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Strong weekend for the Audi RS 3 LMS with three victories

- Audi Sport customer teams successful in Italian and French touring car racing
- Class victory for the Audi R8 LMS GT4 in Spain

Neuburg a. d. Donau, April 8, 2019 – The Audi RS 3 LMS on scoring two second places not only clinched trophies in the WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup. Last weekend customers won two races in Italy and one in France with Audi Sport customer racing's entry-level touring car. Plus, customer teams claimed further podium finishes.

Audi RS 3 LMS (TCR)

<u>Unbeaten in the season opener in Italy:</u> The Audi RS 3 LMS won both races of the TCR Italy in the season opener at Monza. Guest entrant Klim Gavrilov from Russia on the second lap of the first race took the lead with a strong maneuver and with Team LTA Rally scored victory with a 2.1-second advantage. In the second race, Enrico Bettera was successful. After the Italian had lost his pole advantage due to a weak start in race one, he managed to take revenge in race two. On a drying track, Bettera in an Audi RS 3 LMS of Pit Lane Competizioni took the lead on the sixth lap and kept up until the checkered flag fell. Jacopo Guidetti rounded out the Audi Sport customer teams' good results. The up-and-coming driver – aged only 16 – took third place in race two in an Audi RS 3 LMS of BF Motorsport.

<u>Podium in season opener</u>: In the new TCR DSG Endurance racing series in Italy, the Audi RS 3 LMS instantly claimed a podium finish. In the two-hour race, three-time Le Mans winner Dindo Capello shared a cockpit with his compatriot Nicola Guida. After 54 laps on the circuit at Monza, the driver duo in the best of five Audi RS 3 LMS in the field finished runner-up for Scuderia del Girasole.

<u>Victory in club racing</u>: In the French Trophée Tourisme Endurance, Team Motorsport Développement achieved overall victory in the season opener at Val de Vienne. Pierre-Etienne Chaumat/Mané Vignjevic shared an Audi RS 3 LMS in a field of 42 entrants. After four hours of racing, they crossed the finish line on the circuit in Western France with a one-lap advantage.

<u>Second place in hill-climb race</u>: The season in the Portuguese Campeonato Portugal de Montanha hill-climb championship began with a second place for the Audi RS 3 LMS. In the Rampa da Penha round, Luis Rocha finished the Turismo 4 class runner-up.



Audi R8 LMS GT4

<u>Victory and podium finish in Spain</u>: In the GT-CER Campionato de España season opener, the Willi Motorsport team clinched two top results. David Serban in an Audi R8 LMS GT4 in the second round at Navarra won the C3 class after 25 laps. As runner-up in race one, he had to admit defeat by a narrow margin of just 0.8 seconds.

Coming up next week

12–13/04 Hockenheim (D), rounds 3 and 4, DMV GTC 12–14/04 Long Beach (USA), rounds 3 and 4, Pirelli GT4 America 12–14/04 Hungaroring (H), rounds 1 and 2, Eset V4 Cup 12–14/04 Hungaroring (H), rounds 1 and 2, FIA CEZ 13/04 Nürburgring (D), round 2, VLN Endurance Championship Nürburgring 13–14/04 Monza (I), round 1, Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup 13–14/04 Monza (I), rounds 1 and 2, GT4 European Series 13–14/04 Okayama (J), round 1, Super GT 13–14/03 Estoril (P), rounds 1 and 2, TCR Ibérico

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