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DTM-JAMIE GREEN(AUDI) WINS IN ACTION PACKED RACE

WEHRLEIN AND DI RESTA COMPLETE PODIUM

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USPA NEWS - Jamie Green (Audi) dominated in the first race Saturday at the Hockenheimring and drove a lights-to-flag victory home in an impressive way. In an action-packed race, victory for the Audi driver was never in doubt.

Mercedes-Benz driver Pascal Wehrlein, who started from second place on the grid, held on to this position following a thrilling battle with his fellow Mercedes-Benz driver Paul Di Resta, who finished third.

The first 40 minutes' race of the 2015 DTM season provided pure racing action. Eight drivers had to succumb to the hard driving antics on track and retired. From the opening lap onwards, there were fierce battles for every position. Only one driver was unfazed by it all: race winner Jamie Green. "I am not at all surprised that things were going so well today. My team is the same as last season," Green said.

The pole sitter had a great start and already had a considerable gap from the rest of the field after the first corner. Two safety car interventions around the halfway point of the race didn't have any effect on the Brit either. Just after the restarts, the Brit had restored his original margin and went on to cross the finish line after 26 laps as the dominant winner.

While first place was undisputed, the battle for second place was a close and fierce one. At the start, Paul Di Resta charged from fifth place on the grid to third. On lap three, he also worked his way past Pascal Wehrlein, who started from second place.

With three laps remaining, Wehrlein countered in the hairpin, overtook his fellow Mercedes-Benz driver and held on to this position until the chequered flag was out.

BMW will probably be anything but happy with the first race day at the Hockenheimring. In a closed team performance, the drivers for the brand from Munich locked out seventh to eleventh place. Maxime Martin was the best-placed BMW driver. The Belgian progressed from eleventh on the grid to finish seventh. Martin Tomczyk caused uproar and anger. The German spun his BMW M4 DTM in the hairpin and thus not only eliminated himself, but also Mercedes-Benz drivers Lucas Auer and Gary Paffett from the race.

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