

Porsche customer team Precote Herberth Motorsport new points leader

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09/09/2018 In a chaotic ADAC GT Masters race on Sunday at the Sachsenring, the Porsche customer team Precote Herberth Motorsport took over the lead of the drivers' classification.

Bernhard from Germany and Frenchman Estre gave a courageous performance at Sunday's race. Taking up the one-hour race from P7, start driver Estre made up one position before handing the 911 GT3 R to his teammate. Bernhard took the wheel after 13 laps, but fell back to position eight due to a safety car phase that happened simultaneously. The two-time world endurance champion gradually improved his position and was running fifth when the flag came out. "Our start was good, but there were a lot of collisions in front of me. I managed to stay out of trouble, and after the first restart I was in sixth. We

experienced a bit of bad luck with the strategy, as the safety car was out on the track during the pit-stop window – otherwise we could have done better," explained Estre.

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For IronForce by Ring Police, the Sunday race did not go to plan. The newcomer team took up round twelve from 20th on the grid. In the hectic initial phase, start driver Lucas Luhr from Germany initially managed to reach twelfth place before the former Porsche works driver handed the 911 GT3 R over to Jan-Erik Slooten after 13 laps. The German, however, had to complete a drive-through penalty for not observing the obligatory pit stop duration and crossed the finish line in position 22. "It was pretty turbulent at the start. We were a little too quick during the driver change and the penalty cost us a lot of time. That's particularly annoying, because we'd made such progress up to that point," said Slooten.

Lady Luck was not on the side of the second customer sport racer fielded by KÜS Team75 Bernhard on Sunday. After Klaus Bachler (Austria) posted pole position in qualifying, the former Porsche Junior managed to defend his spot after two restarts and eke out an advantage of over two seconds. While in the lead, Bachler came into the pits after 16 laps for the mandatory driver change. His teammate Adrien de Leener (Belgium) had to park the 911 GT3 R after 24 rounds due to an accident. "I was able to control the pace well at the head of the field. At the restart after the fourth safety car phase there was a collision, which brought an end to our race. After setting pole position, it's such a pity to end the weekend like this," explained Bachler.

Robert Renauer from Germany retired with the 911 GT3 R after an accident in lap seven. The Precote Herberth Motorsport driver had put in a spirited charge through the field in the No. 99 customer sport racer from Weissach. However, a collision with another vehicle while running in position 21 threw the car out of contention. On Sunday, the Porsche Young Professional Mathieu Jaminet will contest the qualifying session and be the start driver. "After scoring third and sixth in the test on Friday, this was definitely not our day. In qualifying I couldn't get a good lap in. We managed to make up some ground in the race but then a collision put a stop to that," explained Renauer.

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