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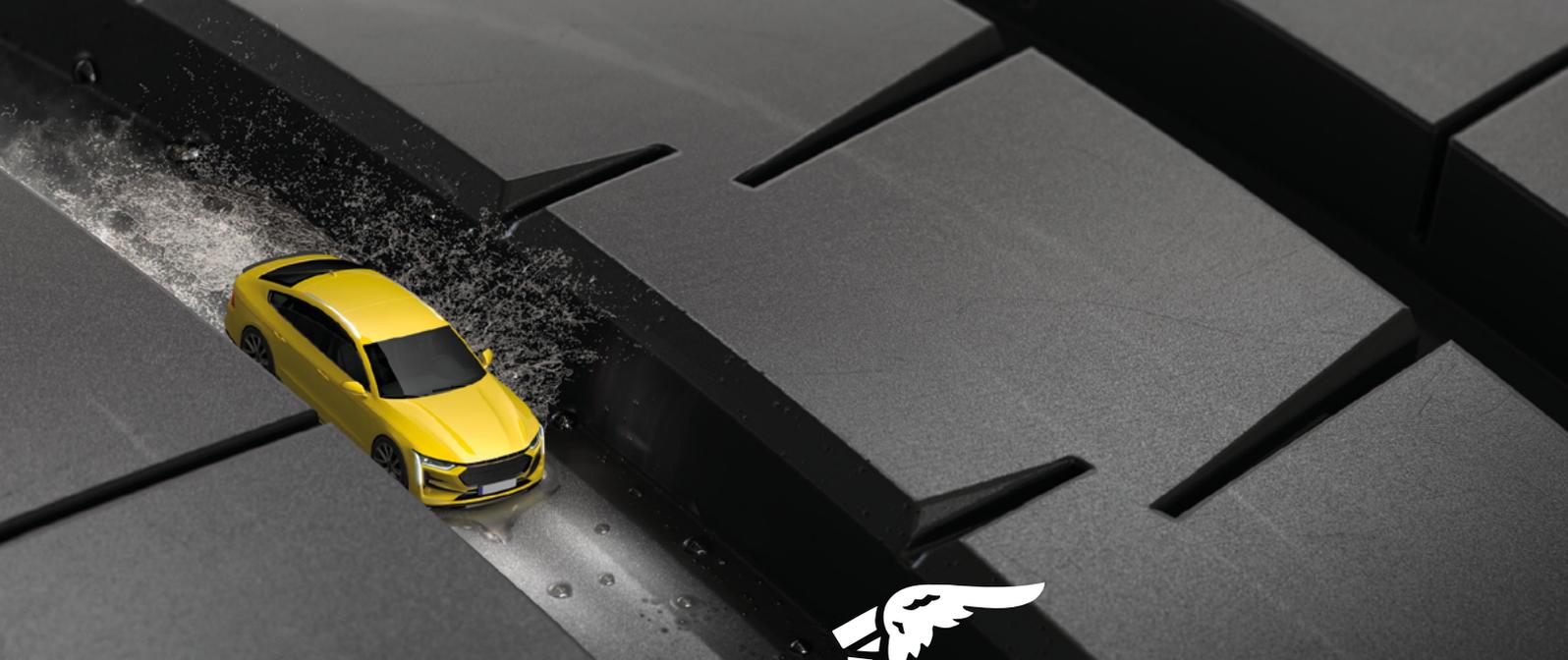
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THE PITLANE

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The European Le Mans Series has always provided some of the best racing action found anywhere in the world and with a 42-car grid filled with some of the best teams and drivers, the 2023 season promises more of the same this weekend for the 4th edition of the 4 Hours of Barcelona.

With six 4-hour races on Europe's most technical and demanding circuits, the ELMS is the perfect proving ground for any competitor wishing to take on the challenge of the next stage on the endurance ladder, the FIA World Endurance Championship, and the pinnacle of the sport, the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

The ELMS features full grids across the four classes – LMP2, LMP2 Pro/Am, LMP3 and LMGTE - with the ultimate prize of an automatic invitation to Le Mans on offer for the very best teams in each category.

LMP2 is the leading class for drivers rated as silver, gold or platinum, with all teams choosing to use the Oreca 07 chassis powered by the Gibson V8 engine. LMP2 Pro/Am teams use the same cars as LMP2, but the driver line up must feature at least one bronze rated driver, who must also take part in qualifying on Saturday afternoon.

The LMP2 cars are identified by a dark blue number panel, whereas LMP2 Pro/Am have a light blue number panel.

LMP3 is the junior Le Mans Prototype category with teams choosing to use either the Ligier JS P320 or Duqueine M30-D08 chassis, all powered by the same Nissan V8 engine. The driver line ups are a mixture of professional and amateur drivers, with many of the stars of the future choosing to compete in LMP3 as the first step on the ladder to the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

The number panel on an LMP3 car is purple.

2023 marks the final season of the LMGTE category, with GT3 replacing them next season. For the final season there are 12 cars entered with five Ferrari 488s, 4 Porsche 911s and 3 Aston Martin Vantage. The driver line ups in LMGTE must also feature one bronze driver who must compete in qualifying. The number panels on the LMGTE cars are orange.

The European Le Mans Series attracts drivers from all walks of life from drivers who have competed and won at the very top of motorsport, including Formula One and the WEC, the next generation of star drivers and the amateur (bronze) drivers who want to take on the challenge of competing against the very best.

Affiliated to the Automobile Club de l'Ouest (ACO), competitors taking part in the ELMS are guaranteed a series that has a strict set of rules to ensure a level playing field for all.

The friendly and welcoming paddock embodies the professionalism that surrounds top level endurance racing, with open access for the thousands of fans to get up close and enjoy the sport.

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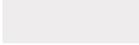
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Saturday 22/04	>	08:00 - 17:00
Sunday 23/04	>	08:30 - 12:00



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THE BARCELONA CIRCUIT IS VERY TECHNICAL. THERE IS A LOT OF GRAVEL, THE SLIGHTEST MISTAKE IS PUNISHED.

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4 HOURS OF BARCELONA



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TRACK LENGTH: **4.655 KM**

LONGEST STRAIGHT: **1.047 KM**

TRACK WIDTH: **BETWEEN 11 & 12 M**

PIT LANE: **420 M**

START LINE OFFSET: **142,7 M**

14 TURNS: **5 LEFT/9 RIGHT**

ELMS RESULTS 2022

#9

PREMA RACING

L. COLOMBO / L. DELETRAZ / F. HABSURG

#88

AF CORSE

F. PERRODO / N. NIELSEN / A. ROVERA

#13

INTER EUROPOL COMPETITION

N. PINO / C. CREWS / G. OLIVEIRA

#77

PROTON COMPETITION

C. RIED / L. FERRARI / G. BRUNI

- RACE WEEKEND -

THURSDAY

PRIVATE TESTS

The duty of the ELMS is to offer its competitors a full season to race their cars on some of **the best tracks in Europe**, while keeping tight control of the costs associated with running in a top European wide series.



90'

FRIDAY

FREE PRACTICE 1

For **all categories** (LMP2, LMP2 Pro/Am, LMP3, LMGTE)



90'

BRONZE DRIVER
COLLECTIVE TESTS

Dedicated to all the **Bronze drivers**



30'

SATURDAY

FREE PRACTICE 2

For **all categories** (LMP2, LMP2 Pro/Am, LMP3, LMGTE)



90'

QUALIFYING SESSIONS

1 session per category, **Live Stream on Youtube**



15'_{x4}

SUNDAY

4 HOURS RACE

Followed by the **podium ceremony**, **Live Stream on Youtube**

- TIMETABLE -

FRIDAY 21 APRIL 2023

09:00	09:40	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	FREE PRACTICE 1
09:50	10:50	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	FREE PRACTICE 1
11:00	11:40	PORSCHE CARRERA CUP FRANCE	FREE PRACTICE 1
11:50	13:20	ELMS	FREE PRACTICE 1
13:50	14:30	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	FREE PRACTICE 2
14:40	15:20	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	BRONZE DRIVER COLLECTIVE TEST
15:30	16:10	PORSCHE CARRERA CUP FRANCE	FREE PRACTICE 2
16:20	16:50	ELMS	BRONZE DRIVER COLLECTIVE TEST
17:00	17:15	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	QUALIFYING SESSION 1
17:20	17:35	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	QUALIFYING SESSION 2
17:45	18:45	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	FREE PRACTICE 2

SATURDAY 22 APRIL 2023

09:00	10:00	LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES	RACE 1
10:10	11:40	ELMS	FREE PRACTICE 2
11:50	12:20	PORSCHE CARRERA CUP FRANCE	QUALIFYING SESSION
12:30	12:45	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	QUALIFYING SESSION - GT3
12:55	13:10	MICHELIN LE MANS CUP	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMP3
13:30	14:30	Ligier European Series	RACE 2
14:40	14:55	ELMS	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMGT3
15:05	15:20	ELMS	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMP3
15:30	15:45	ELMS	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMP2 PRO/AM
15:55	16:10	ELMS	QUALIFYING SESSION - LMP2
16:30	17:00	Porsche Carrera Cup France	RACE 1
17:30	19:20	Michelin Le Mans Cup	RACE

SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2023

09:00	09:30	PORSCHE CARRERA CUP FRANCE	RACE 2
09:40	10:10	ELMS	PITWALK & AUTOGRAPH SESSION
10:30		ELMS	PITS OPEN
10:35		ELMS	PITS CLOSED
11:24		ELMS	GREEN FLAG
11:30	15:30	ELMS	RACE

FOUR CATEGORIES



- LMP2 -

The Le Mans Prototype 2 is the ELMS premier class. Because of their superior performance, and level of technological development, LMP2 has star status on the ELMS grid.



GIBSON TECHNOLOGY
4.2-LITRE V8 PRODUCING
550 HORSEPOWER



6 GEARS

BLUE
RACE NUMBER
BACKGROUND



FUEL TANK
CAPACITY
69 LITRES



MINIMUM
WEIGHT :
950kg



GOODYEAR
TYRES
GOODYEAR



CARBON BRAKE
DISCS 15"
(380mm)



TOP SPEED: 312Kph
Set at Circuit Paul Ricard

- LMP2 PRO/AM -

LMP2 Pro/Am category run the same car as LMP2 but the lineup must include at least one Bronze driver.



GIBSON TECHNOLOGY
4.2-LITRE V8 PRODUCING
550 HORSEPOWER



6 GEARS

BLUE
RACE NUMBER
BACKGROUND



FUEL TANK
CAPACITY
69 LITRES



MINIMUM
WEIGHT :
950kg



GOODYEAR
TYRES
GOODYEAR



CARBON BRAKE
DISCS 15"
(380mm)



TOP SPEED: 312Kph
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- LMP3 -

LMP3 is the training ground for endurance racing, an arena in which drivers, team members, engineers and mechanics hone their skills in Le Mans Prototypes.



NISSAN VK56
PRODUCING 455
HORSEPOWER



6 GEARBOX

PURPLE
RACE NUMBER
BACKGROUND



FUEL TANK
CAPACITY
100 LITRES



MINIMUM
WEIGHT :
950kg



MICHELIN
TYRES



STEEL DISCS
355.6mm



TOP SPEED: 286Kph

Set at Circuit Paul Ricard

- LMGTE -

LMGTE will provide one final season of action-packed racing before the category switches to GT3 in 2024.



NORMALLY
ASPIRATED - 5.5L
TURBOCHARGED - 4L



6 GEARS

ORANGE
RACE NUMBER
BACKGROUND



TANK
CAPACITY
MIN 85 LITRES
MAX 100 LITRES



MINIMUM
WEIGHT :
1245kg



GOODYEAR
TYRES
GOODYEAR



TOP SPEED: 281Kph
Set at Circuit Paul Ricard

GUY SMITH BENTLEY BOY RETURNS TO THE ELMS

2003 24 Hours of Le Mans winner Guy Smith has returned to the European Le Mans Series for the first time since 2010. Smith has an impressive racing resume, with Formula Renault and American Le Mans Series titles to his name but it is the famous win for Bentley at Le Mans alongside Tom Kristensen and Rinaldo Capello that most people will remember him for.

The 48-year-old Briton will race alongside Paul Di Resta and Jim McGuire in the LMP2 Pro/Am category for United Autosports USA and is looking forward to the challenge ahead. It is now 20 years since Guy Smith won the 24 Hours of Le Mans with Team Bentley. 2023 is a very special year as it is 100 years since the first 24 Hours of Le Mans in 1923.





So how do you feel to join such an elite group of drivers in winning the world's greatest endurance race for an evocative brand like Bentley?

"I'm very proud to be part of the group of drivers who have won the Le Mans race. It's one of those things ... at the time, you never really believe it's possible. But you hope and try and work towards it. To finally achieve it is an amazing thing to be able to tell your grandchildren in years to come. This year is huge for the event with the 100-year anniversary, so I'm really looking forward to seeing the celebrations and all the things the ACO have planned. Hopefully, I'll be reunited with the winning Bentley as well.

You've raced all sorts of different machinery in your career, from single seaters to GT to prototypes and historics. What do you like about the car you will race this weekend in Barcelona?

"What a fantastic car. The ORECA is a few years old now but the performance of it is amazing. Every time I get

behind the wheel of the ORECA, it brings a smile to my face. And the racing is really close. With the limitations in terms of development, it's the small things that make the difference ... driver changes, small tweaks on the set-up, the performance of the crew in pit stops, strategy. These things are so critical, and you can't afford to make any mistakes, so it really puts the focus on the drivers and the team to extract the most out of the car."

I'M VERY PROUD TO BE PART OF THE GROUP OF DRIVERS WHO HAVE WON THE LE MANS RACE

With 11 cars in LMP2 Pro/Am, the category is going to be extremely competitive. So, who will you keep an eye on this season?

"I'm really excited to be part of it. All the way through the field, there's a really good mix of

drivers, like Ben Barnicoat at AF Corse and my United Autosports USA teammate Andy Meyrick. There'll certainly be some scrapping for honours to see who comes out top dog! On a serious note, it's going to be a very close-fought championship. I think it will be who can make the least mistakes; that's how you'll come out on top."

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- SPOTTER GUIDE -

22 UNITED AUTOSPORTS USA 
 P2   M. Sato  P. Hanson  O. Jarvis



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

25 ALGARVE PRO RACING 
 P2   K. Simpson  J. Allen  A. Lynn



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

28 IDEC SPORT 
 P2   P. Lafargue  P. L. Chatin  L. Hörr



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

30 DUQUEINE TEAM 
 P2   N. Pino  R. Binder  N. Jani



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

43 INTEREUROPOL COMPETITION 
 P2   R. Andrade  O. Caldwell  J. Aberdein



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

47 COOL RACING 
 P2   V. Lomko  R. De Gerus  J. M. Lopez



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

65 PANIS RACING 
 P2   J. Van Uitert  M. Maldonado  T. Van Der Helm



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

3 DKR ENGINEERING 
 P2   T. Van Rompuy  S. Alvarez  N. Berthon



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

19 TEAM VIRAGE 
 P2   R. Hodes  I. Rodriguez  T. Calderon



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

20 ALGARVE PRO RACING 
 P2   F. Poordad  T. Vautier  J. Haworth



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

21 UNITED AUTOSPORTS USA 
 P2   D. Schneider  A. Meyrick  N. Piquet Jr



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

23 UNITED AUTOSPORTS USA 
 P2   J. McGuire  G. Smith  P. Di Resta



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

24 NIELSEN RACING 
 P2   R. Sales  B. Hanley  M. Beche



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

34 RACING TEAM TURKEY 
 P2   S. Yoluc  C. Eastwood  L. Deletraz



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

37 COOL RACING 
 P2   A. Coigny  M. Jakobsen  N. Lapierre



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

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81 DRAGONSPEED USA 
P2  H. Hedman  S. Montoya  J. P. Montoya
 PRO/AM



ORECA 07 - GIBSON 

83 AF CORSE 
P2  F. Perrodo  M. Vaxivière  B. Barnicoat
 PRO/AM



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

99 PROTON COMPETITION 
P2  G. Roda  J. Ried  G. Bruni
 PRO/AM



ORECA 07 - GIBSON  

4 DKR ENGINEERING 
P3  A. Bukhantsov  J. Winslow  P. Perino



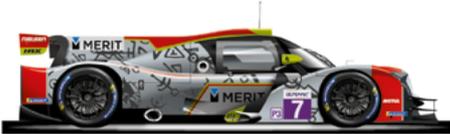
DUQUEINE M30 - DOB - NISSAN  

5 RLR M SPORT 
P3  J. Dayson  V. Eriksen  J. Manchester



LIGIER JS 320 - NISSAN  

7 NIELSEN RACING 
P3  A. Wells  R. Harper-Ellam



LIGIER JS 320 - NISSAN  

8 TEAM VIRAGE 
P3  M. Espirito Santo  N. Adcock  M. Jensen



LIGIER JS 320 - NISSAN  

10 EUROINTERNATIONAL 
P3  N. Moss  G. Van Berlo



LIGIER JS 320 - NISSAN  

11 EUROINTERNATIONAL 
P3  M. R. Bell  A. Ali



LIGIER JS 320 - NISSAN  

12 WTM BY RINALDI RACING 
P3  T. Kratz  L. Weiss  O. Tunjo



DUQUEINE M30 - DOB - NISSAN  

13 INTEREUROPOLCOMPETITION 
P3  M. Cristóvão  K. Askey  W. Brichacek



LIGIER JS 320 - NISSAN  

15 RLR M SPORT 
P3  H. Felbermayr  G. Julien  M. Kaprzyk



LIGIER JS 320 - NISSAN  

17 COOL RACING 
P3  A. Chila  M. Siebert  A. Garcia



LIGIER JS 320 - NISSAN  

31 RACING SPIRIT OF LEMAN 
P3  J. Wolff  A. Doquin  F. Michal



LIGIER JS 320 - NISSAN  

35 ULTIMATE 
P3  M. Lahaye  M. Lahaye  J.-B. Lahaye



LIGIER JS 320 - NISSAN  

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16 **PROTON COMPETITION** 

GTE  R. Hardwick  Z. Robichon  A. Picariello



PORSCHE 911 RSR -19  

44 **GMB MOTORSPORT** 

GTE  J. Møller  G. Birch  N. Thiim



ASTON MARTIN VANTAGE AMR  

50 **FORMULA RACING** 

GTE  J. Laursen  C. Laursen  M. Mac



FERRARI 488 GTE EVO  

51 **AF CORSE** 

GTE  K. Lentoudis  R. Aguas  U. De Pauw



FERRARI 488 GTE EVO  

55 **SPIRIT OF RACE** 

GTE  D. Cameron  D. Perel  M. Griffin



FERRARI 488 GTE EVO  

57 **KESSEL RACING** 

GTE  T. Kimura  G. Huffaker  F. Schandorff



FERRARI 488 GTE EVO  

60 **IRON LYNX** 

GTE  C. Schiavoni  M. Cressoni  M. Cairolì



PORSCHE 911 RSR -19  

66 **JMW MOTORSPORT** 

GTE  M. Berry  L. Hanafin  J. Lancaster



FERRARI 488 GTE EVO  

72 **TF SPORT** 

GTE  A. Robin  M. Robin  V. Hasse-Clot



ASTON MARTIN VANTAGE AMR  

77 **PROTON COMPETITION** 

GTE  C. Ried  G. Levorato  J. Andlauer



PORSCHE 911 RSR -19  

93 **PROTON COMPETITION** 

GTE  M. Fassbender  M. Rump  R. Lietz



PORSCHE 911 RSR -19  

95 **TF SPORT** 

GTE  J. Hartshorne  B. Tuck  J. Adam



ASTON MARTIN VANTAGE AMR  



MICHELIN

LE MANS CUP



BEING FAST IS ALL ABOUT FINDING
THE LIMIT OF THE GRIP. SOMETIMES
DRIVERS EXCEED THE LIMIT WITH
THE INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE



REIGNING LMP3 CHAMPIONS RACING
SPIRIT OF LEMAN WILL TRY TO WIN THE
GT3 TITLE THIS YEAR WITH THE ICONIC
BRITISH MANUFACTURER ASTON MARTIN.



MLMC: THE FIRST STEP ON THE ENDURANCE LADDER

Launched in 2016, the Michelin Le Mans Cup has become the main series for amateur and young professional drivers looking for an introduction to Endurance racing.

The Michelin Le Mans Cup grid will feature a mammoth 42 cars here in Barcelona and is divided into two classes: LMP3 and GT3. The race will last 1 hour and 50 minutes, with a mandatory pitstop at the midpoint of the race.

All cars in the Le Mans Prototype 3 category are built according to the ACO LMP3 technical regulations, with four different chassis to choose from: Ligier, Duqueine, Adess and Ginetta, with the first two being the chassis of choice for all of the teams this season.

The LMP3 category for Round 1 in Barcelona is once again full of new and established talent, with 16 teams running a total of 26 Ligier JS P320-Nissans competing against 4 teams running the Duqueine M30-D08-Nissan.

On the LMP3 grid Spanish interest lies with three drivers and one team, with CD Sport fielding two cars. Spain's Julian Gerbi (#16 Team Virage), Santiago Concepcion Serrano (#13 Inter Europol Competition) and Belen Garcia Espinar (#25 360 Racing) will be undoubtedly receive the support of the local fans this weekend.

There are plenty of other top teams ready to challenge for the win in Spain, with reigning champions Racing Spirit of Lemman leading the way. 2021 champions Nielsen Racing have a two-car entry and four-time LMP3 Champions DKR Engineering have entered a single Duqueine to challenge for the top step of the podium.

The eligible car list in GT3 category extends to every constructor which has an approved FIA GT3 chassis. Aston Martin Vantage, Honda NSX, Audi R8 LMS EVO II, Ferrari 296, Porsche 911 GT3 R Type 992 and Lamborghini Huracan EVO2 are entered in the series this year.

Six different manufacturers will be represented on the 12 car GT3 grid at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, with reigning GT3 champions GMB Motorsport returning with a pair of Honda NSX GT3s to defend their title. The driver line-up the Danish team includes former F1 driver and 24 Hours of Le Mans winner Jan Magnussen in the #88 Honda.

There will be a pair of the brand new Ferrari 296 GT3, run by Italian team AF Corse, making their Michelin Le Mans Cup race debut in Barcelona, as well as three Lamborghini Huracans, run by former champions Iron Lynx and German team Leipert Motorsport.

A single Audi R8 LMS run by Steller Motorsport, a single Aston Martin Vantage entered by Racing Spirit of Lemman and a trio of Porsche 911 GT3 Rs, two from Team Parker Racing and one entered by HCR with Caffinesix, make up a mouth watering grid of GT3 machinery with the chance to win an automatic entry to the 2024 24 Hours of Le Mans on offer for the title winning team at the end of the season.

The friendly and welcoming paddock offers open access for the thousands of fans to get up close and enjoy the Michelin Le Mans Cup, with both the qualifying and race taking place on Saturday 22 April.

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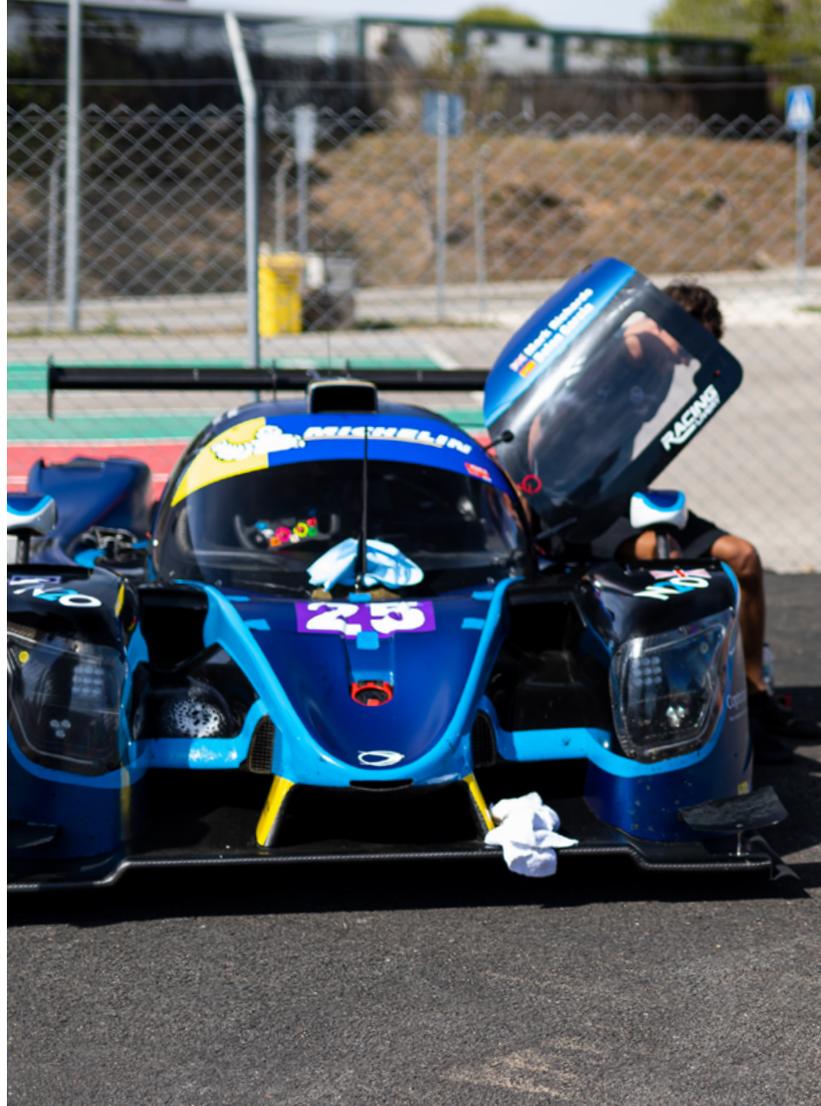
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A NEW CHALLENGE BEGINS AT HOME FOR **BELÉN GARCÍA ESPINAR**

After several seasons in karting and single seaters, winning a race in Spanish F4, podium finishes in the W Series and representing Spain in the F4 Cup at the FIA Motor Sport Games, Belén García Espinar decided to switch to Sports Cars in 2022, entering the final round of the Michelin Le Mans Cup in Portugal with Spanish team CD Sport.

The 23-year-old from L'Ametlla del Valles, a town just 15-minutes from the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, took part in three of the four Asian Le Mans Series races at the start of 2023, scoring top 10 finishes in each race and finishing 7th in the third round in Abu Dhabi. Belén is now embarking on a full Michelin Le Mans Cup season with British team 360 Racing, starting at her home circuit this weekend.





“I think there is no better start to a season than your home race,” Belén enthused. “Also living so close to the track makes it so special, sleeping at home during a race weekend is not something very usual and I am lucky enough to experience it.”

“As a RACC Mobility Club supported driver, this home race is a great chance to thank everyone for their support and bring what I am doing closer to them and share the journey in a closer way,” she continued. “I am really excited to drive in this new layout. To be fair it will not be the first time I go around it as I was a co-driver to my father in his Ginetta GT4 some years ago and I remember it as a very nice corner which I didn’t have the chance to drive myself yet. I have a great memory of it.”

So, what were the main reasons why Belén Garcia has chosen endurance racing over a career in single seaters? “It is something I have always considered, to be honest. Single seaters are truly amazing, and I have enjoyed my time in them a lot!

“Having said that, it is a very expensive discipline to compete in and there is a lot of drivers who are trying to succeed with a lot more resources than I have, unfortunately. I could no longer afford to race so I needed to look at other options. Endurance, for me, looks like a great option to build a career and I am enjoying so much my journey so far.”

“The LMP3 is a great car,” she continued. “It is really enjoyable to drive and longer races where you can play with strategy open a whole new dimension for me, which is really interesting and makes you go deeper into the race.”

After racing for Spanish team CD Sport last season and French outfit Graff Racing in the Asian Le Mans Series, Belén Garcia has chosen 360 Racing for her first full season of Endurance. What are her thoughts on her new team and her teammate Mark Richards?

“It will be our first time in Barcelona, we will get to know each other better there but I have only heard good things about the team.” Belén answered. “I am really excited to get to work with such a great team and I am sure we will have a great season together with Mark, who is

a very experienced driver; I am really looking forward to get started!”

So, what are her goals in what is a highly competitive field of 30 LMP3 cars? “Indeed, it is a great grid with a lot of talented drivers, so it will be hard. However, I love challenges and my goal is to be fighting at the top. Time will tell and we all know how racing works, it is truly unpredictable. Our mission is to work hard and always look for the improvements.”

I THINK THERE IS NO BETTER START TO A SEASON THAN YOUR HOME RACE



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CD SPORT 2

P3 Ligier JS P320 - Nissan



F. Michal K. Smal

DKR ENGINEERING 3

P3 Duqueine M30 - D08 - Nissan



A. Bukhantsov J. Winslow

NIELSEN RACING 4

P3 Duqueine M30 - D08 - Nissan



J. Melsom M. Bell

ANS MOTORSPORT 6

P3 Ligier JS P320 - Nissan



J. Brossard N. Schatz

NIELSEN RACING 7

P3 Ligier JS P320 - Nissan



A. Wells J. Skelton

GRAFF RACING 8

P3 Ligier JS P320 - Nissan



G. Nakas F. Ross

RACING SPIRIT OF LEMAN 9

P3 Ligier JS P320 - Nissan



C. Gisy R. Kelleners

CD SPORT 11

P3 Ligier JS P320 - Nissan



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THE LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES: SEASON 4 AT THE VANGUARD OF DIVERSITY

For round one of its fourth season, the European single-make championship heads to Spain at the Barcelona-Catalunya circuit. Last visited in 2021, the Catalan track will feature a change this year: the removal of its last chicane for an even faster curve. The return of the Ligier JS P4s and the Ligier JS2 Rs to Spain will certainly not be lacking in excitement!

ENTRANTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Ten teams, more than fifteen nationalities represented, and some 20 cars entered. Taiwan, Japan, Kuwait, USA, Canada, Mexico, Greece, Poland, Romania, Italy, Spain, Portugal, France, Switzerland and England. More than ever, the Ligier European Series boasts a list of entrants from around the world.

WHO WILL TAKE OVER THE DEFENDING CHAMPIONS TEAM VIRAGE AND RLR MSPO?RT?

After winning the championship in the Ligier JS P4 category last year with Gillian Henrion, Team Virage is tripling its entries in 2023 from one to three sport prototypes. RLR MSport, which won the Ligier JS2 R category in 2022 with Haytham Qarajouli, returns with a Ligier JS P4 driven by the Kuwaiti driver, plus a Ligier JS2 R. Pegasus Racing, Monza Garage and LR Motorsport are also strengthening their ranks with new cars. The 2023 season welcomes two new teams: ANS Motorsport with a Ligier JS2 R and Inter Europol Competition with a Ligier JS P4. They join CTF Performance and Les Deux Arbres, which returns for a third consecutive campaign.



CATEGORIES

A SPORT-PROTOTYPE CATEGORY WITH THE LIGIER JS P4

A GT CATEGORY WITH THE LIGIER JS2 R

WEEKEND FORMAT

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TWO 15-MINUTE QUALIFYING SESSIONS

TWO ONE-HOUR RACES

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INTRODUCTION OF THE PRO-AM AND AM CLASSES

New this year is the introduction of two classes in the Ligier JS P4 and Ligier JS2 R categories, with a Pro-Am category reserved for Gold-Bronze and Silver-Bronze crews, plus an Am category for Bronze drivers and Bronze-Bronze duos. Silver drivers and Silver-Silver crews will only be eligible for the general classification in each category.



MORE ON THE LIGIER EUROPEAN SERIES

Launched in 2020, the Ligier European Series is a competition combining sport-prototypes with the Ligier JS P4 and GTs with the Ligier JS2 R. Organised by Le Mans Endurance Management, each meeting takes place on Europe’s finest circuits alongside its sister series, the European Le Mans Series and the Michelin Le Mans Cup.

It’s the perfect venue for drivers keen to learn and progress up the endurance pyramid and those who want to enjoy themselves in easy-to-drive affordable race cars.

Since 2022, the series has developed an unrivalled system of prizes for its champions. The JS P4 champions are offered a €150,000 to move up to the Michelin Le Mans Cup for the following season in a Ligier JS P320. The JS2 R champions are offered €100,000 to compete in the Ligier European Series in the JS P4 category for the following season.



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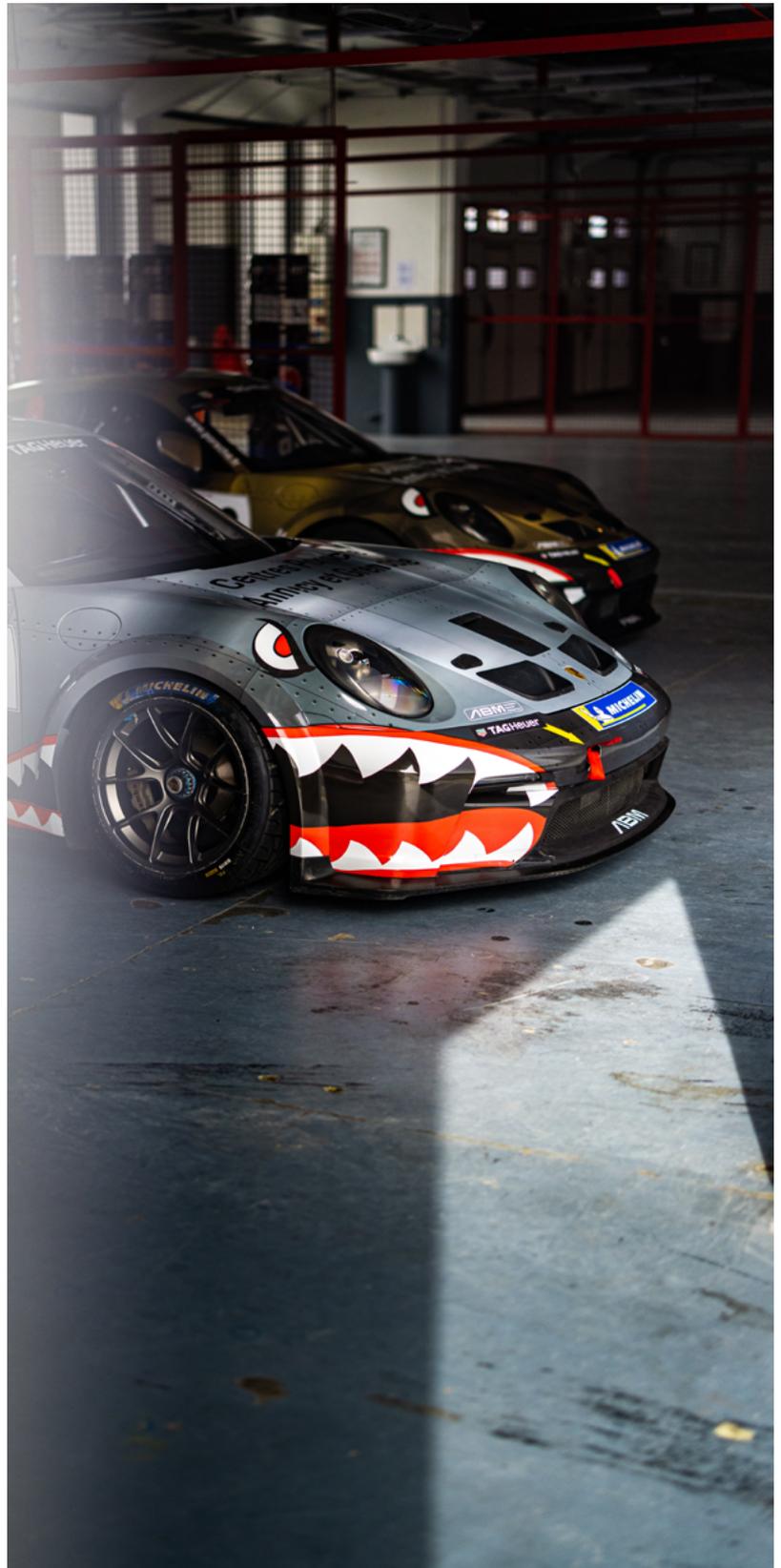


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THE 2023 SEASON TO KICK OFF IN BARCELONA!

With a five-star calendar featuring one race at the centenary 24 Hours of Le Mans and a popular format combining sportsmanship and enjoyment, the 2023 Porsche Carrera Cup France once again promises to be a true success. Twenty-nine Porsche 911 GT3 Cup Type 992s will be gathering in Barcelona for the first round of the season as part of the ELMS.





The three main ingredients of this increasingly attractive programme are: the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup Type 992, a car that is unrivalled in terms of driving experience, prestigious circuits that allow the drivers to enjoy its full potential, and a rigorous yet friendly environment. With twenty-seven cars entering the competition, the Porsche Carrera Cup France has always managed to renew itself while remaining true to its founding principles. In Barcelona, eleven Pro cars (including four rookies), nine Pro-Am cars, and nine Am cars will be hitting the tracks, with no less than five different nationalities represented.

As for the Teams, some of them will be new to the championship (Team Clairet Sport, F4 Events Motorsport, Herrero Racing), while others will be returning to it (Porsche Lorient, Speed Lover, Tsunami RT). Enough to shake up the series' regulars (Martinet by Alméras, Racing Technology, ABM, CLRT, IMSA LS Group Performance, TFT Racing).

With six events and eleven races, this 2023 season promises to be once again particularly exciting and competitive. The track will deliver a first verdict for the official season-opener held in Barcelona as part of the ELMS (April 21st-23rd).

The teams will then head to Magny-Cours for another two races (May 5th-7th), before the season's highlight as part of the 24 Hours of Le Mans (June 8th-10th). It coincides

with Porsche's return to the main endurance class as well as with the brand's 75th anniversary. Having partnered with Porsche Carrera Cup Scandinavia, Porsche France will offer its drivers one of the finest playing fields in the world, with no less than 71 flat-six engines roaring through La Sarthe during this legendary race. After the summer break, the second half of the season will be just as exciting, including one event at the Red Bull Ring in Austria (September 8th-10th), another one at Monza – Italian temple of speed – (September 22nd-24th), and the two traditional finale races at the Paul Ricard circuit (October 6th-8th), for what promises to be a thrilling finish.



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