**Excitement at ADAC GT Masters**

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The reigning ADAC GT Masters champion Daniel Keilwitz highlighted his determination to hold on to the title with an impressive display at the Slovakiaring near Bratislava at the weekend.

Keilwitz and co-driver Andreas Wirth in a Callaway Competition Corvette claimed victory at the longest and fastest venue on the ADAC GT Masters calendar. Albert von Thurn und Taxis and Czech partner Tomas Enge finished as runners-up in the monster-engined Chevrolet Camaro entered by Reiter Engineering. After winning Race 1 on Saturday, the German Claudia Hürtgen and her Austrian co-driver Dominik Baumann secured the remaining podium spot in their PIXUM Team Schubert BMW Z4, a result that was enough to take them to the top of the championship standings.

Meanwhile Baumann and Hürtgen finished the race in third place, which means that currently the BMW duo have snatched the championship lead from the Prosperia C Abt pairing of René Rast and Kelvin van der Linde; the Audi partnership had looked to be on their way to a podium finish until Rast incurred a drive-through penalty for an offence under the yellow flag and ultimately finished in tenth place.

Perfect weekend for Lips and Marioneck. The Corvettes prevailed in both classes at the Slovakiaring as victory also went to the American-built sports car in the Gentlemen stakes.

Remo Lips and Lennart Marioneck (Callaway Competition) enjoyed what has been described by many as a perfect weekend at the Slovakiaring. After achieving their first win of the season in the Gentlemen class on Saturday, the Corvette pair followed up on Sunday with a repeat performance. Herbert Handlos and Robert Renauer (TONINO Team Herberth) took the second podium spot ahead of fellow Porsche 911 GT3 R drivers Wolf Nathan and Antonios Wossos (GW IT Racing Team Schütz Motorsport).

Marioneck and Lips led the lights to flag, though the race did not start as the Corvette duo would have liked. They were caught between two Audis and spun. Despite the initial difficulties, Marioneck retained the class lead for the yellow Corvette. They were afforded some breathing space in the second half of the race when Handlos and Renauer also made a mistake that cost them a penalty. The pit stop of the Porsche duo was one second shorter than the minimum time to be spent stationary.

As a result Handlos had to serve a one-second time penalty after taking over in the cockpit. This meant that Lips was able to steer his Corvette across the finish line for a second win in a row, and without any significant pressure from behind.

In the Gentlemen stakes, P3 for Wolf Nathan and Anton Wossos means that the gap to second-placed Dominic Jöst has been reduced to a single point. Jöst and Florian Scholze in a TONINO Team Herberth Porsche 911 GT3 R were involved in a collision with the Corvette of Toni Seiler and Andreas Simonsen (Callaway Competition) on the first lap and had to make an emergency pit stop. Seiler and Simonsen were forced to retire from the race.

With six races left in the 2014 campaign, Handlos continues to lead the class.