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FIA GT WORLD CUP

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Alex Liang wins GBA GT Cup, dethroning Han Lichao

Alex Liang, driving a Mercedes-AMG for Craft-Bamboo Racing, won the 2026 Macau Greater Bay Area (GBA) GT Cup.

In a race held this morning, Liang led from pole position, which he secured during Friday's qualifying session.

Running in a livery previously used by Darryl O'Young during his farewell appearance in Macau, Liang seemed to have the race under control throughout and secured a comfortable win.

Reigning champion Han Lichao, driving a GR Supra GT4 EVO2 for Toyota Gazoo Racing China, fought his way up the field. Han started fifth on the grid and worked his way up to second.

Han's teammate, Huang Kuisheng, driving another GR Supra GT4 EVO2, finished third, maintaining the position he secured in qualifying. **RM**



Damon Chan wins interrupted Roadsport Challenge

Hong Kong's Damon Chan led his teammates to a 1-2-3 finish in an abbreviated Macau Roadsport Challenge race today, in which only one racing lap was completed.

At lights out, Chan, starting from second on the grid, made a faster getaway than his rivals. Meanwhile, pole sitter Lou Cheok In was the slowest starter among the front-runners and was immediately overtaken by several competitors.

Third on the grid, Leung Tsz Wa also started well, but at his first pass through Lisboa Bend, he failed to stop in time and went straight onto the escape road, losing second place.

At the front, Chan took advantage of the clear road ahead to build a comfortable lead, while Cheung Chun Yuen and Bayern Yip battled for second place.

At the end of the first lap, pole sitter Lou, trying to make up for his poor start, pushed too hard and hit the barriers, prompting deployment of the safety car.

The remaining eight laps were run in a procession behind the safety car until the checkered flag fell. Chan took first place, Cheung finished second and Yip came in third. **RM**

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FIA TCR WORLD TOUR

Azcona crowned champion as Ma wins Race 2

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SPAIN'S Mikel Azcona (BRC Hyundai N Squadra Corse) secured the 2026 Kumho FIA TCR World Tour drivers' title today after finishing 10th in the season finale, claiming the championship ahead of Santiago Urrutia (Geely Cyan Racing).

Azcona entered the decisive race with a commanding 29-point advantage after finishing second in Saturday's opening race, which Urrutia won.

With only 30 points available, Azcona needed only to finish in the top 10 to secure the crown.

While the eventual champion focused on avoiding trouble around the Guia Circuit, Geely Cyan Racing's Ma Qing Hua dominated the final race, taking victory over teammate Thed Björk.

Also in contention for this year's championship, Hyundai's Norbert Michelisz finished third in the race and third overall in the World Tour.

The final 10-lap contest was interrupted by two safety car periods after incidents involving several competitors. Ma held onto his advantage despite the interruptions to claim the season's final victory.

Meanwhile, Urrutia could only finish seventh, ending his title challenge.

Azcona finished the championship with 488 points, 23 ahead of Urrutia, while Michelisz finished with 462 points (-26).

As for the teams' championship, Geely Cyan won the title with 911 points.

In the post-race news conference, Ma noted that he had survived a demanding opening lap to take victory on the streets of Macau.

"The race was really tough, especially during the start," he said, adding, "The opening lap was really intense. It was a big moment to exit Turn 1 […] I was lucky – I saved the car and carried on and kept leading and finished the race."

The Chinese racer credited his Race 2 victory to his experience at the Guia Circuit and his confidence in the Geely Preface TCR.

"I have so much confidence in the car and on this track," he said.

After the race, Azcona celebrated the championship with the team, saying, "That's the second touring car world championship on the pocket," and adding, "Super good! Super happy to win the championship here in Macau. Obviously, thanks to the team and to 'Norbi' [Norbert Michelisz] for the big support. We did an amazing job throughout the season and perfectly executed every round."

He added that the target for the races in Macau was to "bring the car home" and "try to stay out of trouble."

"To win here in Macau is extra special and one of those things we have on our checklist, and we just did it," he concluded.

Motorcycle GP

Hickman wins for fifth time, shattering lap record

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BRITAIN'S Peter Hickman (BMW M1000RR) won the Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix for the fifth time, making him the third most successful rider in the race's history.

Despite the absence of several regular contenders, such as Davey Todd and Erno Kostamo, Hickman did not let up in the fight and delivered a commanding performance in Saturday's race.

In the process, Hickman broke the all-time Guia Circuit lap record with a time of 2:22.697, achieving the feat three times.

The previous record had stood for 16 years, having been set in 2010 by Stuart Easton, who lapped the Guia Circuit in 2:23.616.

This time, Hickman broke that mark in three consecutive laps (Laps 5, 6 and 7), with the last being the first time any racer had set a circuit time below 2:23.000.

In the end, Hickman won by more than 38 seconds, finishing ahead of second-place rider Marcus Simpson (BMW M1000RR).

Paul Jordan (Honda CBR1000RR-R) finished third, nearly 45 seconds behind Hickman.

Mauricio Bottalico (BMW M1000RR) and Kevin Keyes (Honda CBR1000RR-R) rounded out the top five.

Motorcycles had another difficult year because of the weather, with heavy rainfall on Friday cutting short the number of sessions for the competitors.

The race was also marked by a crash, although Julian Trummer escaped injury. He had been among this year's front-runners in the practice and qualifying sessions.

Trummer's incident occurred on the first lap and forced a restart. The racer went wide at Dona Maria Bend and eventually slid off near the exit of the turn at low speed.

At the time, Trummer was running in third place, the same position he held on the starting grid.

FIA GT WORLD CUP

Van der Linde pulls off surprise win in chaotic GT race

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SOUTH Africa's Kelvin Van der Linde, driving a Team WRT BMW M4 GT3 (Evo), won what was arguably one of the most chaotic editions of the FIA GT World Cup in Macau.

Starting seventh on the grid, the South African appeared to have little chance of challenging for the title on paper, but the race unfolded very differently.

At the start, the two leading title contenders, Laurin Heinrich and Raffaele Marciello, went side by side through Lisboa Bend. Marciello, driving the other Team WRT BMW M4, attempted an ambitious overtaking move and pushed Heinrich's Porsche 911 GT3 R Evo into the barriers.

The collision triggered a major multi-car pileup involving several competitors, completely blocking the circuit.

The race was immediately red-flagged, prompting teams to rush their cars into the pits for repairs in an attempt to get them back on track for the restart. However, several drivers, including the previously dominant Heinrich, were unable to rejoin the race.

Both Audi drivers, Earl Bamber and Joel Eriksson, were also involved in the opening incident and could not return to the race.

Further drama followed when Maro Engel's Mercedes-AMG retired due to mechanical problems, while Thomas Preining's Porsche 911 GT3 R Evo and Marciello battled for the lead.

Contact between the two drivers scattered debris across the circuit, prompting another safety car period.

Several drivers also received penalties for contact and other incidents, causing repeated changes to the running order.

Van der Linde made his decisive move at the restart with six laps remaining, sweeping past Preining to take the lead. He then controlled the closing stages to secure his maiden FIA GT World Cup victory by 9.789 seconds over another surprise podium finisher, Luca Engstler, in the only Lamborghini Huracan GT3 Evo2.

Alessio Picariello, driving a Porsche 911 GT3 R Evo, eventually finished third after time penalties imposed on several drivers significantly reshuffled the final standings.

Marciello was the most heavily penalized driver. In addition to time penalties, he received a stop-and-go penalty in the pits following the first-lap incident that eliminated Heinrich. Marciello eventually finished 13th.

After the race, Van der Linde spoke with Andreas Ross, head of BMW M Motorsport, on the starting grid, describing himself as a "passenger" in the race because he had started seventh and initially had few opportunities to make progress.

"Honestly, that was my mindset as well. In Macau, from P7, there's really not much you can do to fight your way onto the podium unless something happens in front. Going down to Mandarin the first time, I saw how aggressive everyone was already driving, and from that moment I said [to myself], 'Today, there's nothing to lose, only to gain,' but I wanted to take the smarter approach and just go safe," Van der Linde said.

"That paid off. Once we had the red flag and came into the box, I saw how many cars had damage. I knew a podium was on, but to be sitting here as the winner, I would never have guessed," he added.

The driver said the Macau race was always unpredictable, with numerous factors that could not be anticipated, adding that understanding this was an advantage when approaching the race with calm and patience.

FONG WINS INAUGURAL SILVER CUP

In the Silver Cup, introduced as a new category at this year's event, Hong Kong's Adderly Fong, driving a Mercedes-AMG, claimed victory after finishing seventh overall.

Fong finished ahead of the other Silver Cup contender, Jamie Day, who drove an Aston Martin Vantage AMR GT3 Evo and placed 10th overall.

FIA F4 World Cup

Craigie repeats qualification race success and wins F4 World Cup

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BRITISH racer Kenzo Craigie of R-ace GP repeated his success in Saturday's dramatic Qualification Race, taking the checkered flag in yesterday's FIA F4 World Cup title race.

If Saturday's race was dramatic, yesterday's main event continued in similar fashion, with a multi-car crash on the first run through Mandarin's Bend eliminating almost half the field.

The incident began when Kimi Chan, who was running sixth at the time, lost control on the exit of Mandarin's Bend, crossed the track and struck several other cars, triggering a pileup. Several drivers further down the field were unable to avoid the collision and also hit the barriers or debris.

The race was immediately red-flagged, with only the first five runners escaping the incident unscathed. A few drivers further down the field, including Luka Sammalisto, who had withdrawn from Saturday's Qualification Race, managed to make it through almost miraculously.

At the restart, Oleksandr Bondarev of SJM Theodore Racing, who finished second on Saturday, nearly used the slipstream approaching Lisboa Bend to overtake Craigie, but the Briton held his position.

As in the Qualification Race, Hitech GP's Theo Palmer finished third, followed by Portuguese driver Noah Monteiro of SJM Theodore Racing in fourth. Swede Scott Kin Lindblom of Campos Racing completed the top five.

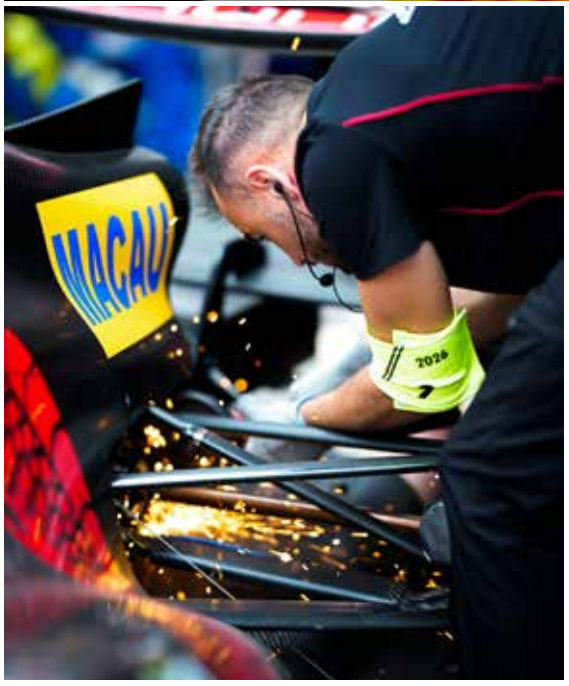
The remainder of the race saw little change at the front, with the top five maintaining their positions until the checkered flag.

Craigie also broke the Guia Circuit lap record for an F4 car in yesterday's main race, setting a fastest lap of 2:22.232.

Only 12 cars finished the race, while 10 drivers were unable to continue after the restart. Among them was Macau's sole representative, Vernice Lao, who had finished 19th in Saturday's Qualification Race.

After the race, Craigie said: "It was a very tricky race; Bondi [Bondarev] put a lot of pressure on me every lap and made my life really difficult, but we capitalized at the end and set a good pace so he couldn't attack anymore. I tried to do my best laps without touching any walls, and I was still learning the track, but it was really good, and I can't thank the team enough."





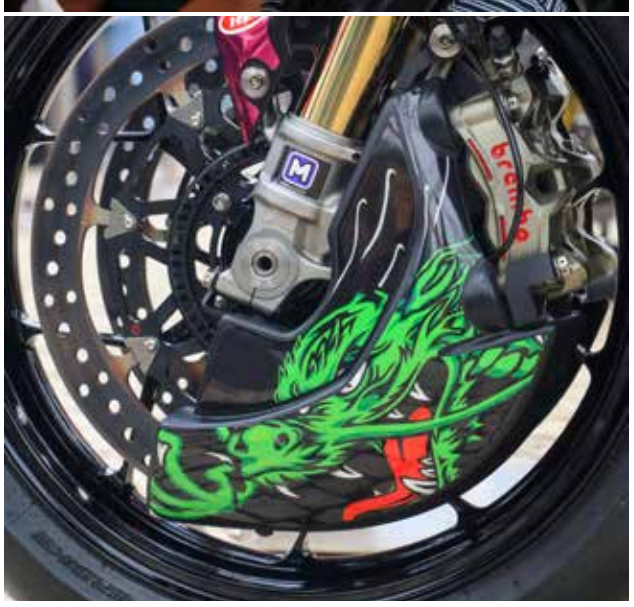














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FR WORLD CUP
1 – Kean NAKAMURA-BERTA
2 – Alex NINOVIC
3 – Rashid AL DHAHERI

GT WORLD CUP
1 – Kelvin VAN DER LINDE
2 – Luca ENGSTLER
3 – Alessio PICARIELLO

TCR WORLD TOUR
Race 1
1 – Santiago URRUTIA
2 – Mikel AZCONA
3 – Norbert MICHELISZ

Race 2
1 – MA Qinghua
2 – Thed BJÖRK
3 – Norbert MICHELISZ

F4 WORLD CUP
1 – Kenzo CRAIGIE
2 – Oleksandr BONDAREV
3 – Theo PALMER

MOTORCYCLE GP
1 – Peter HICKMAN
2 – Marcus SIMPSON
3 - Paul JORDAN

GBA GT CUP
1 – Alex LIANG
2 – HAN Lichao
3 – HUANG Kuisheng

ROADSPORT CHALLENGE
1 – Damon CHAN
2 – CHEUNG Chun Yuen
3 – Bayern YIP

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