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Start-to-finish victory for Porsche duo Renauer & Ragginger

- First win of 2013 ADAC GT Masters campaign for Porsche
- Maiden ADAC GT Masters victory for Ragginger & Renauer and for Tonino/Herberth
- Double joy for Porsche as Christina Nielsen wins in Gentlemen class

Robert Renauer (28) and Martin Ragginger (25) enjoyed a perfect Sunday at the Lausitzring as they cruised to victory in their Porsche 911. They made optimum use of their pole position to lead from start to finish and to record not only a personal maiden win but also a debut victory in the series for the Tonino powered by Herberth Motorsport outfit. At the same time, the two drivers were delivering a first manufacturer's win of the 2013 campaign for Porsche. For Claudia Hürtgen (41) and Dominik Baumann (20) in the PIXUM Team Schubert BMW Z4, it was a case of déjà vu as they repeated their runner-up result of the day before. Christer Jöns (26) and former Formula-One driver Markus Winkelhock (32) driving a Prosperia C Abt Audi R8 claimed their second podium of the season. Just as in Race 1 on Saturday, five different marques finished in the Top Five. "It was a tough race and by no means as easy as it may have looked," said Ragginger. "There was no room for any mistakes today; Robert and I drove an error-free race, and that was the key to our success."

Key facts: Lausitzring, Klettwitz, Race 12 of the season

Length of track: 3,442 metres

Weather: 20 °C, cloudy

Pole position for Race 2: Martin Ragginger (Tonino powered by Herberth Motorsport, Porsche 911 GT3 R), 01:20.610 mins

Winners of Race 2: Robert Renauer & Martin Ragginger (Tonino powered by Herberth Motorsport, Porsche 911 GT3 R)

Fastest race lap: Martin Ragginger (Tonino powered by Herberth Motorsport, Porsche 911 GT3 R), 01:21.335 mins

Ford GT turns the screw in first stint

Ragginger and Renauer drove an impeccable race to record their maiden win in the competition. They held on to the lead for all but three laps during the pit stop window. Starting from pole position, Ragginger retained the lead through the first corner but had to watch out for Dominik Schwager (36) in the Lambda Performance Ford GT who was trying to exploit the Porsche's slipstream. Schwager kept the Austrian uncomfortable only until the halfway point when the Ford GT was forced to retire with a technical problem.

Renauer took the wheel at the end of the first stint, but his route to a maiden ADAC GT Masters victory was complicated by two safety car deployments: after excursions into the gravel by Sebastian Asch in his Audi R8 twenty minutes before the end of the race and Christian Engelhart in his Porsche with eleven minutes left on the clock, the safety car effectively neutralised the lead that Renauer had built up. But the Porsche man kept his cool, ultimately crossing the line 1.6 seconds ahead of Hürtgen. "After each of the two safety car periods, I concentrated on accelerating away smoothly," said Renauer. "That way, I managed to keep the BMW behind me. On the second of the two restarts, a lapped Corvette went and overtook Claudia Hürtgen's BMW, which gave me a bit of a cushion." With four races left before the end of the season, Renauer occupies second place in the championship standings, three points adrift of current leaders Alessi and Keilwitz (Corvette).

"The Ford was extremely fast in the first half of the race, and in the closing stages, it was the BMW," said Ragginger. "It was a tough race. I'm delighted for the team. We've worked hard and have been consistent all season; the only thing that was missing was this race win."

Media information

The third and final podium spot was hotly contested in the final phase. Maximilian Buhk (20) driving a Polarweiss Racing Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG used the two restarts to move up the field from seventh to fourth, from where he launched a challenge on Christer Jöns for third position. The Audi driver retained the upper hand and secured his podium spot. Buhk and defending ADAC GT Masters champion Maximilian Götz finished fourth ahead of current championship leaders Diego Alessi (41) and Daniel Keilwitz (24) who had started relatively far back on the grid in P14. Mounting an equally spectacular charge from the rear were René Rast (25) and Christopher Mies (24) in a Prosperia C Abt Racing Audi R8; starting from P16, they made good ten places to finish sixth.

Nielsen celebrates second victory of season in Gentlemen class

The Gentlemen race was decided in an intriguing battle between the two championship leaders. In the last few laps, Christina Nielsen (21) in her Farnbacher Racing Porsche 911 held off the challenge from top-placed René Bourdeaux (38) in a Tonino powered by Herberth Motorsport Porsche to record her second win of the campaign. In the overall classification, Nielsen and Bourdeaux crossed the line in ninth and tenth position respectively – their first points finish of the season.

Result of Race 2 at the Lausitzring (12/16)

1. Robert Renauer & Martin Ragginger (Tonino powered by Herberth Motorsport, Porsche 911 GT3 R), 41 laps
2. Claudia Hürtgen & Dominik Baumann (PIXUM Team Schubert, BMW Z4 GT3), +1.630 sec
3. Christer Jöns & Markus Winkelhock (Prosperia C Abt Racing, Audi R8 LMS ultra), +3.246 sec
4. Maximilian Buhk & Maximilian Götz (Polarweiss Racing, Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG GT3), +6.625 sec
5. Diego Alessi & Daniel Keilwitz (Callaway Competition, Corvette Z06.R GT3), +9.242 sec
6. René Rast & Christopher Mies (Prosperia C Abt Racing, Audi R8 LMS ultra), +10.758 sec

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Dates and venues: 2013 ADAC GT Masters

26th - 28th April:	etropolis Motorsport Arena Oschersleben
10th - 12th May:	Circuit Spa-Francorchamps (Belgium)
7th - 9th June:	Sachsenring
2nd - 4th August:	Nürburgring
9th - 11th August:	Red Bull Ring (Austria)
30th August - 1st September:	Lausitzring
13th - 15th September:	Slovakia Ring (Slovakia)
27th - 29th September:	Hockenheimring, Baden-Württemberg

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