



Callaway Competition
ADAC GT Masters
Race report
Red Bull Ring (09.06.-11.05.2017)

Victory and podium placement - Callaway Competition leads the ADAC GT Masters rankings after a successful racing weekend



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Callaway Competition kicked off the racing weekend on the Red Bull Ring with the fastest lap time in qualifying and a grandiose start-finish victory. This result was complemented by third place on the podium on Sunday and leadership in the ADAC GT Masters championship rankings.

Long straights and curves that force you to slow down to first gear - The Red Bull Ring in Spielberg, Austria is one of the Callaway Corvette C7 GT3's favorite courses on the ADAC GT Masters racing calendar.

Pole position and Corvette double win

This quickly made itself felt. Summer temperatures prevailed for the third racing weekend of the ADAC GT Masters. Callaway Competition from Leingarten, Swabia first made headlines on Saturday morning: Jules Gounon earned pole position with a lap time of just 1:27.731 minutes on the 4,326-meter course. Gounon and his teammate Daniel Keilwitz used this perfect starting position for a grandiose start-finish victory. At no point did the Callaway duo let anyone contest their win.

Their success was complemented by that of the RWT Racing team's sister Corvette: Maximilian Hackländer and Sven Barth came in second place for a double Corvette win.

With the overall victory, the win in the junior ranking and the team ranking, this was the best possible result. "Podium and victory - it was an excellent weekend," exulted the French driver Jules Gounon. "The team did a perfect job. Of course there is a long way to go to the title, and you have to think from race to race."

From eight place to the podium

Daniel Keilwitz earned eight place in the starting positions for the second race on Sunday morning. What happened next was greatly acclaimed by the spectators: First Daniel Keilwitz was unable to get past the Mercedes in front of him. He kept on knocking, looking for a gap. Then the BMW competitor turned the duel into a thrilling three-way contest. Giovanni Ciccone's team was quick to respond: "We brought Daniel in as soon as the pit stop window opened," says the team leader. "The team did a great job, we pulled off a fast pit stop." Jules Gounon, now behind the wheel, reaped the benefit of the fast Callaway team, heading back onto the track in front of the Mercedes and advancing to the head of the field. He battled for the final spot on the podium, back by just a few tenths. In the final lap, he seized his opportunity: He spectacularly passed the next Mercedes and crossed the finish line in third place.

Teammate Daniel Keilwitz: "Everything went perfectly. What more can you want? We got the best possible results. Yet this is no time to sit back and relax. The next course is not so much to our liking. We have a lot of work to do."

Next race: Zandvoort (Netherlands)

The grandiose performance was not only rewarded with the many trophies Callaway Competition is taking home. With the accumulated points, the team under Giovanni Ciccone and Ernst Wöhr now also leads the ADAC GT Masters overall ranking.

The team is heading to Zandvoort on the coast of Holland in mid-July (July 21-23).



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