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## Porsche one-two in rain-hit Lausitzring practice session

- **Robert Renauer quickest in FP1**
- **Augusto Farfus makes ADAC GT Masters debut**
- **Klaus Bachler switches teams to partner Robert Renauer in Herberth Porsche at the Lausitzring**

Klettwitz: The ADAC GT Masters title contenders dominated a rain-hit first practice session at the Lausitzring. Porsche driver Robert Renauer (35, GER, Precote Herberth Motorsport) managed to set the fastest time on Friday morning, followed by three more drivers from the Top Five in the standings – Christian Engelhart (33, GER, SSR Performance) also in a Porsche, Lamborghini driver Albert Costa Balboa (30, ESP, GRT Grasser Racing) and championship leader Kelvin van der Linde (24, ZA, Rutronik Racing). SPORT1 will broadcast the two Super Sports Car League races taking place during this penultimate race weekend live on Saturday and Sunday at 15:00 CET. Racing can also be watched online as live stream at [sport1.de](http://sport1.de), [adac.de/motorsport](http://adac.de/motorsport) and [youtube.com/adac](http://youtube.com/adac).

The session was dominated by Porsche drivers right from the start. Engelhart's partner at SSR, Michael Ammermüller (34, GER) led the field for a long time, but over the last few minutes, Renauer, who is currently fourth in the table, went to the top of the timesheets with his final hot lap. Posting a 2:05.532, the champion from 2018 was ultimately 0.330 seconds faster than Engelhart. "It was very slippery to begin with," said Renauer. "Getting the wet weather tyres up to temperature was not easy. We ran a setup that suited dry conditions initially but gradually made changes as it got wetter, which went well. We now have a good basis, on which to work. I really like this long version of the circuit, as it offers plenty of variety with two really good overtaking opportunities."

Albert Costa Balboa and Franck Perera (36, FRA) finished third in the best-placed Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo from GRT Grasser Racing with a time of 2.06.018 minutes. Patric Niederhauser (29, CH) and Kelvin van der Linde finished fourth in the fastest Audi R8 LMS. BMW drivers Aidan Read (21, AUS) and Joel Eriksson (22, SWE, both Schubert Motorsport) completed the Top Five.

### Bachler stands in for Müller

Austrian driver Klaus Bachler (29, AUT) will race for Precote Herberth Motorsport this weekend, standing in for Porsche works driver Sven Müller (28, GER), who is unwell. As a result, he will be partnering title contender Robert Renauer. Bachler normally drives for Küss Team75 Bernhard, but since his vehicle was badly damaged during testing at Oschersleben, his team will only field the sister car with David Jahn (29, GER) and Jannes Fittje (21, GER).

### Augusto Farfus makes ADAC GT Masters debut

Former FIA GT World Championship winner and BMW works driver Augusto Farfus (37, BR) will be competing in the Super Sports Car League for the first time this weekend. MRS GT-Racing have asked the Brazilian to stand in for Jens Klingmann (30, GER) at short notice and share the drive with Erik Johansson (24, SWE).

## Media information



### Winkelhock back at Aust

As was the case at Hockenheim, ex-Formula 1 driver Markus Winkelhock (40, GER) is back in the line-up at Aust Motorsport. Once again, he is taking over from Rahel Frey (34, CH), who is unable to compete. Winkelhock will partner Hendrik von Danwitz (21, GER) once more.

### WRT with new crew

Team WRT have decided to field a new crew in the Audi with start number 32. Benjamin Goethe (17, Monte Carlo) and Frédéric Vervisch (34, BEL) will take over for the penultimate weekend of the season. "I think it's great to be able to drive at the Lausitzring," said Goethe, who at 17 is the youngest driver in the field. "I was called up at very short notice but am good to go. I'm looking forward to getting to know a new track and having a new team-mate. This should prove to be a very useful weekend." Goethe raced for WRT earlier this season at the Nürburgring while Vervisch drove at the Sachsenring.

### Zakspeed with Hendrik Still

There is also a change of drivers at Zakspeed BKK Mobil Oil Racing. Hendrik Still (33, GER) already races in the ADAC GT4 Germany for the famous outfit but will now compete in the ADAC GT Masters at the Lausitzring and in the season finale at Oschersleben as well. Still replaces Daniel Keilwitz (31, GER). Marvin Dienst (23, GER, DLV Team Schütz Motorsport) and Still are the only two drivers, who will contest both the ADAC GT Masters and the ADAC GT4 Germany this weekend. "My first outing was not easy in the wet conditions," said Still. "The main thing in FP1 was to get to know the car. I'm really pleased to be able to go racing in the ADAC GT Masters for the first time."

### Note for Media representatives:

#### Press conferences after the ADAC GT Masters races

The press conferences with the winners of the ADAC GT Masters races will be held virtually via Skype. Call the dial-in number 089 7676 3200 and then key in the relevant conference code. There are no other costs apart from your regular telephone charges.

Saturday, October 31, 14:45 CET: ADAC GT Masters Race 1 / Conference code: 4782538#

Sunday, November 1st, 14:45 CET: ADAC GT Masters Race 2 / Conference code: 8208083#

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### Race calendar for the 2020 ADAC GT Masters (subject to official approval)

31/07/20 - 02/08/20	DEKRA Lausitzring
14/08/20 - 16/08/20	Nürburgring
18/09/20 - 20/09/20	Hockenheim Baden-Württemberg
02/10/20 - 04/10/20	Sachsenring
16/10/20 - 18/10/20	Red Bull Ring (AUT)
30/10/20 - 01/11/20	DEKRA Lausitzring 2
06/11/20 - 08/11/20	Motorsport Arena Oschersleben



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11/06/21 - 13/06/21	Red Bull Ring (AUT)
06/08/21 - 08/08/21	Nürburgring
20/08/21 - 22/08/21	Circuit Zandvoort (NL)
10/09/21 - 12/09/21	DEKRA Lausitzring
01/10/21 - 03/10/21	Sachsenring
15/10/21 - 17/10/21	Hockenheimring Baden-Württemberg

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