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ADAC GT Masters, race 5, Spielberg/Austria

Two Porsche 911 GT3 R in the top ten

Stuttgart. At round five of the ADAC GT Masters, two Porsche 911 GT3 R made it into the top ten on Saturday. The two-time outright Le Mans winner Timo Bernhard (Germany) and Kévin Estre (France) concluded the race in Spielberg/Austria in fourth place. The customer team Precote Herberth Motorsport crossed the finish line in sixth. IronForce by Ring Police earned important points in the Trophy class. Three safety car phases ensured that the field stayed tight over the race distance.

Bernhard and Estre launched a spectacular charge through the field in perfect weather conditions and a temperature of 26 degrees Celsius. The #17 Porsche 911 GT3 R fielded by KÜS Team75 Bernhard had taken up the race from eighth on the grid and managed to overtake four competitors. After 36 laps, the ca. 500 hp race car took the flag in fourth place. “Kévin and I each overtook two cars. I got off the line well at the start and our 911 GT3 R was very fast. This result is the reward for all the team’s hard work,” said Bernhard.

In the 911 GT3 R run by Precote Herberth Motorsport, Robert Renauer tackled his 100th race in the ADAC GT Masters. The German race driver snatched one position at the start and handed the car off to Porsche Young Professional Mathieu Jaminet in fifth place. The Frenchman fought a close battle with his compatriot Estre over several laps on the 4.318-kilometre racetrack. “Robert did a great job during his stint. Once again, our timing at the pit stop was perfect. Towards the end I didn’t quite manage to maintain the pace. We now have to analyse why. But we’ll attack again on Sunday,” declared Jaminet.

In the second Porsche 911 GT3 R fielded by KÜS Team75 Bernhard, local hero Klaus Bachler (Austria) and Adrien de Leener (Belgium) finished on 15th. Over the course of the 60-minute race, the duo managed to make up a total of twelve positions. "Overtaking wasn't easy with so many cars out on the track. But thanks to the great balance of our car we were able to push hard. At Sunday's qualifying I want to secure a grid position up the front. Then we'll be able to finish further up the field," said Bachler.

Scoring second place in the Trophy category, Jan-Erik Slooten (Germany) and Lucas Luhr (Germany) collected all-important points in the amateur class. The newcomer team IronForce by Ring Police occupied 25th in the overall rankings. "We made some changes on our Porsche 911 GT3 R before the race. At the start I managed to avoid an accident in front of me. After the driver change, Lucas put in a flawless race. We still have quite a lot of work to do," explained Slooten.

Round six of the ADAC GT Masters takes off on Sunday, 10 June, at 13:08 hrs. The race is broadcast live on Sport1 as well as on the internet at www.sport1.de, www.adac.de/motorsport and www.youtube.com/adac. The grid positions of the four Porsche 911 GT3 R are determined in a morning qualifying on race day. The 30-minute session begins at 9:00 hrs. 36 cars fight for victory in the "super sports car league", with Porsche going up against the likes of Audi, BMW, Corvette, Ferrari, Honda, Lamborghini and Mercedes-AMG.

Spielberg, result race 5 of 14

1. Keilwitz/Kirchhöfer (D/D), Corvette C7 GT3
2. Jensen/Scheider (DK/D), BMW M6 GT3
3. Bouveng/Marschall (S/D), BMW M6 GT3
4. Bernhard/Estre (D/F), Porsche 911 GT3 R
6. Jaminet/Renauer (F/D), Porsche 911 GT3 R
15. Bachler/de Leener (A/B), Porsche 911 GT3 R
25. Luhr/Slooten (D/D), Porsche 911 GT3 R

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