

Gelungener DM-Auftakt in Hänchen: Rang drei beim Saisonstart



The podium and a scary moment

Joshua and Noah Weinmann were aware beforehand that the opening round of the German Sidecar Motocross Championship in Hänchen near Cottbus would be quite challenging. "The sandy track leaves very sharp edges," they said. "The impacts are enormous, the physical demands are quite high," co-driver Noah outlines the range of requirements. As if that weren't enough, two top-class guest drivers lined up behind the starting gate in Lausitz: the reigning vice world champions Lielbardis/Lielbardis (Latvia) and last year's seventh-place finishers in the World Championship, Prümmer/Steegmans (Germany/Belgium). To be honest, the Hohenlohe brothers couldn't match the speed of the two World Championship crews. However, with third place in qualifying and third places in both races, the youngsters impressively outclassed the entire 16-team German Championship starting field. "We drove from 5th and 6th place after the start to 3rd in both races. We distanced the rest of the field by over a minute," driver Joshua is also very satisfied with the German Championship kickoff.

Especially since the success hung by a thread. "In race two, the engine suddenly died two laps from the end. We feared that last year's run of bad luck with numerous technical failures had caught up with us again. Luckily, the engine restarted before anyone could overtake us," the 23- and 19-year-old off-roaders said, looking back with unanimous relief. The sidecar crew will have two weeks until the next German Championship meeting (see below) to find the cause of the mysterious engine failure.

Results:

1. Lielbardis/Lielbardis, LV, (Platz 1/Platz 1)
2. Prümmer/Steegmans, D/B, (2/2)
3. **Weinmann/Weinmann, Crispenhofen, (3/3).**

DM-Standings:

1. Lielbardis/Lielbardis, LV, (50 Punkte)
2. Prümmer/Steegmans, D/B, (44)
3. **Weinmann/Weinmann, Crispenhofen, (40).**



Next Race

Second DM-Race
Schnaitheim (Heidenheim)
Classic Race at the
Schwäbisch Alb

6. April 2025