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### Ogier Can Clinch the 2015 Title at the ADAC Rallye Deutschland if ...

- First match point for Ogier
- Sébastien Ogier and Julien Ingrassia may prematurely clinch the title at the German FIA WRC event
- Race for manufacturer's title remains undecided

Munich/Trier, 19 Aug. 2015 – The ADAC Rallye Deutschland will be the ninth of 13 rounds of this year's FIA Rallye World Championship. Theoretically, Sébastien Ogier may already celebrate his new title win as the defending Rally World Champion in front of the Porta Nigra gate in Trier on 23 August 2015. After 2013 and 2014, this would be the Volkswagen Motorsport driver's third title in a row. However, certain conditions need to be fulfilled for Sébastien Ogier and his co-pilot Julien Ingrassia to achieve the premature title hat-trick.

The absolutely decisive criterion: Sébastien Ogier will only become World Champion at the Rallye Deutschland if he succeeds in increasing his lead to as many as 112 points. Although the four WRC rounds after the ADAC Rallye Deutschland still hold a maximum of 112 points in store, the higher number of victories would break a potential tie at the end of the season. Ogier may still be bested in this regard, but not when it comes to the number of second places as the next tie-breaker.

The second criterion: Sébastien Ogier needs to win the ADAC Rallye Deutschland in order to clinch the title prematurely. Only victory would give him the points needed to increase his 89-point lead over second-placed Jari-Matti Latvala to at least 112 points. The winner of a WRC round scores 25 points, while no. 2 is awarded 18 points, no. 3 gets 15 points and so on (25-18-15-12-10-8-6-4-2-1) down to 1 point for tenth place. Plus, there are bonus points for the fastest Power Stage drivers: 3 for first place, 2 for second place and 1 for third place.

This means: Sébastien Ogier can become World Champion in Germany only if he augments his lead over Jari-Matti Latvala by at least 23 points, his lead over Mads Østberg by at least 14 points and his lead over Andreas Mikkelsen by at least 13 points. Consequently, there is a large number of scenarios for a premature title win. For instance, the following two examples:

#### Scenario 1

Sébastien Ogier becomes World Champion if he wins (25 points) and...  
 ... Jari-Matti Latvala places no higher than ninth (2 points),  
 ... Mads Østberg places no higher than fifth (10 points),  
 ... Andreas Mikkelsen places no higher than fourth (12 points)  
 ... and none of their teams scores any Power Stage points.

#### Scenario 2

Sébastien Ogier becomes World Champion if he wins the Rallye Deutschland and the Power Stage (25+3 points) and...  
 ... Jari-Matti Latvala places no higher than eighth in the Rallye Deutschland and third in the Power Stage (4+1 points),  
 ... Mads Østberg places no higher than fourth in the Rallye Deutschland and scores no Power Stage points (12 points),  
 ... Andreas Mikkelsen places no higher than third in the Rallye Deutschland and scores no Power Stage points (15 points).

Apart from the above scenarios, numerous further constellations are conceivable for an early title win.

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### **Volkswagen Motorsport headed for title win in manufacturer's classification**

Should they clinch their first home victory at the ADAC Rallye Deutschland, the Volkswagen Motorsport team would also take a giant step towards prematurely defending their title in the manufacturer's classification. The German car manufacturer's crew is currently 116 points ahead of the 2nd-placed Citroën Total Abu Dhabi World Rally Team. Thus, the prospects are very good for a successful title defence. Simple maths show that the manufacturer's classification cannot be decided at the ADAC Rallye Deutschland. It will definitely take one or more of the coming WRC rounds to determine the new Manufacturer's World Champion – who may just be the old one.

### **Tickets still available on-site**

Anyone who does not yet have a rally pass need not miss out on the ADAC Rallye Deutschland. Even after the end of the on-line advance sale, last-minute rally fans will have the opportunity to personally purchase tickets at numerous outlets and offices. Rally passes are available here for €69:

Trier ADAC local office: Fleischstr. 14, 54290 Trier

Koblenz ADAC local office: Viktoriastr. 15, 56068 Koblenz

Idar-Oberstein ADAC local office: John-F.-Kennedy-Str. 7, 55743 Idar-Oberstein

Saarbrücken ADAC local office: Untertürkheimer Str. 39-41, 66117 Saarbrücken

Trier rally headquarters: Hotel Park Plaza, Nikolaus-Koch-Platz 1, 54290 Trier

Service Park Trier, Messepark Trier, In den Moselauen, 54294 Trier

Trier tourist info: An der Porta Nigra, 54290 Trier

Moreover, rally passes will also be available during the event at all on-site ticket offices and info points of the ADAC Rallye Deutschland. For locations and operating hours, go to: [www.adac.de/rallye-deutschland](http://www.adac.de/rallye-deutschland) (click on "Spectator"). In addition to rally passes, fans can also buy tickets to individual Special Stages. The tickets are available at €15.00 in the spectator areas of the individual Special Stages. Single tickets for the Arena Panzerplatte Special Stage (Saturday, 22 August 2015) with its particularly comprehensive show and supporting programme including the Revolverheld concert are available at €20.00. One-day tickets for the Service Park are €5.00.

### **The rally pass at a glance**

The rally pass is the universal fan ticket to the entire four-day event of the ADAC Rallye Deutschland. It provides access to the Shakedown and to all spectator areas along the Special Stages. The pass also includes admission to the Service Park. It offers numerous attractions to the fans. And it is the hub of the event, its beating heart. Here, the fans can watch the mechanics at work, admire the WRC stars along with their rally cars and obtain their autographs.

### **The pass includes**

- All Special Stages on all days
- Access to the Service Park on all days
- Access to the Shakedown on Thursday
- A spectator map providing all the essential information about the rally
- An ADAC Rallye Deutschland pass lanyard
- An ADAC Rallye Deutschland sticker

### **2015 ADAC Rallye Deutschland information**

The ADAC Rallye Deutschland has a unique world-wide reputation. Its mix of hairpin stages in the Mosel vineyards, tough tracks on the Baumholder tank range and fast asphalt roads presents extreme challenges for both teams and drivers. This mix requires excellent driving

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skills and versatility. Diversity, high-class action and closeness to the fans are the ingredients that make the ADAC Rallye Deutschland such an attractive package for spectators as well. Year after year, this major event draws enthusiastic crowds from all over Europe, giving it a special, international atmosphere.

### **The ADAC Rallye Hub: up-to-date information at your fingertips!**

The ADAC Rallye Hub is the official on-line communication tool of the ADAC Rallye Deutschland, reporting live from the German FIA WRC event around the clock. At [www.rallyehub.de](http://www.rallyehub.de), fans will find almost any information from the social media channels: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Youtube on one central page. In addition to current news from the WRC and ADAC Rallye Deutschland, comprehensive coverage of the ADAC Rallye Masters and the Deutsche Rallye Meisterschaft DRM forms the core element of the new ADAC Rallye Hub.

### **Now available: the official magazine of the 2015 ADAC Rallye Deutschland**

Exciting, informative, indispensable – the official magazine of the 2015 ADAC Rallye Deutschland is out now! 84 pages of fascinating reading all about the German FIA WRC event. As a companion for fans at the event and at home, it covers everything you want to know about the drivers, teams, itinerary, spectator points and WRC Rules and Regulations. Detailed maps, exciting background stories, exclusive interviews, an attractive sweepstake and many fascinating rally topics round off the rally magazine. The magazine is available for €5 at [www.adac.de/rallye-deutschland](http://www.adac.de/rallye-deutschland) and [www.adrenalin-verlag.com](http://www.adrenalin-verlag.com). During the event, it will be available at the on-site ticket offices, info points and Special Stages of the ADAC Rallye Deutschland (20 to 23 August 2015).

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