

Press Release

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ADAC GT Masters, race 1 at Oschersleben

Best Porsche 911 GT3 R on position six

Stuttgart. At the first race of the ADAC GT Masters season, Porsche Young Professional Mathieu Jaminet (F/Precote Herberth Motorsport) and his teammate Robert Renauer (D) yielded the best result of the Porsche customer teams with sixth place at Oschersleben. The two-time overall Le Mans winner Timo Bernhard (D) and Kévin Estre (F) crossed the finish line on the 3.696-kilometre circuit in Saxony-Anhalt on 14th place. The newcomer team IronForce by Ring Police won in the ADAC GT Masters Trophy class with amateur pilot Jan-Erik Slooten, finishing 24th overall.

Getting off the line well from 13th, Robert Renauer managed to make up four positions on the initially wet track. "After our less than perfect qualifying, we're very pleased with the result and we managed to earn some vital points," said the 33-year-old German. Renauer's teammate Mathieu Jaminet (23) took the wheel of the Porsche 911 GT3 R after 20 laps and concluded the race under dry conditions on sixth place. "It was a great start to the new season. We now need to analyse the data and make the appropriate changes for Sunday's race," declared Jaminet, who clinched his first ADAC GT Masters victory at Oschersleben last year.

Timo Bernhard took up the race from eighth on the grid at his first race in the "super sports car league". When the lights turned green, the 37-year-old from Bruchmühlbach-Miesau made up two places, but lost several positions after touching another vehicle. His Porsche works driver teammate Kévin Estre took the wheel after 19 laps and crossed the finish line on 14th after a spin. "The race started well but the contact and the spin cost us several positions. Our car's performance was good and we could have finished in the top five," said Bernhard.

The IronForce by Ring Police squad celebrated its ADAC GT Masters debut at the season-opener in Oschersleben. The German driver pairing Jan-Erik Slooten (33) and Lucas Luhr (38) concluded the race on position 24. As a bronze pilot, Slooten won the Trophy class of the race series. "It's always difficult when you start from so far down the grid, however learning is all part of it for a fledgling team and I'm pleased that we managed to gain a few positions. Because of this, Jan-Erik won the Trophy category at the first race," explained the former Porsche works driver, Luhr.

In the second GT3 R fielded by KÜS Team75 Bernhard, 28-year-old Adrien de Leener (B) and 26-year-old Klaus Bachler (A) finished the first race of the season on 27th out of a 35-strong field. "The car felt really good during qualifying, however the changeable weather in the afternoon resulted in our setup not working as we'd hoped. We want to find a better solution in the future because we're aiming for the top ten," said de Leener. For race two of the weekend, former Porsche Junior Bachler will contest the qualifying and begin the race as the start driver.

Race two of the ADAC GT Masters starts on Saturday, 15 April, at 13.08 hrs. All races are broadcast live by the television channel SPORT1.

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