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Paddock Radar from the Sachsenring

- **Keanu Reeves brings Hollywood flair to the Motorcycle Grand Prix of Germany**
- **BplusL Fan Tower offers totally new perspectives**
- **Advance ticket sales for 2025 start on race Sunday**

Hollywood meets the Sachsenring

Global star Keanu Reeves brought a real Hollywood feel to the Liqui Moly Motorcycle Grand Prix of Germany. The Canadian actor enthusiastically followed the MotoGP Sprint Race on Saturday. The 59-year-old, known for his work on blockbusters like John Wick and The Matrix, is a knowledgeable MotoGP fan and has visited several events in the pinnacle of motorcycle racing. This year, the international star was in Saxony for the first time. Absolute highlight: Reeves waved the chequered flag at the end of the Grand Prix race on Sunday.

Important visitors from the world of politics

The Motorcycle Grand Prix at the Sachsenring is traditionally a rendezvous for local politicians. This year, the Minister-President of Saxony, CDU politician Michael Kretschmer, was a guest. He came in his official role and presented the trophy to the winner of the Moto2 race at the podium ceremony. Kretschmer also thanked the many helpers for their efforts, without which it would not be possible to run an event of this kind. The mayor of Hohenstein-Ernstthal, Lars Kluge (CDU), also visited the race in his municipality. He presented Jorge Martín with the golden Sachsenring for his fastest race lap, and invited him to sign the town's Golden Book.

Prominent visitors at the Sachsenring

This year's Liqui Moly Motorcycle Grand Prix of Germany again attracted a number of well-known top athletes. Guests included luger Julia Taubitz. The four-time overall winner of the Luge World Cup and five-time world champion from Annaberg-Buchholz is well-acquainted with high speeds from the ice channel. "I am absolutely fascinated. It is great to be able to take a look behind the scenes of a sport like this. There are many similarities with the luge. The speed, aerodynamics and cornering, there are a lot of parallels," said Taubitz. MotoGP also attracted many footballers to the Sachsenring. They included Bundesliga players Maximilian Arnold from VfL Wolfsburg and Maarten Vandevoordt from RB Leipzig, as well as Julia Landsberger and Julia Magerl, who were representing Leipzig's ladies team. German U17 world and European champion from 2023, Winners Osawe, was also impressed by the atmosphere.

A record-breaking weekend

The Motorcycle World Championship smashed all records at the 85th Grand Prix on German soil. 252,826 spectators flocked to the Sachsenring over the three days, setting a new attendance record. In the top MotoGP class, Spain's Jorge Martín set a new track record with a time of 1:19.423 minutes. His compatriot Pedro Acosta broke the speed record, racing through the speed trap at 306.8 km/h. There was also a new lap record in Moto2, while the middle class also broke the 260-km/h barrier for the first

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time. The magic mark of 1:25 minutes for a lap was also broken for the first time in Moto3. There was also a special milestone for Fabio Quartararo and Francesco Bagnaia: the 2021 world champion made his 100th MotoGP start in Saxony, while the reigning champion was making his 200th appearance in the world championship.

Walkabout

The rider presentation in the Kart Hall was once again the highlight of the event programme. Huge cheers broke out among the crowd when presenters Lukas Gajewski and Tommi Deitenbach invited German heroes Stefan Bradl, Sandro Cortese and Alex Hofmann onto the stage, along with Eve Scheer and Christian Brugger from Servus TV. MotoGP riders Jack Miller, Miguel Oliveira and Raúl Fernández also enjoyed the walkabout. Motocross champion Heinz Kinigadner was also among those present. He received a cheque for € 5,000 for his “Wings for Life” foundation from ADAC Saxony’s Klaus Klötzer and artist Kay Leonhardt.

A plus point for the public

The new BplusL Fan Tower immediately established itself as a crowd-puller. Located in the area by stand T2, it provided totally new views of the signature Omega layout at the demanding and undulating track in Hohenstein-Ernstthal. BplusL also lent its name to the title of this year’s charity run on Wednesday evening, and doubled the amount raised from € 20,000 to € 40,000.

Local trophies

In Metallbau Maltitz, another company from the Sachsenring area produced the trophies for this year’s Motorcycle Grand Prix of Germany. The company from nearby Gersdorf fulfilled the ADAC’s desire to consciously enter into cooperations with the local economy. “Metallbau Maltitz has been making the trophies for the race for 16 years now,” said managing director Dirk Maltitz at the rider presentation in the Kart Hall. Metallbau Maltitz is also a sponsor of the Aspar team.

Tickets available for 2025

Advance ticket sales for the 2025 German Motorcycle Grand Prix began at 16:00 on Sunday. Tickets for the biggest individual sporting event in Germany are available through all the usual channels: in the online ticket shop at adac.de/motogp, by phone on 03723/8099111, and by E-mail to info@sachsenring-event.de. The exact dates will be announced at a later date.

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