

### Lacko scored as the Most successful Czech pilot in Most

Most - The north-Bohemian team MKR Technology didn't let down their fans at the Most circuit this past weekend. The most successful Czech pilot of the European Truckracing Championship's seventh round, which took place on the home ground track, was no one else but Adam Lacko, who achieved the best result of all Czech pilots on the starting grid, taking not only two silver medals but also recording the highest number of points.

Red-and-black Renaults with Adam Lacko and Markus Bösiger behind the steering wheels succeeded in performing an attractive show from day one. One of the most closely observed events of the season began promisingly for the reigning champion Jochen Hahn, who claimed pole position on Saturday. He managed to fight off the attack of his pursuer Antonio Albacete and celebrated victory. The duo was accompanied to the podium by Markus Oestreich who, having beaten David Vršecký, saw the chequered flag as third. Adam Lacko completed the top five and his colleague Markus Bösiger followed him closely to the finish.

As usual, the audience got thrilled by the afternoon handicap race – and even this they were offered enough skirmishes to look out for. It only took until the first corner and the north-Bohemian trucks were out of the game. Following a collision with Vršecký Markus Bösiger's truck stopped, but only a while later Vršecký was also forced to retire due to a technical problem. The fortunes for the two of the remaining Czech drivers were completely the opposite with Adam Lacko and Frankie Vojtíšek duelling at the front of the pack. This situation was used best by the Hungarian novice Benedek Major. The seventeen-year-old pilot boldly took the victory in a start-to-finish race. He was followed by Frankie Vojtíšek who was under pressure from Adam Lacko for quite some time. Eventually, this worked out but Major was already too far ahead at that moment. *'Frankie was making his truck wide out so it was a big problem for me to get pass him. Luckily, he made a mistake that I was able to take advantage of. He was like a cork in a bottle for quite a long time enabling Benedek to build himself a good lead which was not possible to make up,'* described the silver medallist Adam.

The fastest trio in the handicap race was completed by Antonion Albacete. Vojtíšek received a 30-second penalty, which made him drop to tenth place. After the opening day Lacko had a reason enough to be happy. *'It's great when you stand on the podium in front of your home spectators so I am happy that we made it. Fifth and second place are not bad for us at the moment. It's important that I finished both races. Unfortunately, Markus was not that lucky,'* summed-up Adam Lacko on Saturday part of the round in Most.

For the MKR Technology team Sunday turned out not unlike Saturday. Again, Lacko finished on fifth and second, confirming his position as the best Czech pilot. His colleague Markus Bösiger collected points for sixth and seventh place. The Czech track suited the best to Germany's Jochen Hahn, who managed to collect fifty-three points over the weekend, creating best score of the season. Like on Saturday, the German pilot overruled Sunday's main race. Points for second and third place went to Markus Oestreich and Antonio Albacete, respectively. Due to a penalty Hungary's Kiss



dropped from second to fourth and it was Adam Lacko who was pushing Albacete behind for a long time. However, the Spaniard passed the Čeladná-born pilot in the last lap, and so Lacko had to make do with fifth position like on Saturday. His team colleague Markus Bösiger gained points for sixth place. Both MKR pilots succeeded in pushing behind their competitor from North Bohemia David Vršecký, who was followed at the finishing line by another fellow Czech, the unaging Frankie Vojtíšek.

Thanks to the final handicap the spectators could enjoy one of the most exciting races of the season. There were collisions, hits, overtaking manoeuvres and it even looked like a Czech podium hat-trick would turn out. The race was led by Frankie Vojtíšek for a long time with Vršecký and Lacko guarding the positions behind him. Unfortunately, the dream didn't come true for home audience, when Vojtíšek got pushed to position six. *'It's a pity. We could have repeated a historic moment. In the past only Martin Koloc with Frankie and Standa Matějovský were that successful,'* commented Adam.

Third position behind Vršecký and Lacko was taken by Albacete. This time, Markus Bösiger gained points for seventh place.

All in all, Lacko claimed two fifth positions and two silver medals in Most. *'If the last race had had more laps, there would have been a chance to win but David is a truckracing veteran, so he knows very well how to defend his position. Anyway, I think Czech audience and fans must have enjoyed a great weekend,'* commented Adam Lacko with a smile.

After the round in Most, the overall ranking is still led by Spain's Albacete (298), but Jochen Hahn (291) managed to draw level to a seven-point difference. Oestreich (233) is on third before Vršecký (209) on fourth and Kiss (187) on fifth. Adam Lacko (160) has defended position six and his colleague Markus Bösiger (133) follows right behind him. *'We did some tests on the track on Monday and after a half of one lap Adam's gearbox broke. If it had happened on Sunday, we would have lost a reason to celebrate. I mean to say that truckracing can be really inscrutable, so even though the podium is pretty far from us in the overall ranking, we won't stop fighting for it. In Most Adam was lucky, every success is encouraging for the whole team and this counts twice as much on the home track,'* concluded MKR Technology's boss Mario Kress on the Most round.

The truck racers will now take a three-week break. Round eight of the Championship is scheduled for the weekend of 21-22 September in Zolder, Belgium.



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