MAHINDRA RACING RETAKES CHAMPIONSHIP LEAD WITH DOUBLE POINTS FINISH AT SANYA E-PRIX

• Mahindra Racing’s Jérôme D’Ambrosio and Pascal Wehrlein finish in sixth and seventh at the inaugural Sanya E-Prix after both drivers qualified inside the top ten
• Mahindra Racing now joint-leads the Team’s Championship with Jérôme D’Ambrosio remaining second in the Driver’s Championship

23 MARCH 2019, SANYA, CHINA – Marking the halfway point of the season, the sixth round of the 2018/19 ABB FIA Formula E Championship took place for the first time in Sanya, China, today. With rising temperatures on and off track, Mahindra Racing kept its cool to bring both cars home to secure a double-points finish at the Sanya E-Prix. The result saw the squad retake the lead in the team’s championship battle, while Jérôme’s strong points haul meant he remained second in the driver’s fight.

Jérôme dialled into the new all-electric street circuit at Haitang Bay from the offset, finishing inside the top ten in the first and second practice sessions before lining up on the fourth row of the grid for the race after a strong qualifying performance. The Belgian driver stayed calm after a fault with the starting lights caused a short, but unexpected, delay and had a clean getaway to gain ground on the opening lap. After yet another unpredictable race with multiple on-track incidents, Jérôme crossed the line in his #64 M5Electro in seventh; he was later promoted to sixth after Sebastien Buemi received a 10-second penalty.

After a difficult morning which saw Pascal touch the wall in the second practice session, he lined up behind his teammate on the grid in P9 after setting a fastest qualifying lap time of 1:08.455. During the race, he stayed focused, defended his position well and took the checkered flag in eighth. Buemi’s post-race penalty meant Pascal was promoted to seventh.

At the end of the Asian leg of the 2018/19 tour, Mahindra Racing returns to the top of the Team’s Championship with Jérôme remaining second in the driver’s battle.

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The seventh round of the 2018/19 ABB FIA Formula E Championship takes place on Saturday 13 April in Rome, Italy.

**JÉRÔME D’AMBROSIO**

“We had a good day, not a great day. We scored points with two cars, but we lacked a bit of pace, which we saw in the race. I think small things made a big difference today; small things could have made you look really good or average and it’s all these details that we can improve on a little bit going into the next race.”

**PASCAL WEHRLEIN**

“Overall it was a difficult race for us. I made a couple of mistakes in free practice which impacted our weekend a little bit, especially in qualifying. The race was not great; we were not fast enough, and we ended up watching the mirrors more than attacking. We got lucky in the end with some incidents on track, but the pace was not there. We now need to use this time between the next race to regroup and find out why.”

**DILBAGH GILL, TEAM PRINCIPAL**

“I think we were solid in free practice and qualifying. We have definitely showed that we have recovered and, most importantly, overcome the problem we had in Hong Kong. However, on race pace we got a bit behind, but both drivers did well to bring the cars home in the points which means Mahindra Racing is still right up there fighting for both championship titles”

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Mahindra Racing is one of ten founding teams – and the only Indian team – to compete in the ABB FIA Formula E Championship, the world’s first all-electric racing series. Mahindra Racing has impressive credentials; after scoring its breakthrough win at the Berlin E-Prix in 2017, the squad now has four race victories to its name in addition to 18 podiums, and seven pole positions since season one. After four seasons with the first generation race car, all eyes now turn to season five. Mahindra Racing has high ambitions with the Gen2 M5Electro, a technical innovation that will see the car last the duration of a race as Formula E continues to push the limits of technology and electrification.

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The ABB FIA Formula E Championship is the world’s first fully-electric single-seater racing series, competing on the streets against the backdrop of some of the most iconic cities – including Hong Kong, Marrakesh, Paris, Berlin, New York and Montreal. The championship represents a vision for the future of the motor industry, serving as a platform to showcase the latest innovations in electric vehicle technology and alternative energy solutions. Future seasons will see the regulations open up further allowing manufacturers to focus on the development of motor and battery components, which in turn will filter down to everyday contemporary electric road vehicles.

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