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4 HOURS OF SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS 25 SEPT. 2022



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THE CHALLENGE OF SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS

EUROPEAN
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With four events completed, the European Le Mans Series arrives in Belgium for the penultimate race of the 2022 season, the 4 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps.

A huge 41 strong entry will form up on the grid on Sunday, with 118 drivers and 27 teams from 33 different nations competing on what is considered one of the most challenging circuits anywhere in world.

After securing their third victory of the season in Barcelona, Louis Deletraz and Ferdinand Habsburg will be joined in the no9 Prema Racing Oreca-Gibson by American Juan Manuel Correa. Deletraz and Habsburg have a 21-point advantage in the drivers' championship over the no65 Panis Racing trio of Job Van Uitert, Julien Canal and Nico Jamin and are on the cusp of securing the driver and team titles this weekend.

Muehlner Motorsport will be looking for their second podium finish of the season at their home race, with a lot of home support for their Belgian driver Ugo De Wilde.

The battle for the LMP3 titles couldn't be closer, with Monza and Barcelona winners Charles Crews, Guilherme Oliveira and Nico Pino in the no13 Inter

Europol Competition Ligier closing the gap to just 5 points to the championship leading no17 Cool Racing Ligier of Malthe Jakobsen, Michael Benham and Maurice Smith.

Tom Van Rompuy, who is competing for reigning ELMS LMP3 Champions DKR Engineering, will start his home race on the back of a second-place finish in Barcelona last month.

Belgium's 2020 ELMS LMGTE Champion Alessio Picariello is racing in the no18 Absolute Racing Porsche, while 'Iron Dames' racer Sarah Bovy will be hoping for a top 3 finish at her home race in the no83 Iron Lynx Ferrari.

Spa-Francorchamps has always provided action packed racing whenever the ELMS races here, so be prepared to be entertained on Sunday 25th September.



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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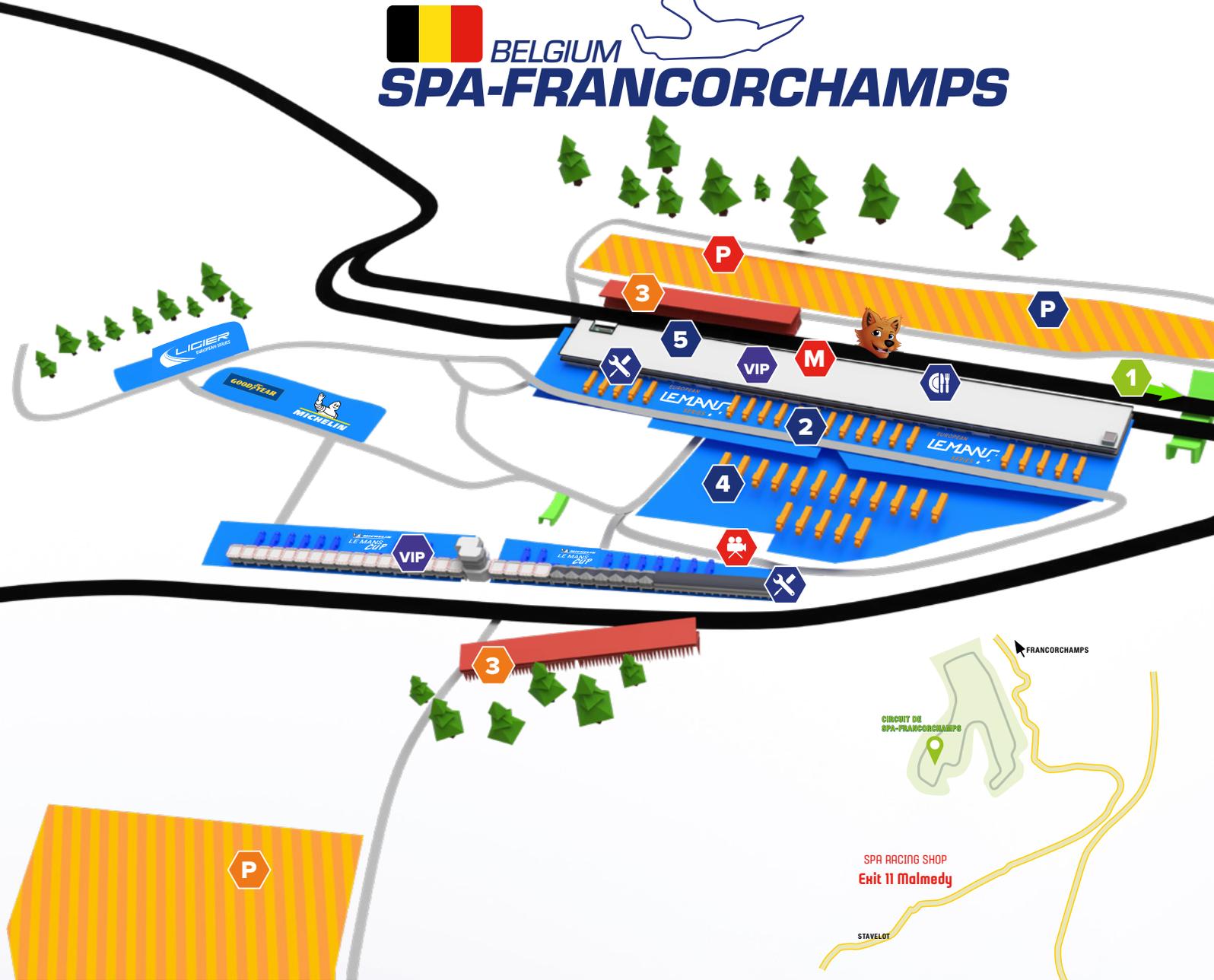


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EVENT MAP



ACCREDITATION CENTRE
TotalEnergies (Station)
1st Floor «The Open Source»
Route du Circuit 16
4970 Francorchamps

Opening hours :

Wednesday 21/09	08:30 - 17:30
Thursday 22/09	09:00 - 17:00
Friday 23/09	08:30 - 17:30
Saturday 24/09	08:30 - 18:00
Sunday 25/09	08:30 - 12:00

COMPETITORS

- TEAM CAR PARK
- SCRUTINEERING ELMS
- HOSPITALITY BUILDING
- TEAM CATERING
- PADDOCKS
- HOSPITALITIES
- ORGANISATION OFFICE

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- MEDIA CAR PARK
- MEDIA CENTRE
- TV COMPOUND

PUBLIC

- FAN AREA
- GRANDSTANDS
- CAR PARK

4 HOURS OF SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS



25 SEPTEMBER 2022

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS TRACK

BUILT IN 1921

7.004 kilometers

Track width:
Between 11 & 14 meters



Longest straight:
770 meters

Pit Lane:
386,60 meters



2021 POLE POSITION BY CATEGORY

LMP2	#37 COOL RACING – ORECA 07-GIBSON N. Lapierre / A. Coigny / C. Milesi	2:04.384
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LMP3	#4 DKR ENGINEERING – DUQUEINE M30-D08-NISSAN L. Hörr / J Dayraut	2:11.580
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LMGTE	#93 PROTON COMPETITION – PORSCHE 911 RSR-19 M. Fassbender / F. Laser / R. Lietz	2:16.093
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ELMS RESULTS 2021

TEAM WRT Kubica / Deletraz / Ye	#41
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DKR ENGINEERING Hörr / Dayraut	#4
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AF CORSE Perrodo / Collard / Rovera	#88
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THE RACE WEEK-END

FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

FREE PRACTICE 1

90MIN FOR ALL CATEGORIES

BRONZE DRIVER COLLECTIVE TESTS

30MIN SESSION DEDICATED FOR BRONZE DRIVERS



SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER



FREE PRACTICE 2

90MIN FOR ALL CATEGORIES

QUALIFYING SESSIONS

10MIN FOR EACH CATEGORIES

LIVE STREAM 

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

4 HOURS RACE

AND PODIUM CEREMONIES
FOR EACH CATEGORIES

LIVE STREAM 



TIMETABLE

4 HOURS OF SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS

FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2022

09:00	09:30	FERDINAND CUP	FREE PRACTICE	30'
09:40	10:20	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	FREE PRACTICE 1	40'
10:30	11:30	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	FREE PRACTICE 1	60'
11:38	13:08	ELMS	FREE PRACTICE 1	90'
13:16	13:56	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	FREE PRACTICE 2	40'
14:06	14:36	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	BRONZE DRIVER COLLECTIVE TEST	30'
14:46	15:16	ELMS	BRONZE DRIVER COLLECTIVE TEST	30'
15:24	15:54	FERDINAND CUP	QUALIFYING SESSION	30'
16:04	16:19	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	QUALIFYING SESSION 1	15'
16:29	16:44	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	QUALIFYING SESSION 2	15'
16:54	17:54	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	FREE PRACTICE 2	60'

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2022

09:10	10:15	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	RACE 1	60' + 1 lap
10:25	11:55	ELMS	FREE PRACTICE 2	90'
12:05	12:20	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	QUALIFYING SESSION - GT3	15'
12:30	12:45	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMP3	15'
13:05	14:10	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	RACE 2	60' + 1 lap
14:25	14:37	ELMS	QUALIFYING - LMGTE	12'
14:47	14:59	ELMS	QUALIFYING - LMP3	12'
15:09	15:21	ELMS	QUALIFYING - LMP2	12'
16:05	17:55	Michelin Le Mans Cup	RACE	110'

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2022

09:10	10:10	FERDINAND CUP	RACE 1	60'
09:25	10:15	ELMS	PITWALK	50'
09:30	10:00	ELMS	AUTOGRAPH SESSION	30'
10:25		ELMS	PITS OPEN	5'
10:30		ELMS	PITS CLOSED	
10:35		ELMS	GRID WALK opening - OPEN TO ALL THE FANS	30'
11:06		ELMS	GRID WALK gate closing	
11:07		ELMS	GRID WALK beginning of the track evacuation	
11:12		ELMS	GRID WALK end of the track evacuation	
11:27		ELMS	GREEN FLAG	
11:30	15:30	ELMS	RACE	4h
16:00	16:50	FERDINAND CUP	RACE 2	50'

4^{HOURS OF} SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS ENTRY LIST

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LMP2

16 CARS

LMP3

13 CARS

LMGTE

12 CARS

THE CATEGORIES

ELMS TOP CLASS

LMP2

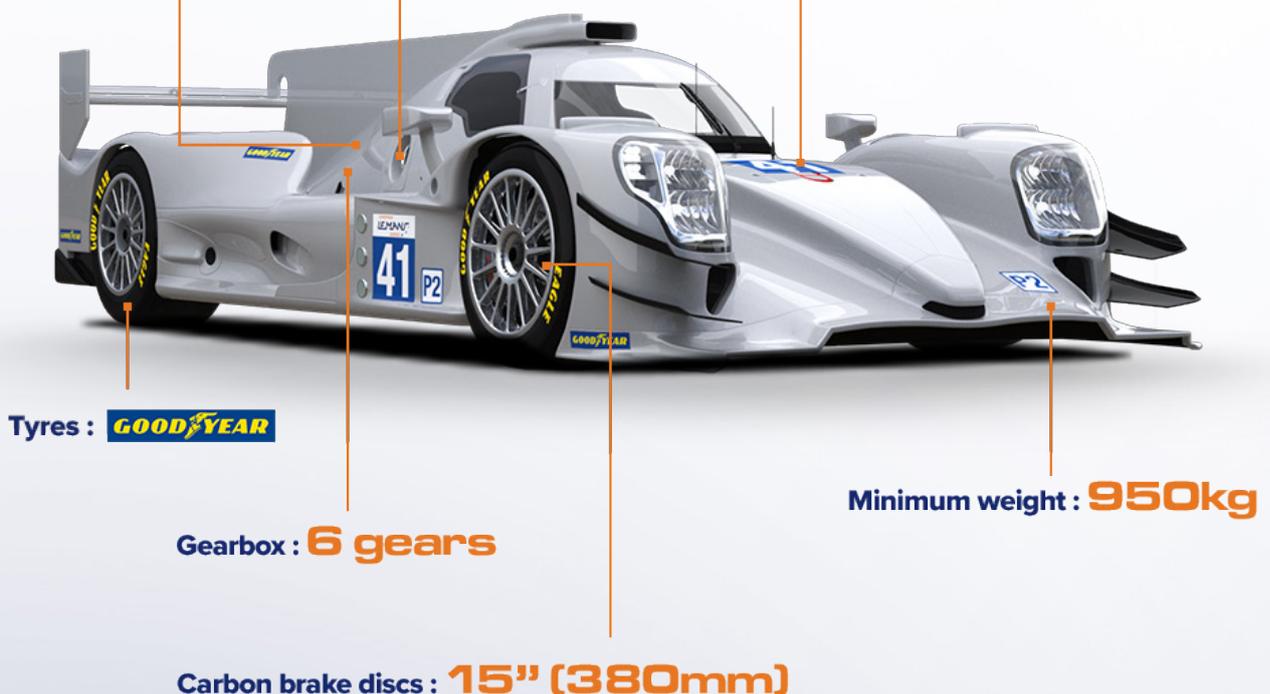
LE MANS PROTOTYPE 2

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 Technology 4.2-litre V8 producing 555 horsepower**

Fuel tank capacity : **65 litres**

Race number background : **Blue** **P2**



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**
producing **455 horsepower**

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 - 5.5L**
Turbocharged - 4L

Fuel tank capacity : **Min 85 litres**
Max 100 litres *

Race number background : **Orange** 



Tyres : **GOODYEAR**

Minimum weight : **1245kg ***

Gearbox : **6 gears**

* can be modified according to BOP

“ THE IRON DAMES PROJECT HAS HELPED MAKE MY DREAMS BECOME A REALITY ”

Aiming for the Top at Spa

Sarah Bovy and the Iron Dames have demonstrated that they have the pace to step onto the podium this weekend for her home race at Spa-Francorchamps.

The stats from the first four ELMS races haven't told the whole story, as a string of bad luck and mechanical issues out of their control have stopped the no83 Iron Lynx Ferrari from finishing in the top three.

As the bronze driver Sarah Bovy has been responsible for qualifying and hasn't disappointed, qualifying third in round 1 and then second in the last three races, coming tantalisingly close to a debut ELMS pole. She has then led the race on more than one occasion this season.

Sarah Bovy is also part of the FIA WEC Iron Dames team and secured her first LMGTE AM pole at Monza and has helped secure two podium finishes from the five races held so far. Also, she helped the team to a class win at the 24 Hours of Spa in July, standing on the top step of the very podium she will be aiming for this weekend at the 4 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps.

Iron Dames

#83



SARAH BOVY



INTERVIEW

SARAH BOVY

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Q: HOW WOULD YOU SUM UP THE START TO THE 2022 SEASON FOR YOURSELF AND THE TEAM?

Sarah Bovy: “Definitely a rollercoaster of emotions! We started with a massive high, when the team announced to Michelle, Rahel and I our program - three of the most amazing endurance championships in the world with the 24h of Le Mans, the 24h of Spa, a race in America and one in Japan - Pretty much everything we ever dreamt about! Then we had good race weekends and more difficult ones. In ELMS specifically we have been quite unlucky - we were fighting for the podium or victory in each round so far but between bad timing on safety car or FCY strategy, a puncture in Imola and a LMP3 who sent me in the wall in the start in Barcelona, we are still chasing our first strong result of the season.

Q: HOW IMPORTANT IS THE IRON DAMES PROGRAMME TO YOUR RACING CAREER AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER FEMALE DRIVERS?

SB: “In my case, it’s pretty simple; without the programme I would be at home watching all those races on TV. The Iron Dames project has helped make my dreams become a reality, as it has for other women in motorsport and it will do for many more in the future. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity. The project was set up with the clear goal of encouraging more women into motorsport at all levels. Not only the drivers, but we have female managers, technicians, marketing and PR all working alongside men. For us it isn’t a question of gender, it is about having the best talent on your team. We are spreading this message and we are achieving great results on track. But we are also nurturing young talent such as 18-year-old French racer Doriane Pin, who is currently leading the Ferrari Challenge Europe Trofeo Pirelli Championship.”

Q: YOU’VE ALREADY STOOD ON THE TOP STEP OF THE PODIUM AT SPA THIS SEASON, WINNING YOUR CLASS AT THE 24 HOURS OF SPA. HOW DID IT FEEL TO WIN THAT RACE WITH IRON LYNX?

SB: “It was a dream come true. To be honest a dream I would never have imagine achieving a year ago. The team has invested so much trust, work, commitment into our line up, I think we were all very happy to deliver that incredible milestone to thanks them. And it just made us ever thirstier for victories.”

Q: HOW DID IT GO AT LE MANS? WHAT WERE THE POSITIVES YOU TOOK AWAY FROM THAT WEEKEND?

SB: “Le Mans was a tough race ... after a great quali from Rahel we had a puncture in the second lap of the race, out of nowhere. We lost two laps and any hope for a good result. The frustration to start a race like that after all the hard work we put in it was enormous, we knew we had the pace to fight for a podium. But we stayed united, we gave all we had in the battle and still manage to do a great come back to P7, a few seconds behind the first Ferrari.”

INTERVIEW

SARAH BOVY

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Q: TELL US ABOUT YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE RACE THIS WEEKEND IN SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS? WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE CIRCUIT?

SB: “Spa is home. I did so many laps with so many different cars, in so many different conditions the last 15 years, you could think nothing can surprise me anymore there. But it’s false! There is always something unexpected happening in Spa. I love that about that track. It’s an old school circuit, it takes a lot of commitment from the drivers and the cars if you want to go fast and last on it. You can never ever get distracted, and you need to put all your heart in the battle. That’s the way I love racing.”

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

SB: “I spend most of my time home with my dog, Indy. She is part of my life for the last 4 years and I do almost everything with her: training, biking, playing, even driving sometimes! I also like to see my friends and family, have some nice dinners together, go to cinema, enjoy a rock concert ...”

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

SB: “I do a lot of sport as soon as I have a bit of free time. For my physical preparation but also because I love it. Mainly mountain biking and running during the summer - ski and snowboard for the winter.”

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

SB: “You gonna be disappointed, I drive an Audi A1 with a 1l engine, I think it’s less than 100hp. I live in Brussels and it’s more than enough. When I feel the need for something more exiting, I jump on my Ducati Diavel. (Bikers will know!) I don’t really have a dream car, I have been privileged enough to be working with supercars from a lot of brands and to drive some of the most exciting cars existing. I just can’t choose one.”

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

SB: “Nothing can beat a good pizza, expect maybe for an amazing burger”



EUROPEAN
LEMAN★
SERIES ★★

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SPOTTER GUIDE

9 PREMA RACING 

P2  J. M. Correa
L. Deletraz
F. Habsburg



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

19 ALGARVE PRO RACING 

P2  B. Viscaal
F. Ugran



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

21 MÜHLNER MOTOSPORT 

P2  M. Kaiser
T. Laurent
U. De Wilde



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

22 UNITED AUTOSPORTS 

P2  T. Gamble
D. Tappy
P. Hanson



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

24 NIELSEN RACING 

P2  R. Sales
M. Bell
B. Hanley



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

28 IDEC SPORT 

P2  P. L. Chatin
P. Lafargue
P. Pilet



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

30 DUQUEINE TEAM 

P2  M. Rojas
R. Bradley
TBA



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
W. Stevens



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

35 BHK MOTORSPORT 

P2  F. Dracone
S. Campana
M. Pommer



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

37 COOL RACING 

P2  N. Kruetten
Y. Ye
N. Lapierre



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

43 INTER EUROPOL COMPETITION 

P2  D. Heinemeier Hansson
P. Fittipaldi
F. Scherer



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

47 ALGARVE PRO RACING 

P2  J. Falb
A. Peroni
J. Allen



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

51 TEAM VIRAGE 

P2  R. Hodes
G. Aubry
I. Rodriguez



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

65 PANIS RACING 

P2  N. Jamin
J. Van Uiter
J. Canal



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

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88 AF CORSE 

P2  F. Perrodo
N. Nielsen
A. Rovera



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

2 UNITED AUTOSPORTS 

P3  J. Caygill
B. Voisin
F. Gehrsitz



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

3 UNITED AUTOSPORTS 

P3  J. McGuire
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  X. Lloveras
M. Cristóvão



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

11 EUROINTERNATIONAL 

P3  M. Koebolt
J. de Sadeleer
S. C. Serrano



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

13 INTER EUROPOL COMPETITION 

P3  C. Crews
N. Pino
G. Oliveira



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

14 INTER EUROPOL COMPETITION 

P3  J. Dayson
N. Abramczyk
M. Kaprzyk



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

15 RLR MSPORT 

P3  H. Felbermayr Jr
A. McCusker
V. Catalano



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

17 COOL RACING 

P3  M. Smith
M. Benham
M. Jakobsen



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

27 COOL RACING 

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



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

18 ABSOLUTE RACING 

GTE  A. Haryanto
M. Rump
A. Picariello



PORSCHE 911 RSR - 19 

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32 RINALDI RACING

GTE

 P. Ehret
 D. Alessi
 N. Varrone



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO

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33 RINALDI RACING

GTE

 C. Hook
 F. Crestani
 J. Bleekemolen



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO

GOODYEAR

55 SPIRIT OF RACE

GTE

 D. Cameron
 M. Griffin
 D. Perel



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO

GOODYEAR

57 KESSEL RACING

GTE

 C. Grunewald
 F. Schandorff
 M. Jensen



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO

GOODYEAR

60 IRON LYNX

GTE

 C. Schiavoni
 D. Rigon
 M. Cressoni



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO

GOODYEAR

66 JMW MOTORSPORT

GTE

 G. Petrobelli
 M. Payne
 S. Hudspeth



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO

GOODYEAR

69 OMAN RACING WITH TF SPORT

GTE

 A. Al Harthy
 S. de Haan
 M. Sorensen



ASTON MARTIN VANTAGE AMR

GOODYEAR

77 PROTON COMPETITION

GTE

 C. Ried
 L. Ferrari
 G. Bruni



PORSCHE 911 RSR - 19

GOODYEAR

83 IRON LYNX

GTE

 S. Bovy
 M. Gattling
 D. Pin



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO

GOODYEAR

93 PROTON COMPETITION

GTE

 M. Fassbender
 Z. Robichon
 R. Lietz



PORSCHE 911 RSR - 19

GOODYEAR

95 OMAN RACING WITH TF SPORT

GTE

 J. Hartshorne
 H. Chaves
 J. Adam



ASTON MARTIN VANTAGE AMR

GOODYEAR

CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

AFTER FOUR ROUNDS



LE CASTELLET



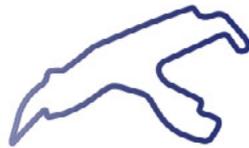
IMOLA



MONZA



BARCELONA



SPA - FRANCORCHAMPS



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 ROUND 5/6

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CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

TOP 3 LMP2 STANDINGS

BEFORE ROUND 5

1	 #9 PREMA RACING L. COLOMBO / L. DELETRAZ / F. HABSURG	 85 pts
2	 #65 PANIS RACING J. CANAL / N. JAMIN / J. VAN UITERT	 64 pts
3	 #22 UNITED AUTOSPORTS P. HANSON / T. GAMBLE / D. TAPPY	 48 pts

TOP 3 LMP3 STANDINGS

BEFORE ROUND 5

1	 #17 COOL RACING M. SMITH / M. BENHAM / M. JAKOBSEN	 59 pts
2	 #13 INTER EUROPOL COMPETITION N. PINO / C. CREWS / G. OLIVEIRA	 54 pts
3	 #5 RLR MSPORT M. JENSEN / N. ADCOCK / A. KAPADIA	 47 pts

CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

TOP 3 LMGTE STANDINGS

BEFORE ROUND 5

1



#77 PROTON COMPETITION
C. RIED / L. FERRARI / G. BRUNI

69 pts

2



#55 SPIRIT OF RACE
D. CAMERON / M. GRIFFIN / D. PEREL

41 pts

3



#57 KESSEL RACING
T. KIMURA / F. SCHANDORFF / M. JENSEN

40 pts

TOP 3 LMP2 PRO/AM STANDINGS

BEFORE ROUND 5

1



#34 RACING TEAM TURKEY
S. YOLUC / C. EASTWOOD / J. AITKEN

80 pts

2



#24 NIELSEN RACING
R. SALES / M. BELL / B. HANLEY

70 pts

3



#88 AF CORSE
F. PERRODO / N. NIELSEN / A. ROVERA

65 pts

HASHTAG POOL



#ELMSTESTS



#4HLECASTELLET



#4HIMOLA



#4HMONZA



#4HBARCELONA



#4HSPA



#4HPORTIMAO



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The Penultimate MLMC Race of the 2022 Season



After a two month break since Monza in July, the Michelin Le Mans Cup resumes with a 36-car grid facing the awesome 7km Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, with 74 drivers and 26 teams from 18 different nations on the grid.

Spa could witness the sealing of the 2022 MLMC Driver and Team titles by Tom Dillman and Alexander Mattschull in the no10 Racing Spirit of Lemans Ligier. The Franco-German pairing currently hold a 33-point advantage over their nearest rivals Louis Rousset and Jerome de Sadeleer in the no29 MV2S Forestier Racing Ligier.

However, victory at Spa-Francorchamps could be secured by almost any of the 31 cars that will be on the grid, so there will be plenty of racing action for everyone to enjoy on Saturday afternoon.

The GT3 grid will see all the leading contenders for the 2022 titles will be taking the start and with just 20 points splitting the top three, there is all to play for at Spa.

Championship leaders Kristian Poulsen and Kasper Jensen (no55 GMB Motorsport Honda NSX) will be looking to extend their lead over their rivals, with the no99 Bullitt Racing Aston Martin Vantage of

Britain's Stephen Patrick and French driver Valentin Hasse-Clot just 17 points behind the Danes.

The no88 GMB Motorsport Honda NSX of Lars Engelbrecht Pedersen is currently in third place and will be joined at Spa by former 24 Hours of Le Mans and multiple IMSA / ALMS Champion Jan Magnussen.

The Spa-Francorchamps Round of the 2022 Michelin Le Mans Cup will take place on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th September, with two free practice sessions on Friday followed by qualifying and the race on Saturday.



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THE CAR. ”**

Freddie Hunt is competing in his first full season of the Michelin Le Mans Cup with new to the series team Reiter Engineering and Norwegian driver Mads Siljehaug

The 35-year-old British driver, who is the son of 1976 Formula One World Champion James Hunt, has been making steady progress in the first five races, securing pole position last time out at Monza and taking a podium finish, and maximum points, in the second Road to Le Mans race in June.

We caught up with Freddie Hunt as he prepares for the final two races of the 2022 season, start with the ultimate challenge of the 7km Spa-Francorchamps circuit this weekend.

REITER ENGINEERING

#76



FREDDIE HUNT

INTERVIEW

FREDDIE HUNT

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Q: YOUR SEASON HAS GOT OFF TO A GREAT START WITH REITER ENGINEERING, WITH SOME GOOD RESULTS. HOW WOULD YOU SUM UP YOUR FIRST FIVE RACES?

FH: "Great progression! I'm really pleased with the team considering they are brand new to these cars, my engineer had never seen one of these cars before; had never worked on one. My teammate has never driven one before. I'm still fairly green and we've gone from very slow to pole position and the podium, so it's going really well."

Q: THIS IS YOUR FIRST SEASON IN LE MANS PROTOTYPES AND IT SEEMS TO SUIT YOUR DRIVING STYLE. WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE LMP3 CATEGORY?

FH: "At the moment, it's ideal power and weight and grip for me really. I think a lot of people are comparing me to how I used to be thinking I was getting on with the cars then. It's not the car, it's my head, it's improved with maturity and meditation. I used to suffer from tremendous pressure that I put on myself and now I'm getting through that."

Q: YOUR STATED AMBITION IS TO RACE AT THE 24 HOURS OF LE MANS. WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE FULL LA SARTHE CIRCUIT?

FH: "I love the circuit. People seem to be intimidated by it which works in my favour because I'm not at all. That podium finish was fantastic. We could have potentially had a win as we had a healthy lead, which got diminished by the Safety Car, but to be P2 was good. I'm learning a lot too so, it's very confidence boosting."

Q: THE NEXT MLMC RACE IS AT SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS? WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE CIRCUIT?

FH: "I haven't done Spa yet. I think Spa is probably up there, probably the number one track I really wanted to drive. I've done a bit on the simulator but not in the prototype, but I know the track from the PlayStation and stuff like that. I just can't wait, I'm very excited."

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

FH: "Snooker! I follow it and I play, but not very well. Obviously, I follow Formula One. I play occasional Squash, but nothing like dad's level, a bit like my driving, and I do a lot of target shooting."

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

FH: "The current road car is an Audi A6. I am not really a car man surprisingly; I think I'd like an RS6 or an S6 tuned up!"



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THE LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES HEADS TO BELGIUM

The summer hiatus is officially over. The second half of the Ligier European Series season begins in the Belgian Ardennes on one of motorsport's most popular circuits: Spa-Francorchamps. The seven-kilometre-long track features an undulating landscape, with high-speed corners to the delight of the drivers. The penultimate round before the season finale in Portimão could see the crowning of the 2022 champions in the Ligier JS P4 and Ligier JS2 R categories.



TEAM VIRAGE IS CLOSING IN ON THE JS P4 TITLE

With 200 points scored since the start of the season at Le Castellet in April, Gillian Henrion and Team Virage (#16 Ligier JS P4) remain the overwhelming favourites to win the sport-prototype category championship. The Spa-Francorchamps Heat could well determine the fate of the young prodigy who has managed to overcome the challenges at every meeting. But Natan Bihel and M Racing (#53), JS2 R Champions in 2021, have not yet thrown in the towel. Thanks to their consistency (seven podiums in eight races), the Frenchmen are second in the general classification with 132 points and can still claim the title. The Italian Monza Garage team with George King and Ronnie Valori (#23 Ligier JS P4) is in third place with 107 points.

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A ROOKIE AND GENTLEMEN DRIVERS IN CONTENTION FOR THE JS2 R TITLE

Haytham Qarajouli and RLR MSport (#75 Ligier JS2 R) have a clear lead in the GT category, with 142 points thanks, in part, to two impressive weekend sweeps since the start of the season. In his rear-view mirror, Laurent Millara and M Racing (Ligier JS2 R #69), who finished third in the championship in 2021, are behind with 85 points. While the gentleman driver could make up some ground, his season-ending runner-up status is not yet secure. CTF Performance's #96 bronze driver duo, Fabien Delaplace and Laurent Piguet, with three-second places and 76 points, will also try to pick up the pace and could steal second place in the general classification.

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LE CASTELLET
15-16 APRIL



HEAT 2
IMOLA
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8-11 JUNE



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14-15 OCTOBER

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)

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