

05 Le Mans, 17 June 2000, 11:00 hrs

Trouble free warm-up for Audi

In the final warm-up this morning for this year's Le Mans 24 Hours, Audi Sport Team Joest successfully completed its programme.

Christian Abt (D) set the fastest lap in the 45-minute trials, setting a time of 3mins 37.924secs in Audi R8 no.7. Meanwhile the other two Audi R8s were close behind.

"All three Audi R8s were running in race set-up and everything went well and without any problems," explained Audi's Head of Sport Dr Wolfgang Ullrich.

Frank Biela (D) did a long run with Audi no.8. "This was also perfect," added Dr Ullrich.

Audi R8 no.7 slowed at the end of the session but there was a simple reason for Rinaldo Capello (It). "We were checking the fuel consumption so that we had the necessary data in case of a safety car period during the race," confirmed Rinaldo who celebrates his 36th birthday today.

Audi's starting line-up confirmed

Audi Sport Team Joest confirms the following drivers will begin the 68th Le Mans 24 Hour race at 1600hrs:

Audi R8 (no.7): Michele Alboreto (It)

Audi R8 (no.8): Frank Biela (D)

Audi R8 (no.9): Allan McNish (GB)

Audi Press Service during the race

During the race we will supply the most important facts from the Audi pits every four hours. Further to that our drivers will be available during the race for short interviews at the Audi Sport Press Hospitality.

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