

# OFFICIAL PROGRAM

# 4 HOURS OF IMOLA

15 MAY 2022



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## ELMS RETURNS TO IMOLA

The European Le Mans Series makes a welcome return to the Autodromo Internazionale Enzo e Dino Ferrari for the first time since May 2016. Imola hosted the ELMS four times from 2013 to 2016, with a three hour race the first year, followed by three four-hour races.



Italian team Prema Racing will travel to Imola as the championship leaders after winning the 4 Hours of Le Castellet on their ELMS debut last month. There are four Italian teams and eight Italian drivers competing this weekend, including reigning LMGTE Team Champions Iron Lynx and Driver's Champion Matteo Cressoni.

Three of the race winners from 2013 will also be racing at Imola this year. The 3 Hours of Imola was won by Mathias Beche in the no1 Thiriet by TDS Racing Oreca-Nissan, with Beche competing with TDS Racing x Vaillante this weekend.

Matt Griffin won the LMGTE class race in 2013 alongside Johnny Mowlem, the pair going on to win that season's LMGTE title with RAM Racing. Griffin will race the no55 Spirit of Race Ferrari F488, while triple ELMS champion Paul Loup Chatin, who won the LMPC category at Imola nine years ago, will be competing with IDEC Sport in LMP2.

A massive 42 car grid will form up on Sunday 15 May for what promises to be an action-packed return for the ELMS to Imola.



# 2022 ELMS CALENDAR

OFFICIAL TESTS - LE CASTELLET  
11/12 APRIL

1

4 HOURS OF LE CASTELLET  
17 APRIL

2

4 HOURS OF IMOLA  
15 MAY

3

4 HOURS OF MONZA  
03 JULY

4

4 HOURS OF BARCELONA  
28 AUGUST

5

4 HOURS OF SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS  
25 SEPTEMBER

6

4 HOURS OF PORTIMÃO  
16 OCTOBER

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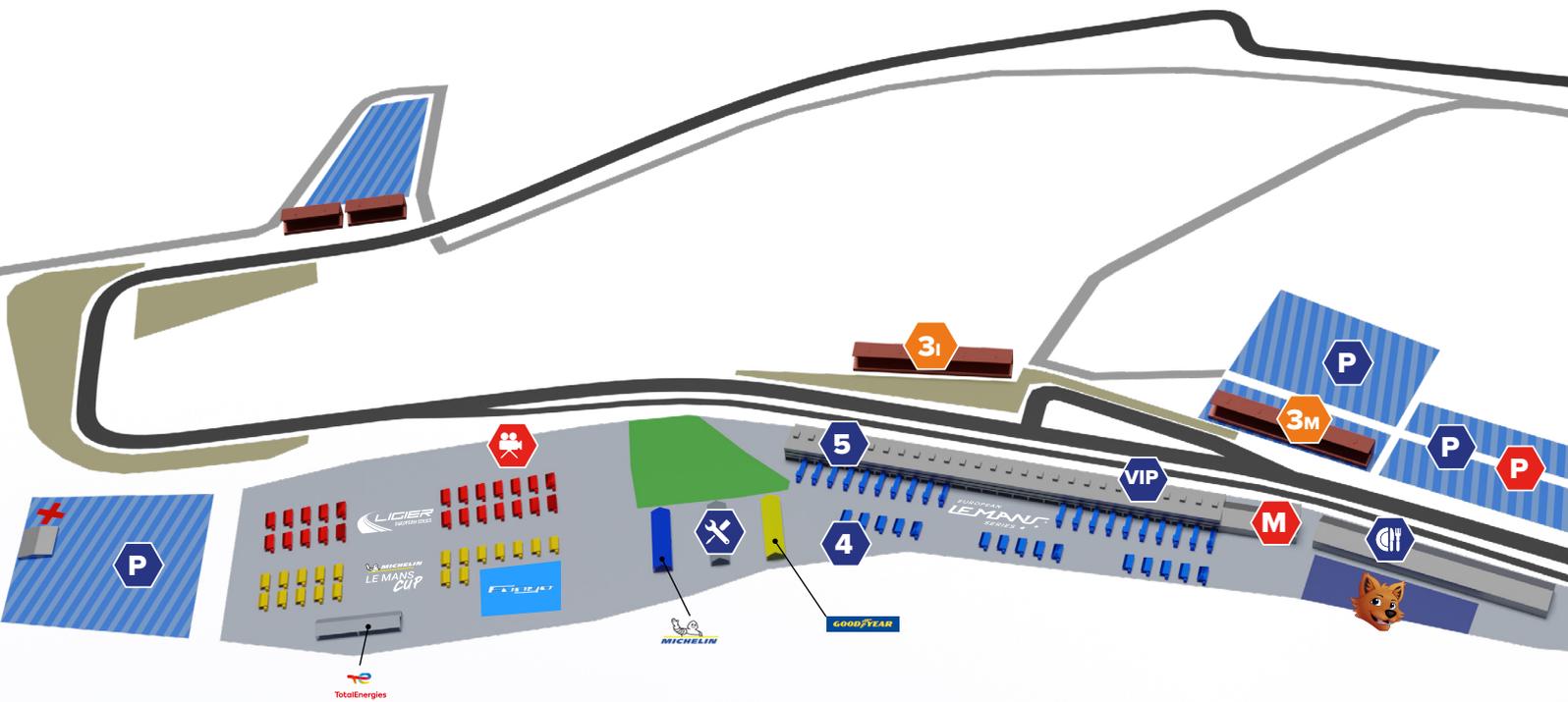


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# EVENT MAP



## ACCREDITATION CENTRE

Autodromo internazionale Enzo e Dino Ferrari  
Via Ugo Lambertini, 8,  
40026 Imola

*Opening hours :*

TUESDAY 10 MAY	14:00 - 17:00
WEDNESDAY 11 MAY	08:00 - 19:00
THURSDAY 12 MAY	08:00 - 18:00
FRIDAY 13 MAY	08:30 - 17:00
SATURDAY 14 MAY	07:45 - 17:00
SUNDAY 15 MAY	08:00 - 12:00

## MEDIA

- MEDIA PARKING
- MEDIA CENTRE
- TV COMPOUND

## PUBLIC

- GRANDSTAND
- FAN AREA

## COMPETITORS

- TEAM PARKING
- PADDOCKS
  - 
  -
- ORGANISATION OFFICE
- SCRUTINEERING
- TEAM CATERING
- PIT BUILDING

# 4 HOURS OF IMOLA



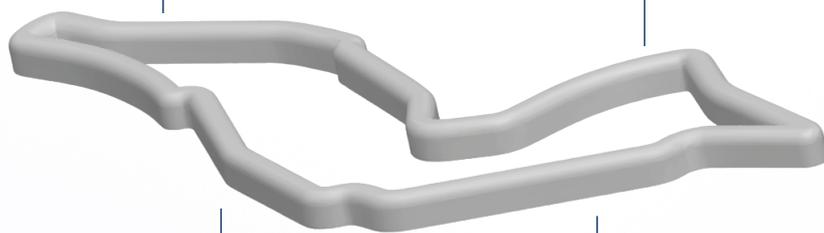
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## AUTODROMO ENZO E DINO FERRARI TRACK

BUILT IN 1953

4.909  
kilometers

Track width:  
9 meters



Pit Lane:  
549 meters

Longest straight:  
350 meters

## 2016 POLE POSITION BY CATEGORY

LMP2	#21 DRAGONSPEED – ORECA 05-NISSAN H. Hedman / N. Lapierre / B. Hanley	1:33.780
LMP3	#3 UNITED AUTOSPORTS – LIGIER JS P3-NISSAN M. Patterson / M. Bell / W. Boyd	1:39.256
LMGTE	#77 PROTON COMPETITION – PORSCHE 911 RSR 991 M. Hedlund / W. Henzler / R. Renauer	1:41.269

## ELMS RESULTS 2016

THIRIET BY TDS RACING Thiriet / Beche / Hirakawa	#46
UNITED AUTOSPORTS Brundle / Guasch / England	#2
PROTON COMPETITION Hedlund / Henzler / Renauer	#77

# THE RACE WEEK-END

FRIDAY 13 MAY

## FREE PRACTICE 1

90MIN FOR ALL CATEGORIES

## BRONZE DRIVER COLLECTIVE TESTS

30MIN SESSION DEDICATED FOR BRONZE DRIVERS



SATURDAY 14 MAY



## FREE PRACTICE 2

90MIN FOR ALL CATEGORIES

## QUALIFYING SESSIONS

10MIN FOR EACH CATEGORIES

LIVE STREAM 

SUNDAY 15 MAY

## 4 HOURS RACE

AND PODIUM CEREMONIES  
FOR EACH CATEGORIES

LIVE STREAM 



# TIMETABLE

## 4 HOURS OF IMOLA

### FRIDAY 13 MAY 2022

<b>09:00</b>	<b>09:40</b>	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	FREE PRACTICE 1	<b>40'</b>
<b>09:50</b>	<b>10:10</b>	SPRINT CUP BY FUNYO	FREE PRACTICE 1	<b>20'</b>
<b>10:20</b>	<b>11:20</b>	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	FREE PRACTICE 1	<b>60'</b>
<b>11:30</b>	<b>13:00</b>	ELMS	FREE PRACTICE 1	<b>90'</b>
<b>13:30</b>	<b>13:50</b>	SPRINT CUP BY FUNYO	FREE PRACTICE 2	<b>20'</b>
<b>14:00</b>	<b>14:40</b>	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	FREE PRACTICE 2	<b>40'</b>
<b>14:50</b>	<b>15:30</b>	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	BRONZE DRIVER COLLECTIVE TEST	<b>30'</b>
<b>15:40</b>	<b>16:10</b>	ELMS	BRONZE DRIVER COLLECTIVE TEST	<b>30'</b>
<b>16:20</b>	<b>16:35</b>	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	QUALIFYING SESSION 1	<b>15'</b>
<b>16:45</b>	<b>17:00</b>	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	QUALIFYING SESSION 2	<b>15'</b>
<b>17:10</b>	<b>17:30</b>	SPRINT CUP BY FUNYO	QUALIFYING SESSION 1	<b>20'</b>
<b>17:40</b>	<b>18:40</b>	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	FREE PRACTICE 2	<b>60'</b>

### SATURDAY 14 MAY 2022

<b>09:00</b>	<b>09:20</b>	SPRINT CUP BY FUNYO	QUALIFYING SESSION 2	<b>20'</b>
<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>	ELMS	FREE PRACTICE 2	<b>90'</b>
<b>11:20</b>	<b>12:25</b>	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	RACE 1	<b>60' + 1 LAP</b>
<b>12:35</b>	<b>12:50</b>	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	QUALIFYING SESSION - GT3	<b>15'</b>
<b>13:00</b>	<b>13:15</b>	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMP3	<b>15'</b>
<b>13:30</b>	<b>13:50</b>	SPRINT CUP BY FUNYO	RACE 1	<b>20'</b>
<b>14:05</b>	<b>14:15</b>	ELMS	QUALIFYING - LMGTE	<b>10'</b>
<b>14:25</b>	<b>14:35</b>	ELMS	QUALIFYING - LMP3	<b>10'</b>
<b>14:45</b>	<b>14:55</b>	ELMS	QUALIFYING - LMP2	<b>10'</b>
<b>15:15</b>	<b>16:20</b>	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	RACE 2	<b>60' + 1 LAP</b>
<b>16:35</b>	<b>16:55</b>	SPRINT CUP BY FUNYO	RACE 2	<b>20'</b>
<b>17:30</b>	<b>19:20</b>	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	RACE	<b>110'</b>

### SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022

<b>09:00</b>	<b>09:20</b>	SPRINT CUP BY FUNYO	RACE 3	<b>20'</b>
<b>09:25</b>	<b>10:15</b>	ELMS	PITWALK	
<b>09:30</b>	<b>10:00</b>	ELMS	AUTOGRAPH SESSION	
<b>10:25</b>		ELMS	PITS OPEN	<b>5'</b>
<b>10:30</b>		ELMS	PITS CLOSED	
<b>10:35</b>		ELMS	GRID WALK OPENING - OPEN TO ALL THE FANS	<b>30'</b>
<b>11:06</b>		ELMS	GRID WALK GATE CLOSING	
<b>11:07</b>		ELMS	GRID WALK BEGINNING OF THE TRACK EVACUATION	<b>15'</b>
<b>11:22</b>		ELMS	GRID WALK END OF THE TRACK EVACUATION	
<b>11:27</b>		ELMS	GREEN FLAG	
<b>11:30</b>	<b>15:30</b>	ELMS	RACE	<b>4H</b>
<b>15:45</b>	<b>16:05</b>	SPRINT CUP BY FUNYO	RACE 4	<b>20'</b>

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## ENTRY LIST

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**LMP2**

**17 CARS**

**LMP3**

**13 CARS**

**LMGTE**

**12 CARS**

# THE CATEGORIES

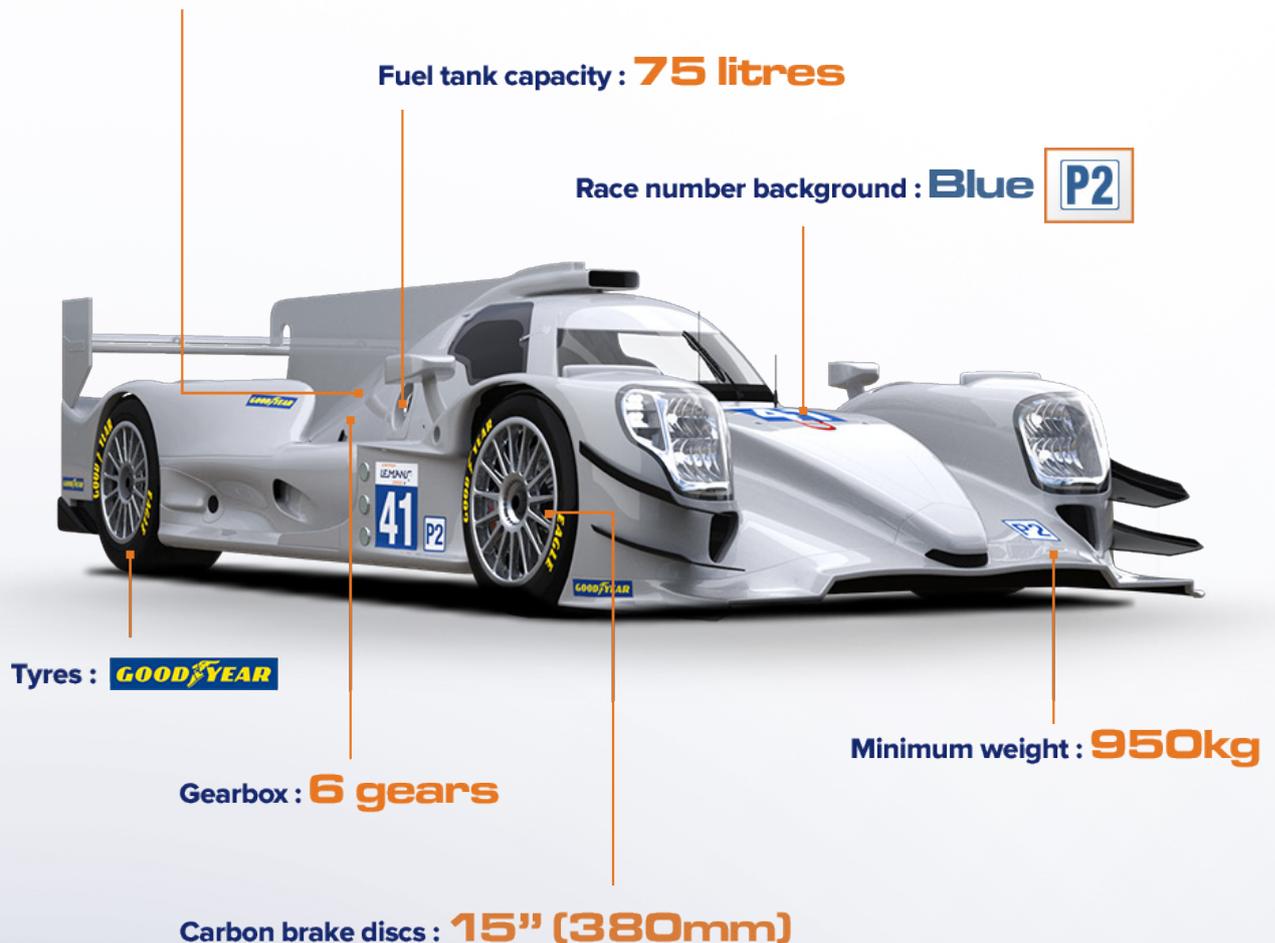
ELMS TOP CLASS

## LMP2

LE MANS PROTOTYPE 2

*The LMP2 is a racing car with no production minimum required. It allows teams, as well as drivers, to gradually progress to the highest level. It is a closed cockpit car, destined only to teams independent of manufacturers and/or engine suppliers. Because of their superior performances and level of technological development, they have a star status within endurance racing.*

Engine : **Gibson Technologie Engines 4L V8**



# THE CATEGORIES

INTRODUCED IN 2015

# LMP3

LE MANS PROTOTYPE 3

*The LMP3 class was introduced by the Automobile Club de l'Ouest (ACO) in 2015 and 2020 marked the introduction of the new generation of LMP3. It is a training ground for endurance racing, an arena in which drivers, team members, engineers and mechanics can hone their skills and prepare for the 24 Hours of Le Mans and the FIA World Endurance Championship.*

Engine : **Nissan VK 56**

Fuel tank capacity : **100 litres**

Race number background : **Purple** 



Tyres :  **MICHELIN**

Gearbox : **6 gears**

Minimum weight : **950kg**

Steel discs : **355.6mm**

# THE CATEGORIES

DERIVED FROM STREET MODELS

## LMGTE

LE MANS GRAND TOURING ENDURANCE

*The Le Mans Grand Touring Endurance (referred to as LMGTE) categories came into being in 2011 and include racing cars derived from street models for everyday road use from some of the most prestigious manufacturers. As opposed to the category with the suffix "Pro" (entered in the FIA WEC and the 24 Hours of Le Mans), "Am" designates the GTE class reserved for amateur drivers.*

Engine : **Normally aspirated 8 - 5500cm<sup>3</sup>**  
**Turbocharged 6 - 3200cm<sup>3</sup>**

Fuel tank capacity : **Mini 50 litres**  
**Maxi 90 litres\***

Race number background : **Orange**

GTE



Tyres : **GOODYEAR**

Minimum weight : **1245kg\***

Gearbox : **6 gears**

\* can be modified according to BOP

“ IT'S UNBELIEVABLE TO COME BACK TO IMOLA BECAUSE IT IS MY FAVOURITE CIRCUIT IN ITALY ”



Matteo Cressoni has plenty of silverware in his trophy cabinet, but the 37-year-old Italian was extremely pleased to add the European Le Mans Series LMGTE championship winning trophy to his collection last season.

Matteo Cressoni, from Montova in Northern Italy, won the 2004 Italian F3 title before he switched to endurance the following season, finishing as Le Mans Series Vice Champion in the LMGTE1 category. He then added the Ginetta G50 Championship in 2012, the Gulf 12 Hours title and the SP3 class winner's trophy at the 24 Hours of Barcelona in 2013.

However, it is in the ELMS he has made his mark, finishing 3rd overall in the LMGTE standings in 2019.

In 2021 he was instrumental in Iron Lynx taking their first championship win, with Cressoni standing on the top step of the ELMS podium three times alongside fellow Italian Rino Mastronardi and Spain's Miguel Molina. The trio took podium finishes in all six races to finish the season on 126 points, 37 ahead of their nearest rivals.

We caught up with Matteo Cressoni as he prepares to return to Imola in the ELMS.



Claudio Schiavoni (CHE) / Matteo Cressoni (ITA) / Davide Rigon (ITA)

IRON LYNX  
#60  
**MATTEO**  
M. CRESSONI  
**CRESSONI**

# INTERVIEW

## MATTEO CRESSONI



**Q: HOW IMPORTANT WAS WINNING THE ELMS LMGTE TITLE WITH IRON LYNX LAST SEASON? WHERE DOES THAT RANK IN YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN YOUR CAREER AS A DRIVER?**

“Winning the ELMS LMGTE title last season with Iron Lynx was really important for me. My debut in the Le Mans series was in 2005 where I finished second in a Ferrari 550 Maranello, so winning 17 years later also in a Ferrari with a new team like Iron Lynx has been something very special. This win, for sure, is up there with my F3 title in 2004, and I’d like to thank the Iron Lynx team. This win is proof of the team’s attitude that if you work hard, your dreams really can come true.”

**Q: WHAT WERE THE HIGH AND LOW POINTS OF THE OPENING ROUND OF THE 2022 SEASON AT LE CASTELLET?**

“For sure, the high point was that we were the fastest Ferrari on track and we were heading for a win, despite the fact that there is some improvements to be made on our BoP (Balance of Performance). The low point was definitely the late fuel stop which ended up costing us the race – but that is racing.”

**Q: TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE ELMS RETURNING TO IMOLA? WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE CIRCUIT?**

“It’s unbelievable to come back to Imola because it is my favourite circuit in Italy, in fact all of Europe. I love the layout, because it is an old-style track which requires lots of skills and techniques in the corners – it really challenges you.”

**Q: BEING AN ITALIAN DRIVER, IN AN ITALIAN TEAM, IN A FERRARI, DOES IT MAKE RACING AT IMOLA SPECIAL FOR YOU?**

“For sure it is special. But no matter where we are racing, we certainly feel a lot of responsibility to the team and pressure because we don’t want to make any mistakes and we want the perfect weekend of racing.”

**Q: YOU ARE ONE OF THE FEW DRIVERS ON THE GRID WHO HAS RACED IN THE ELMS AT IMOLA, SCORING A POLE POSITION AND FINISHING ON THE PODIUM IN 2014. DO YOU THINK HAVING THAT KNOWLEDGE WILL GIVE YOU AN ADVANTAGE?**

“I don’t think I have any advantage, only super nice memories... In recent times, with the increased use of simulators and esports, all drivers can prepare and know the track perfectly.”

**Q: WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO TO RELAX WHEN YOU ARE NOT RACING?**

“I love racing and I love my job, but away from the track I like nothing more than switching off my phone and spending time with my family, friends, and living a normal life.”

**Q: DO YOU FOLLOW OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY OTHER SPORTS?**

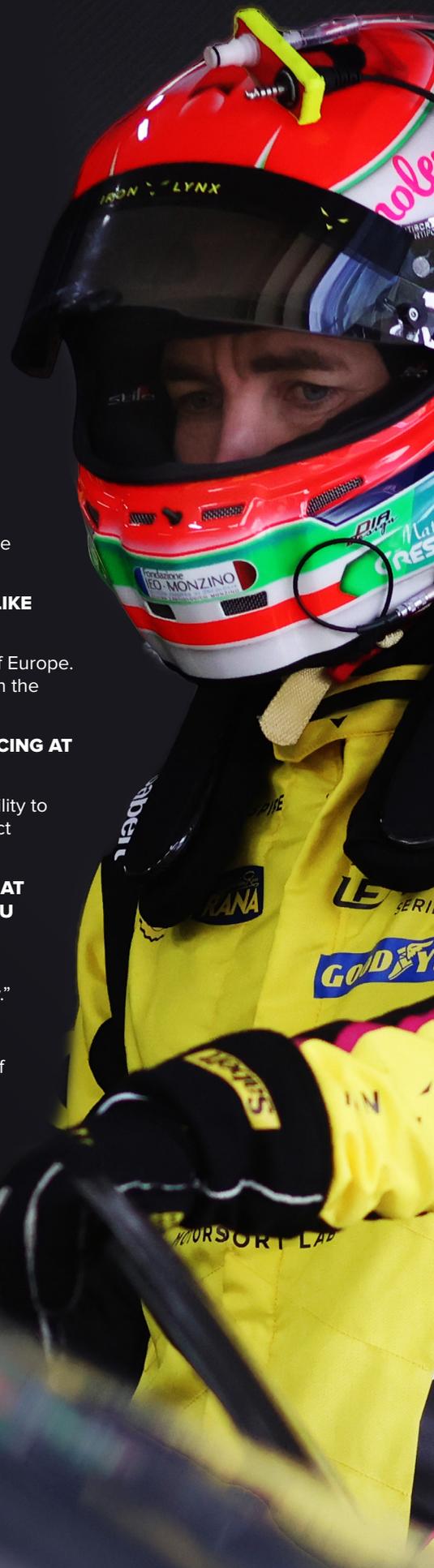
I am a big fan of football and last year I started playing Padel.

**Q: WHO IS YOUR SPORTING HERO?**

My sporting hero is Robert Kubica.

**Q: WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT ROAD CAR AND WHAT IS YOUR DREAM CAR, IF NOT YOUR CURRENT ONE?**

My current road car is an Audi Q8 and my dream car is an Audi RS6.



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**9** **PREMA RACING** 

**P2**

-  L. Colombo
-  L. Deletraz
-  F. Habsburg



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

**19** **ALGARVE PRO RACING** 

**P2**

-  S. Flörsch
-  B. Visaçal



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

**21** **MÜHLNER MOTOSPORT** 

**P2**

-  M. Kaiser
-  T. Laurent
-  U. De Wilde



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

**22** **UNITED AUTOSPORTS** 

**P2**

-  P. Hanson
-  T. Gamble
-  D. Tappy



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

**24** **NIELSEN RACING** 

**P2**

-  R. Sales
-  M. Bell
-  B. Hanley



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

**28** **IDEC SPORT** 

**P2**

-  P. Lafargue
-  P. L. Chatin
-  P. Pilet



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

**30** **DUQUEINE TEAM** 

**P2**

-  M. Rojas
-  R. de Gerus
-  R. Bradley



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

**31** **TDS RACING x VAILLANTE** 

**P2**

-  P. Cimadomo
-  M. Beche
-  T. Van der Helm



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

**34** **RACING TEAM TURKEY** 

**P2**

-  S. Yoluc
-  C. Eastwood
-  J. Aitken



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

**35** **BHK MOTORSPORT** 

**P2**

-  F. Dracone
-  S. Campana
-  M. Pommer



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

**37** **COOL RACING** 

**P2**

-  N. Lapierre
-  N. Kruetten
-  Y. Ye



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

**40** **GRAFF RACING** 

**P2**

-  E. Trouillet
-  S. Page
-  D. Droux



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

**43** **INTER EUROPOL COMPETITION** 

**P2**

-  D. Heinemeier Hansson
-  F. Scherer
-  P. Fittipaldi



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

**47** **ALGARVE PRO RACING** 

**P2**

-  J. Falb
-  J. Allen
-  A. Peroni



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

**51** **TEAM VIRAGE** 

**P2**

-  R. Hodes
-  G. Aubry
-  J. Jaafar



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

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**65** PANIS RACING 

**P2**  J. Canal  
 N. Jamin  
 J. Van Uitert



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

**88** AF CORSE 

**P2**  F. Perrodo  
 N. Nielsen  
 A. Rovera



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

**2** UNITED AUTOSPORTS 

**P3**  B. Voisin  
 J. Caygill  
 F. Gehrsitz



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

**3** UNITED AUTOSPORTS 

**P3**  K. Van Berlo  
 A. Bentley



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

**4** DKR ENGINEERING 

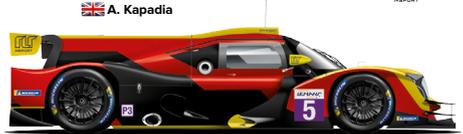
**P3**  S. Alvarez  
 A. Bukhantsov  
 T. Van Rompuy



DUQUEINE M30 - D08 - NISSAN 

**5** RLR MSPORT 

**P3**  M. Jensen  
 N. Adcock  
 A. Kapadia



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

**6** 360 RACING 

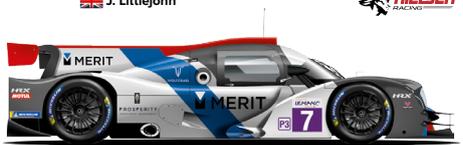
**P3**  T. Woodward  
 R. Kaiser  
 M. Richards



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

**7** NIELSEN RACING 

**P3**  A. Wells  
 J. Littlejohn



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

**10** EUROINTERNATIONAL 

**P3**  G. Van Berlo  
 X. Lloveras  
 A. Chila



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

**11** EUROINTERNATIONAL 

**P3**  M. Siebert  
 M. Koebolt  
 J. De Sadeleer



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

**13** INTER EUROPOL COMPETITION 

**P3**  N. Pino  
 C. Crews  
 G. Oliveira



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

**14** INTER EUROPOL COMPETITION 

**P3**  N. Abramczyk  
 M. Kaprzyk  
 J. Dayson



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

**15** RLR MSPORT 

**P3**  H. Feilbermayr Jr  
 V. Catalano  
 A. McCusker



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

**17** COOL RACING 

**P3**  M. Smith  
 M. Benham  
 M. Jakobsen



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

**27** COOL RACING 

**P3**  N. Maulini  
 J.-L. Foubert  
 A. Doquin



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

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**18** ABSOLUTE RACING

GTE

 A. Haryanto  
 M. Rump  
 A. Picariello

ABSOLUTE RACING



PORSCHE 911 RSR - 19

GOODYEAR

**32** RINALDI RACING

GTE

 P. Ehret  
 N. Varrone  
 G. Lancieri

RINALDI RACING



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO

GOODYEAR

**33** RINALDI RACING

GTE

 C. Hook  
 O. Tunjo  
 F. Crestani

RINALDI RACING



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO

GOODYEAR

**55** SPIRIT OF RACE

GTE

 D. Cameron  
 M. Griffin  
 D. Perel

SPIRIT OF RACE



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO

GOODYEAR

**57** KESSEL RACING

GTE

 T. Kimura  
 F. Schandorff  
 M. Jensen

KESSEL



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO

GOODYEAR

**60** IRON LYNX

GTE

 C. Schiavoni  
 M. Cressoni  
 D. Rigon

IRON LYNX



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO

GOODYEAR

**66** JMW MOTORSPORT

GTE

 G. Petrobelli  
 S. Hudspeth  
 M. Payne

JMW MOTORSPORT



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO

GOODYEAR

**69** OMAN RACING WITH TF SPORT

GTE

 A. Al Harthy  
 M. Sorensen  
 S. de Haan

OMAN RACING



ASTON MARTIN VANTAGE AMR

GOODYEAR

**77** PROTON COMPETITION

GTE

 C. Ried  
 L. Ferrari  
 G. Bruni

PROTON COMPETITION



PORSCHE 911 RSR - 19

GOODYEAR

**83** IRON LYNX

GTE

 R. Frey  
 M. Gatting  
 S. Bovy

IRON LYNX



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO

GOODYEAR

**93** PROTON COMPETITION

GTE

 M. Fassbender  
 Z. Robichon  
 R. Lietz

PROTON COMPETITION



PORSCHE 911 RSR - 19

GOODYEAR

**95** OMAN RACING WITH TF SPORT

GTE

 J. Hartshorne  
 H. Chaves  
 J. Adam

OMAN RACING



ASTON MARTIN VANTAGE AMR

GOODYEAR

# CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

AFTER ROUND ONE IN LE CASTELLET



LE CASTELLET



IMOLA



BARCELONA



MONZA



SPA - FRANCORCHAMPS



PORTIMÃO



 ROUND 2/6

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# CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

AFTER ROUND ONE IN LE CASTELLET

## LMP2

**#9 PREMA RACING**  
ORECA 07 - GIBSON

**25**

POINTS



**#19 ALGARVE PRO RACING**  
ORECA 07 - GIBSON

**18**

POINTS



**#65 PANIS RACING**  
ORECA 07 - GIBSON

**15**

POINTS



## LMP3

**#17 COOL RACING**  
LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN

**25**

POINTS



**#2 UNITED AUTOSPORTS**  
LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN

**18**

POINTS



**#5 RLR MSPORT**  
LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN

**15**

POINTS



# CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

AFTER ROUND ONE IN LE CASTELLET

## LMGTE

**#32 RINALDI RACING**  
FERRARI F488 GTE EVO

**25**

POINTS



**#77 PROTON COMPETITION**  
PORSCHE 911 RSR - 19

**18**

POINTS



**#93 PROTON COMPETITION**  
PORSCHE 911 RSR - 19

**15**

POINTS



## LMP2 PRO-AM

**#34 RACING TEAM TURKEY**  
ORECA 07 - GIBSON

**25**

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In 2016 the ACO launched the Michelin GT3 Le Mans Cup and the very first race of this brand-new series was held on the 14 May at the Autodromo Internazionale Enzo e Dino Ferrari. Now the Michelin Le Mans Cup returns to the circuit where it was launched, exactly six years to the day.



The grid for the 110-minute race at Imola will feature a full grid of 40 LMP3 and GT3 cars, with three Italian teams and four Italian drivers on the grid, including the 2017 GT3 championship winning team and drivers, Ebimotors, Emanuele Busnelli and Fabio Babini.

The grid for the inaugural Michelin Le Mans Cup race on the 14 May 2016 featured a field of GT3 cars, with several champions amongst the drivers – Johnny Mowlem (2013 ELMS LMGTE Champion), Phil Hanson (2020 ELMS and 2019/20 FIAWEC LMP2 Champion), Matteo Cressoni (2021 ELMS LMGTE) and Egidio Perfetti (2018/19 FIAWEC LMGTE AM Champion).

The 2-hour race at Imola resulted in victory for the no34 TF Sport Aston Martin Vantage of Salih Yoluc and Euan Hankey. TF Sport went on to win the inaugural Team title and are competing in the ELMS this weekend. Salih Yoluc is also racing in the ELMS this weekend with Racing Team Turkey in LMP2.

The Michelin Le Mans Cup has come a long way since that first race at Imola in 2016 and the series now returns to the place of its birth to put on a great show this weekend.



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“ MY GOAL HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO BE A PROFESSIONAL RACING DRIVER. ”

2019 Renault F4 Danish Champion Malthe Jakobsen has been building a reputation as a future endurance star with impressive performances in the European Le Mans Series since 2020.

This year the 18-year-old Dane is racing with Cool Racing in LMP3 in both the Michelin Le Mans Cup and European Le Mans Series and in America racing in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship.

Jakobsen's 2022 season has got off to a great start with a second-place finish at the Daytona 24 and a win at the 12 Hours of Sebring, which was followed by victory in Round 1 of the ELMS at the 4 Hours of Le Castellet alongside Maurice Smith and Michael Benham.

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#69



M. Smith (USA) / M. Jakobsen (DNK)

# MALTHE JAKOBSEN



# INTERVIEW

## MALTHE JAKOBSEN

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**Q: YOUR SEASON HAS GOT OFF TO A GOOD START WITH CLASS WINS IN THE ELMS AT LE CASTELLET AND IN THE IMSA WEATHERTECH SPORTSCAR CHAMPIONSHIP AT SEBRING. EVEN THOUGH YOU AND MAURICE HAD A DNF IN THE MLMC RACE AT LE CASTELLET, HOW WOULD YOU SUM UP THE START TO THE 2022 SEASON?**

Malthe Jakobsen: “It has been a really good start to my 2022 season both in IMSA and ELMS. I have been working really hard over the winter, to prepare for this season, and Nicolas Lapierre / COOL Racing have really helped me a lot to get at great amount of productive preseason testing, which seems to pay off.”

**Q: YOU WON THE RENAULT F4 DANISH CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2019 BEFORE SWITCHING TO ENDURANCE RACING. YOU ARE PART OF A GROWTH OF YOUNG DRIVERS COMING INTO THE MICHELIN LE MANS CUP AND EUROPEAN LE MANS SERIES. WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO COMPETE IN ENDURANCE?**

MJ: “Yes. I started in karting like most other drivers, and at an age of only 14 years old, I switched to F4 and learned all the basic driving techniques. My goal has always been to be a professional racing driver. When I finished my second season in F4, we made the decision to enter LMP3 with RLR M Sport, because we saw a great opportunity in sportscars to realistically reach my goal.”

**Q: WHAT IS THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SINGLE SEATERS AND ENDURANCE FOR YOU AS A DRIVER?**

MJ: “In my opinion the biggest difference is that you have to share the car with other drivers, which took me a long time to get used to. Suddenly it’s not possible to have everything on the car setup as you want it, because the other drivers also have to be happy with the car.”

**Q: YOU ARE ONE OF SEVERAL DRIVERS WHO ARE COMPETING IN BOTH THE MLMC AND ELMS THIS WEEKEND. WHAT CHALLENGES, AND WHAT ADVANTAGES, DOES RACING IN BOTH SERIES PRESENT FOR YOU?**

MJ: “It was my first experience at Paul Ricard to drive in both championships, so I haven’t seen any downside yet. The big advantage of it, is definitely the race on Saturday where you get a chance to enter “race mode” and then you have a lot of information to use in the ELMS race on Sunday.”

**Q: TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE RACE THIS WEEKEND IN IMOLA? WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE CIRCUIT?**

MJ: “I have never been at Imola, so I’m super excited to drive that track. I will really like racing it, because there is a lot of grass and gravel like a real old school track. The only downside of that is there will be a big chance of a few Safety Cars or Full Course Yellow periods during the weekend.”

**Q: WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO TO RELAX WHEN YOU ARE NOT RACING?**

MJ: “When I’m at home I like to exercise and go for a run. I also enjoy spending some time with my friends.”

**Q: DO YOU FOLLOW OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY OTHER SPORTS?**

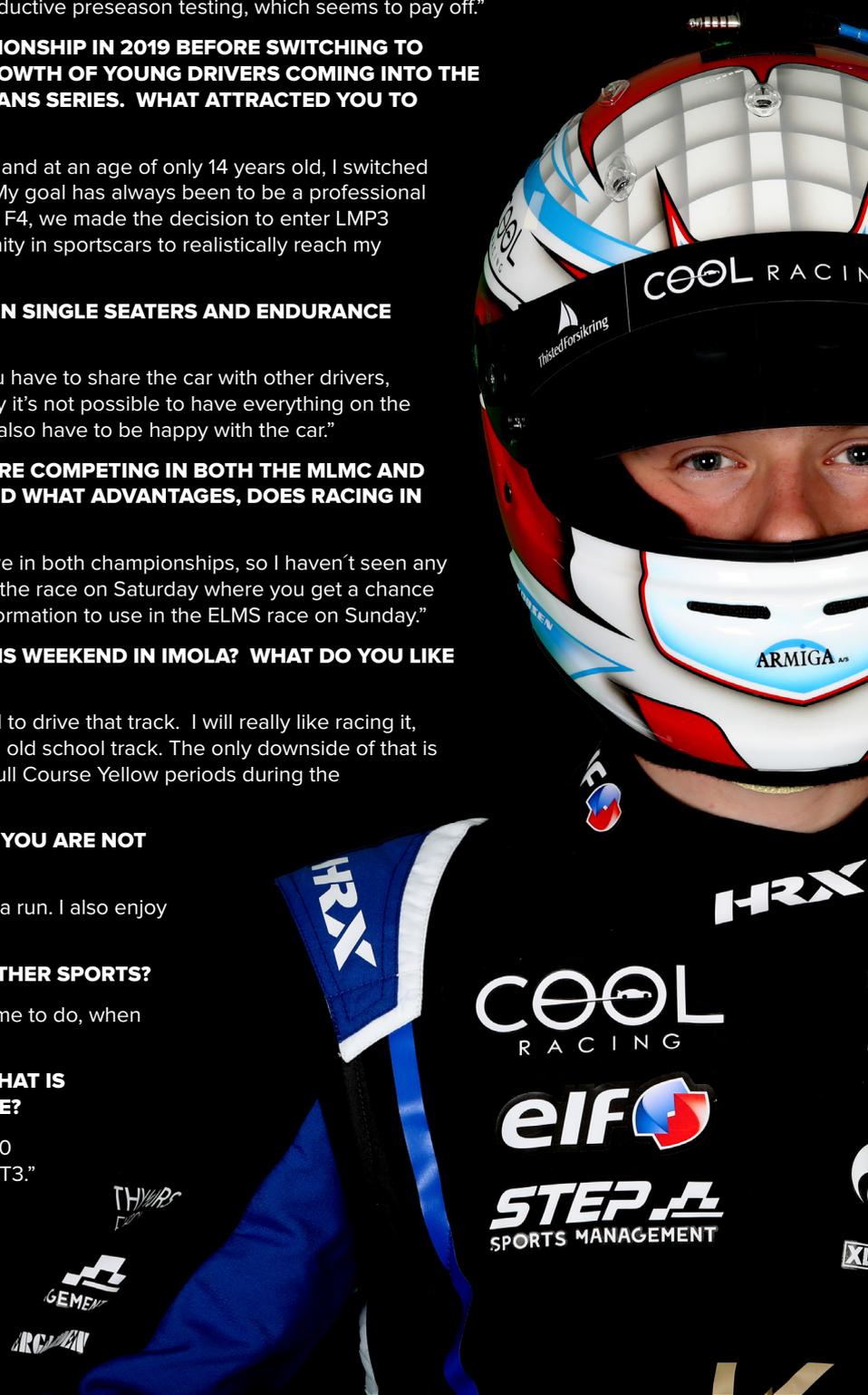
MJ: “Yes, I’m playing Handball, as much as I have time to do, when there is no racing.”

**Q: WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT ROAD CAR AND WHAT IS YOUR DREAM CAR, IF NOT YOUR CURRENT ONE?**

MJ: “At home I have a Renault Clio 1,5 diesel, with 90 angry horsepower. My dream car is a Porsche 911 GT3.”

**Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?**

MJ: “My favourite food is “Flæskesteg med brun sovs og kartoffler”, which is a classic Danish dish.”





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After a successful debut at Circuit Paul Ricard last month, the Ligier European Series heads to Italy's Imola circuit for round two of the championship. For the first time since the launch of the series in 2020, the Ligier JS P4 and Ligier JS2 Rs will face the challenge of the Enzo and Dino Ferrari circuit, named in honour of the legendary Italian constructor.



### WILL GILLIAN HENRION AND TEAM VIRAGE STAY THE COURSE AT IMOLA?

In their first participation in the series, Team Virage and Gillian Henrion at the controls of the #16 Ligier JS P4 came out swinging. Best time in free practice, two pole positions and a brace of victories at Le Castellet: Gillian Henrion immediately established himself as a serious title contender. But beware, because the season has only just begun. The Monza Garage Ligier JS P4 (#23, George King and Ronnie Valori), LR Motorsport (#3, Simone Riccitelli and Nicola Neri) and M Racing (#53, Natan Bihel) will surely not be satisfied with second or third place at Imola.





### YOUNG GUNS AND GENTLEMEN DRIVERS READY TO BATTLE IN LIGIER JS2 R

All the GT category drivers had their sights set on the podium at Le Castellet. In the end, the #75 RLR M Sport Ligier JS2 R of young gun Haytham Qarajouli and the #95 CTF Performance of gentleman driver Nicolas Beraud shared the spoils. The hostilities have begun, but who will come out on top?

### TWO NEW COMPETITORS FOR THIS ITALIAN ROUND

For round two at Imola, the Ligier JS2 R category will welcome anew challenger: the #81 of Granducato Corse. In Ligier JS P4, the Romanian team Smart Driving will field a second Ligier JS P4, the #85 as well as the #44 and its #22 Ligier JS2 R.

### THE LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES SOON IN ACTION ON THE 24 HOURS OF LE MANS CIRCUIT

Registration for the exceptional round of the Ligier European Series on the 24 Hours of Le Mans circuit is now open! 50 Ligier JS P4 and Ligier JS2 Rs are expected in the Sarthe department, from 8 to 11 June, for a unique experience on the legendary 13.626 km circuit. The future competitors have until Wednesday, 18 May, at noon to submit their entry form and join the adventure.

For more information, contact Simon Devillepoix: [s.devillepoix@europeanlemansseries.com](mailto:s.devillepoix@europeanlemansseries.com)



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13-14 MAY



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8-11 JUNE



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1-2 JULY



HEAT 5  
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#### CATEGORIES

- One sports prototype class with the Ligier JS P4 (385 hp / 920 kg)
- One GT class with the Ligier JS2 R (350 hp / 1040 kg)

#### WEEKEND FORMAT

- 2 x 40 minutes of free practice
- 2 x 15-minute qualifying session
- 2 x 1 hour race

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### • FORMAT :

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### • CATEGORIES :

- Scratch from 25 to 54 years
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Practice 2	13h30-13h50
Qualification 1	17h10-17h30
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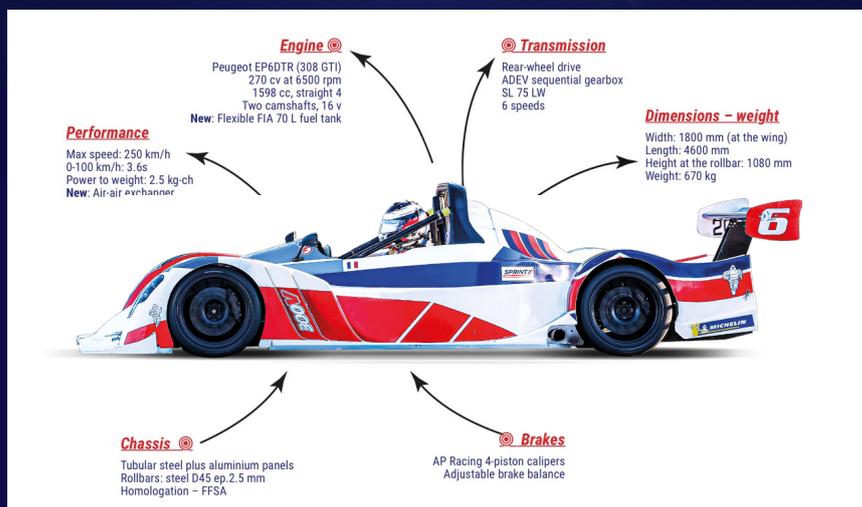
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