

03/10/2020 – No 67 – ADAC GT Masters

Maiden win for Mercedes-AMG duo Dienst and Frommenwiler

- Maro Engel and Luca Stolz regain championship lead at halfway point of the season
- Marvin Dienst also victorious in Pirelli Junior classification
- Third win for Filip Salaquarda in the Pirelli Trophy

Hohenstein-Ernstthal: In a commanding performance at the Sachsenring on Saturday, the Mercedes duo of Marvin Dienst (23, GER) and Philipp Frommenwiler (31, CH, both DLV team Schütz Motorsport) converted pole position into a maiden ADAC GT Masters win. Runners-up on the spectacular rollercoaster track near Chemnitz were Robert Renauer (35, GER) and Sven Müller (28, GER, both Precote Herberth Motorsport) in the best placed of the Porsches. The Mercedes-AMG pairing of Luca Stolz (25, GER) and Maro Engel (35, Monte Carlo, both Toksport WRT) finished in third place, a result that was enough to take them back to the top of the championship table at the halfway point of the campaign, with seven of the 14 races now complete. “I really enjoyed the final laps,” said winner Philipp Frommenwiler at the finish. “We didn’t have the easiest of starts to the season and are now back on the road to success. Marvin already did a top job with the pole position in qualifying and the team gave us a sensational car for the race.”

Key facts, Sachsenring, Hohenstein-Ernstthal, Round 7 of 14

Length of track: 3,645 metres

Weather: 21°C, slightly overcast

Pole position: Marvin Dienst (DLV-Team Schütz Motorsport, Mercedes-AMG GT3), 1:18.846 mins

Winners: Marvin Dienst & Philipp Frommenwiler (DLV-Team Schütz Motorsport, Mercedes-AMG GT3)

Fastest race lap: Albert Costa Balboa (GRT Grasser Racing Team, Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo), 1:21.341 mins

Dienst retains lead throughout stint

Marvin Dienst and Philipp Frommenwiler dominated the action right from the start as they headed to victory. Whereas pole-sitter Dienst was able to defend his lead from the start, Porsche driver Michael Ammermüller (34, GER, SSR Performance), who had also been on the front row, dropped back down to seventh over the opening lap. Also in a Porsche, Robert Renauer took his place to become Dienst’s main challenger followed by Luca Stolz in the Mercedes-AMG and Steijn Schothorst (25, NL, GRT Grasser Racing Team) in the best-placed Lamborghini. Dienst continued to draw away from the field on the laps that followed. At the end of ten laps, he was two seconds up on Renauer, and the gap increased to 4.2 seconds after another five. Dienst had built up a lead of more than five seconds on the rest of the field when the pit stop window eventually opened. Frommenwiler then controlled the race from the front and was ultimately first to take the chequered flag by a margin of 3.5 seconds. For Frommenwiler and partner Dienst, this was their maiden victory in the Super Sports Car League and the eighth overall for Schütz Motorsport, the last one having come in 2015. Dienst also took the win in the Pirelli Junior classification.

At the end of the 45 race laps, Renauer and team-mate Sven Müller narrowly beat Mercedes drivers Luca Stolz and Maro Engel in the battle for second place, with 0.9 seconds separating the two cars at

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the finish. However, third place was still enough for Stolz and Engel to reclaim their place at the top of the championship table, where they are now level on points with defending champions Patric Niederhauser (28, CH) and Kelvin van der Linde (24, ZA, both Rutronik Racing) who finished seventh in their Audi.

Fourth place in Saturday's race went to Steijn Schothorst and Tim Zimmermann (24, GER). The Lamborghini pairing were the beneficiaries of a mishap that befell their team-mates Franck Perera (36, FRA) and Albert Costa Balboa (30, ESP, both GRT Grasser Racing Team) who were forced to retire with a puncture just before reaching the finish line while lying in fourth place. Mick Wishofer (20, AUT) and Dorian Bocolacci (22, FRA, both Team Zakspeed BKK Mobil Oil Racing) fought their way up from tenth on the grid to fifth. Michael Ammermüller and Christian Engelhart (33, GER) in the Porsche followed them home in sixth place.

Markus Pommer (29, GER) and Jeffrey Schmidt (26, CH, both Callaway Competition) gained no fewer than six places, moving up from 14th on the grid to finish eighth. Klaus Bachler (29, AUT) and Simona De Silvestro (32, CH, both Küss Team75 Bernhard) were ninth in their Porsche 911 followed by Eric Johansson (23, SWE) and Jens Klingmann (30, GER, both MRS GT-Racing) in the best result for a BMW M6 GT3 so far this season. Victory in the Pirelli Trophy classification for amateur drivers went to Filip Salaquarda (36, CZ, Team ISR) in an Audi.

Comments from the winners:

Marvin Dienst (DLV-Team Schütz Motorsport, Mercedes-AMG GT3): "We had some problems at Hockenheim last time and had to completely transform the car, so it's obviously great to bounce back with a victory. The team has had to wait a long time for a win, and I'm really happy for them. We asserted our lead right from the start, and because we were leading the field with an open road in front of us, we were able to manage our tyres well. We also had good pace overall. The objective was to establish an early lead so as not to allow our opponents to benefit from slipstream and then to hang on to our position even after the tyres started to degrade, which is what we had been expecting to happen towards the end of the race."

Philipp Frommenwiler (DLV-Team Schütz Motorsport, Mercedes-AMG GT3): "This victory today goes some way towards compensating us for a few weekends where things didn't go so well. It was important that we had a good pit stop, allowing me to drive at my own pace. Towards the end of the race, I realised that we had built a good lead, which meant we were able to remain fully in control. This is an important step forward for us. We certainly hadn't been expecting things to go so well today. For the moment, we are happy about the victory, and we'll try to keep it up."

Race calendar for the 2020 ADAC GT Masters (subject to official approval)

31/07/20 - 02/08/20	Lausitzring
14/08/20 - 16/08/20	Nürburgring
18/09/20 - 20/09/20	Hockenheim
02/10/20 - 04/10/20	Sachsenring
16/10/20 - 18/10/20	Red Bull Ring (AUT)
30/10/20 - 01/11/20	Circuit Zandvoort (NL)
06/11/20 - 08/11/20	Motorsport Arena Oschersleben

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Calendar for the 2021 ADAC GT Masters (subject to confirmation)

14/05/21 - 16/05/2021 Motorsport Arena Oschersleben
11/06/21 - 13/06/2021 Red Bull Ring (AUT)
06/08/21 - 08/08/2021 Nürburgring
20/08/21 - 22/08/2021 Circuit Zandvoort (NL)
10/09/21 - 12/09/2021 Lausitzring
01/10/21 - 03/10/2021 Sachsenring
15/10/21 - 17/10/2021 Hockenheimring Baden-Württemberg

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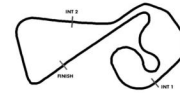
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Race 1 Sachsenring



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Result List

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RACE DIRECTOR	Niels Wittich
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TECHNICAL DELEGATE	Tim Zessack
CHIEF TIMEKEEPER	Daniel Schulze

Weather Start/Finish

AIR	20.6°C
TRACK	18.2°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	955 hPa
AIR	22.0°C
TRACK	20.8°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	955 hPa

Track Information

GREEN FLAG	13:04:44
CHEQUERED FLAG	14:07:28
SAFETY CAR PHASE	0
FULL COURSE YELLOW PHASE	0
TRACK NAME	Sachsenring
TRACK LENGTH	3645m
TURN COUNT	13
TOTAL DISTANCE	164.02km
FASTEST LAP:	#63. COS - 1:21.341

STARTED: 32 CLASSIFIED: 31 NOT CLASSIFIED: 1 DISQUALIFIED: 0

Drivers	Team	Car	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Kph	Lap	Time	Kph
1 36 M.Dienst(DEU)(J)/P.Frommenwiler(CHE)	DLV-Team Schuetz Motorsport(DEU)	Mercedes-AMG GT3	45	1:02:45.387		156.7	11	1:21.354	161.2
2 99 R.Renauer(DEU)/S.Müller(DEU)	Precote Herberth Motorsport(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	45	1:02:48.870	3.483	156.5	5	1:21.612	160.7
3 22 L.Stolz(DEU)/M.Engel(DEU)	Toksport WRT(DEU)	Mercedes-AMG GT3EVO	45	1:02:49.912	4.525	156.5	6	1:21.763	160.4
4 82 S.Schothorst(NLD)/T.Zimmermann(DEU)(J)	GRT GRASSERRACINGTEAM(AUT)	Lamborghini Huracan GT3E	45	1:03:01.920	16.533	156.0	3	1:21.653	160.7
5 20 M.Wishofer(AUT)(J)/D.Boccolacci(FRA)	Team Zakspeed BKK Mobil Oil Racing(D	Mercedes-AMG GT3EVO	45	1:03:02.726	17.339	156.1	20	1:21.713	160.5
6 92 M.Ammermüller(DEU)/C.Engelhart(DEU)	SSR Performance(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	45	1:03:03.669	18.282	156.0	4	1:21.748	160.5
7 31 P.Niederhauser(CHE)/K.van der Linde(ZAF)	RUTRONIK-RACING(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	45	1:03:04.320	18.933	156.0	24	1:21.589	160.8
8 77 M.Pommer(DEU)/J.Schmidt(CHE)	Callaway Competition(DEU)	Corvette C7 GT3-R	45	1:03:08.826	23.439	155.9	3	1:21.568	160.8
9 17 K.Bachler(AUT)/S.De Silvestro(CHE)	KÜS TEAM75 Bernhard(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	45	1:03:10.322	24.935	155.8	9	1:21.691	160.6
10 14 E.Johansson(SWE)(J)/J.Klingmann(DEU)	MRS GT-Racing(DEU)	BMW M6 GT3	45	1:03:10.751	25.364	155.9	4	1:21.905	160.2
11 32 C.Weerts(BEL)(J)/D.Vanhoor(BEL)	TEAM WRT(BEL)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	45	1:03:11.003	25.616	155.8	5	1:21.920	160.1
12 29 K.Schramm(DEU)(J)/C.Mies(DEU)	Montaplast by Land Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	45	1:03:11.011	25.624	155.9	8	1:21.795	160.4
13 7 A.Renauer(DEU)/S.Asch(DEU)	Precote Herberth Motorsport(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	45	1:03:12.716	27.329	155.8	28	1:21.899	160.2
14 21 J.Eriksson(SWE)/D.Keilwitz(DEU)	Team Zakspeed BKK Mobil Oil Racing(D	Mercedes-AMG GT3EVO	45	1:03:25.016	39.629	155.3	8	1:22.014	159.9
15 28 M.Hofer(AUT)/C.Haase(DEU)	Montaplast by Land Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	45	1:03:25.789	40.402	155.1	4	1:21.884	160.2
16 33 F.Salaquarda(CZE)(T)/F.Stippler(DEU)	Team ISR(CZE)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	45	1:03:33.648	48.261	155.0	10	1:22.003	160.0
17 26 R.Feller(CHE)(J)/S.Mücke(DEU)	BWT Mücke Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	45	1:03:34.708	49.321	154.8	4	1:21.785	160.4
18 47 I.Dontje(NLD)/M.Götz(DEU)	MANN-FILTER Team HTP-WINWARD(L	Mercedes-AMG GT3EVO	45	1:03:40.592	55.205	154.6	4	1:22.015	159.9
19 25 I.Walilko(POL)(J)/M.Ortmann(DEU)(J)	BWT Mücke Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	45	1:03:41.126	55.739	154.7	21	1:22.350	159.3
20 10 H.Skoog(SWE)(J)/J.Krohn(FIN)	Schubert Motorsport(DEU)	BMW M6 GT3	45	1:03:41.512	56.125	154.7	5	1:21.961	160.1
21 8 C.Schreiner(DEU)(J)/D.Marschall(DEU)(J)	RUTRONIK-RACING(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	45	1:03:41.632	56.245	154.8	26	1:21.383	161.2
22 30 R.Ineichen(CHE)(T)/F.Vervisch(BEL)	TEAM WRT(BEL)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	45	1:03:44.381	58.994	154.6	24	1:22.039	159.9
23 3 N.Rogivue(CHE)(J)/M.Hackländer(DEU)	Aust Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	45	1:03:46.009	1:00.622	154.6	35	1:22.273	159.4
24 11 E.Erhart(DEU)(T)/P.Kaffer(DEU)	EFP Car Collection by TECE(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	45	1:03:52.714	1:07.327	154.3	27	1:22.492	159.0
25 19 N.Lagrange(BEL)/C.Schmid(AUT)	GRT GRASSERRACINGTEAM(AUT)	Lamborghini Huracan GT3E	45	1:03:52.973	1:07.586	154.2	23	1:22.069	159.8
26 72 C.Schöll(AUT)(J)/S.Morris(GBR)	T3-HRT-Motorsport(DEU)	Bentley Continental GT3	45	1:03:53.505	1:08.118	154.3	20	1:22.168	159.6
27 71 N.Langeveld(NLD)/M.Paul(DEU)(J)	T3-HRT-Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	45	1:03:53.807	1:08.420	154.1	32	1:22.053	159.9
28 4 H.von Danwitz(DEU)(J)/R.Frey(CHE)	Aust Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	44	1:03:09.427	1 LAP	152.6	7	1:23.343	157.4
29 63 F.Perera(FRA)/A.Costa Balboa(ESP)	GRT GRASSERRACINGTEAM(AUT)	Lamborghini Huracan GT3E	40	56:26.175	5 LAPS	154.5	31	1:21.341	161.3
30 9 A.Read(AUS)(J)/J.Eriksson(SWE)	Schubert Motorsport(DEU)	BMW M6 GT3	40	57:04.775	5 LAPS	153.0	11	1:22.275	159.4
31 18 J.Fittje(DEU)(J)/D.Jahn(DEU)	KÜS TEAM75 Bernhard(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	35	49:53.239	10 LAPS	153.7	5	1:22.149	159.7
Not classified									
48 P.Ellis(GBR)/R.Marciello(ITA)	KNAUS Team HTP-WINWARD(DEU)	Mercedes-AMG GT3EVO	30	42:48.782	15 LAPS	152.6	4	1:21.587	160.8

Fastest lap of the race. Car 63 driver Albert Costa Balboa on lap 31. Time 1:21.341, average speed 161.3 km/h.

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