

WEINMANN

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Zweiter DM-Lauf in Heidenheim-Schnaitheim



Damage Control on the Schwäbisch Alb

After the sandy conditions at the German Championship opener in Hänchen two weeks ago, the terrain at the second meeting in the Heidenheim district of Schnaitheim presented the sidecar teams with entirely different challenges. "The ground is very hard and stony, and the track layout is very fast. You have to drive more aggressively than in the sand," pilot Joshua Weinmann describes the nature of the track on the Swabian Alb.

In the first heat, the Hohenlohe duo themselves fell victim to the high-speed racing. "We were forced wide early in the race at a big jump and ended up on the side slope. Luckily, we didn't crash, but we had to leave the track and drop back far in the field," passenger Noah recounts the scary moment. Ultimately, the 23- and 19-year-old brothers staged a comeback, finishing in fourth place after the 30-minute race – and thus as the best German sidecar team. As if the two youngsters from Weißbach-Crispenhofen had a premonition, the specific conditions in Schnaitheim played a decisive role in the second race as well. "Already in the second lap, a stone kicked up by the track shattered the fitting of the hydraulic line for the front brake. From then on, without a functioning front brake, damage control was the only option," explained driver Joshua, describing the sixth-place finish they involuntarily eked out. The only consolation: despite the bad luck, the youngsters were able to maintain their third position in the German Championship standings.

Although the national championship doesn't enter its third round until June 1st, the stress level for the "Weinmänner" (a local nickname for the team) will rise again in the coming weeks. The ambitious off-rovers will prepare for the World Championship, which starts on May 11th in the Czech Republic, with a training camp in Vesoul, France, over Easter, followed by two free races.

Results:

1. Lielbards/Lielbards, LV, (Platz 2/Platz 1)
2. Weiss/Schneider, A, (1/3)
3. Prümmer/Steegmans, D/B, (3/2)
5. Weinmann/Weinmann, Crispenhofen, (4/6).

DM-Standings:

1. Lielbards/Lielbards, LV, (97 Punkte)
2. Prümmer/Steegmans, D/B, (86)
3. Weinmann/Weinmann, Crispenhofen, (73).