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NO STOPPING SMITH

British Champion secures Win number two in Saturday's Mittelrhein Cup race

In the sweltering heat of Saturday's second Mittelrhein Cup race at Nürburgring Ryan Smith kept his cool to power his way from 8th place on the starting grid through to the front in just two laps!

The 'reverse grid' format that comes into play for race two held no fears for the on-form MAN racer who had already claimed victory in Friday's first race. Once he reached the head of the field it was 'business as usual' for the double British Champion - posting the fastest race lap (1m.56.614s) he then paced himself over the remaining 11 laps to take the chequered flag 6.613 seconds ahead of his nearest rival, David Jenkins.

Completing the top three to make it an all-MAN podium was Jamie Anderson – narrowly holding off Simon Reid (Iveco).

Prior to his Mittelrhein Cup success Smith had already put on a stunning performance in the second of the FIA European Championship races where he blasted his Oxxo MAN from the back of the huge grid through to a fabulous 8th place – again claiming the fastest lap.

"It's a tough programme this weekend when I'm contesting no less than eight races – but we're racing drivers and that's what I'm here to do" said Smith as he collected his second winner's trophy. He will certainly need to be feeling fit on Sunday – when he'll compete in no less than four truck races at Nürburgring.

The BTRA Division 2 category of the British Championship (run as a race-within-a-race in the Mittelrhein Cup) again saw a dominant performance from Luke Garrett – finishing ahead of Brad Smith (DAF) and Steve Powell (MAN).