

ADAC GT Masters Most Report

Round 2 of the 2019 ADAC GT Masters Championship took place at the tight and twisty Autodrom Most circuit, located in the Czech Republic. In only its 2nd appearance on the calendar, the weekends event did not disappoint. Coming off a strong performance at the opening round in Oschersleben, Callaway Competition set out to maintain their momentum with another solid haul of points. Friday Practise sessions started off well for the German duo, with top 5 results in an evenly split field of competitors.

However, qualifying 1 saw the Nr77 of Markus Pommer only qualify 10th on the grid. Race 1 proved a difficult showing for the Corvette as a mid-race drive through penalty (for a pitstop infraction) pushed the C7 GT3-R out of any potential chance to capture a point scoring position. Despite this unfortunate result on Saturday, the team did not waiver ahead of Sundays Race 2. Qualifying a staggering +0.065 behind pole position, Marvin Kirchhöfer was in an optimal position to strike at the green flag. Race 2 on Sunday kicked off with a perfectly timed start for the Nr77 Corvette, which saw Kirchhöfer vault into P1 heading into the circuits tight turn 1 chicane.

After taking the lead, it was all about tyre management and maintaining a gap to the Nr82 Grasser Lamborghini behind. Despite a narrow gap to the emerging Lambo after their pitstop, the Nr77 maintained control over their rival to capture their 2nd race win of the 2019 season. "After a lot of bad luck yesterday, everything went according to plan today," explains Pommer. "Qualifying went well for us, and that was the basis for our victory."



The 2nd race weekend at Most also provided an excellent haul of points for the sister customer Callaway C7 GT3-R of RWT Racing. The Nr13 "Blue beast" in the hands of Sven Barth and David Jahn produced top 5 results in both Qualifying sessions, plus two top 4 finishes (P4 in Race 1 & P3 in Race 2). "We were on the right path right from the beginning with the coordination work for the setup. David then managed to sort out the little things," says Sven Barth. "That was the foundation stone to be able to survive here in Most. Only with a perfect starting position can you be in the front here. In the end we are both very happy with the results of the weekend." said David Jahn.

The result of these races puts both Corvettes firmly in the title hunt, with a 17-point gap for the Nr77 and 32-point gap for the Nr13. Next up for both Corvettes is Round 3 of the ADAC GT Masters Championship at the picturesque Red Bull Rin circuit in Austria on the 7th-9th of June.



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Marvin Kirchhöfer (Nr77 C7 GT3-R): "The start was crucial to the race, because the Lamborghini is very fast over the second and final sector of the track. There's not a lot we could have done there. I got off to a good start and made use of the slipstream on the side to overtake Franck Perera. It wasn't at all easy to keep him behind me after that. I had to push hard, especially with him being so fast in that final sector. We had a good pit stop today after making a mistake yesterday. Markus then maintained our lead through to the finish."

Markus Pommer (Nr77 C7 GT3-R): "After a lot of bad luck yesterday, everything went according to plan today. Qualifying went well for us, and that was the basis for our victory. Marvin took the lead right at the start. Then, with the race interruption, the situation became very tense again, as our advantage was gone. But we had a good strategy, and I went out onto the track leading by a big margin. After that, I was able to comfortably bring the victory home."

Sven Barth (Nr13 RWT Racing C7 GT3-R): "We were on the right path right from the beginning with the coordination work for the setup. David then managed to sort out the little things as we progressed in each session. During Race 2, David gave me a brilliant car at the handover. I was faster than the BMW but was simply stuck behind him. I quickly caught up with the Lamborghini when he fell back. Rolf Ineichen then did a good job. He gave me no chance to get by. Overall it was a great weekend and top job to the RWT crew."

David Jahn (Nr13 RWT Racing C7 GT3-R): "My start was actually quite good, and I made the first corner - but suddenly the car got hit quite hard by an Audi, I think. I was hoping that nothing had got bent. I lost a couple of places and caught another impact to the rear on the left a little later. I was sideways across the track. It was chaotic for a short while, but then things calmed down a bit. I'm sorry about the incident with Thomas Preining. I tried to get past a couple of times, and he defended hard. I wasn't trying to barge my way through and got next to him a couple of times without forcing the issue. At the point where the incident happened, I had already made a move twice before, so he knew I was there.

I then mis braked on my lap, and he veered a bit to the right, unfortunately. I was completely on the kerbs and had nowhere else to go. Sadly, he spun off. That was not my intention. We know each other well. We think a lot of one another and go racing together. We've always had a great deal of respect for one another and still have. We need to talk it through again when things have calmed down. Besides the incident, we can be proud of the results at Most. I look forward to driving the Corvette C7 at the Red Bull Ring for the first time."