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Formula E: latest news and miscellaneous info from Monaco

- **Blackjack at casino sets the mood for E-Prix in gamblers' paradise**
- **Allan McNish and Lucas di Grassi can "sleep at home"**
- **German TV channel ARD and Eurosport to air live coverage from Monaco**

Monaco, May 10, 2019 – At the Formula E race in Monaco (start on Saturday at 4.30 PM CEST), an even more compact schedule than at the previous races this season awaits the Audi Sport ABT Schaeffler team.

Formula E uses part of the Formula One circuit for the E-Prix in Monaco. The track will not be closed to public traffic until Saturday morning, so the usual **shakedown** session of the race cars has been omitted. The two Audi e-tron FE05 will go directly into the first free practice session at 7.30 AM on Saturday morning.

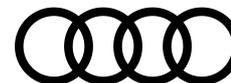
With a round of **blackjack** at the casino in Monaco, the two Audi drivers, Daniel Abt and Lucas di Grassi, got in the mood for the Formula E race in the gamblers' paradise. Team Principal Allan McNish, who drove to the PR event in the new Audi e-tron*, served as the croupier.

In Monaco, Formula E takes turns with the historic Grand Prix every two years. Since Formula E's last visit in May 2017, some sections of the circuit have been **repaved**.

Allan McNish and Lucas di Grassi can sleep in their **own beds** in Monaco: both have been living in the principality for years.

Between the two E-Prix events in Paris and Monaco, Daniel Abt and Lucas di Grassi had **busy schedules**. In addition to preparing for the race in the simulator, they handled several PR commitments. For Abt, these included appearances at the DTM season opener at Hockenheim, the Wings for Life World Run in Munich and the OMR Festival in Hamburg, while di Grassi's commitments mainly took place in Monaco.

On Monday, Lucas di Grassi will deliver a key note at the **International VI-grade Conference** in Frankfurt that is focused on artificial intelligence. On Wednesday, he will be visited in Monaco by six-time **Olympic gold medalist Chris Hoy**. The former track cycling pro is shooting a TV documentary about the Audi factory driver for Motor Trend.



For the first time this season, **Lucas di Grassi's parents** are visiting a Formula E race and were particularly pleased to see their grandson, Leonardo, again, who was born last year shortly before the E-Prix in New York.

On Friday, Lucas di Grassi was visited at the garage of the Audi Sport ABT Schaeffler team by **football star Naldo**. The Brazilian was active in the German Bundesliga for more than a decade. Since the beginning of 2019, he has been playing for AS Monaco.

For the first time this season, German TV channel **ARD** will air live coverage of a Formula E race. The broadcast from the principality on "Das Erste" begins on Saturday at 4.30 PM when the race is started. As always, Eurosport will also be providing live coverage of the race.

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Fuel consumption of the models named above

(Fuel consumption and CO₂ emission figures given in ranges depend on the equipment selected)

Audi e-tron:

Combined electrical consumption in kWh/100 km: 26.2-22.6 (WLTP); 24.6-23.7 (NEDC)

Combined CO₂ emissions in g/km: 0

**Fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions figures given in ranges depend on the tires/wheels used and chosen equipment level. Further information on official fuel consumption figures and the official specific CO₂ emissions of new passenger cars can be found in the "Guide on the fuel economy, CO₂ emissions and power consumption of all new passenger car models," which is available free of charge at all sales dealerships and from DAT Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH, Hellmuth-Hirth-Str. 1, 73760 Ostfildern-Scharnhausen, Germany (www.dat.de).*

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