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## Closing in on the title: Kalender and Seppänen take impressive lights-to-flag victory in Spielberg

- **Kalender and Seppänen claim their fourth win of this season's ADAC GT Masters**
- **Oosten and Köhler finish third to keep their title hopes alive**
- **Finland's Seppänen is the top "Road to DTM" driver in Spielberg**

Spielberg. Championship leaders Tom Kalender (Hamm/Sieg) and Elias Seppänen (FIN) took a big step in the title race in the ADAC GT Masters at the Red Bull Ring. The two Mercedes-AMG drivers from Landgraf Motorsport showed nerves of steel on Sunday to win race ten of the season. "I am happy we won the fierce battle with the Ferrari, and am confident we can defend the title," said last year's champion Seppänen. 16-year-old Kalender was also in a combative frame of mind after their fourth win of the season: "I want the title and will do anything to get it. Plus, the good work done by the team and the past results are giving us the necessary calm." Second across the finish line were the Emil Frey Racing pairing of Jean-Luc D'Auria and Alain Valente in a Ferrari 296 GT3. Completing the top three were Leon Köhler (Erlenbach am Main) and Maxime Oosten (NL) from FK Performance in their BMW M4 GT3, who are the closest rivals of Kalender and Seppänen in the overall standings.

When the race got underway on the undulating, 4.318-kilometre circuit in Styria, pole-sitter Seppänen was able to defend his lead. However, Valente and Oosten remained within striking distance in second and third place. During the mandatory pit stop, Kalender took over at the wheel of the leading Mercedes-AMG, which remained at the head of the field after the changeover. Hubert Haupt (Munich) from Haupt Racing Team initially slotted in behind him in another Mercedes-AMG GT3, ahead of D'Auria and Köhler. However, they both passed Haupt in the subsequent laps. With roughly seven minutes remaining, the race was red-flagged and did not resume. When braking into the hairpin, the Porsche 911 GT3 R of Johannes Kapfinger (Passau/Team Joos by Twin Busch) collided with Haupt's car, sending the Mercedes-AMG skittling into the wall. Haupt emerged unhurt from the crash.

Runner-up Valente was in a positive mood after the race: "We are happy with the result, but would obviously have liked to have got past Tom and Elias. We definitely have the potential. We want to convert that potential into a win in Hockenheim." Third place meant another podium for Oosten and Köhler, but was not the result they had both hoped for. "Third place was the best we could hope for today. We got everything out of the car. Unfortunately, there was nothing more to give. We must go full throttle in Hockenheim, in order to keep our title hopes alive," said Oosten.

David Schumacher (Salzburg) and Salman Owega (both Haupt Racing Team) took fourth place in a Mercedes-AMG GT3. As the result was based on the order one lap before the crash, Haupt and Dennis Fetzer (Buseck) were awarded fifth place, meaning they also won the ProAm class. The Kapfinger twins Johannes and Michael were sixth, ahead of the next pair of twins, Juliano and Sandro Holzem (Polch) in an Audi R8 LMS GT3 for Land Motorsport. Mike David Ortmann (Ahrensfelde) and Denis Bulatov

## Media Information

(Cologne) crossed the finish line in eighth place in an Aston Martin Vantage GT3 run by Walkenhorst Motorsport. Chilean Benjamin Hites and Pierre Kaffer (D) finished ninth in a Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo2. Saturday's winners Jannes Fittje (Langenhain) and Finn Wiebelhaus (Obertshausen) guided their Mercedes-AMG GT3 to tenth place.

Kalender and Seppänen now top the table with 203 points. Their closest rivals Oosten and Köhler now trail them by 29 points but are still in the title race. The best driver in the "Road to DTM" competition in Spielberg was Seppänen, who continues to lead the junior competition. The Hockenheimring Baden-Württemberg will host the grand finale of this season's ADAC GT Masters from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October, when the destination of the title will be decided.

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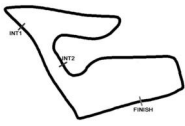
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# DTM Red Bull Ring

ADAC GT Masters

Race 2

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## Result List Provisional

### Stewards / Race Management

STEWARD	Achim Loth
STEWARD	Maik Hänsel
STEWARD	Victoria König
RACE DIRECTOR	Sven Stoppe
CLERK OF THE COURSE	Kevin Kaltenegger
TECHNICAL DELEGATE	Korbinian Beckert
CHIEF TIMEKEEPER	Steffen Ruhl

### Weather Start/Finish

AIR	11.8°C
TRACK	26.6°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	945 hPa
AIR	11.8°C
TRACK	25.3°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	945 hPa

### Track Information

GREEN FLAG	15:17:03
CHEQUERED FLAG	16:10:10
SAFETY CAR PHASE	0
FULL COURSE YELLOW PHASE	0
TRACK NAME	Red Bull Ring
TRACK LENGTH	4318m
TURN COUNT	10
TOTAL DISTANCE	133.85km
FASTEST LAP:	#29. HOJ - 1:29.738

STARTED: 20 CLASSIFIED: 18 NOT CLASSIFIED: 2 DISQUALIFIED: 0

Nr.	Drivers	Team	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Kph	Lap	Time	Kph
Cl.	Car	Competitor							
1	1 T.Kalender(DEU)(R)/E.Seppänen(FIN)(R)	Landgraf Motorsport(DEU)	31	50:44.673		167.1	6	1:29.772	173.1
	Silver Mercedes-AMG GT3	Landgraf Motorsport							
2	14 J.D'Auria(CHE)(R)/A.Valente(CHE)	EMIL FREY RACING(CHE)	31	50:47.922	3.249	167.0	30	1:29.818	173.0
	Silver Ferrari 296 GT3	EMIL FREY RACING							
3	54 L.Köhler(DEU)(R)/M.Oosten(NLD)(R)	FK Performance Motorsport(DEU)	31	50:55.015	10.342	166.6	8	1:30.041	172.6
	Silver BMW M4 GT3	FK Performance Motorsport							
4	2 D.Schumacher(DEU)(R)/S.Owega(DEU)(R)	Haupt Racing Team(DEU)	31	50:56.434	11.761	166.5	27	1:30.040	172.6
	Silver Mercedes-AMG GT3	Haupt Racing Team							
5	79 H.Haupt(DEU)/D.Fetzer(DEU)(R)	Haupt Racing Team(DEU)	31	50:58.444	13.771	166.5	8	1:30.059	172.6
	PAM Mercedes-AMG GT3	Haupt Racing Team							
6	29 S.Holzem(DEU)(R)/J.Holzem(DEU)(R)	Land Motorsport(DEU)	31	51:00.431	15.758	166.5	8	1:29.738	173.2
	Silver Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II	Land Motorsport							
7	34 M.Ortmann(DEU)(R)/D.Bulatov(DEU)	Walkenhorst Motorsport(DEU)	31	51:09.405	24.732	165.8	16	1:29.927	172.8
	Silver Aston Martin Vantage GT3	Walkenhorst Motorsport							
8	91 J.Kapfinger(DEU)(R)/M.Kapfinger(DEU)(R)	Team Joos by Twin Busch(DEU)	31	51:13.814	29.141	166.4	7	1:30.110	172.5
	Silver Porsche 911 GT3 R 992	Team Joos by Twin Busch							
9	63 B.Hites(CHL)(R)/P.Kaffer(DEU)	GRT Grasser-Racing-Team(AUT)	31	51:15.231	30.558	165.5	9	1:30.225	172.2
	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2	GRT Grasser-Racing-Team							
10	3 F.Wiebelhaus(DEU)(R)/J.Fittje(DEU)(R)	Haupt Racing Team(DEU)	31	51:16.752	32.079	165.5	10	1:30.040	172.6
	Silver Mercedes-AMG GT3	Haupt Racing Team							
11	6 F.Crestani(ITA)/E.Kirchmayr(AUT)	racing one(DEU)	31	51:17.254	32.581	165.6	22	1:30.111	172.5
	PAM Ferrari 296 GT3	racing one							
12	4 A.Fach(CHE)(R)/A.Schwarzer(DEU)	FACH AUTO TECH(CHE)	31	51:17.826	33.153	165.5	21	1:30.369	172.0
	PAM Porsche 911 GT3 R 992	FACH AUTO TECH							
13	35 C.Hull(USA)/N.Hantke(DEU)(R)	Walkenhorst Motorsport(DEU)	31	51:18.501	33.828	165.4	6	1:30.347	172.0
	PAM Aston Martin Vantage GT3	Walkenhorst Motorsport							
14	33 J.Greif(DEU)(R)/S.Primm(DEU)(R)	Paul Motorsport(DEU)	31	51:24.214	39.541	164.9	10	1:30.196	172.3
	Silver Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2	Paul Motorsport							
15	10 P.Ebrahim(BRA)(R)/E.Coseteng(PHL)(R)	FK Performance Motorsport(DEU)	31	51:26.055	41.382	165.0	10	1:30.378	171.9
	Silver BMW M4 GT3	FK Performance Motorsport							
16	77 M.Hofer(AUT)/F.Blatter(CHE)	Wolf-Racing(CHE)	31	51:30.043	45.370	164.9	22	1:29.948	172.8
	PAM Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II	Wolf-Power Racing							
17	8 J.Karklys(LTU)/P.Schumm(CHE)(R)	LIQUI MOLY Team Engstler by NordVPN(DEU)	31	51:33.826	49.153	164.6	19	1:30.843	171.1
	PAM Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO II	LIQUI MOLY Team Engstler by NordVPN							
18	7 G.Tweraser(AUT)/H.Speck(DEU)	DB Motorsport Team(AUT)	31	51:56.790	1:12.117	163.4	24	1:31.013	170.7
	PAM Porsche 911 GT3 R	DB Motorsport Team							
<b>Not classified</b>									
	5 M.Reis(DEU)(R)/K.Mokoena(ZAF)(R)	Haupt Racing Team(DEU)	19	33:14.400	12LAPS	161.3	8	1:30.532	171.7
	Silver Mercedes-AMG GT3	Haupt Racing Team							
	19 T.Hagler(USA)/L.Cabirou(FRA)(R)	GRT Grasser-Racing-Team(AUT)	7	15:12.189	24LAPS	143.1	3	1:31.647	169.6
	PAM Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO 2	GRT Grasser-Racing-Team							

Fastest lap of the race. Car 29 driver Juliano Holzem on lap 8. Time 1:29.738, average speed 173.2 km/h.

Following stewards decision no. 49 - Car no. 91 - 3 Penalty laps replaced by 15 second time penalty

<b>Subject to final scrutineering!</b>		
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