

### MKR had to wait for the podium until the last Jarama race

Jarama – It was thanks to Markus Bösiger's performance in the penultimate round of the European Truckracing Championship in Jarama, Spain, that MKR Technology could celebrate a podium position. He kept the fans in suspense for quite some time, saving his medal result for the final race. The pilot of North-Bohemia-based MKR Technology thus became the only Czech representative who managed to seize the podium. His team colleague Adam Lacko was not that lucky – Sunday even brought him a genuine 'aircraft pilot experience', as got his truck flying through the racing field.

The season's fight for the Championship title regularly peaks in Spain and rough battles between the pilots struggling to seize every point are not an exception here. Nerves showed on the track this time, too. Racing on the home ground, Antonio Albacete wanted to confirm his role as the Championship leader, which he succeeded to do at the very beginning. In Saturday's main race he fought through the field from third place on the grid and beat his biggest rival, Germany's Jochen Hahn. The podium trio was completed by Oestreich and so the result reflected the current Championship's overall ranking. The best of the Czech representatives on the circuit Adam Lacko gathered points for fifth place, while his team mate Markus Bösiger saw the chequered flag as sixth. Vršecký was forced to retire from the race due to a prop-shaft failure, thus losing his fourth place in the Championship to Norbert Kiss.

The afternoon handicap race was affected by a major accident in the first corner, followed by red flags that stopped the race immediately. The incident meant a premature end for Antonio Albacete, whose cabin was damaged as badly as to stir up at the paddock the speculation regarding his participation in Sunday's races. After the handicap race was restarted, Oestreich took a swift lead and tenaciously held his position to the finishing line. He was followed by Hungary's Kiss in second place and Jochen Hahn in third. Ranks five to seven went to a group pilots from North Bohemia, Buggyra's Vršecký and MKR Technology's Adam Lacko and Markus Bösiger. *'After what has happened here today it's not so bad. We finished both races without incident and did as much as we could. In addition to the fifth and sixth places in the European Championship I was also able to take a win and a second place in the Spanish Championship. I think at the end of the day we can be quite satisfied,'* summarized Adam Lacko.

The speculation about Albacete's faith turned into reality on Saturday morning. Like Markus Bösiger in Zolder, the Spaniard was given the approval by all the racing teams enabling him to compete in Sunday's half with another truck, as the damaged one could not be repaired in only a day. At the end, Albacete competed in a racing special provided to him by Markus Oestreich, which means the Spanish pilot remains in the fight for the title. Oestreich, currently on third, thus took a 'voluntary' break in favour of his team-mate.

Norbert Kiss won Sunday's super pole by a hardly noticeable margin of two thousandths. However, the Hungarian didn't defend the front position in the Championship race, with Jochen Hahn getting ahead of him. It was no one else but Antonio Albacete, racing on Oestreich's truck, who reached for the bronze and much-needed points.



Adam Lacko was not so lucky, as his truck's steering broke three laps before the end of the race, sending him to the tyre wall in full speed. With the truck stuck within the barrier, the race was over for Lacko. *'It was not like Russia. Compared to that accident the impact was quite soft. My only worry was that if the truck didn't stop I could have ended up on the highway which runs parallel to the circuit just on the other side of the fence,'* smiled Lacko, who fortunately survived the accident unscratched, though he had to be pulled out of the truck.

Lacko's team mate Markus Bösiger recorded points for fifth place.

Sunday's handicap race was literally overruled by the youngest pilot, the seventeen-year-old Benedek Major from Hungary. The entire time he was followed by Rene Reinert on second position, while third place was taken by Markus Bösiger, which made him the only Czech representative on the podium in the past weekend. Once again, a spectacular drive was delivered by Adam Lacko. After the mechanics returned his truck to operation, Lacko rewarded them with points for eighth position where he flew up from the bottom of the field. In the mere opening lap he was able to overtake twelve competitors; in total he beat almost twenty of them. *'Sunday was not really good for me but the last race I enjoyed,'* added Adam.

Jarama made the battle for this season's title even more dramatic. After the Spanish round, Antonio Albacete (377) is still guarding his lead, yet Jochen Hahn (366) on the second has come close to him. In spite of losing a portion of his headstart, Markus Oestreich's position (269) is not likely to be threatened. Places four and five are shared by Norbert Kiss and David Vršecký (264). Adam Lacko (197) occupies sixth place in the overall ranking and his colleague Markus Bösiger (172) follows right after him.

There is only the French epilogue left in the European Championship's racing calendar. The final tenth round will be hosted by the renowned Le Mans circuit next weekend (12/13 October). And it will be in France where we will find out the name of this year's champion.



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