# RYAN RULES: MITTELRHEIN CUP RACE 1
## British Drivers Dominate Friday Podium

"One down, Seven to go!" that was the jubilant comment from Ryan Smith as he stormed to a convincing victory in the first Mittelrhein Cup race at Nürburgring on Friday.

The Englishman converted his pole position into an immediate lead as the lights flashed green and then steadily pulled clear of his closest rival, David Jenkins – eventually taking the chequered flag some 11 seconds ahead of the runner-up. Smith also posted the fastest lap of the race (1m.56.959s) during a dominant performance.

"It was good to get a win under my belt on Friday. At least no-one can now say I'm just a 'weekend' driver!" joked Ryan as he jumped directly from his race-winning truck into the Oxxo MAN that he immediately took onto the track for the FIA European Championship Qualifying session… not even having time to attend the Mittelrhein Cup victory podium where his brother stepped in to collect the winners' trophy.

David Jenkins secured a good solid second place in the MV Commercial MAN – chasing Smith from the start and soon opening a considerable lead over the chasing pack. There was disappointment for Nürburgring 'Rookie' Jamie Anderson – who had looked set to claim the final podium spot after an impressive performance. But the MAN driver collected a ten-second 'overspeeding' penalty – which dropped him to fifth in the official classifications… promoting the 'old master' Stuart Oliver (Volvo) into third place, just 0.473s ahead of Luke Taylor (MAN).

BTRA DIVISION 2 HONOURS FOR GARRETT

Luke Garrett continued his impressive string of winning drives by securing 10$^{th}$ overall in the first Mittelrhein Cup race…. making the MAN driver the first finisher in the Division 2 category of the British Championship.
Joining Garrett on the podium (but some 19 seconds behind at the chequered flag) was Craig Reid with his super-smart Iveco – while Brad Smith brought his DAF home for the third place Div.2 trophy.