires from where we were at the back of the field and concentrated on getting through without any problems in the beginning. Due to the aggressive driving style of the others my car was also damaged relatively early. Still, our pace compared to the others was okay. I then got stuck behind Joey Hand. On option tires, we’d have still had a good chance of finishing in the points. The thing that happened afterwards is



bitter for us as a team. I wanted to shift into second gear on braking in front of the last corner – and then the engine stopped. So now we've got to look ahead.”

Jamie Green (Hoffmann Group Audi RS 5 DTM), retirement

Tires: standard

“Unfortunately, my race was over early. That's always disappointing. My car was really good this weekend. We had a lot of potential for the race. We had the speed to move far to the front. Unfortunately, we weren't able to show it. Edoardo (Mortara) turned me around. I didn't know that he was there. I only noticed him when he hit me – and by that time it was too late.”

Hans-Jürgen Abt (Team Director Audi Sport Team Abt Sportsline): “Mattias (Ekström) finished on podium from mid-field again – that was a really strong performance. As the runner-up in the Championship he's in striking distance so that together with all the fans we can look forward to an extremely thrilling second half of the season. Our other guys fought fierce battles as well and at least Edo (Mortara) was rewarded with two points. Of course it's a real shame for Adrien (Tambay). But I've known 'Rocky' for a long time and regard him highly, so I know that he, himself, feels sorrier about the incident than anybody else.”

Ernst Moser (Team Director Audi Sport Team Phoenix): “As great as last year's race went as poor was this year's. We were happy with the strategy and had a good speed on standard tires. I was optimistic. Unfortunately, there was contact between 'Rocky' (Mike Rockenfeller) and Adrien (Tambay). That was a shame. In Timo's case (Scheider) the fuel pressure dropped to zero. That ended his race. Of course a total retirement is bad. But such things happen. On a race Sunday, everything's got to fit, and today it didn't.”

Arno Zensen (Team Director Audi Sport Team Rosberg): “It was a turbulent race. What happened with Jamie (Green) on the first lap is a shame. We've got to take a look at that. There was no doubt more potential. Nico (Müller) probably ruined his option tires a bit in the beginning but on the standard tires he was good. I've still got to talk with the stewards of the meeting about Timo Glock. He was supposed to swap places and didn't reduce speed. Fifth place by Nico Müller was damage containment today. But the points were important for the team and a nice confirmation of its work.”

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