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## LONDON E-PRIX: DS AUTOMOBILES HOLDS ONTO THIRD PLACE IN THE STANDINGS AFTER THE FIRST RACE



- **Stoffel Vandoorne put in a solid comeback drive to score points for ninth place at the end of another action-packed race**
- **Jean-Eric Vergne was also set for a top 10 finish before being involved in some contact**
- **DS PENSKE maintains its third place in the teams' classification ahead of the season finale on Sunday**

Season 10 of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship draws to a close this weekend at the ExCel circuit in London, which has the peculiarity of running partly indoors and partly outdoors. It's a narrow and demanding track that frequently sets the scene for action-packed races and intense battles. This was the case once more on Saturday, with Jean-Eric Vergne getting away from a promising fifth place in the grid but then becoming involved in two separate incidents, which lost him ground in the order.

His team mate Stoffel Vandoorne started quite far down on the grid but made the most of his DS E-TENSE FE23 to deliver a strong comeback drive through the field and break into the top 10, eventually scoring the points for ninth place.



The end result was that at the end of the 15th race of the year, DS PENSKE hung onto its current third place in the teams' championship: the key objective for the season finale in the British capital. Similarly, Stellantis maintained its third place in the constructors' standings. With the gaps remaining close, there's still everything to play for at the final race of the year.

The definitive verdict on Season 10 of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship will come on Sunday, with the entire DS PENSKE team and its drivers putting everything on the line to seal a coveted place in the final top three of the standings.

**Eugenio Franzetti, DS Performance Director:**

"The races in London are always very tricky and unpredictable, as there's a lot of contact between the cars due to the narrow nature of the track. This is exactly what happened in Race 1, and unfortunately both our cars were involved. Despite that, at the end of an action-packed day, the provisional championship classification hasn't changed for us as we are still on the podium of the both the teams' and constructors' provisional rankings. Now we are all fully focussed on tomorrow's race, which will be extremely intense as it's the last encounter of the year and the stakes are extremely high!"

**Jean-Éric Vergne, 2018 and 2019 Formula E world champion:**

"This was obviously not the result we wanted, at the end of a difficult race. But there will be other opportunities. The car was working well today and I want to end the season on a high note. The goal now is clearly to forget this opening day and focus fully on tomorrow."

**Stoffel Vandoorne, 2022 Formula E world champion:**

"From the start of the weekend, we were doing everything we could to put all the elements in place for qualifying. On my last timed lap, I was feeling pretty good, but I lost time in the final sector. That meant we had to start quite far back, and we would be in for a tough race. Above all we had to steer clear of problems with some drives trying some slightly crazy moves. There were lots of contacts and incidents, and we made the most of them to come through and score two points. Now let's see what tomorrow brings..."

**Key figures since DS Automobiles entered Formula E:**

- 120 races
- 4 championship titles
- 16 victories
- 51 podiums
- 24 pole positions





## ABOUT DS AUTOMOBILES

Founded in Paris in 2014, DS Automobiles is a premium brand aiming to embody the French art of travel. Thanks to an exceptional heritage, exemplified by the 1955 DS and enriched by the wealth of French culture, DS Automobiles offers a global and diverse range with DS 3, DS 4, DS 7 and DS 9.

Designed for a clientele seeking something different, who want to travel the world and enjoy every moment, DS creations stand out through their charismatic style, interior refinement, sophisticated technology and first-class comfort. Combined with a suite of bespoke services, they offer a unique brand experience before, during and after each journey.

With numerous records since its entry into Formula E in 2015, including two double Teams' and Drivers' titles, DS Automobiles is at the forefront of electrification and sells each of its models in an electrified version. The Brand offers 100% electric drivetrains as well as self-charging and plug-in hybrids with up to 360 horsepower and 4-wheel drive.

In 2024, DS Automobiles is accelerating its transition to all-electric with the arrival of a new model offering more than 700 kilometres of range. With a presence in 40 countries, the DS brand has an exclusive distribution network of over 450 DS STORES around the world.

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## ABOUT PENSKE AUTOSPORT

PENSKE AUTOSPORT is an American racing team founded in 2007 by Jay Penske. The team is headquartered in Los Angeles, California, the largest single metropolitan EV market in the world.

After many successful years competing in IndyCar (2007-2014), the team embraced the shift to electric mobility and became one of the founding teams of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship.

The team motto is the Latin phrase "E Pluribus Unum" – meaning "out of many, there is one."

