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Porsche drivers Renauer and Jaminet win the 2018 ADAC GT Masters

- Fifth place enough for German-French duo to secure first title
- Sheldon and Kelvin van der Linde win the race to finish series runners-up
- Mercedes-AMG and BMW also on the podium

Hockenheim: A one-point margin ultimately proved to be enough. Thanks to their fifth-place finish in the second of the two races on the final weekend of the 2018 ADAC GT Masters at Hockenheim, the Porsche pairing of Robert Renauer (33, GER) and Mathieu Jaminet (23, FRA, both Precote Herberth Motorsport) secured their first title in the series, at the same time relegating race winners Sheldon van der Linde (19, ZA) and Kelvin van der Linde (22, ZA, both Montaplast by Land-Motorsport) to the runner-up spot. Second place in the 14th and final race of the season went to the Lamborghini partnership of Rolf Ineichen (40, CH) and Christian Engelhart (31, GER, both GRT Grasser Racing Team). Completing the podium party were Indy Dontje (25, NL) and Maximilian Buhk (25, GER, both Mann-Filter Team HTP). “A mega day,” said newly crowned champion Renauer. “It’s unbelievable that we’ve got the title. I’m still a bit stunned.”

Key facts Hockenheimring, Hockenheim, Round 14 of 14

Length of circuit: 4,574 metres

Weather: 24 °C, cloudy

Pole position: Maximilian Götz (Mann-Filter-Team HTP, Mercedes-AMG GT3), 1:41.590 mins

Winners: Sheldon van der Linde and Kevin van der Linde (Montaplast by Land-Motorsport, Audi R8 LMS)

Fastest race lap: Christian Engelhart (GRT Grasser Racing Team, Lamborghini Huracán GT3), 1:40.758 mins

Number of spectators: 25,000+ over the entire weekend

Chaotic start to title showdown

The final chapter in the title fight, a race that would decide everything, got off to a highly dramatic start as pole-sitter Maximilian Götz, who was at that time third in the table, and Dries Vanthoor (20, BEL, EFP by TECE) in an Audi collided going into the first turn. The 2012 champion and team-mate Markus Pommer thus became the first of the four remaining title contenders to be eliminated from the running.

The restart got underway after a short break to remove the debris. Lamborghini works driver Christian Engelhart then gradually pulled away from the field over the ensuing laps, extending his lead to almost six seconds. Audi driver Kelvin van der Linde had meanwhile moved up to second place in front of the BMW of Timo Scheider (BMW Team Schnitzer) and championship leader Mathieu Jaminet, who had started out from tenth place. That order was to remain unchanged until the pit stop window.

Sheldon van der Linde took over from his brother, Kelvin, and then began to make huge inroads into the lead held by Rolf Ineichen in the Lamborghini. He caught up with the Swiss driver towards the end of the race and finally overtook him with three laps remaining to claim a second win of the season by a margin of 2.2 seconds. Despite the win, the two South Africans missed out on the title they had aspired to by only one point. That was because Renauer and Jaminet had secured fifth place and just enough championship points. They came home behind the third-placed Mercedes-AMG of Dontje and Buhk, who had gained ground thanks to a canny pit stop strategy, and the BMW of Timo Scheider and BMW Junior Mikkel Jensen (23, DK) in P4. The two team-mates in the 911 thus won the drivers’ title in the ADAC GT Masters for the first time by 137 points to 136.

Corvette duo lose out in battle for title despite mounting strong charge

Timo Bernhard (37, GER) and Kévin Estre (29, FRA, both KÜS Team75 Bernhard) finished sixth in their Porsche 911 GT3 R, followed by the Corvette of Marvin Kirchhöfer (24, GER) and Daniel Keilwitz (29, GER, both Callaway Competition) in P7. The latter pair of drivers had also been in title contention, having occupied P2 in the table going into the race. However, they could qualify no higher than 27th, and despite going on a heroic charge, the three-time race winners in 2018 had to settle for third place overall in the championship.

The two Ferrari drivers, Davide Rigon (33, ITA) and Luca Ludwig (29, GER, both HB Racing), were eighth for the second time this weekend. Mirko Bortolotti (28, ITA) and Andrea Caldarelli (28, ITA, both ORANGE1 by GRT Grasser) in a Lamborghini finished ninth. The remaining championship point went to Mike David Ortmann (18, GER) and Markus Winkelhock (38, GER, both BWT Mücke Motorsport).

Comments from the new champions

Robert Renauer (Precote Herberth Motorsport, Porsche 911 GT3 R): “After we qualified in tenth place and Maxi Götz on pole, we feared that everything was lost. We feel so sorry for him and Markus after they got caught up in the collision at the start. They would have been worthy championship winners. We had luck on our side this time.”

Mathieu Jaminet (Precote Herberth Motorsport, Porsche 911 GT3 R): “I stayed absolutely calm in the car. I wanted to gain as many places as possible at the start, and I finished the first lap in P4 having started from tenth. I then wanted to overtake the BMW as well, to close the gap to the Land Audi, but I couldn't get past. When I got out of the cockpit, I could hardly bear the tension. Robert fought for every position on the track, with the Audi in first place and the Corvette coming up fast from behind. But in the end, we did enough. It's great to have won my first title in GT racing. I'm proud of the whole team. My thanks go to the entire crew, to Porsche, to our sponsors and of course to our fans.”

Comments from the race winners

Sheldon van der Linde (Montaplast by Land Motorsport, Audi R8 LMS): “The race was very good. I wasn't expecting to win either race this weekend. It obviously hurts to lose the championship by just a single point, but we at least won the race. For that reason, we are delighted. I am very satisfied with my first season in the ADAC GT Masters. We gave it everything we'd got.”

Kelvin van der Linde (Montaplast by Land-Motorsport, Audi R8 LMS): “We are very proud to have secured our second win of the season. Montaplast by Land-Motorsport did a great job throughout the entire year – my brother too. It certainly wasn't the second half of the campaign when we lost the championship. Let's see what next year brings. We definitely want to return.”

Calendar for the 2019 ADAC GT Masters

26/04/19 – 28/04/19	Motorsport Arena Oschersleben
17/05/19 – 19/05/19	Most (CZ)
07/06/19 – 09/06/19	Red Bull Ring (AUT)
09/08/19 – 11/08/19	Circuit Zandvoort (NL)
16/08/19 – 18/08/19	Nürburgring
13/09/19 – 15/09/19	Hockenheimring Baden-Württemberg
27/09/19 – 29/09/19	Sachsenring

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Weather condition: Dry

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Sunday, September 23, 2018 13:05:00

started : 33 classified : 25 not classified : 8

Nr.	Drivers	Team	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Kph	Lap	Time	Kph
Cl.	Car	Competitor							
1	28 S.van der Linde(ZAF)/K.van der Linde(ZAF) J Audi R8 LMS	Montaplast by Land-Motorsport(DEU) Montaplast by Land-Motorsport	31	1:08:34.861		123.3	6	1:41.462	162.2
2	82 R.Ineichen(CHE)/C.Engelhart(DEU) T Lamborghini Huracan GT3	GRT Grasser-Racing-Team(AUT) GRT Grasser-Racing-Team	31	1:08:37.081	2.220	123.2	5	1:40.758	163.4
3	48 I.Dontje(NLD)/M.Buhk(DEU) J Mercedes-AMG GT3	MANN-FILTER Team HTP(DEU) MANN-FILTER Team HTP	31	1:08:37.458	2.597	123.3	17	1:41.305	162.5
4	42 M.Jensen(DEN)/T.Scheider(DEU) J BMW M6 GT3	BMW Team Schnitzer(DEU) BMW Team Schnitzer	31	1:08:44.573	9.712	123.0	7	1:41.305	162.5
5	99 R.Renauer(DEU)/M.Jaminet(FRA) Porsche 911 GT3 R	Precote Herberth Motorsport(DEU) Precote Herberth Motorsport	31	1:08:45.565	10.704	123.0	7	1:41.455	162.3
6	17 T.Bernhard(DEU)/K.Estre(FRA) Porsche 911 GT3 R	KÜS TEAM75 Bernhard(DEU) KÜS TEAM75 Bernhard	31	1:08:45.937	11.076	123.2	5	1:40.925	163.1
7	1 M.Kirchhöfer(DEU)/D.Keilwitz(DEU) Corvette C7 GT3	Callaway Competition(DEU) Callaway Competition	31	1:08:46.355	11.494	123.4	9	1:41.239	162.6
8	7 D.Rigon(ITA)/L.Ludwig(DEU) Ferrari 488 GT3	HB Racing(AUT) HB Racing	31	1:08:50.553	15.692	123.0	12	1:41.658	161.9
9	63 A.Caldarelli(ITA)/M.Bortolotti(ITA) Lamborghini Huracan GT3	ORANGE1 by GRT Grasser(AUT) ORANGE1 by GRT Grasser	31	1:08:54.141	19.280	123.0	8	1:41.140	162.8
10	24 M.Ortmann(DEU)/M.Winkelhock(DEU) J Audi R8 LMS	BWT Mücke Motorsport(DEU) BWT Mücke Motorsport	31	1:08:57.043	22.182	122.7	6	1:41.301	162.5
11	43 V.Bouveng(SWE)/D.Marschall(DEU) J BMW M6 GT3	BMW Team Schnitzer(DEU) BMW Team Schnitzer	31	1:08:57.873	23.012	122.7	7	1:41.413	162.3
12	25 R.Feller(CHE)/C.Haase(DEU) J Audi R8 LMS	BWT Mücke Motorsport(DEU) BWT Mücke Motorsport	31	1:08:58.176	23.315	122.9	9	1:41.036	162.9
13	26 J.Schmidt(CHE)/S.Mücke(DEU) J Audi R8 LMS	BWT Mücke Motorsport(DEU) BWT Mücke Motorsport	31	1:08:59.742	24.881	122.9	6	1:41.714	161.8
14	11 E.Erhart(DEU)/P.Kaffer(DEU) Audi R8 LMS	EFP by TECE(DEU) EFP by TECE	31	1:09:05.376	30.515	122.7	17	1:41.684	161.9
15	6 I.Lukashevich(RUS)/O.Tunjo(COL) J Audi R8 LMS	Phoenix Racing(DEU) Phoenix Racing	31	1:09:06.263	31.402	122.6	7	1:41.478	162.2
16	21 L.Stolz(DEU)/S.Asch(DEU) J Mercedes-AMG GT3	Team ZAKSPEED BKK Mobil Oil Racing(DEU) Team ZAKSPEED BKK Mobil Oil Racing	31	1:09:07.305	32.444	122.7	6	1:41.988	161.4
17	53 A.Vainio(FIN)/M.Beretta(ITA) J Lamborghini Huracan GT3	Team Rosberg(DEU) Team Rosberg	31	1:09:07.965	33.104	122.8	16	1:41.852	161.6
18	19 E.Perez Companc(ARG)/C.van Dam(NLD) J Lamborghini Huracan GT3	GRT Grasser-Racing-Team(AUT) GRT Grasser-Racing-Team	31	1:09:08.304	33.443	122.8	17	1:41.541	162.1
19	5 P.Ellis(GBR)/M.Hofer(AUT) J Audi R8 LMS	Phoenix Racing(DEU) Phoenix Racing	31	1:09:12.945	38.084	122.4	5	1:42.218	161.0
20	14 C.Zöchling(AUT)/J.Klingmann(DEU) BMW M6 GT3	MRS GT-Racing(DEU) MRS GT-Racing	31	1:09:13.157	38.296	122.6	8	1:42.047	161.3
21	50 R.Frey(CHE)/P.Geipel(DEU) Audi R8 LMS	YACO Racing(DEU) YACO Racing	31	1:09:16.366	41.505	122.2	5	1:42.006	161.4
22	69 J.Slooten(DEU)/L.Luhr(DEU) T Porsche 911 GT3 R	IronForce by RING POLICE(DEU) IronForce by RING POLICE	31	1:09:26.613	51.752	122.3	9	1:42.003	161.4
23	9 C.Dreyspring(DEU)/G.Maggi(CHE) J Honda NSX GT3	Honda Team Schubert Motorsport(DEU) Honda Team Schubert Motorsport	31	1:09:39.594	1:04.733	121.9	21	1:42.388	160.8
24	4 R.Lips(CHE)/M.Hackländer(DEU) T Audi R8 LMS	Aust Motorsport(DEU) Aust Motorsport	28	1:04:19.727	3LAPS	119.0	10	1:42.098	161.2
25	84 P.Assenheimer(DEU)/D.Baumann(AUT) J Mercedes-AMG GT3	AutoArenA Motorsport(DEU) AutoArenA Motorsport	24	56:55.745	7LAPS	114.8	8	1:41.233	162.6
Not classified									
	29 C.Mies(DEU)/J.Dennis(GBR) Audi R8 LMS	Montaplast by Land-Motorsport(DEU) Montaplast by Land-Motorsport	7	27:02.681	24LAPS	65.8	6	1:42.235	161.0

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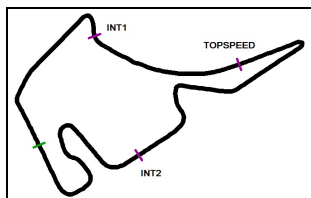
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13 S.Barth(DEU)/C.Hürtgen(DEU) T Corvette C7 GT3	RWT Racing(AUT) RWT Racing	7	27:10.212	24LAPS	65.6	4	1:42.377	160.8
35 J.Judek(DEU)/J.Eriksson(SWE) J Lamborghini Huracan GT3	Team Rosberg(DEU) Team Rosberg	7	27:12.241	24LAPS	65.2	5	1:42.497	160.6
20 N.Sylvest(DNK)/K.Schramm(DEU) J Mercedes-AMG GT3	Team ZAKSPEED BKK Mobil Oil Racing(DEU) Team ZAKSPEED BKK Mobil Oil Racing	5	24:02.545	26LAPS	49.7	4	1:44.279	157.9
12 F.Spengler(DEU)/D.Vanthoor(BEL) Audi R8 LMS	EFP by TECE(DEU) EFP by TECE	1	3:35.797	30LAPS				
47 M.Pommer(DEU)/M.Götz(DEU) Mercedes-AMG GT3	MANN-FILTER Team HTP(DEU) MANN-FILTER Team HTP							
33 F.Salaquarda(CZE)/F.Stippler(DEU) Audi R8 LMS	Team ISR(CZE) Team ISR							
18 A.de Leener(BEL)/K.Bachler(AUT) Porsche 911 GT3 R	KÜS TEAM75 Bernhard(DEU) KÜS TEAM75 Bernhard							

Fastest lap of the race. Car 82 driver Christian Engelhart on lap 5. Time 1:40.758, average speed 163.4 km/h.

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Steward: Harry Stüber

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