



ROUND 6/6

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OFFICIAL PROGRAM

4 HOURS OF PORTIMÃO

16 OCT. 2022



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The European Le Mans Series arrives in Portugal for the final race of the 2022 season, the 4 Hours of Portimão, and for the first time in many years all the championship titles have yet to be decided.

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 the 'Portimão Roller Coaster', more commonly known as the Autodromo Internacional do Algarve.

The LMP2 Driver and Team titles are a straight fight between Louis Deletraz and Ferdinand Habsburg, who are joined by Juan Manuel Correa in the no9 Prema Racing Oreca and Nico Jamin, Julien Canal, and Job Van Uitert in the no65 Panis Racing Oreca.

Prema Racing are 24 points ahead of their Panis Racing rivals and with 26 points on offer in the final race, Panis Racing need to win from pole position and hope that the Prema Racing Oreca finishes 10th or lower. Panis Racing are only three points ahead of United Autosports after the British team won in Belgium last month. These two teams will be going head-to-head for the runners up position in the championship and secure an invitation to the 2023 24 Hours of Le Mans.

The LMP2 Pro-Am title will be a three-way battle between the no34 Racing Team Turkey, the no88 AF Corse and the no24 Nielsen Racing Oreca's, with Racing Team Turkey holding a 22-point advantage over their rivals.

A third win in a row for the no13 Inter Europol Competition Ligier has given Portugal's Guilherme Oliveira, Chile's Nico Pino and American Charles Crews a 19-point lead, with only the no17 Cool Racing Ligier of Malthe Jakobsen, Maurice Smith and Michael Benham in a position to beat them to the title.

The title race in LMGTE is the closest, with the no77 Proton Competition Porsche just 9 points ahead of the no57 Kessel Racing Ferrari and 21 points ahead of the no60 Iron Lynx Ferrari. Expect to see some fierce battles on track in this class.

There are not just the prestigious European titles to be won in Portimão, there are also the automatic invitations to the 100th Anniversary 24 Hours of Le Mans in June 2023. The top two teams in the LMP2 championship standings and the top three in LMGTE plus the LMP3 champions will receive the invitations.

Since the first race in 2017 Portimão has always provided action packed racing, so strap in for a roller coaster ride on Sunday 16th October.



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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EVENT MAP



ACCREDITATION CENTRE
Main entrance of the track

Opening hours :

Tuesday 11/10	08:30 - 17:00
Wednesday 12/10	08:30 - 17:30
Thursday 13/10	09:00 - 17:00
Friday 14/10	08:30 - 17:30
Saturday 15/10	08:30 - 18:00
Sunday 16/10	08:30 - 12:00

COMPETITORS

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

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-  CAR PARK

4 HOURS OF PORTIMÃO



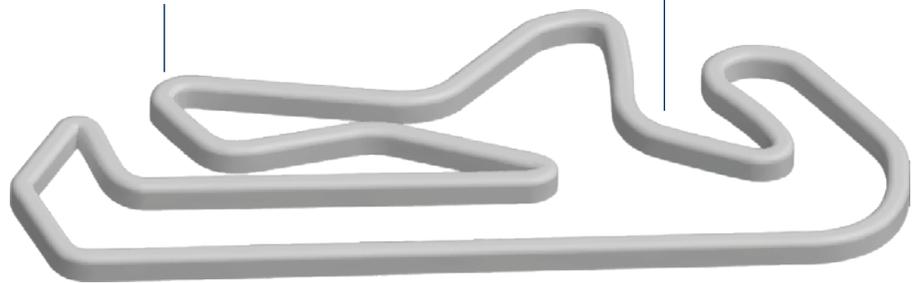
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PORTIMÃO TRACK

BUILT IN 2008

4.653
kilometers

Track width:
Between 14 & 18 meters



Longest straight:
969 meters

Pit Lane:
476,3 meters



2021 POLE POSITION BY CATEGORY

LMP2

#37 COOL RACING – ORECA 07-GIBSON
N. Lapierre / A. Coigny / C. Milesi

1:30.812

LMP3

#2 UNITED AUTOSPORTS – LIGIER JS P320-NISSAN
W. Boyd / R. Wheldon / E. Cauhaube

1:36.372

LMGTE

#95 TF SPORT – ASTON MARTIN VANTAGE AMR
J. Hartshorne / R. Gunn / O. Hancock

1:39.209

ELMS RESULTS 2021

UNITED AUTOSPORTS
Hanson / Aberdein / Gamble

#22

INTER EUROPOL
COMPETITION
Hippe / De Wilde / Eteki

#13

IRON LYNX
Cressoni / Mastronardi / Molina

#80

THE RACE WEEK-END

FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER

FREE PRACTICE 1

90MIN FOR ALL CATEGORIES

BRONZE DRIVER COLLECTIVE TESTS

30MIN SESSION DEDICATED FOR BRONZE DRIVERS



SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER



FREE PRACTICE 2

90MIN FOR ALL CATEGORIES

QUALIFYING SESSIONS

10MIN FOR EACH CATEGORIES

LIVE STREAM 

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER

4 HOURS RACE

AND PODIUM CEREMONIES
FOR EACH CATEGORIES

LIVE STREAM 



TIMETABLE

4 HOURS OF PORTIMÃO

FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER 2022

09:00	09:20	GT3 CUP	FREE PRACTICE 1	20'
09:30	10:10	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	FREE PRACTICE 1	40'
10:20	11:50	ELMS	FREE PRACTICE 1	90'
12:00	13:00	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	FREE PRACTICE 1	60'
14:00	14:40	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	FREE PRACTICE 2	40'
14:50	15:10	GT3 CUP	FREE PRACTICE 2	20'
15:30	16:00	ELMS	BRONZE DRIVER COLLECTIVE TEST	30'
16:10	16:25	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	QUALIFYING SESSION 1	15'
16:35	16:50	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	QUALIFYING SESSION 2	15'
17:00	17:20	GT3 CUP	QUALIFYING SESSION 1	20'
17:30	18:10	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	BRONZE DRIVER COLLECTIVE TEST	40'

SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER 2022

08:35	08:55	GT3 CUP	QUALIFYING SESSION 2	20'
09:15	10:20	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	RACE 1	60' + 1 lap
10:30	11:30	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	FREE PRACTICE 2	60'
11:40	13:10	ELMS	FREE PRACTICE 2	90'
13:35	14:00	GT3 CUP	RACE 1	25'
14:15	14:30	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	QUALIFYING SESSION - GT3	15'
14:40	14:55	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMP3	15'
15:15	16:20	Ligier European Series	RACE 2	60' + 1 lap
16:35	16:45	ELMS	QUALIFYING - LMGTE	10'
16:55	17:05	ELMS	QUALIFYING - LMP3	10'
17:15	17:25	ELMS	QUALIFYING - LMP2	10'
17:45	18:10	GT3 CUP	RACE 2	25'

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER 2022

08:20		MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	PITS OPEN	
08:25		MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	PITS CLOSE	
09:00	10:50	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	RACE	110'
11:05	11:35	ELMS	AUTOGRAPH SESSION	30'
11:05	11:45	ELMS	PITWALK	
11:55		ELMS	PITS OPEN	5'
12:00		ELMS	PITS CLOSE	
12:05		ELMS	GRID WALK opening - OPEN TO ALL THE PADDOCK	30'
12:35		ELMS	GRID WALK gate closing	
12:35		ELMS	GRID WALK beginning of the track evacuation	15'
12:42		ELMS	GRID WALK end of the track evacuation	
12:57		ELMS	GREEN FLAG	
13:00	17:00	ELMS	RACE	4h

4 HOURS OF PORTIMÃO ENTRY LIST

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LMP2

16 CARS

LMP3

13 CARS

LMGTE

12 CARS

THE CATEGORIES

ELMS TOP CLASS

LMP2

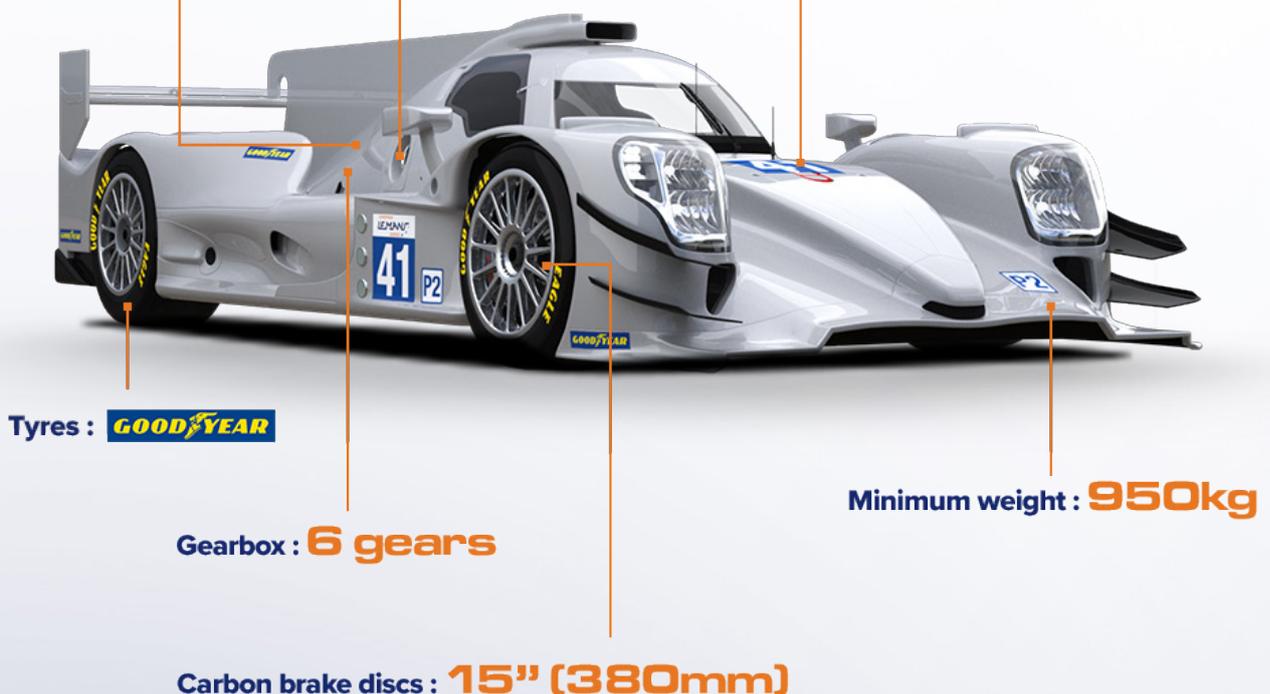
LE MANS PROTOTYPE 2

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 : 

Minimum weight : **1245kg ***

Gearbox : **6 gears**

* can be modified according to BOP

“ IT'S THE LAST ROUND AND WE KNOW WE HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF CLINCHING THE EUROPEAN LE MANS SERIES TITLE THERE ”

Going for Gold in Portimão

17-Year-Old Guilherme Moura de Oliveira is only in his third season of car racing after winning the Campeonato Nacional de Karting – Junior title in 2017. After a couple of seasons in F4 Spanish Championship, the Portuguese driver has come of age in the world of endurance.

After making his ELMS debut at Portimão in 2021 with Luxembourg team Racing Experience, Oliveira moved to Inter Europol Competition for the 2022 season. Racing alongside Chilean Nico Pino and American Charles Crews, Guilherme Oliveira quickly got into his stride and the team have scored three wins in Monza, Barcelona and Spa-Francorchamps.

With a comfortable 19-point lead in the LMP3 Championship ahead of this weekend's 4 Hours of Portimão and Guilherme Oliveira will be looking to take his first championship trophy for himself and his teammates on home soil.



INTER EUROPOL COMPETITION

#13



GUILHERME OLIVEIRA

INTERVIEW

GUILHERME OLIVEIRA

“ ”

Q: HOW WOULD YOU SUM UP THE 2022 SEASON SO FAR FOR YOURSELF AND THE INTER EUROPOL COMPETITION TEAM?

Guilherme Oliveira: “It’s been a crazy season in so many ways. We’ve been through a lot together – starting in the Asian Le Mans Series, where we ran well, had good pace, but had no luck in the races themselves. That was however good preparations for the European Le Mans Series. We started at Paul Ricard, where I felt we could have won, but with the engine in safe mode, we lost it on the last lap which was really frustrating. But we moved on, motorsport is not always fair.

“Imola, we crashed on the third lap, and it seemed everything was against us, but we didn’t give up and it all changed at Monza! It was a fantastic result, and it unlocked the potential we all knew we had and since then we won in Barcelona and Spa, so together with Inter Europol Competition, we are enjoying the moment!”

Q: YOU’VE STOOD ON THE TOP STEP OF THE PODIUM AT MONZA, BARCELONA AND SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS. WHICH VICTORY IS THE STANDOUT EVENT FOR YOU AND WHY?

GO: “Three wins – Monza, Barcelona and Spa – and even as I say that it doesn’t sound real; it’s my rookie year in endurance racing and so far, it has exceeded expectations. Just crazy, but for me Monza was the most emotional one as it was my first win of my career in cars and doing it in this great series – with such high levels of competition – made it all the more special.”

Q: THIS WEEKEND YOU AND YOUR TEAMMATES ARE 19 POINTS AHEAD WITH 26 POINTS LEFT TO WIN. WHAT IS THE GOAL? PLAY IT SAFE AND WIN THE TITLE OR GO FOR VICTORY AND WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN STYLE?

GO: “It’s the last round and we know we have a good chance of clinching the European Le Mans Series title there. As a driver, I will try to avoid championship thoughts and try to treat it as a normal race, give our all and go for the race win. Of course, if things get risky, it’s time to step back, look at the big picture, but let’s hope all goes well and we all hope for the best.”

Q: PORTIMÃO IS A CHALLENGING TRACK. WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE CIRCUIT AND WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE CORNER?

GO: “It’s a challenging track in all aspects, with many blind corners that make it all the more difficult in terms of traffic and general vision from within the car. It is my favourite track though and the best corner is the final one, which is full throttle in an LMP3 car, and very grippy. It is also my home race and I feel honoured to be racing there.”

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

GO: “I’m 17 years old and therefore do not have a road licence or a road car. I do have a dream car though – since I was a child - and that is a McLaren P1. But perhaps more realistic is an Audi RS3. That is a car I would love to have one day.



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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  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. Bradley
 R. Andrade



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  J. Aitken
 C. Eastwood
 S. Yolcu



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

35 BHK MOTORSPORT 

P2  F. Dracone
 S. Campana
 M. Pommer



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

37 COOL RACING 

P2  Y. Ye
 N. Kruetten
 N. Lapierre



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
 A. Peroni
 J. Allen



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

51 TEAM VIRAGE 

P2  R. Hodes
 I. Rodríguez
 G. Aubry



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

65 PANIS RACING 

P2  N. Jamin
 J. Van Uitert
 J. Canal



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

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88 AF CORSE 

P2

-  F. Perrodo
-  A. Rovera
-  N. Nielsen



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

2 UNITED AUTOSPORTS 

P3

-  B. Voisin
-  F. Gehrsitz
-  J. Caygill



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

-  A. Kapadia
-  N. Adcock
-  M. Jensen



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

6 360 RACING 

P3

-  T. Woodward
-  R. Kaiser
-  S. C. Serrano



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 Sadeleur



LIGIER JS P320 - NISSAN 

13 INTER EUROPOL COMPETITION 

P3

-  N. Pino
-  C. Crews
-  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. Jakobsen
-  M. Smith
-  M. Benham



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

 RINALDI RACING
RACING WITH FERRARI



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO 

33 RINALDI RACING 

GTE  C. Hook
 F. Crestani
 J. Bleekemolen

 RINALDI RACING
RACING WITH FERRARI



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO 

55 SPIRIT OF RACE 

GTE  D. Cameron
 M. Griffin
 D. Perel

 SPIRIT OF RACE
RACING WITH FERRARI



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO 

57 KESSEL RACING 

GTE  T. Kimura
 F. Schandorff
 M. Jensen

 KESSEL
RACING WITH FERRARI



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO 

60 IRON LYNX 

GTE  M. Cressoni
 D. Rigon
 C. Schiavoni

 IRON LYNX
RACING WITH FERRARI



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO 

66 JMW MOTORSPORT 

GTE  G. Petrobelli
 M. Payne
 S. Hudspeth

 JMW
MOTORSPORT



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO 

69 OMAN RACING WITH TF SPORT 

GTE  A. Al Harthy
 S. de Haan
 M. Sorensen

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RACING



ASTON MARTIN VANTAGE AMR 

77 PROTON COMPETITION 

GTE  C. Ried
 L. Ferrari
 G. Bruni

 Proton
Competition



PORSCHE 911 RSR - 19 

83 IRON LYNX 

GTE  S. Bovy
 M. Gattling
 D. Pin

 IRON LYNX
RACING WITH FERRARI



FERRARI F488 GTE EVO 

93 PROTON COMPETITION 

GTE  M. Fassbender
 Z. Robichon
 R. Lietz

 Proton
Competition



PORSCHE 911 RSR - 19 

95 OMAN RACING WITH TF SPORT 

GTE  J. Hartshorne
 H. Chaves
 J. Adam

 oman
RACING



ASTON MARTIN VANTAGE AMR 

CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

AFTER FIFTH ROUNDS



LE CASTELLET



IMOLA



MONZA



BARCELONA



SPA - FRANCORCHAMPS



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CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

TOP 3 LMP2 STANDINGS

BEFORE THE SEASON FINALE IN PORTIMAO

1



#9 PREMA RACING
J-M CORREA / L. DELETRAZ / F. HABSURG

100 pts

2



#65 PANIS RACING
J. CANAL / N. JAMIN / J. VAN UITERT

76 pts

3



#22 UNITED AUTOSPORTS
P. HANSON / T. GAMBLE / D. TAPPY

73 pts

TOP 3 LMP3 STANDINGS

BEFORE THE SEASON FINALE IN PORTIMAO

1



#13 INTER EUROPOL COMPETITION
N. PINO / C. CREWS / G. OLIVEIRA

79 pts

2



#17 COOL RACING
M. SMITH / M. BENHAM / M. JAKOBSEN

60 pts

3



#4 DKR ENGINEERING
S. ALVAREZ / A. BUKHANTSOV / T. VAN ROMPUY

52 pts

CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

TOP 3 LMGTE STANDINGS

BEFORE THE SEASON FINALE IN PORTIMAO

1



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

72 pts

2



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

63 pts

3



#60 IRON LYNX
C. SCHIAVONI / D. RIGON / M. CRESSONI

51 pts

TOP 3 LMP2 PRO/AM STANDINGS

BEFORE THE SEASON FINALE IN PORTIMAO

1



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

105 pts

2



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

83 pts

3



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

82 pts

HASHTAG POOL



#ELMSTESTS



#4HLECASTELLET



#4HIMOLA



#4HMONZA



#4HBARCELONA



#4HSPA



#4HPORTIMAO



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A Fitting End to a Great Season of Racing

For the past six months the Michelin Le Mans Cup has provided some of the most entertaining racing seen anywhere in Europe and now the season comes to a close at the with the final 110-minute race at the challenging Autodromo Internacional do Algarve here in Portugal.



Alexander Mattschull and Tom Dillmann travel to Portugal as the newly crowned Michelin Le Mans Cup LMP3 Champions after securing the Driver and Team titles at Spa-Francorchamps with Swiss team Racing Spirit of Lemans. With no titles to win, all eyes will be on which of the 32 LMP3 entries will secure the final victory of the 2022 season and who will claim the Vice Champions slot in the championship standings.

Norwegian Mads Siljehaug and his British teammate Freddie Hunt, who is the son of 1976 F1 World Champion James Hunt, are currently second after finishing second in Belgium in the no76 Reiter Engineering Ligier last month. However, they are only 1 point ahead of the MV2S Forestier Racing Ligier of Jerome de Sadeleer and Louis Rousset, with several other cars covered by just 10 points, with 26 points still on offer this weekend.

The MLMC GT3 Teams championship has been won by the Danish squad GMB Motorsport, but which one of their three Honda NSX crews will be the 2022 Drivers Champions is still to be resolved in Portugal.

Kristian Poulsen and Kasper Jensen (no55 GMB Motorsport Honda NSX) have a 17-point lead over their teammates Jens Moller and Gustav Birch in the no44 Honda, with Lars Pedersen in the no88 Honda just 1 point behind. For the second time this season Lars Pedersen will have the vast experience of Jan Magnussen to help him.

The Portimão Round of the 2022 Michelin Le Mans Cup will take place on Sunday 16 October, with qualifying on Saturday, preceded by two 60-minute Free Practice Sessions on Friday and Saturday.



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**I THINK
THE TRACK
SHOULD
DEFINITELY
BE FUN IN
AN LMP3**

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In his racing career so far French driver Tom Dillmann has successfully raced singles seaters, GTs and Le Mans Prototypes, with championship titles in the 2016 Formula V8 3.5 and the 2010 German F3. Now the 33-year-old from the town of Mulhouse in France, close to the Swiss and German borders, can add his first Endurance title to his CV after a great season with teammate Alexander Mattschull and the Racing Spirit of Lemman team.

The Franco-German duo have scored three wins from six races so far this season, including a win in the first Road to Le Mans race, followed by another podium finish on Saturday morning ahead of the 24 Hours of Le Mans. They clinched the title at Spa-Francorchamps last month with an unassailable gap of 34 points in front of their nearest challenger.

RACING SPIRIT OF LEMAN

#10



**TOM
DILLMANN**

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INTERVIEW

TOM DILLMANN

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Q: CONGRATULATIONS ON WINNING THE MICHELIN LE MANS CUP LMP3 DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP WITH ALEXANDER AND RACING SPIRIT OF LEMAN. WHAT WERE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON SO FAR FOR YOU?

Tom Dillmann: "Thank you, I think all 3 wins are highlights with probably the one in Le Mans on top as it is the most prestigious and most enjoyable track of the season."

Q: THE LMP3 CATEGORY THIS YEAR HAS SEEN BIG GRIDS AND LOTS OF COMPETITION. DID YOU EXPECT TO WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP BY SUCH A LARGE MARGIN WITH ONE RACE STILL TO GO?

TD: "I came to Le Mans Cup with respect and humility. There are LMP3 specialists, fast drivers and young guys trying to break through and you can never underestimate. I think on paper having a strong bronze like Alex with me, the target had to be to win the championship. However, there are many parameters going into winning a race and it's not always straight forward. So, to win 3 races and the championship with a race to spare shows how much of a good job we and everyone in the team did.

"Personally, the most rewarding part is that I was able to help extract even more performance out of Alex. I have done a lot of coaching/mentoring with young drivers in single seaters in F3 and F2 but it is the first time that my coaching also influences my result and I enjoyed that part this year. In Le Mans Cup the focus is a lot on the bronze driver and I'm here to help him maximise his performance and then finish the job."

Q: YOU AND ALEXANDER HAVE NO PRESSURE REGARDING THE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FINAL RACE IN PORTUGAL. WILL THERE BE ANY CHANGE OF STRATEGY FOR THIS RACE?

TD: "I think we will be more relaxed; we always had the championship in mind and now we can just enjoy and try and win the race without any compromises."

Q: WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE CIRCUIT AT PORTIMÃO AND WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE CORNER?

TD: "I have never driven there apart from a test in a GT in the wet. I think the track should definitely be fun in an LMP3."

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

TD: "I like reading books, actually it is quite new and before 2021 I probably read 5 books in my entire life while now it is around 60-70. Mostly non-fiction."

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

TD: "I follow MotoGP and NBA, but I don't participate in any sports in particular."

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

TD: "I'm quite a foodie, I actually have a list of good restaurants close to racetracks! My favourite is probably a good traditional Japanese or some French dishes."





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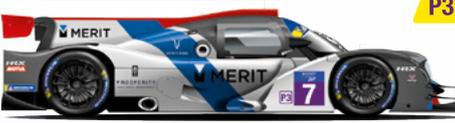
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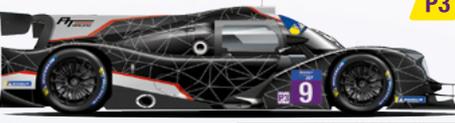
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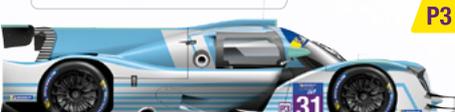

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THE 2022 SEASON DRAWS TO A CLOSE IN PORTIMÃO

After more than six months of competition and five race weekends on a collection of Europe's most challenging circuits, including the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the 2022 Ligier European Series concludes in Portugal. With its 4.684 km, 16 corners and rollercoaster-like gradients, the Portimão circuit provides the Ligier JS P4 and Ligier JS2 R a remarkable setting for an extraordinary season finale.



TEAM VIRAGE AND RLR MSPORT CROWNED CHAMPIONS AT SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS

With another win each at Spa-Francorchamps in the previous round, the young talents of Team Virage (Gillian Henrion in the #16 Ligier JS P4) and RLR MSport (Haytham Qarajouli in the #75 Ligier JS2 R) clinched the title in their respective categories. The two champions will be able to continue their ascent up the endurance pyramid in 2023 thanks to the allocated prize money packages: one, of €150,000, will allow Gillian Henrion to race in the Michelin Le Mans Cup in a Ligier JS P320, and the other, of €100,000, will offer Haytham Qarajouli the opportunity to compete in the Ligier European Series JS P4 category.

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NEW COMPETITORS TO SPICE UP THE SEASON FINALE

20 Ligier JS P4s and Ligier JS2 Rs will participate in the last heat of the season. Les Deux Arbres has entered the #50 Ligier JS P4 for the father and son team of Raymond and Raphaël Narac. CTF Performance will line up the #95 Ligier JS2 R with Gilles Porret, who made his series debut last year at the Red Bull Ring. Smart Driving will have a second GT car at Portimão. Ligier JS P4 champions Team Virage will field a second Ligier JS P4 for Bernardo Pinheiro and José Maria Marreiros, who will race on home soil in the #43 car. Alain Grand will team with Le Mans Cup LMP3 driver Simon Escallier in the #11 TM Evolution Ligier JS2 R, whilst Jacques Nicolet will partner former motorbike racer Louis Rossi in the #33 Les Deux Arbres car.

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- One GT class with the Ligier JS2 R (350 hp / 1040 kg)

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