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A 1-2-3 lead for Volkswagen Motorsport in the ADAC Rallye Deutschland

- Sébastien Ogier and Jari-Matti Latvala in a duel for the lead
- Thrilling action, closely matched times and excellent conditions on the opening day of the German round of the FIA World Rally Championship

München/Trier, 21 August 2015 – Sébastien Ogier (F) and Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) are the dominant drivers at the start of the 2015 ADAC Rallye Deutschland. In excellent weather conditions, the team-mates with their Volkswagen Polo R WRCs staged an entertaining duel for the lead on the opening day of the rally. Eventually, the French world champion came out on top and after eight of 21 special stages, he is now on top of the leaderboard with a margin of 9.5 seconds from Latvala. Behind the duo, Andreas Mikkelsen also convinced with consistently fast times on the demanding stages around Trier. Thus, the Norwegian completed a solid 1-2-3 lead for the Volkswagen team. Dani Sordo (ESP) is the first of the rivals for the Volkswagen trio with his Hyundai i20 WRC, followed by his team-mate Thierry Neuville (BEL) and Ford driver Elfyn Evans (GBR), who rounds out the top six.

Especially on the morning loop, Jari-Matti Latvala succeeded in putting world championship points' leader Sébastien Ogier under pressure. Ogier having decided the first two special stages (Sauertal 1 and Waxweiler 1) in his favour, the Finn countered in the vineyards of the first Moselland stage: he was 2.3 seconds faster than Ogier and thus took the lead, which he defended until the midday service. In the afternoon, Sébastien Ogier claimed back the lead with a faultless performance and extended his advantage from stage to stage. In total, the Frenchman posted seven fastest times on the eight special stages.

The best-placed German, Fabian Kreim concluded the opening day in 28th position. The protégé of the ADAC Stiftung Sport was in the top 15 for a long time with his Škoda Fabia R5, but a turbocharger issue on the penultimate stage of the day cost him a lot of time. Another young driver from the ranks of the ADAC Stiftung Sport also had bad luck: Marijan Griebel lost valuable time due to an accident in the morning with his Opel Adam R2 and is currently in 37th place. Julius Tannert, the third driver in the field who is supported by the ADAC Stiftung Sport, is leading in the ADAC Opel Rallye Cup classification after the opening day, running within the ADAC Rallye Deutschland.

Standings after 8 of 21 special stages:

1. Ogier/Ingrassia	FRA/FRA	Volkswagen Polo R WRC	1:19.13,5 hrs.
2. Latvala/Anttila	FIN/FIN	Volkswagen Polo R WRC	+ 9,5 sec.
3. Mikkelsen/Floene	NOR/NOR	Volkswagen Polo R WRC	+ 34,9 sec.
4. Sordo/Marti	ESP/ESP	Hyundai i20 WRC	+ 1:06,8 min.
5. Neuville/Gilsoul	BEL/BEL	Hyundai i20 WRC	+ 1:08,7 min.
6. Evans/Barrit	GBR/GBR	Ford Fiesta RS WRC	+ 1:22,1 min.

Tickets still available on-site

Anyone who does not yet have a rally pass need not miss out on the ADAC Rallye Deutschland. The rally pass can be purchased at a price of €69.00. In the ADAC offices in Trier, Koblenz, Idar Oberstein and Saabrücken as well as in Trier at the Servicepark Trier (Messegelände) and the Tourist Information office at the Porta Nigra, tickets can also be acquired. Moreover, tickets can also be bought throughout the ADAC Rallye Deutschland at all ticket sales booths and information points. Locations and business hours can be found at: www.adac.de/rallye-deutschland (click on "Zuschauer"). In addition to rally passes, fans can also buy tickets to

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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 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 Rally Hub: up-to-date information at your fingertips!

The ADAC Rally 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.adac.de/rallyehub, 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 is the core element of the new ADAC Rallye Hub.

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 and 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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