**Seven podiums for tankpool24 racing team in Most**

**Hamburg, 3 September, 2018. The 5th round of the FIA European Truck Racing Championship took place at the Autodrom in Most, Czech Republic. 90,000 visitors came to the race track despite rainy weather to experience the first race weekend of the second half of the popular Truck Championship season.**

"There were a lot of sponsor guests on site, and with good weather, that doesn't even have to be bright sunshine, a good atmosphere is pre-programmed. But with seven podium places we were also able to create an excellent atmosphere with guests and team", team boss Markus Bauer is pleased.

The Friday trainings took place in dry weather; for the team a nice opportunity to test changes that were made during the summer break. Just in time for Saturday morning's qualifying the continuous rain started. Nevertheless, the Hungarian Norbert Kiss drove the second fastest time with his Mercedes-Benz; Steffen Faas had dropped out due to a technical defect. A penalty of the race management cost Kiss three valuable starting places later. Starting from fifth place, the Hungarian was able to keep his place despite adverse track conditions. Team mate Faas had to start from last place. The Mercedes driver advanced to twelfth place, clinching third place in the Grammer Cup.

Also at the start of Saturday's second race the weather conditions had not improved. As in the race before race two started behind the pace truck for safety reasons. Kiss was able to work his way up to second place at short notice, but had nothing against the local hero and winner of Saturday's first race Adam Lacko, who’s Buggyra Freightliner could perform optimally on the rain-wet track. Behind Lacko and MAN driver René Reinert he remained third on the podium. The tankpool24 racing team was just as satisfied with this as with Faas' tenth place, which brought not only one FIA point but also second place in the Grammer Cup.

It wasn't until Sunday that the rain stopped. Kiss secured third place on the grid, his team mate started the first race of the day from 14th place. By the time the race started, most of the track had dried out. The first regular race start of the weekend was not optimal for Kiss. Already at the chicane he had to let the MAN of his starting neighbor Sascha Lenz take the lead. The race winner was Iveco driver Jochen Hahn ahead of Lacko, Lenz and Kiss. Faas improved to eleventh place, second place on the Grammer Cup podium.

In the last race of the weekend Kiss gave it all again: Shortly after the start he had already advanced to third place. Shortly afterwards he was second and chased the leading René Reinert. Lap after lap the tankpool24 racing pilot closed up further and finally reached the podium with a gap of two tenths. Faas again finished eleventh and second in the Grammer Cup. The tankpool24 racing team took third place in the team ranking this weekend.

In the FIA overall standings Norbert Kiss is still in third place with a total of 156 points behind Hahn (231) and Lacko (183). In the Grammer Cup Championship Steffen Faas took second place with 194 points behind the English MAN pilot Shane Brereton (216).

You can find the race report on our press page. The 6th round of the FIA European Truck Racing Championship will take place from 14 to 16 September at the Circuit Zolder in Belgium. Follow the MEYLE Facebook and Instagram pages to keep up to date on truck racing topics. Further information on the truck race and the placings can also be found at: [www.fiaetrc.com](http://www.fiaetrc.com).

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