André Lotterer: “We're doing everything we can to advance as a team”

25/02/2022 Perfect race strategy and optimal energy management: Pascal Wehrlein and André Lotterer used this recipe for success at the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez and, with a strong team effort, handed the TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team an historic one-two at the Mexico City E-Prix. In the latest “Inside E” podcast, they talk about this milestone in Porsche's Formula E project, their understanding of teamwork and how they view their chances in the fight for the world championship title.

“We want to win races. That's our goal and we're all working hard towards this. We won't always perform as well as we did in Mexico but we have a solid basis for scoring points from every race.” André Lotterer regards the maiden victory for Porsche in Formula E as the reward for the team and as motivation for the upcoming challenges of the season. Pascal Wehrlein, who crossed the finish line first in his Porsche 99X Electric, is “still over the moon” almost two weeks after his victory. “Scoring pole position and then winning – that was just fantastic.”

A key factor in this one-two success was the exceptional synergy between the Porsche drivers. For André Lotterer, it's a given. "We're not just competing for ourselves but for Porsche," he says. The team's success takes top priority. This is a lesson he learned from endurance races like the 24 Hours of Le Mans and it is a philosophy he has taken to heart. "The fact that we didn't battle each other proved to be our advantage in Mexico. As a result, we used less energy compared to our rivals. I even managed to save more energy thanks to Pascal's slipstream."

The achievement in Mexico has not changed the goals of the TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team for this season. "We want more wins and to fight for the world championship title," says Pascal Wehrlein, who currently ranks third in the drivers' standings of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship. In fourth place, André Lotterer shares the same points' tally as his teammate and also feels confident about the future: "We have learned a lot about Formula E and we're now much better prepared for the races. That gives us the confidence to maintain our current competitiveness in Rome." The Eternal City hosts a doubleheader in April – an event he is looking forward to. "We'll be driving on one of the coolest tracks in Formula E."

In Rome, too, the Porsche drivers are keen to pull together as a team. Why do they get on so well? "We treat each other with the greatest respect and we never stop learning from each other," says Pascal Wehrlein. And André Lotterer: "We're both very ambitious and we do everything we can to make our car faster and advance as a team."

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