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## **First victory this season for Audi in Blancpain GT Series Asia**

- **Audi R8 LMS victorious in Asia, Australia and Italy**
- **Audi R8 LMS GT4 wins race at the Nürburgring**
- **Audi RS 3 LMS at the very front in Brazil, Italy and North America**

**Neuburg a. d. Donau, July 2, 2018 – The Audi Sport customer teams started the second half of the year with a string of successes including all three race car models.**

### **Audi R8 LMS GT3**

First victory this season in the Blancpain GT Series Asia: In the third event of the season, the Absolute Racing customer team celebrated its first victory this season in the Blancpain GT Series Asia. Martin Rump from Estonia and his Chinese teammate Franky Cheng won round one at Suzuka in an Audi R8 LMS. As a result, they are ranking in third place of the drivers' standings while Absolute Racing is in third place of the teams' classification.

Customer teams unbeaten at Monza: Round five of the DMV GTC was a resounding success for the teams of Audi Sport customer racing. Tommy Tulpe/Fabian Plentz in an Audi R8 LMS won the Dunlop 60 race at Monza. In both sprints, even two one-two-three results were recorded: Montaplast by Land-Motorsport decided both rounds in its favor with Ronny C'Rock, trailed by Carrie Schreiner and Tommy Tulpe from Team HCB-Rutronik Racing, respectively. They were on the grid in an Audi R8 LMS as well.

One-two-three-four result in Australia: The Audi Sport customer teams experienced a successful third event of the season in the CAMS NSW Motor Race Championship. While Tony Bates in an Audi R8 LMS took second place in the first sprint, the privateers scored a one-two-three-four result in the second sprint. Daniel Gaunt won in an Audi R8 LMS ahead of Tony Bates, followed by two drivers – Matt Stoupas and Vince Muriti – who each relied on an Audi R8 LMS ultra. Tony Bates decided the endurance race in his favor ahead of Matt Stoupas.

### **Audi R8 LMS GT4**

Dream weekend for Phoenix Racing: Team Phoenix Racing achieved a home round made to measure in round three of the GT4 Central European Cup. A few kilometers away from the team's base at the Nürburgring, Ernst Moser's squad clinched three trophies with an Audi R8 LMS GT4. In race one, the Polish-Columbian driver pairing Gosia Rdest/Oscar Tunjo after 38 laps



in the battle for victory only had to admit defeat by 0.448s in position two. Third place went to their German teammates Helmut Rödiger/Jean-Louis Jasper. Race two was won by Rdest/Tunjo with a 3.3-second advantage. For Gosia Rdest, who was promoted from the Audi Sport TT Cup, this marked the second victory this season in an Audi R8 LMS GT4 following her class win in the Dubai 24 Hours.

### **Audi RS 3 LMS (TCR)**

Four Audi RS 3 LMS cars in front: In round four of the IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge in North America, the Audi RS 3 LMS continued its string of victories in the TCR class. On the track at Watkins Glen, Britt Casey jr./Tom Long celebrated their second victory this season following their success in the opening round at Daytona. Rodrigo Sales/Kuno Wittmer, who had won rounds two and three, had to admit defeat by three seconds after four hours of racing. They are leading the standings with a six-point advantage over Casey jr./Long. Both driver squads are competing for Team Compass Racing that has been unbeaten in the IMSA season to date. Third place at Watkins Glen went to Michael Johnson/Stephen Simpson from Team JDC-Miller MotorSports. Tom O’Gorman/Kenton Koch from Team eEuroparts.com Racing at the finish completed an Audi customer racing quartet in the top four positions.

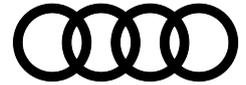
Class victory in Brazil: The Audi RS 3 LMS scored its first victory in South America. In round two of the Brazilian Endurance Championship, Henry Visconde and Márcio Basso from Team MC Tubarão won their class at Interlagos. On the tradition-steeped circuit on the outskirts of São Paulo, they won against eight other entrants in their category.

Two class victories in Italy: Kevin Arnold in an Audi RS 3 LMS achieved two further class victories in the DMV GTC racing series. The 18-year-old junior driver on the fifth race weekend took a class win in both sprint races at Monza.

### **Coming up next week**

06-08/07 Beijing (CN), rounds 5 and 6, GT China  
06-08/07 Mosport (CDN), round 6, IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship  
06-08/07 Mosport (CDN), round 5, IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge  
06-08/07 Portimão (P), round 5, 24H GT Series  
06-08/07 Portimão (P), round 4, 24H TCE Series  
07-08/07 Falkenberg (S), rounds 7 to 9, TCR Scandinavia  
07-08/07 Falkenberg (S), rounds 5 and 6, GT Sweden  
07-08/07 Budapest (H), rounds 7 and 8, TCR Europe  
07-08/07 Budapest (H), rounds 7 and 8, International GT Open  
07-08/07 Budapest (H), rounds 5 and 6, TCR Benelux  
07/07 Nürburgring (D), round 4, Endurance Championship Nürburgring  
07-08/07 Shannonville (CDN), rounds 5 and 6, Canadian Touring Car Championship  
07-08/07 Ningbo (CN), rounds 1 and 2, GT Masters Asia

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