

Champion McLaren  
(front) and race winner  
sandwich Lathouras/  
Rugolo Ferrari

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# Parente and Ramos are champions

ALVARO PARENTE AND MIGUEL RAMOS claimed the crown in their Teo Martin Motorsport McLaren after a strong weekend that saw mistakes and misfortune marginalise their title rivals. For twice championship runner-up Ramos, sealing the title was particularly enjoyable, as he and Parente reaped the rewards for remarkable consistency this season.

A season-high grid ensured that Ramos and Parente couldn't afford to coast and would have to push for results. In the event a third place in Saturday's first race was sufficient to seal the championship.

It was the second TMM McLaren of Andrew Watson and Fernando Monje that took victory on Saturday,

following an inspired drive from Watson. The Northern Irishman was steadily reeling in the leading AF Corse Ferrari of Pasin Lathouras when the Thai ran wide through Turn 5, slipping to second and costing himself and Michele Rugolo any hope of the crown. The other car in contention for the title, the sister Ferrari of Raffaele Giammaria and Ezequiel Perez Compagn, was out of contention following first-corner contact with Shaun Balfe.

Giammaria and Perez Compagn took revenge on Sunday, claiming their fifth victory of the season. It was a hard-fought win, Giammaria delayed in a first-corner accident that eliminated Franck Perera and

Jose Perez Aicart. Polesitter Euan Hankey (TF Sport Aston) was also an early casualty, punted off when Watson misjudged his braking.

The latter stages were thrilling as post-pitstop leader Nicola Benucci (Villorba Corse Ferrari) was being chased down by Balfe's Ferrari (following an inspired stint from Phil Keen) and Perez Compagn. The Argentinian carved through to take the lead with eight minutes remaining, and Balfe also passed Benucci to claim a strong second. A charging drive from Parente was enough to claim third, overcoming 30 seconds of pit handicap, the McLaren demoting Benucci in the closing laps.

● Ben Evans

## RESULTS

**RACE 1** 1 Fernando Monje/Andrew Watson (McLaren 650S GT3), 38 laps in 1h10m58.638s; 2 Pasin Lathouras/Michele Rugolo (Ferrari 458 Italia GT3), +15.954s; 3 Miguel Ramos/Alvaro Parente (McLaren); 4 Franck Perera/Henry Hassid (BMW Z4 GT3); 5 Alessandro Balzan/Nicola Benucci (Ferrari); 6 Duncan Cameron/Matt Griffin (Ferrari).

**RACE 2** 1 Ezequiel Perez Compagn/Raffaele Giammaria (Ferrari), 32 laps in 1h00m05.069s; 2 Shaun Balfe/Phil Keen (Ferrari), +4.181s; 3 Ramos/Parente; 4 Balzan/Benucci; 5 Stefano Pezzocchi/Thomas Biagi (Porsche 911 GT3-R); 6 Lathouras/Rugolo.

**POINTS** 1 Parente/Ramos, 212; 2 Rugolo/Lathouras, 179; 3 Giammaria/Perez Compagn, 172; 4 Benucci/Balzan, 132; 5 Keen/Balfe, 87; 6 Claudio Sdanewitsch, 72.

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## NISMO wins GT-R dust-up

THE NISMO TEAM WON AFTER AN all-Nissan scrap with the Impul car ended with victory for Ronnie Quintarelli and Tsugio Matsuda.

Poleman Joao Paulo de Oliveira led from the start in the Impul car from the Cerumo Lexus of Yuji Tachikawa and Quintarelli. That was until Tachikawa spun – the Lexus would eventually finish fourth with Hiroaki Ishiura taking over the wheel at the pitstops.

Matsuda was leading after the stops but was passed by Hironobu Yasuda, who had taken over from de Oliveira, at the second hairpin.



NISMO GT-R leads  
Impul car

But then Matsuda gave Yasuda a push and got back into the lead, holding on to the end by just three tenths of a second and closing the points gap to the Impul pair to two.

From eighth on the grid, the Honda of Koudai Tsukakoshi – started by Hideki Mutoh – starred in the closing stages as he charged up to third in damp conditions.

● Jiro Takahashi

## RESULTS

**1** Tsugio Matsuda/Ronnie Quintarelli (Nissan GT-R), 65 laps in 1h50m42.495s; 2 Hironobu Yasuda/Joao Paulo de Oliveira (Nissan), +0.348s; 3 Koudai Tsukakoshi/Hideki Mutoh (Honda NSX Concept-GT); 4 Yuji Tachikawa/Hiroaki Ishiura (Lexus RC F); 5 Daisuke Ito/James Rossiter (Lexus); 6 Satoshi Motoyama/Masataka Yanagida (Nissan). **POINTS** 1 Yasuda/de Oliveira, 66; 2 Matsuda/Quintarelli, 64; 3 Tachikawa/Ishiura, 53; 4 Motoyama/Yanagida, 50; 5 Naoki Yamamoto/Takuya Izawa, 49; 6 Rossiter/Ito, 49.

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## Baptista is anointed

VITOR BAPTISTA IS CHAMPION after a weekend of solid points finishes allowed the Brazilian to notch up a tally sufficient to edge out Konstantin Tereschenko.

RP Motorsport-run Baptista reaped the benefits of a late-season surge that left his Russian rival with only a tenuous shot at the title.

Tereschenko dominated the weekend, and two lights-to-flag victories were enough to hand the Campos Racing ace the Spanish F3 crown. On Saturday it was Yu Kanamaru who led the chasing pack, with Baptista in a solid third.

Sunday's race was livelier with plenty of jostling in the early stages, as Tereschenko led home team-mate Diego Menchaca and Dani Juncadella (making a one off Macau-qualifying appearance with De Villota Motorsport). Also impressive was



Two wins not enough  
for Tereschenko

newcomer Ferdinand Habsburg, the Formula Renault graduate hustling Juncadella to the flag.

● Ben Evans

## RESULTS

**RACE 1** 1 Konstantin Tereschenko, 17 laps in 29m12.753s; 2 Yu Kanamaru, +0.904s; 3 Vitor Baptista; 4 Daniel Juncadella; 5 Diego Menchaca; 6 Leonardo Pulcini. **RACE 2** 1 Tereschenko, 17 laps in 29m18.276s; 2 Menchaca, +3.659s; 3 Juncadella; 4 Ferdinand Habsburg; 5 Baptista; 6 Kanamaru. **POINTS** 1 Baptista, 291; 2 Tereschenko, 286; 3 Kanamaru, 206; 4 Tanart Sathienthirakul, 133; 5 Yarin Stern, 119; 6 Alessio Rovera, 100.