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Mercedes-AMG duo Dontje and Buhk win Saturday's race at the Nürburgring

- First victory of season for Dutch-German pairing
- Corvette drivers Kirchhöfer and Keilwitz still 'half-time champions' despite DNF

Nürburg: In scorching conditions at the Nürburgring, Indy Dontje (25, NL) and Maximilian Buhk (25, GER, both Mann-Filter Team HTP Motorsport) drove their Mercedes-AMG to a first win of the season. The Lamborghini duo of Mirko Bortolotti (28, ITA) and Andrea Caldarelli (28, ITA, both ORANGE1 by GRT Grasser) came second in the seventh of 14 ADAC GT Masters races. Markus Pommer and Maximilian Götz completed a great day for Mann-Filter Team HTP Motorsport with a third place in their Mercedes-AMG. "A great race for us," said a jubilant first-time winner Dontje. "I am happy to have registered my maiden ADAC GT Masters victory. I hope to continue in the same vein two weeks from now in my home race at Zandvoort."

Key facts, Nürburgring, Nürburg, Round 7 of 14

Length of track: 3,629 metres

Weather: 32 °C, sunny

Pole position: Nicolai Sylvest (Team Zakspeed BKK Mobil Oil Racing, Mercedes-AMG GT3), 1:26.131 mins

Winners: Indy Dontje and Maximilian Buhk (Mann-Filter Team HTP Motorsport, Mercedes-AMG GT3)

Fastest race lap: Ricardo Feller (BWT Mücke Motorsport, Audi R8 LMS), 1:27.974 mins

Strong start puts Feller in the lead

Saturday's race at the Nürburgring got off to a fast and furious start. On the first corner, Audi man Ricardo Feller accelerated through from sixth to get past the Mercedes AMG of pole-sitter Nicolai Sylvest (21, DK, Zakspeed BKK Mobil Racing Team) and establish an immediate lead. The Swiss driver was followed through by the Mercedes-AMG of Indy Dontje and Maximilian Buhk, which had started from the front row, and by the Lamborghini Huracán GT3 of Mirko Bortolotti and Andrea Caldarelli, coming from ninth.

Feller continued to assert the lead until the driver changes midway through the race. But because he was judged to have jumped the lights in the flying start, the Audi duo were obliged to add five seconds to their mandatory pit stop. As a result, Feller and Haase dropped back to third place. This allowed Nicolai Sylvest and Kim-Luis Schramm (21, GER) to briefly reclaim the front position they had earned in qualifying. However, Schramm was soon overtaken by the eventual winner Buhk, who then proceeded to open up a gap to the pursuing bunch and claim a comfortable first victory of the season. For Buhk, it was a first triumph in the ADAC GT Masters since the Lausitzring in 2014, while for his Dutch team-mate Indy Dontje, it was the first time ever. Dontje also won the Pirelli Junior classification.

A late collision between Schramm and the Lamborghini of Ezequiel Perez Companc (24, RA) and Franck Perera (34, FRA, both GRT Grasser Racing Team) running second and third respectively, initially bequeathed second place to Feller and Haase. But following a investigation by the stewards, the Audi was subsequently handed a 30-second penalty for jumping the lights. This promoted Bortolotti and Caldarelli to second place.

Third place went to Markus Pommer (27, GER) and Maximilian Götz (32, GER) in the second of two Mercedes-AMGs entered by Mann-Filter Team HTP Motorsport ahead of fellow Mercedes drivers Luca Stolz (23, GER) and Sebastian Asch (32, GER, both Team Zakspeed BKK Mobil Oil Racing).

The best of the Porsche contingent were Timo Bernhard (37, GER) and Kévin Estre (29, FRA, both KÜS Team75 Bernhard) in P5. It was a special occasion for sixth-placed Christopher Dreyssing (20, GER) and Giorgio Maggi (20, CH, both Honda Team Schubert Motorsport) who were able to celebrate the first Top Ten result in the ADAC GT Masters for the Honda NSX GT3. The Audi duo of Oscar Tunjo (22, CO) and Ivan Lukashevich (27, RUS, both Phoenix Racing) finished seventh, followed by Michele Beretta (23, ITA) and Aaro Vainio (24, SF, both Team Rosberg). Team owner Keke Rosberg was present to see his outfit record its best result of the season. Dominik Schwager (41, GER) and Luca Ludwig (29, GER, both HB Racing) in the only Ferrari 488 GT3 finished ninth after starting from way back in P21. Victory in the Pirelli Trophy classification this time went to the Lamborghini duo of Rolf Ineichen (40, CH) and Christian Engelhart (31, GER, both GRT Grasser Racing Team), who finished tenth overall.

Championship leaders Marvin Kirchhöfer (24, GER) and Daniel Keilwitz (29, GER, both Callaway Competition) did not have the happiest of races. They collided with the Audi of Filip Salaquarda (34, CZ) and Frank Stippler (43, GER, both Team ISR) at the start and were handed a drive-through penalty. Despite having to park up their car later on, Kirchhöfer and Keilwitz still hung on for the unofficial title of ‘half-time champions’.

Comments from the winners

Indy Dontje (Mann-Filter Team HTP Motorsport, Mercedes-AMG GT3): “We had a good qualifying with P2. To be honest, we hadn’t expected to be so far forward. I was a bit hesitant at the start and found myself down in third place. But I stayed calm and finished my stint. After that, Maxi did a great job and passed Kim-Luis Schramm shortly after taking over the car. He then controlled the race.”

Maximilian Buhk (Mann-Filter Team HTP Motorsport, Mercedes-AMG GT3): “That was a good race. Indy kept himself out of everything that was going on at the start and handed over the car in third. The pit stop was almost perfect, so I quickly tried to pass Kim-Luis Schramm because I saw that he was having some problems. That worked. In fact, everything went well today.”

Calendar for the 2018 ADAC GT Masters

13/04/18 – 15/04/18	Motorsport Arena Oschersleben
27/04/18 – 29/04/18	Autodrom Most (CZ)
08/06/18 – 10/06/18	Red Bull Ring (AUT)
03/08/18 – 05/08/18	Nürburgring
17/08/18 – 19/08/18	Circuit Zandvoort (NL)
07/09/18 – 09/09/18	Sachsenring
21/09/18 – 23/09/18	Hockenheimring Baden-Württemberg

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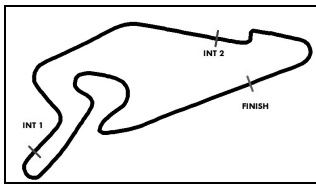
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Result List Race 1



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Nürburgring, Length: 3629m
Air temperature: 31.24°C
Track temperature: 40.67°C
Weather condition: Dry

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Saturday, August 4, 2018 13:15:00

started : 35 classified : 24 not classified : 11

	Drivers	Team	Car	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Kph	Lap	Time	Kph
1	48 I.Dontje(NLD)(J)/M.Buhk(DEU)	MANN-FILTER Team HTP Motorsport(D)	Mercedes-AMG GT3	39	1:02:11.192		136.3	11	1:28.128	148.2
2	63 M.Bortolotti(ITA)/A.Caldarelli(ITA)	ORANGE1 by GRT Grasser(AUT)	Lamborghini Huracan GT3	39	1:02:21.928	10.736	136.0	10	1:28.559	147.5
3	47 M.Pommer(DEU)/M.Götz(DEU)	MANN-FILTER Team HTP Motorsport(D)	Mercedes-AMG GT3	39	1:02:22.785	11.593	136.1	22	1:28.690	147.3
4	21 L.Stolz(DEU)(J)/S.Asch(DEU)	Team ZAKSPEED BKK Mobil Oil Racing	Mercedes-AMG GT3	39	1:02:24.127	12.935	135.9	10	1:28.665	147.3
5	17 T.Bernhard(DEU)/K.Estre(FRA)	KÜS TEAM75 Bernhard(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	39	1:02:27.064	15.872	135.9	11	1:28.717	147.2
6	9 C.Dreyspring(DEU)(J)/G.Maggi(CHE)(J)	Honda Team Schubert Motorsport(DEU)	Honda NSX GT3	39	1:02:29.173	17.981	135.8	14	1:28.676	147.3
7	6 O.Tunjo(COL)(J)/I.Lukashevich(RUS)	Phoenix Racing(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS	39	1:02:29.922	18.730	135.9	16	1:28.793	147.1
8	53 A.Vainio(FIN)(J)/M.Beretta(ITA)(J)	Team Rosberg(DEU)	Lamborghini Huracan GT3	39	1:02:31.563	20.371	135.8	12	1:28.803	147.1
9	7 D.Schwager(DEU)/L.Ludwig(DEU)	HB Racing(AUT)	Ferrari 488 GT3	39	1:02:31.834	20.642	135.8	21	1:28.828	147.0
10	82 R.Ineichen(CHE)(T)/C.Engelhart(DEU)	GRT Grasser-Racing-Team(AUT)	Lamborghini Huracan GT3	39	1:02:36.633	25.441	135.7	20	1:28.785	147.1
11	3 N.Rogivue(CHE)(J)/F.Vervisch(BEL)	Aust Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS	39	1:02:37.592	26.400	135.8	18	1:28.809	147.1
12	26 J.Schmidt(CHE)(J)/S.Mücke(DEU)	BWT Mücke Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS	39	1:02:37.932	26.740	135.9	13	1:28.441	147.7
13	8 C.Friedrich(DEU)(J)/L.Arnold(DEU)	SML CarWellness by CarCollection(DEL)	Mercedes-AMG GT3	39	1:02:38.930	27.738	135.6	13	1:29.040	146.7
14	24 M.Ortmann(DEU)(J)/M.Winkelhock(DEU)	BWT Mücke Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS	39	1:02:40.855	29.663	135.7	22	1:28.630	147.4
15	25 R.Feller(CHE)(J)/C.Haase(DEU)	BWT Mücke Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS	39	1:02:42.153	30.961	136.0	12	1:27.974	148.5
16	99 R.Renauer(DEU)/M.Jaminet(FRA)	Precote Herberth Motorsport(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	39	1:02:43.093	31.901	135.4	15	1:28.927	146.9
17	11 E.Erhart(DEU)/P.Kaffer(DEU)	EFY by TECE(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS	39	1:02:43.693	32.501	135.7	21	1:29.060	146.6
18	69 J.Slooten(DEU)(T)/L.Luhr(DEU)	IronForce by RING POLICE(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	39	1:02:44.763	33.571	135.6	19	1:28.644	147.3
19	5 P.Ellis(GBR)(J)/M.Hofer(AUT)(J)	Phoenix Racing(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS	39	1:03:04.473	53.281	135.9	11	1:28.794	147.1
20	4 R.Lips(CHE)(T)/M.Hackländer(DEU)	Aust Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS	39	1:03:05.342	54.150	134.9	22	1:29.018	146.7
21	35 J.Judek(DEU)(J)/J.Eriksson(SWE)	Team Rosberg(DEU)	Lamborghini Huracan GT3	39	1:03:14.241	1:03.049	135.6	22	1:28.729	147.2
22	20 N.Sylvest(DNK)(J)/K.Schramm(DEU)(J)	Team ZAKSPEED BKK Mobil Oil Racing	Mercedes-AMG GT3	30	49:27.184	9 LAPS	131.6	13	1:28.056	148.3
23	43 D.Marschall(DEU)(J)/V.Bouveng(SWE)(J)	BMW Team Schnitzer(DEU)	BMW M6 GT3	29	47:50.102	10 LAPS	132.1	11	1:29.904	145.3
24	19 E.Perez Companc(ARG)(J)/F.Perera(FRA)	GRT Grasser-Racing-Team(AUT)	Lamborghini Huracan GT3	29	48:11.224	10 LAPS	132.1	19	1:28.328	147.9
Not classified										
84	P.Assenheimer(DEU)(J)/R.Marciello(ITA)	AutoArenA Motorsport(DEU)	Mercedes-AMG GT3	28	46:58.174	11 LAPS	129.7	20	1:28.791	147.1
29	J.Dennis(GBR)/C.Mies(DEU)	Montaplast by Land-Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS	25	41:39.283	14 LAPS	130.7	18	1:28.668	147.3
28	S.van der Linde(ZAF)(J)/K.van der Linde(ZAF)	Montaplast by Land-Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS	25	41:39.803	14 LAPS	131.0	11	1:28.476	147.6
14	C.Zöchling(AUT)/J.Klingmann(DEU)	MRS GT-Racing(DEU)	BMW M6 GT3	15	24:53.817	24 LAPS	131.3	11	1:29.375	146.1
1	M.Kirchhöfer(DEU)/D.Keilwitz(DEU)	Callaway Competition(DEU)	Corvette C7 GT3	12	20:58.037	27 LAPS	124.5	11	1:28.739	147.2
50	P.Geipel(DEU)/R.Frey(CHE)	YACO Racing(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS	11	21:04.531	28 LAPS	113.0	8	1:30.605	144.1
12	F.Spengler(DEU)/D.Vanthoor(BEL)	EFY by TECE(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS	5	10:32.119	34 LAPS	98.3	4	1:53.209	115.4
18	A.de Leener(BEL)/K.Bachler(AUT)	KÜS TEAM75 Bernhard(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	4	7:25.627	35 LAPS	113.5	4	1:53.473	115.1
13	S.Barth(DEU)(T)/C.Hürtgen(DEU)(T)	RWT Racing(AUT)	Corvette C7 GT3	3	7:44.988	36 LAPS	83.1			
42	M.Jensen(DEN)(J)/T.Scheider(DEU)	BMW Team Schnitzer(DEU)	BMW M6 GT3	1	1:45.882	38 LAPS				
33	F.Salaquarda(CZE)/F.Stippler(DEU)	Team ISR(CZE)	Audi R8 LMS							

Fastest lap of the race. Car 25 driver Ricardo Feller on lap 12. Time 1:27.974, average speed 148.5 km/h.

Following race director decision drive through penalty in exchange a time penalty of 30 seconds for car no. 19, 5

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Following stewards decision no. 112 drive through penalty in exchange a time penalty of 30 seconds for car no. 25

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