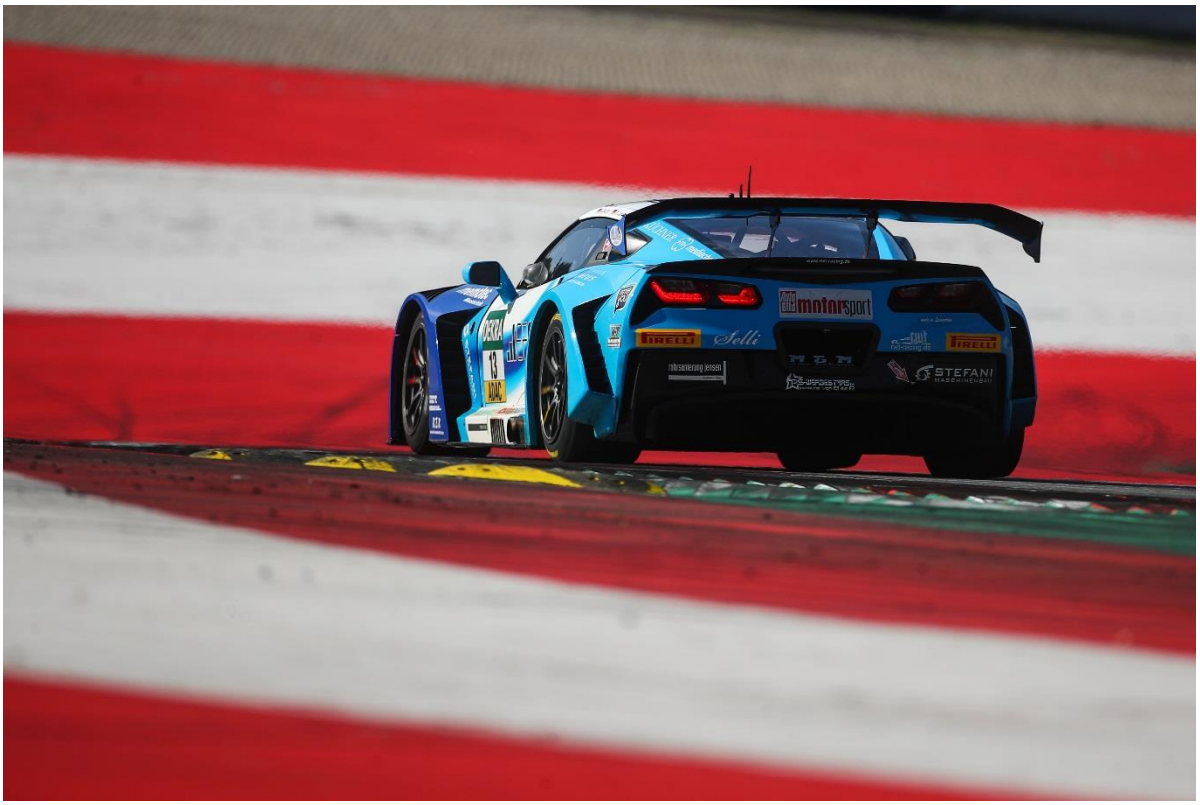


ADAC GT Masters Zandvoort Preview

After a two-month hiatus, the German ADAC GT Masters Championship returns for another exciting weekend. Travelling outside of Germany for the 3rd time this season to Holland, the Zandvoort circuit is one of the fans favourite locations. Situated along the North Sea, the circuit has hosted several memorable moments for the Leingarten based Callaway Competition team.

During the first half of the season, it has been a thrilling battle for the top spot of the Drivers' Championship. Spearheading the battle has been the Nr77 Callaway Competition C7 GT3-R against the mighty Nr31 Audi R8 of HCB-Rutronik Racing. Despite 3 victories so far this season, the Nr77 Crew are not resting on their laurels. "Traditionally, the crucial second half of the season has included some racetracks that are simply better for other racecar designs," explains Team Principle Mike Gramke. "Nevertheless, we feel ready for the challenge and plan to take as many points as possible."

The Summer break has kept both drivers and crew occupied, with various test sessions and race outings. Marvin Kirchhöfer took part in the grueling Spa 24 Hours with R-Motorsport, finishing in the top 20 (of 51 entries). "It's great to be back in the Corvette after a few months away," explains Kirchhöfer. "We continue our determination to maximise every weekend, resulting in as many points as possible while minimising risk."



Rounding out the entry for Corvette once again, is customer team RWT Racing. The "Blue beast" has also shared a solid start to the 2019 season, by capturing several podiums and the team's highest points tally to a season (let alone the first half of a season). "The season has been very positive up until now," explains driver Sven Barth. "This is the result of the hard work from our engineers Petr Hadaščok's and Alex Athanasiadis. They meticulously agree with us about the various details and I believe the successes illustrates this." Team Owner Gerd Beisel also echoed those sentiments: "We are pleased about the results achieved so far. To be on the podium in Most and the Red Bull Ring is just great. Never have we scored so many points in one season, after only three events. We will remain grounded as we look to achieve more, this weekend."

Track action kicks off Friday, with Free Practise 1 at 1030 local time.

Team Quotes:

Mike Gramke (Team Principal, Nr77 C7 GT3-R): "In the summer break, everyone in the team could blow off steam, which is certainly understood, given the upcoming tasks. However, we also used the break to prepare ourselves for the important second half of the season with various test sessions. Traditionally, the crucial second half of the season has included some racetracks that are simply better for other racecar designs. Nevertheless, we feel ready for the challenge and plan to take as many points as possible."

Marvin Kirchhöfer (Nr77 C7 GT3-R): "I'm looking forward to being back in the GT Masters after the long summer break. After last year was very sobering for us, I'm looking forward to Zandvoort this year. Unfortunately, we didn't get into the top-five or top-ten last year. That should be our objective this year. If we get into the first seven in qualifying, that's fine. Then, in the race, we'll have to see whether we can continue to fight forward. The track is very special, especially as far as the weather is concerned. Anything can happen, fast. That's true strategically too."

Markus Pommer (Nr77 C7 GT3-R): "The first half of the season with three wins was great! However, we also missed getting some important points. Zandvoort is not a typical Corvette track in terms of layout. That's why we must concentrate and not allow ourselves to make any mistakes. It won't be easy for us as the competition will be very strong. Nevertheless, we plan to improve and strive for a top ten ranking. We want to advance as far as possible and, with a little luck, anything is possible in the ADAC GT Masters."

Gerd Beisel (Team Owner, Nr13 RWT Racing C7 GT3-R): "Our team has shown a super performance in the first three races. The results speak for themselves and we were rewarded for our work. The team has been working continuously, but not raising the bar for potential success, because it's clear to everyone how difficult that is in the field of the "League of super sports cars. "We are pleased about the results achieved so far. To be on the podium in Most and the Red Bull Ring is just great. Never have we scored so many points in one season, after only three events. We will remain grounded as we look to achieve more, this weekend."

Sven Barth (Nr13 RWT Racing C7 GT3-R): "The season has been very positive up until now. This is the result of the hard work from our engineers Petr Hadaščok and Alex Athanasiadis. They meticulously agree with us about the various details and I believe the successes illustrates this. We made a real leap forward this year. The odds are very much dependent on how the qualifying runs because the tyres can only deliver their best performance in a short space of time. With thirty cars on the grid, it's hard to get a free lap. Nevertheless, we are looking forward to a positive weekend."

David Jahn (Nr13 RWT Racing C7 GT3-R): "It is great to be back after the break! Zandvoort is probably one of the racetracks that are not so good for our car. But despite this, we still want to do everything we can to be successful there."



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