



19th & 20th September 2026

Round 5, Races 9 & 10

Zandvoort, Netherlands

Continuing Academy Motorsport's remarkable record of fielding an all-Ford Racing Development Driver line-up across 2026, the number 62 Mustang was back in action at Zandvoort. For the Dutch beach-side circuit the Development Drivers were realigned into new pairings with Michiel Haverans (BE) and Will Lucas (USA) sharing the No. 62 Academy GT4 Mustang. Team Floral's No. 68 Mustang was driven by 2026 regular season driver Sam Paley who was joined by Austrian Kiano Blum from Germany's domestic ADAC GT3 Masters championship.

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Venue: Zandvoort, Netherlands

4.2 km road circuit, 14 turns

Weather: Race 1 dry, 19.6°C / 19.3°C, Race 2 dry, 17.6°C / 24.5°C

36 entries, 22 Silver, 12 Pro-Am, 2 Am

Qualifying for Race 2, Saturday afternoon

61, Erik Evans, 1:42.414, qualified 4th

62, Michiel Haverans, 1:42.868 qualified 6th

68, Kiano Blum, 1:41.903, qualified 2nd

Mustang GT4 Entries:

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

#62, Academy Motorsport - Will Lucas (USA) & Michiel Haverans (BE), Blue / Silver, Ford Racing, Liqui-Moly, Emerald Coast Motor Club

#68, TeamFloral - Sam Paley (USA) & Kiano Blum (AUT), Blue / White, Ford Racing, Ironwood, Bardahl, Pulse, WR

Race 2, 34 Laps, Sunday morning

61, Nathan Vanspringel & Erik Evans finished 7th

62, Will Lucas & Michiel Haverans finished 26th

68, Sam Paley & Kiano Blum finished 2nd

In the second race of the weekend Academy's heroic pit stop strategy was thwarted by slower traffic which resulted in a penalty being applied after an epic first stint by Erik Evans in car 61. No. 62 was delayed by the need for an ABS reset following an earlier 'off'. Meanwhile, TeamFloral extended its run with a fourth consecutive podium finish.

Qualifying for Race 1, Saturday afternoon

61, Nathan Vanspringel, 1:43.686, qualified 14th

62, Will Lucas, 1:45.706, qualified 19th

68, Sam Paley, 1:41.245, qualified 9th

Race 1, 33 Laps, Saturday evening

61, Nathan Vanspringel & Erik Evans, finished 11th

62, Will Lucas & Michiel Haverans finished 23rd

68, Sam Paley & Kiano Blum, finished 6th

The Zandvoort track is a narrow old-school venue devoid of run-off space. It is also abrasive and particularly hard on tyres. With no mid-race tyre changes in GT4 the teams need a robust tyre strategy to manage the degradation. The driver taking the first stint has to leave some rubber for his team mate in the second half of the race. For race 1 further complications came from windy conditions and sand blown onto the track.



2026 European GT4 Silver Drivers Championship after 4 races:

Sam Paley 4th

Michiel Haverans 10th

Nathan Vanspringel & Erik Evans 14th

Marco Signoretti 15th

Cameron McLeod 16th

Jenson Alzman 23rd

2026 European GT4 Silver Teams Championship:

TeamFloral 5th

Academy Motorsport 9th

2026 European GT4 season upcoming rounds:

Portimao, Portugal, 17th-18th October

