

Hard-earned points for Porsche at Formula E debut in Jakarta

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04/06/2022 The TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team has scored critical points in the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship as it heads into the second half of the season. At the wheel of the No. 94 Porsche 99X Electric, Pascal Wehrlein concluded the first Formula E event in Indonesia in eighth place. His teammate André Lotterer took the flag in ninth place at the Jakarta International E-Prix only to have a time penalty relegate him back to 11th.

Race 9

Extreme weather conditions with temperatures of 33 degrees celsius and very high humidity threw tough challenges at drivers, vehicles and teams.

In the drivers' classification of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship, André Lotterer (GER/No. 36) ranks seventh after 9 of 16 races with 59 points. Pascal Wehrlein (GER/No. 94) is eighth with 55 points. In the team classification, the TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team lies in fifth place with 114 points[1].

Pascal Wehrlein qualified in sixth place on the 2.37-kilometer circuit in the Ancol district near Jakarta Bay. However, due to a penalty from the Berlin event, he had to start the race in front of packed grandstands from P11. The winner from Mexico put in an impressive charge at the start and made up three positions. André Lotterer, who failed to make the Jakarta qualifying duels for the first time this season, tackled the race from eighth place and crossed the finish line in ninth. However, due to a collision with a competitor, he received a five-second penalty, which relegated him to 11th[1].

Comments on the Jakarta E-Prix, Race 9

Florian Modlinger, Director Factory Motorsport Formula E: "That was a tough day for the team under extremely challenging conditions. In qualifying, André missed out on making it into the duels for the first time by just three-thousandths of a second. Pascal, however, scored a respectable sixth place. Although the penalty meant he had to start the race from the eleventh grid spot, he got off the line well. Both managed to settle into the top 10 and advance up the order. After 25 laps, they were just five seconds off the leader. However, in the final third of the race, they lost positions after nudges with rivals. Moreover, a time penalty at the end saw André finish outside the points. At five of the seven remaining races this season, we may experience the same extreme heat as here in Jakarta so we have to work hard to come back stronger for the next races under such conditions."

André Lotterer, Porsche works driver (#36): "That wasn't an easy race. My start wasn't great but I fought my way back. I couldn't avoid a collision and was thrown out of the points. Even in qualifying, it was difficult to turn a perfect lap in such extreme temperatures. Still, I only missed out getting into the duels by three-thousandths of a second."

Pascal Wehrlein, Porsche works driver (#94): "At the end of the day it wasn't that bad. My start was great and I managed to gain several positions on the first lap. But then I had two contacts with competitors and that prevented me from performing as I'd expected. More would definitely have been possible today. Now I'm hoping for a smooth weekend in Marrakesh."

Next up

The next race for the TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team is the Marrakesh E-Prix, round 10 of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship on 2 July. The last time the squad raced there was in its debut season in February 2020.

The preview

A new metropolis has been added to the Formula E world map with the Jakarta E-Prix on 4 June, as Indonesia hosts the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship for the first time. At the wheel of the two Porsche 99X Electric race cars are André Lotterer (GER/#36), who earned points from both races at the Berlin doubleheader event recently, and Pascal Wehrlein (GER/#94).

The race on the Jakarta International E-Prix Circuit marks the start of the second half of the season. The TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team anticipates "a tough weekend with extreme weather conditions," says Florian Modlinger, Director Factory Motorsport Formula E. "The team has to stay focussed on earning points to catch the competition."

After 8 of 16 races, André Lotterer currently ranks seventh with 59 points in the drivers' classification of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship. Pascal Wehrlein follows in eighth place with 51 points. In the team classification, the TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team lies fifth with 110 points.

Florian Modlinger (Director Factory Motorsport Formula E)

Formula E heads into the second half of season 8 in Jakarta. What have been the highlights so far and what needs to improve?

"Obviously, a highlight has been the fantastic one-two in Mexico but also our strong qualifying performances. André is the only driver to make it into the duels at all races and, apart from one other team, we've been represented there more than any other squad. In addition to Mexico, our performances on other racetracks have been positive. We managed to be in the fight for a podium in Diriyah, Rome, Monaco and Berlin. At times we even led the races in Rome and Monaco. For the second half of the season, we not only need to get ourselves into a position to fight for podium places but to actually achieve them with the necessary degree of consistency."

How much more preparation is needed to tackle a new racetrack like in Jakarta?

"There are, of course, additional challenges when you compete on a new track. With the help of the information available to us, we'll prepare to the best of our ability. Moreover, we'll try to anticipate what we'll face on this newly built circuit, for example, how will the new asphalt respond to intense sunlight and high temperatures? We'll tackle such questions in our preparations."

André Lotterer (Porsche works driver, #36)

You're the only driver this season to progress into the knock-out qualifying duels at all races. What makes you so strong and how do you feel about this record?

"Of course, I'm pleased with this statistic. It means that I have a fast car and that my engineers work well together. Without them and the team, I couldn't have achieved something like this. We're doing everything we can in our preparations to create the conditions for such performances in the simulator. So far we've managed to take what we've learned and implement it in all qualifying sessions. I'm very pleased about that."

How would you sum up your first half of the season and what do you expect for the remaining races?

"So far, the season has shown me, first and foremost, that we have the potential to regularly score points. If everything comes together on a weekend, as it did in Mexico, we can also win races. For the second half of the season, I expect that we'll learn our lessons well from races like the one in Berlin and grow stronger. We need to keep progressing if we want to be in contention for the title."

Pascal Wehrlein (Porsche works driver, #94)

This is the first outing in Jakarta for Formula E. Are you excited about the new track?

"It's always fantastic to experience a new racetrack. The first laps are particularly exciting. I find it fascinating to feel the grip on the track and the balance of the car. I'm very much looking forward to it."

You claimed the first Formula E victory for Porsche in Mexico. Are you satisfied with the first half of your season?

"I look back with mixed feelings. We won in Mexico, and we retired in Monaco. We need to be more consistent in tapping into the potential. I think we've forfeited too many points in the first half of the season. Compared to last year, we've made good progress but not yet on all tracks. We have to work on that."

The racetrack

The Jakarta International E-Prix Circuit is located in the Ancol district with Jakarta Bay as the backdrop. It is not a typical street circuit - most of the track is flanked by walls, and it more closely resembles a permanent racetrack. While the purpose-built circuit is just 2.37-kilometres long, it features 18 turns. The start-finish straight is one of the longest on the Formula E calendar. In addition to the high humidity, teams and drivers must be prepared for temperatures reaching 35 degrees Celsius. The likelihood of rain is extremely high at this time of year. Heavy downpours and thunderstorms are to be expected, especially in the afternoon – and this can have an impact on the race.

Live TV and Internet coverage

The worldwide broadcasting schedule of the Formula E event in Jakarta is available on: https://www.fiaformulae.com/watch/ways-to-watch.

Porsche Taycan Turbo S als Safety Car

Porsche is committed to Formula E safety: With the all-electric Taycan Turbo S, the sports car manufacturer supplies the official safety car this season and underlines the importance of Formula E for Porsche Motorsport. Thanks to its driveability and safety as well as an output of up to 560 kW (761 PS; **Taycan Turbo S** (Predecessor model)), Porsche's first all-electric sports car is the ideal choice as a safety car in the first and only all-electric motorsport world championship. With Launch Control, the flagship model of the Taycan range accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in 2.8 seconds and reaches a top speed of 260 km/h. The striking paintwork incorporates the colours of all eleven competing teams as well as the FIA and Formula E colours. The design symbolises the joint commitment to the future of all-electric motor racing as well as social values such as diversity and community.

The Media Service

The first photos from Jakarta will be available on the Porsche press database on 3 June. The race report from round 9 will follow on 4 June. Further information about the TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team will be posted live on the Twitter channel @PorscheFormulaE. All relevant information about the team, the drivers and the racing series can be found in the updated Porsche Formula E Media Guide. The content will be regularly updated over the course of the season and expanded with additional interactive material.

The Porsche 99X Electric

With the Porsche 99X Electric, Porsche returned to open-wheel single-seater racing in 2019 after more than 30 years. The fully-electric racing car sporting the Weissach-developed Porsche E Performance Powertrain also serves as a development platform for the sports car manufacturer's fully-electric production models. Energy management and efficiency are important factors for success in Formula E and in the development of production cars. For the 2021/2022 season, the 99X Electric has a maximum output of 250 kW in qualification mode and 220 kW in normal race mode. Attack Mode boosts the output to 250 kW. Maximum recuperation is 250 kW; the usable battery capacity is 52 Kilowatt-hours.

Formula E

Formula E is the world's first fully-electric racing series bringing thrilling motorsport to people living in major cities since 2014. As an accelerator for innovative and sustainable technologies of mobility, it promotes the worldwide acceptance of electric vehicles with the aim to counteract climate change. The format is compact: practice, qualifying and race all take place on one day. Each race usually runs over 45 minutes plus one lap. Eleven teams tackle the 2021/2022 season with 22 drivers. This makes for interesting and hotly contested races. This marks the third season for the TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team campaigning the Porsche 99X Electric.

Porsche in Formula E

With a historic one-two result thanks to Pascal Wehrlein and André Lotterer in the Porsche 99X Electric, the TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team celebrated its greatest success to date in Mexico on 12 February 2022. The team contests its third season in the world's first all-electric racing series. At the debut event in November 2019, André Lotterer scored second place at the season-opening race in Diriyah: a dream start and proof that with the Porsche 99X Electric, Porsche had a competitive vehicle right from the outset. Last season, Wehrlein claimed pole position in Mexico City. Two podium results followed with Wehrlein finishing third in Rome and Lotterer securing second in Valencia. As an accelerator for innovative and sustainable mobility technologies, Formula E has brought thrilling motorsport to people living in major cities since 2014. With the all-electric Taycan, Porsche supplies the safety car this season, underlining the importance of Formula E for Porsche Motorsport.

2022 races

Sixteen races in ten of the world's biggest cities make up the provisional 2021/2022 calendar of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship.

Race 1 & 2
28. / 29. January – Diriyah (Saudi Arabia)

Race 3
12. February – Mexico City (Mexico)

Race 4 & 5
9. / 10. April – Rome (Italy)

Race 6
30. April – Monaco (Monaco)

Race 7 & 8
14. / 15. May – Berlin (Germany)

Race 9
4. June – Jakarta (Indonesia)

Race 10
2. July – Marrakesh (Morocco)

Race 11 & 12
16. / 17. July – New York City (USA)

Race 13 & 14
30. / 31. July – London (Great Britain)

Race 15 & 16
13. / 14. August – Seoul (South Korea)

[1] Following a further review by the FIA - André Lotterer's 5-second penalty at the Jakarta E-Prix has been cancelled. As a result, André's 9th place finishing position is awarded back to him and the team - each with 2 championship points. Updated standings: 5th place in team standings (116 points); André Lotterer in 7th place in driver standings (61 points).

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Consumption data

Taycan Turbo S (Predecessor model)

*Further information on the official fuel consumption and the official specific CO_2 emissions of new passenger cars can be found in the "Leitfaden über den Kraftstoffverbrauch, die CO_2-Emissionen und den Stromverbrauch neuer Personenkraftwagen" (Fuel Consumption, CO_2Emissions and Electricity Consumption Guide for New Passenger Cars), which is available free of charge at all sales outlets and from DAT (Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH, Helmuth-Hirth-Str. 1, 73760 Ostfildern-Scharnhausen, www.dat.de).

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