



11th & 12th April 2026

Round 1, Races 1 & 2

Circuit Paul Ricard, France

Three GT4 Mustangs competed in the two opening races of the 2026 European GT4 Series in France. Each of the three cars were shared by two members of Ford Racing's 2026 Driver Development Team, in GT4's premier Silver class and prepared by Academy Motorsport (GB) #61 & 62 and TeamFloral (BE) #68

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Venue: Circuit Paul Ricard, France

5.8 km road circuit, 15 turns

Weather: Race 1 dry, 14.4°C / 19.9°C, Race 2 dry, 16.6°C / 25.5°C

40 entries, 21 Silver, 15 Pro-Am, 4 Am

Race 2, 26 Laps, Saturday afternoon

61, Nathan Vanspringel & Erik Evans finished 7th

62, Jenson Alzman & Marco Signoretti finished 15th

68, Michiel Haverans & Sam Paley finished 19th

Mustang GT4 Entries:

#61, Academy Motorsport - Nathan Vanspringel (BE) & Erik Evans (USA), Blue / Silver, Liqui-Moly / ADV Automotive / e-Rock Marketing / Emerald Coast Motor Club

#62, Academy Motorsport - Jenson Alzman (USA) & Marco Signoretti (CAN), Blue / Silver, Liqui-Moly / DeTect / Emerald Coast Motor Club / Payable

#68, TeamFloral - Michiel Haverans (BE) & Sam Paley (USA), Blue / White, Ironwood / The Braxx Collection

Academy Team Principal, Matt Nicoll-Jones said,

"Overall, it was a very successful opening weekend for us.

There is a new dynamic within Academy supported by a new team structure with stronger procedures. With a few minor adjustments, I think we are in great shape for the new season.

The driver pairings worked well and have 'gelled' even better than we expected. There was a fantastic atmosphere with both sides of the garage sharing and working cooperatively. Erik drove a very strong second race, battling for position in the closely fought top ten. He had the pace of all the Mustangs and demonstrated great maturity in his car control.

Looking forward, the upcoming rounds at Monza and Spa should both be good for us as they will allow us to set up the car to its strengths. Spa is Nathan's home track so we can expect strong local interest to boost the international appeal of SRO's ultra-competitive GT4 program."

Sam Paley #68



Qualifying for Race 1, Saturday afternoon

61, Nathan Vanspringel, 2:13.100, qualified 21st

62, Jenson Alzman, 2:13.442, qualified 30th

68, Michiel Haverans, 2:13.156, qualified 23rd



Race 1, 26 Laps, Sunday morning

61, Nathan Vanspringel & Erik Evans, finished 4th

62, Jenson Alzman & Marco Signoretti, finished 9th

68, Michiel Haverans & Sam Paley, DNF

Car #61 made up 17 places in the first race with #62 also gaining an amazing 21 positions in the same race. Sadly, car #68 was eliminated on the opening lap of the first race after contact with a Pro-Am entry and was unable to proceed.

2026 European GT4 Silver Drivers Championship after 2 races:

Vanspringel & Evans 6th

Alzman & Signoretti 11th

2026 European GT4 Silver Teams Championship:

Academy Motorsport 6th

Qualifying for Race 2, Saturday afternoon

61, Erik Evans, 2:12.592, qualified 5th

62, Marco Signoretti, 2:13.164, qualified 14th

68, Sam Paley, 2:12.945, qualified 9th

2026 European GT4 season upcoming rounds:

Monza, Italy, 30th-31st May

Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium, 26th-27th June

Misano, Italy, 18th-19th July

Zandvoort, Netherlands, 19th-20th September

Portimao, Germany, 17th-18th October

