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Maximilian Buhk is ADAC Junior Motor Sportsman of the Year: honour rounds off dream season

- ADAC names Maximilian Buhk as ADAC Junior Motor Sportsman of the Year
- Buhk becomes first ADAC GT Masters driver to gain the accolade
- Award ceremony at ADAC sports gala evening

A dream season ended with a major award for ADAC GT Masters driver Maximilian Buhk (21, Germany / Polarweiss Racing). On Saturday night, the Mercedes Benz driver was named ADAC Junior Motor Sportsman of the Year during the ADAC sports gala held at ADAC headquarters in Munich. Buhk is the first ADAC GT Masters driver to receive this award, which is decided by a jury composed of journalists and ADAC representatives. Buhk's list of achievements in the 2013 season was certainly impressive: the young North German, aided by Maximilian Götz, secured his first victory in the Super Sports Car League at the wheel of a Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG and was a title contender all the way through to the finale. Of particular note were his wins in the 24 Hours of Spa and in the Blancpain Endurance Series, again in a Mercedes-Benz. "The ADAC Junior Motor Sportsman of the Year title is my first award and I am very pleased to receive this sign of appreciation from the ADAC," said Buhk.

Buhk successful in ADAC GT Masters and in international sports car series

Buhk: "This year, the successes came one after another and during the season there was hardly any time to enjoy it all. This award of ADAC Junior Motor Sportsman of the Year is nice and serves to remind me just how well we did this year." After two years in the Formel ADAC, Buhk switched to the ADAC GT Masters last year, becoming the youngest driver in the series. He began the 2013 ADAC GT Masters season in the etropolis Motorsport Arena Oschersleben by securing a pole position and, together with Götz, who is also a former ADAC junior, achieved his first win at the Nürburgring; in the title fight, the Mercedes-Benz drivers were beaten in the very last race. Buhk won the 24 Hours of Spa along with Götz and DTM record-breaking champion Bernd Schneider, and his team-mates helped him to the title in the Blancpain Endurance Series. Mercedes-Benz rewarded Buhk's achievements with a DTM test. "My personal highlight of the season has to be the victory in the 24 Hours of Spa," said Buhk, who has been an ADAC member since the age of ten.

ADAC Sports President Hermann Tomczyk: "Maximilian Buhk took everyone by surprise and not just in the ADAC GT Masters. He is on the right track with his talent and ability. This award should serve as an added incentive to continue with his development."

Jan Stecker, who presents the ADAC GT Masters races live for TV partner *kabel eins*, made reference in his address, praising the young Mercedes-Benz driver, to the refreshingly open nature displayed at all times by the 'super-cool' North German and paid tribute to his high-flying career: "What impresses me most about Maximilian Buhk and his career is the fact that in just 18 months of racing, he has won four international championships and two international titles."

Buhk back in GT racing in 2014

Only five days after celebrating his 21st birthday, Buhk received a small Nymphenburg porcelain St Christopher, similar to the one presented to ADAC Motor Sportsman of the Year Mike Rockenfeller, from ADAC Sports President Hermann Tomczyk. Buhk was also pleased to see the DTM champion honoured by the ADAC: "Mike Rockenfeller started his career in GT racing just like me and has achieved some impressive results with an overall win at the 24 Hours of Le Mans and the DTM title. That spurs me on even more." Buhk has already had his first experience



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of driving a DTM car but will be back in the Mercedes gullwing next year: "A DTM cockpit would be fantastic, but I think that I will be returning to GT racing again next year."

The 2014 ADAC GT Masters season kicks off on the weekend of the 25th to 27th April in the etropolis Motorsport Arena, Oschersleben. All 16 races of the 2014 ADAC GT Masters will again be broadcast live throughout Germany, Austria and Switzerland on *kabel eins* television.

ADAC GT Masters schedule, 2014

25/04 – 27/04/14	etropolis Motorsport Arena, Oschersleben
09/05 – 11/05/14	Circuit Zandvoort (NL)
23/05 – 25/05/14	Lausitzring*
06/06 – 08/06/14	Red Bull Ring (A)
08/08 – 10/08/14	Slovakia Ring (SK)
29/08 – 31/08/14	Nürburgring
19/09 – 21/09/14	Sachsenring
03/10 – 05/10/14	Hockenheimring, Baden-Württemberg

* subject to FIA/DMSB approval

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