

04/10/2020 – No 69 – ADAC GT Masters

## Pommer and Schmidt in first win of campaign for Callaway-Corvette

- **Reigning champions Niederhauser and van der Linde back on top after finishing third**
- **Charles Weerts wins in the Pirelli Junior classification**
- **Victory in Pirelli Trophy goes to Rolf Ineichen**

Hohenstein-Ernstthal: The Corvette is back in contention! After a frustrating start to the season, Markus Pommer (29, GER) and Jeffrey Schmidt (26, CH) secured a first win of 2020 for the C7 GT3-R of Callaway Competition in Race 2 at the Sachsenring. The duo were beneficiaries of a late penalty imposed on Franck Perera (36, FRA) and Albert Costa Balboa (30, ESP, both GRT Grasser Racing Team) whose Lamborghini Huracán GT3 had led the field for most of the second stint. Second place went to Charles Weerts (19, BEL) and Dries Vanthoor (22, BEL, both Team WRT) ahead of fellow Audi drivers Patric Niederhauser (28, CH) and Kelvin van der Linde (24, ZA, both Rutronik Racing), who were delighted with third place as it restored their championship lead. “At last, everything came together today,” said race winner Pommer at the finish. “Although we were actually quite competitive in the season opener at the Lausitzring, we’ve had a lot of bad luck in the last few races, with often just small things going wrong. But today, we finally had luck on our side again.”

### Key facts, Sachsenring, Hohenstein-Ernstthal, Round 8 of 14

**Length of track:** 3,645 metres

**Weather:** 16°C, slightly overcast

**Pole position:** Dennis Marschall (Rutronik Racing, Audi R8 LMS), 1:18.293 mins

**Winners:** Markus Pommer & Jeffrey Schmidt (Callaway Competition, Corvette C7 GT3-R)

**Fastest race lap:** Maro Engel (Toksport WRT, Mercedes-AMG GT3 Evo), 1:19.694 mins

### Maro Engel dominates first stint

Sunday’s race at the Sachsenring got off to an untidy start. Pole-sitter Dennis Marschall (24, GER, Rutronik Racing) in the Audi did not get away at all well, immediately dropping back to fourth place and allowing the Mercedes-AMG of championship leader Maro Engel (35, Monte Carlo, Toksport WRT), who had been next to him on the front row, to move up into P1 followed by Albert Costa Balboa in the Lamborghini. Meanwhile, there were a number of collisions in the chasing pack, which necessitated a safety car deployment to facilitate the removal of stricken vehicles. When the race restarted on the fifth lap, Engel steadily drew away from the field, and by Lap 16, he had pulled out a lead on Costa Balboa of around five seconds. However, the German then spun off into the gravel as the result of a technical problem with his car and had to retire. Costa Balboa now led the field until the driver handover. His partner Franck Perera subsequently remained in front but with only a small lead on Markus Pommer in the Corvette which Jeffrey Schmidt had advanced from sixth to third in the opening stint. Pommer then put Perera under pressure for several laps but was unable to find a way past. However, as the race was drawing to a close, the stewards imposed a 30-second penalty on the Lamborghini race leader for an offence during the second safety car period. Costa Balboa and Perera were first over the line but finished tenth in the final classification because of the penalty, thereby handing Schmidt/Pommer and the Callaway Competition Corvette their first win of the season.

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Charles Weerts and Dries Vanthoor finished second with a 3.4-second deficit, giving young Weerts his third victory in the Pirelli Junior classification. Fellow Audi drivers Patric Niederhauser and Kelvin van der Linde were third, just half a second down, but a result that was still good enough to take the defending champions back to the top of the points table. Max Hofer (21, AUT) and Christopher Haase (33, GER, both Montaplast by Land Motorsport) came fourth in another R8 LMS.

Behind them came Philip Ellis (27, GB) and Raffaele Marciello (25, ITA, both Knaus-Team HTP-Winward) in the best-placed Mercedes-AMG GT3 Evo as they finished in front of Michael Ammermüller (34, GER) and Christian Engelhart (33, GER, both SSR Performance) in the top-performing Porsche 911 GT3 R. Henric Skoog (24, SWE) and Jesse Krohn (30, FIN, both Schubert Motorsport) in seventh place achieved the best result to date for the BMW M6 GT3. Carrie Schreiner (22, GER) and pole-sitter Dennis Marschall eventually crossed the line in eighth place. Eric Johansson (23, SWE) and Jens Klingmann (30, GER, both MRS GT-Racing) came home in P9, securing a place in the Top Ten in another BMW. Sharing the drive in the Audi with Frédéric Vervisch (34, BEL) this weekend, Rolf Ineichen (42, CH, both Team WRT) clinched victory in the Pirelli Trophy classification with twelfth place.

### Comments from the winners:

**Markus Pommer (Callaway Competition, Corvette C7 GT3-R):** “Jeffrey [Schmidt] had already laid the foundations for our good result in qualifying. The start went well for us too, although we actually thought that we would be at a disadvantage on the outside of the track. I was quicker than the Lamborghini at the beginning but was unable to get past. Towards the end, he was getting faster, and without the penalty, it would have been difficult for us to win.”

**Jeffrey Schmidt (Callaway Competition, Corvette C7 GT3-R):** “A very good result, which is of course all the more gratifying as we have had a tough season so far. As early as qualifying, everything was going in our favour - we were able to set a good lap time and book ourselves a position near the front of the grid. After a lot of work this weekend, our Corvette had excellent grip and balance, which was clearly the basis of our good performance, both in qualifying and later in the race.”

### 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 Baden-Württemberg
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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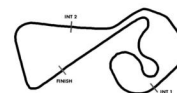
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## Race 2 Sachsenring



**DMSB** Reg. Nr.: R-11548/20

### Provisional

### Result List

#### Stewards / Race Management

STEWARD	Achim Loth
STEWARD	Yasin Özer
STEWARD	Maik Hänsel
RACE DIRECTOR	Niels Wittich
CLERK OF THE COURSE	Marcel Putsche
TECHNICAL DELEGATE	Tim Zessack
CHIEF TIMEKEEPER	Daniel Schulze

#### Weather Start/Finish

AIR	16.4°C
TRACK	14.0°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	960 hPa
AIR	16.6°C
TRACK	14.0°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	960 hPa

#### Track Information

GREEN FLAG	13:08:44
CHEQUERED FLAG	14:10:57
SAFETY CAR PHASE	2
FULL COURSE YELLOW PHASE	0
TRACK NAME	Sachsenring
TRACK LENGTH	3645m
TURN COUNT	13
TOTAL DISTANCE	153.09km
FASTEST LAP:	#22. ENG - 1:19.694

STARTED: 32 CLASSIFIED: 21 NOT CLASSIFIED: 11 DISQUALIFIED: 0

Drivers	Team	Car	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Kph	Lap	Time	Kph
1 77 M.Pommer(DEU)/J.Schmidt(CHE)	Callaway Competition(DEU)	Corvette C7 GT3-R	42	1:02:15.547		147.2	6	1:20.444	163.1
2 32 C.Weerts(BEL)(J)/D.Vanthoor(BEL)	TEAM WRT(BEL)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	42	1:02:18.921	3.374	147.2	7	1:20.757	162.4
3 31 P.Niederhauser(CHE)/K.van der Linde(ZAF)	RUTRONIK-RACING(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	42	1:02:19.504	3.957	147.1	7	1:20.679	162.6
4 28 M.Hofer(AUT)/C.Haase(DEU)	Montaplastby Land Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	42	1:02:19.997	4.450	147.1	9	1:20.614	162.7
5 48 P.Ellis(GBR)/R.Marciello(ITA)	KNAUS TeamHTP-WINWARD(DEU)	Mercedes-AMGGT3EVO	42	1:02:21.134	5.587	147.2	7	1:20.958	162.0
6 92 M.Ammermüller(DEU)/C.Engelhart(DEU)	SSR Performance(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	42	1:02:25.988	10.441	147.2	33	1:20.900	162.2
7 10 H.Skoog(SWE)(J)/J.Krohn(FIN)	Schubert Motorsport(DEU)	BMW M6 GT3	42	1:02:37.464	21.917	146.9	9	1:21.135	161.7
8 8 C.Schreiner(DEU)(J)/D.Marschall(DEU)(J)	RUTRONIK-RACING(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	42	1:02:43.001	27.454	146.1	9	1:20.612	162.7
9 14 E.Johansson(SWE)(J)/J.Klingmann(DEU)	MRS GT-Racing(DEU)	BMW M6 GT3	42	1:02:43.317	27.770	146.5	8	1:21.418	161.1
10 63 F.Perera(FRA)/A.Costa Balboa(ESP)	GRT GRASSERRACINGTEAM(AUT)	LamborghiniHuracanGT3E	42	1:02:43.411	27.864	147.2	8	1:20.419	163.1
11 71 N.Langeveld(NLD)/M.Paul(DEU)(J)	T3-HRT-Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	42	1:02:47.317	31.770	146.4	9	1:21.078	161.8
12 30 R.Ineichen(CHE)(T)/F.Vervisch(BEL)	TEAM WRT(BEL)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	42	1:02:47.564	32.017	146.2	9	1:20.940	162.1
13 19 N.Lagrange(BEL)/C.Schmid(AUT)	GRT GRASSERRACINGTEAM(AUT)	LamborghiniHuracanGT3E	42	1:02:47.601	32.054	146.3	9	1:21.447	161.1
14 18 J.Fittje(DEU)(J)/D.Jahn(DEU)	KÜS TEAM75 Bernhard(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	42	1:02:47.937	32.390	146.2	7	1:21.540	160.9
15 9 A.Read(AUS)(J)/J.Eriksson(SWE)	Schubert Motorsport(DEU)	BMW M6 GT3	42	1:02:48.745	33.198	146.5	9	1:21.477	161.0
16 11 E.Erhart(DEU)(T)/P.Kaffer(DEU)	EFP Car Collection by TECE(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	42	1:02:49.575	34.028	146.3	11	1:21.919	160.1
17 20 M.Wischofer(AUT)(J)/D.Boccolacci(FRA)	TeamZakspeedBKKMobilOilRacing(D	Mercedes-AMGGT3EVO	42	1:02:49.772	34.225	146.1	22	1:21.084	161.8
18 25 I.Walilko(POL)(J)/M.Ortmann(DEU)(J)	BWT Mücke Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	42	1:02:49.792	34.245	146.4	10	1:21.898	160.2
19 3 N.Rogivue(CHE)(J)/M.Hackländer(DEU)	Aust Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	42	1:02:54.375	38.828	146.3	16	1:22.053	159.9
20 33 F.Salaquarda(CZE)(T)/F.Stippler(DEU)	Team ISR(CZE)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	42	1:02:54.453	38.906	146.4	22	1:21.662	160.6
21 4 H.von Danwitz(DEU)(J)/R.Frey(CHE)	Aust Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	42	1:02:56.937	41.390	146.2	13	1:22.725	158.6

#### Not classified

17 K.Bachler(AUT)/S.De Silvestro(CHE)	KÜS TEAM75 Bernhard(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	28	44:07.507	14 LAPS	138.1	22	1:20.854	162.2
29 K.Schramm(DEU)(J)/C.Mies(DEU)	Montaplastby Land Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	24	37:28.333	18 LAPS	139.1	8	1:20.783	162.4
21 J.Eriksson(SWE)/D.Keilwitz(DEU)	TeamZakspeedBKKMobilOilRacing(D	Mercedes-AMGGT3EVO	23	33:45.735	19 LAPS	148.5	14	1:20.911	162.1
36 M.Dienst(DEU)(J)/P.Frommenwiler(CHE)	DLV-Team Schuetz Motorsport(DEU)	Mercedes-AMG GT3	22	34:01.267	20 LAPS	141.5	7	1:21.716	160.5
22 L.Stolz(DEU)/M.Engel(DEU)	Toksport WRT(DEU)	Mercedes-AMGGT3EVO	15	22:41.236	27 LAPS	143.4	7	1:19.694	164.6
7 A.Renauer(DEU)/S.Asch(DEU)	Precote Herberth Motorsport(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	12	19:26.601	30 LAPS	143.1	6	1:23.409	157.3
99 R.Renauer(DEU)/S.Müller(DEU)	Precote Herberth Motorsport(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	1	2:41.863	41 LAPS				
82 S.Schothorst(NLD)/T.Zimmermann(DEU)(J)	GRT GRASSERRACINGTEAM(AUT)	LamborghiniHuracanGT3E	1	2:43.051	41 LAPS				
47 I.Dontje(NLD)/M.Götz(DEU)	MANN-FILTER TeamHTP-WINWARD(L	Mercedes-AMGGT3EVO	1	2:53.648	41 LAPS				
72 C.Schöll(AUT)(J)/S.Morris(GBR)	T3-HRT-Motorsport(DEU)	Bentley Continental GT3							
26 R.Feller(CHE)(J)/S.Mücke(DEU)	BWT Mücke Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3							

Fastest lap of the race. Car 22 driver Maro Engel on lap 7. Time 1:19.694, average speed 164.6 km/h.

Following race director decision no 82 drive trough penalty converted into a time penalty of 30 seconds for car no. 63

Following race director decision no 84 - 5s time penalty for car no. 9

#### Subject to final scrutineering!

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