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First qualifying and first pole position for the Ford GT

For its first ever qualifying session, the Matech Racing Ford GT set the pole position, when Romain Bera managed to beat Erik Janis' (S-Berg Racing Team Lamborghini Gallardo) time. "It is quite a surprise for us, we had an electrical problem during the first day, but I really did my best during this session" declared Romain Bera. The Ford GT is still under development, and so far the Matech Racing have never raced with this car for an hour, so the race is going to be interesting for this team. Anyway, the Ford GT proves that this car has started off well, and is efficient over a lap. "Now we know that our laps are fast, after the race we will see how consistent the car is" analysed Bera.

Erik Janis and Diego Alessi (BMS Scuderia Italia Aston Martin DBRS9) were respectively second and third. Three different makes were in the Top 3, and seven different cars in the Top10!

With fourteen cars within 2 seconds of each other, the first race of the season is going to be close!

Just like last Year, a Ferrari won the first race

The nr 38 Kessel Racing Ferrari won the first race of the season, with Gilles Vannelet, and young Swiss driver Henri Moser. In only his second season in motorsport, Moser got his first win in an international race. "Last year in Silverstone, I drove a racing car for the first time, in the Ferrari Challenge. Now I'm winning this race with Gilles Vannelet. It is a great pleasure, and I hope it is the beginning of a long series" declared Moser after the race.

Vannelet took the start of the race from the 3rd row. He made a great start and was third after the second lap. The battle for the first position was amazing, and although the nr 23 BMS Scuderia Italia Aston Martin DBRS9 was leading, behind them Gilles Vannelet (Ferrari 430), Romain Bera (Ford GT), Richard Williams (Porsche 997 GT3 Cup) and Erik Janis (Lamborghini Gallardo) were fighting hard; the race order changed on every lap. When the Safety Car took to the track, everybody changed drivers as soon as the pits opened. Only Erik Janis and Romain Bera stayed out on the track for one more lap, and lost many places because of it. "Kessel Racing did a great job during the pit stop, as we managed to keep our position in a top place" analysed Vannelet.

During the second part of the race, when Jürgen Von Gartzen started to put pressure on Henri Moser, the young driver raised the rhythm and built a gap between his Ferrari and the others. Then Moser kept up a good pace until the end and was the first to cross the finish line, ahead of the nr 34 JMB Ferrari and the nr 18 Martini Callaway Racing Corvette



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After the race, the nr 34 JMB Racing Ferrari 430 was excluded as the car did not comply with the ride height regulations.

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