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## P1 CLASS



### Audi R18 e-tron Quattro cars

**Dr. Wolfgang Ullrich (Head of Audi Motorsport):** “That was a perfect finale! I’m very happy about this one-two victory in a race in which both of our cars battled against each other all the way to the finish and delivered a fantastic show to the many fans. The entire squad worked hard, so winning after a long twelve hours is the sweetest reward. After victories with TFSI and TDI technology, Audi on clinching the win today with a hybrid car has continued the success story at this race.”

**Ralf Jüttner (Technical Director Audi Sport Team Joest):** “This is an outstanding result for what has at least provisionally been our last run here at Sebring. I’m happy about this one-two victory at which either of our two teams would have deserved first place. In the beginning, both cars were running on different strategies. At some point in time they were nearly in parallel and at the finish not even ten seconds apart. We’ve been enjoying the atmosphere here at Sebring with brilliant weather and unique fans. This victory is a nice reward for the whole squad some of whom worked through the whole night before the race and then delivered perfect pit stops for twelve hours straight.”

**Marcel Fässler (Audi R18 e-tron quattro #1):** “Celebrating Audi’s last race here at Sebring with a victory is simply fantastic. It was an incredibly close race in which both cars would have deserved to win. In the end, we were the slightly more fortunate ones. The pole position yesterday, victory today, great team-mates – things couldn’t be any better today.”

**Oliver Jarvis (Audi R18 e-tron quattro #1):** “What a start into the 2013 season! This isn’t a dream; it’s a lot more than that. Winning with Audi at Daytona already was an incredible experience. But now an overall victory on my first run at Sebring on top of that is more than I’d ever dared to hope for. A huge thank you to Audi and to Marcel (Fässler) and Ben (Tréluyer) – they’ve been the best team-mates I could imagine.”

**Benoît Tréluyer (Audi R18 e-tron quattro #1):** “We won the last race of the LMP1 sports cars at Sebring – we’re very proud of this. I think that the fans witnessed a thrilling race in which we had to give one hundred percent to beat our sister car. For us the American dream has come true today. Thank you to Marcel (Fässler) and Oliver (Jarvis) for a great week here at Sebring. Normally, André (Lotterer) is part of our team as well – I’m sure that he’d have been on top of the podium here too.”

**Lucas di Grassi (Audi R18 e-tron quattro #2):** “This was my first 12-hour race, my first race in the dark and my first run at Sebring – the podium position is a brilliant conclusion of the weekend. It was a very close race with a few incidents and a controversial penalty. More would have been possible for us but as far as I’m concerned the joy about the second place with Audi outweighs anything else.”

**Tom Kristensen (Audi R18 e-tron quattro #2):** “It was a memorable, tough and fast race. We had the chance ourselves to win today – but we didn’t make it. So, ‘well done’ to the guys from the ‘sister car’ and all other winners here at Sebring. Aside from our second place I’m taking a lot of memories home with me from all the years and the fastest race lap on today’s farewell. It’s for a man who has given me the passion for motorsport.”

**Allan McNish (Audi R18 e-tron quattro #2):** “What a fantastic race! We arrived here with Audi in order to say goodbye to our fans at Sebring with a thrilling performance – and I believe we managed to do that. It was a fierce battle from the first to the last lap. I’d like to congratulate the team of our ‘sister car.’ On a very personal note, I’m absolutely pleased with the race. Some of my stints were the best I can remember in the past few years.”



## Deltawing

**Andy Meyrick:** "Our goal was simply to finish the race," said Andy. "We didn't know what the car was going to do here and Sebring is notoriously difficult in terms of handling. We have made a lot of progress and come away with a good deal of data and information about the Bridgestone tyres and how the new evolution DeltaWing performs. We can see potential in the car and the team has done a fantastic job in a very short period of time. There were flashes of a potentially strong performance in warm up and so no doubt, given time, the car will be a competitive package. It is obviously a disappointing result, but personally I have loved being back at Sebring as it's one of my favorite races and it's great to be back in the American Le Mans Series."

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### **Dyson Racing No. 16 Thetford/RACER Lola Mazda**

**Guy Smith:** “Approaching Cunningham Corner, there was a slight vibration. It did not get any better by the time I got onto the back straight, so I came into the pits and we took the car back to the garage to identify the problem. It is frustrating as the car felt the best it has all week. I took over from Chris and joined right behind the No. 13 Rebellion car and was able to catch him and was all over him for all of the stint. It does give us the confidence that the changes we made to the car this week were positive. A result like this makes us more determined to knuckle down and come back stronger.”

**Chris Dyson:** “We had gone back and forth on our set up this weekend and the final spec we picked was pretty competitive. During the race, in the heat of the day, we were just trying to match up the tire pressures for the conditions. The team had done a great job to give us a good car. On my second stint, we were able to match the Rebellion cars and then we made a couple more adjustments when Guy got in, and we were even quicker. So a frustrating start to the season, no question about it. We will be doing some testing before Long Beach and we will regroup for our west coast swing.”

**Butch Leitzinger:** “It was good to be back. It was like old times. This is such a good cohesive group where everyone pitches in. A true racing family. There really is no better group than Dyson Racing. It is just like I remember it.”

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## P2 CLASS



### Level 5 Siemens/Alpina Watches/Ohiya Casino Resort HPD ARX-03b

**Scott Tucker:** "It's been an incredible weekend for Level 5. Sebring is such a hard race and to win four in a row here is just amazing. We've worked really hard for this, from the guys prepping the cars back at the shop to all of the testing and practice we did here this week. Everything went to plan in the race.

"I'm really grateful and fortunate to have driven with such good teammates as Marino (Franchitti) and Ryan (Hunter-Reay), as well as Simon (Pagnaud) and Ryan (Briscoe) in the other car. This win is going to be one I'll never forget."

**Marino Franchitti:** "I've been the bridesmaid here three times, so I really wanted the victory and I'm obviously delighted to get it with Level 5," Franchitti said. "Honda and HPD have done a great job this week.

"We've had a challenging week, but ultimately successful. I think the team has worked so hard. To see how close the cars were in qualifying, we did exactly the same lap time in the race between the two cars. It was a great team effort, so I'm delighted to be part of it."

Ryan Briscoe: "We've gone through some challenges but everyone's worked so hard. I think all of the boys were up until 3 a.m. this morning working on the cars. Then today, the cars just ran flawlessly. It's amazing. This is really a race I wanted to win so badly. I've been here a couple of times before but had issues in the races.

"To come here, with this team Scott has put together, has been great. The cars have run flawlessly, the pit stops were absolutely perfect. I don't think any of us put a wheel off today. We didn't want to have an exciting race and just keep it smooth and steady. It all went to plan."

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## PC CLASS



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### No. 9 RSR / Johnson Controls Oreca FLM09

**Duncan Ende:** "We had a really strong race car - RSR Racing has a really solid program and the car was very fast and easy to drive throughout the race," said Ende. "It did get challenging towards the end of my stint when we double-stinted the set of tires. We are still learning a bit about the new tire and in the heat of the day the rears definitely went away a bit at the end of a double-stint. Unfortunately, we had a big penalty for contact with a car that was running massively off the pace, and we spent the rest of the race playing catch-up. No one is happy with fourth place when we clearly had a car that could have won."

"I loved working with Bruno and Alex - it is much more fun to drive with them, rather than against them. Everyone at RSR Racing was really great as well, it's a class team and they made me feel right at home. I hope to have the opportunity to race with them again and maybe we can get the result we should have had this weekend."



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### DragonSpeed Mishumotors ORECA FLM09

**Elton Julian:** "I was really pleased by our speed this week and early dominance of the race. I know that's not what endurance racing is all about, but it was important to demonstrate how strong a team we've put together. Then again, the way the guys responded to the setbacks in the race is exactly what endurance racing is all about, so that was an added source of satisfaction."

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### **BAR1 Motorsports' ORECA Prototype Challenge: No. 7 and No. 8 Evident Capital car**

**Brian Alder (Team Owner):** "Sebring is the toughest race of the season. It's actually tougher than a 24 hour race. The track is extremely rough and pushes cars to their limit. To have both cars finish the race without any mechanical problems is an accomplishment in itself. To stand on the podium is spectacular. I first need to give credit and congratulations to our crew for building two bullet-proof cars. As I said, finishing the race without any mechanical issues is truly an accomplishment."

**Kyle Marcelli:** "This was definitely bitter sweet. The 12 Hours of Sebring is a long week both physically and mentally making it one of the most difficult races to be successful in. To finish second is truly an accomplishment for everyone at BAR1 Motorsports. It gives us good points to start or season in pursuit of the championship title."

"Overall, I think we consciously went a bit too conservative with our set up as we were unsure of the new tire in a long run. That said, we as a team raced hard from start to finish. It was a great job by everyone. I look forward to Long Beach where we will be itching for a victory."

**Chris Cumming:** "It's tough to be so close to the win but to take second place is a good start to the season. Everyone on the team worked hard all week and I'm really proud of them. We'll be back even stronger at Long Beach going for that top step."

**Stefan Johansson:** "It feels a little bitter sweet to finish second after having led for most of the way, but it just didn't go our way when it mattered towards the end. The team did a superb job all day as did my co- drivers, no one put a foot wrong all day."

**Tomy Drissi:** "We got a bit behind early in the race and with the top level of competition we were never really able to find what we needed to get back to the front."

**Rusty Mitchell:** "The race was disappointing considering the speed I know is in the car and team. We will learn from the mistakes which cost us a couple of laps early on and move forward to Long Beach. I want to acknowledge the team who worked extremely hard all week long and congratulate the No. 8 guys on their 2nd place finish."

**Chapman Ducote:** "I can't say enough about how well everyone on the team performed. The drivers, the crew, and all of our support folks were fantastic. We had stiff competition and a new tire to deal with, but we fought hard all the way until the end. I say 'hats off' to Brian for really raising the level of our program this year. I feel we have a great season in front of us and I am excited to see it unfold." [Back to top](#)



## GT CLASS



### No.4 Corvette C6.R

**Oliver Gavin:** "It means an awful lot to win here, coming off the back of last year's championship, which was a fantastic year for everyone at Corvette Racing, especially as we missed out on the 'big ones' in 2012. It didn't go right for us at Sebring, Le Mans or Petit Le Mans so there was a lot of focus on this year's race. It was incredibly hard racing from start to finish and that makes the win even better as well.

"You can't start a better way," Gavin said. "We had a very good year last year in the championship. We didn't have a great Sebring last year, but this win just puts us up there straightaway, leading the championship off the bat. Tommy and I just sort of picked up where we left off last year, which is exactly what we wanted to do. I am proud of all the guys at Corvette Racing today. They nailed every single stop. It was spectacular to watch."

**Jim Campbell, Chevrolet U.S. VP for Performance Vehicles & Motorsports:** "What an incredible effort by Corvette Racing; these guys never gave up. They came from behind multiple times. It was a focused team effort, with great driving and great calls in the pits, and great pits stops, and they delivered a big win. I'm proud of them."

## **No 45 and No 44 Flying Lizard Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 Cup cars**

**Chief Strategist Thomas Blam:** "All of the drivers drove excellent stints and put us in a position to climb through the field and finish well. Both cars were in the mix over the course of the race, which given the circuit and the traffic is a serious endurance test for the cars and teams. The No 44 did run into some small issues which the drivers and crew managed well but had a cost in terms of finishing position. However the No 45 avoided trouble and raced extremely competitively, which is a good start to the 2013 championship effort here in the ALMS. I'm very proud of the team as a whole - this change in class required a shift in some aspects of our approach and thinking and the crew has adapted quickly and effectively."

**Spencer Pumpelly:** "Our plan in qualifying was to do two laps and park the car," Pumpelly said. "We stuck to that plan and qualified fourth, only 0.018-second off of second and third place, which tied with the same qualifying time; that's how close the GTC field was."

"The Lizards did an amazing job preparing this car and being ultra quick in the pits," Pumpelly said. "We spent less time in the pits than any other GTC car by more than two minutes. Nelson and Brian did a stellar job during their stints, so we were able to stay consistently in the top five."

"Anytime you're at Sebring with a really strong team, your goal is to win, so there's a little disappointment that we weren't able to do that," Pumpelly lamented. "But, if we put that in perspective, since it was the Lizard's first race with that car, it was a really good way to start the season. It was a good day for points in what can be the toughest race to make points in. In the end, everyone seemed happy and we're looking forward to continuing on our learning curve."

## **Team Falken Tire 2012 Porsche 911 GT3 RSR**

### **Derrick Walker, Team Manager**

"A lot of preparation went into the off season to come out with a stronger package, from tires to car, to team. Particularly the tires it was a concentrated effort to make a new breed of tire that would perform better than what we had last year. We needed one that was better suited for the RSR. As the result showed, we closed the gap quite a bit with where we were last year. With the tires and the team, everything went according to plan. It was a perfect race for us other than we needed a bit more."

### **Wolf Henzler**

"It was a great day for Falken Tire. After qualifying and after this week of testing, I didn't really expect us to finish on the podium. But once the race started, I felt like that maybe there was a chance to finish on the podium or get a good result. Always in the beginning of our stint we could follow with the faster cars. We made up a lot in the pit stops because our guys were so fast. They did such a good job all the time. Our car was just running without any problems. I think this was the key to finish on the podium today. Both Bryan and Nick did a good job today as well. I think we can really be happy finishing third, and starting the season here with a third place championship standing."

### **Bryan Sellers**

"Today was great. To be successful today we needed to run a completely error free race. The guys had to be great in the stops, and they were. If you look back at the total pit time, we were the GT car with the least amount of time spent in the pits. That's a complete testament to how good our guys are. To be able to finish on the podium today, we needed to rely on them and then we needed to run a clean race. They came through, and ultimately we ended up coming through too. We're really happy to be able to have a podium at Sebring. We started off the day and we really didn't think there was a chance of anything. It just goes to show if you put your head down and keep driving, and the guys keep pushing and keep working, you can end up on the podium. It's cool to be able to stand there and say that you were on the podium for the last American Le Mans Series race at Sebring. Hopefully it's not the last time we're on the podium at Sebring with Falken Tire."

### **Nick Tandy**

"I got up this morning and thought we could have a good race, and we have a chance. But really to get on the podium, I thought was a long shot. The team did such a good job. It was a real team effort. We kept on the lead lap. All three of us drove sensibly with no mistakes. It goes to show there's a lot more to being successful in a long distance race like this than just having the fastest car. It has to be reliable, consistent and you need a great team of people around you which is exactly what we've got here. I'm really happy to get on the podium for my first Sebring 12 Hour."



### **No. 91 and 93 SRT Motorsports Vipers**

**Ryan Dalziel:** “I think we were pretty confident in our package. The car has been pretty well balanced all weekend. As much as we’re disappointed, we’ve got to be proud of the job we did. It’s really great for SRT starting their full season campaign.

“We passed the lead cars a number of times and we deserved to be up there. We have speed in the car and now we just need to work on all the little things. It’s the little things that come together and win championships.

“When I signed up for this deal, I knew the people at Riley and the people at SRT wanted to win. I came here after winning this race last year and I expected nothing less than victory. I’m really proud to be part of this program. It’s really an amazing deal for me.

“I’m a little sad that I don’t get to go to the rest of the races but I’m looking forward to seeing the progress of the team. We’re going to take a lot of positives away from today because the whole team did an incredible job. The crew did an amazing job. We had great pit stops and a really good car so we move on to the next one.”

**Gary Johnson - SRT Motorsports Racing Manager:** “The speed was fantastic. Of course we’re not going to be happy until we win one of these races but the speed was there. The drivers did a great job and the team was flawless on all our pit stops.

“Just a few items to go back on to the drawing board with and we’ll get those corrected. The next race ought to be that much better. I think it proved that the cars have potential and the drivers are key to that. They brought it home without any contact with any other cars. That’s a good thing to have.”



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### **Risi Competizione Ferrari 458 Italia GT no. 62**

**Matteo Malucelli:** “It was quite hard, I just pushed and tried to do my best but sometimes it’s not enough. We finished second and the result is good points for the championship, a good start for me and Olivier; I’m sure we will win in the next few races. When I was passed by Milner, I don’t know if I made a mistake or if there was some gravel on the track but honestly they were too fast for me to stay in front.”

**Gianmaria Bruni:** “I think today our rivals were very fast. It’s happened to me in the past with Ferrari – sometimes you’re so fast and you win and sometimes you’re fast and you don’t. I think Corvette here was more prepared than us, but it’s a great result for Risi and Ferrari. This team hasn’t raced for one year and they just finished second behind the 2012 Champions. I think there’s great potential during the season for Matteo and Olivier to just get better and better!”

**Olivier Beretta:** “I think for the whole group and for the Risi team it’s a good first result. I’m really happy to race with them. We’ve shown up and been competitive all week, including during the race. We led for many laps and I’m happy. First would have been better than second but everyone did a good job and I’m looking forward to the season.”

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## **Paul Miller Racing No. 48 Chopard/TOTAL Porsche 911 GT3 RSR**

**Marco Holzer:** “The highest we ran was P2 for one stint in the beginning,” Holzer said. “We had a good car but we got a little bit unlucky on the yellows and lost two laps. I think otherwise we would have been fighting maybe on the lead lap with the other guys up front for a podium. But for my first race with the team I am really happy. The pit stops were great and the setup was also good for the race.”

Bryce Miller: “It was very difficult. We fell back a couple of laps and it was hard to get the laps back, but we got fortunate with some attrition in front of us and found some positions this way.

“It’s the old story for Porsche that we can bring it home to the end. I am really excited and a great way to start the season, especially given we were two laps down.”

**Richard Lietz:** “At the end, we were able to run with the big players in the GT category. I am very happy we were able to finish the race in our position, even though it was close with P5, but it was a fair fight. I was really never close enough to really attack in the end.

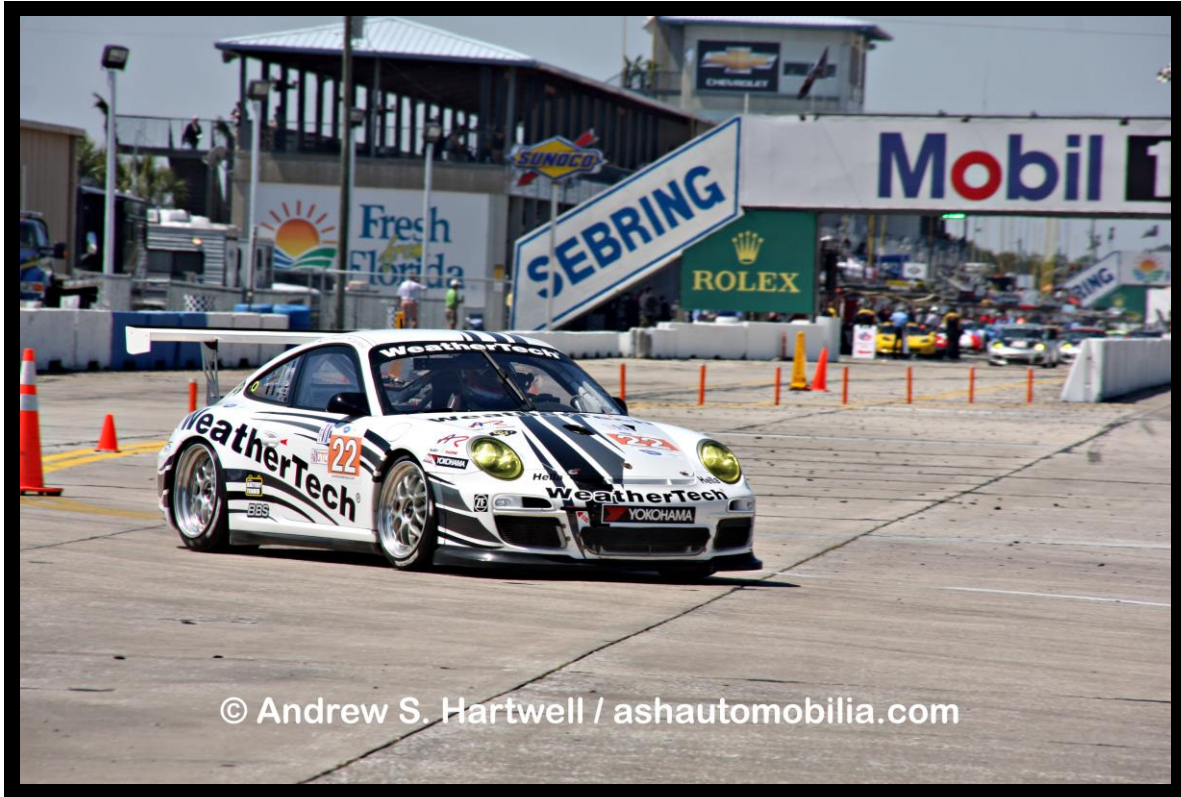
“This was my second race with the team and I have to say we really improved from the performance side. We are there, right at the same speed with the others, and if we had optimized a little bit all of the other stuff we would have been able to fight for the podium.”

**Paul Miller:** “The way the guys drove and the pace of the car was excellent,” Paul Miller said. “The car was prepared beautifully and ran very solidly all day mechanically. I think the team performed great.

“We have been working really hard to get the car prepared properly, and get it bullet proof so to speak, because this track is so difficult on cars, it is so rough. I am really proud of the preparation and Marco, Richard and Bryce did a good job with pace, but we just had two untimely pit stops that cost us some laps. With a field this competitive, and a race that remarkably only had four caution periods in 12 hours, it is hard to make up that kind of ground.”

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## GTC CLASS



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### Alex Job Racing - WeatherTech Porsche – WINNER GTC

**Dion von Moltke:** "I can't put it in to words. I'm so lucky to be part of an amazing team with AJR and a company like WeatherTech. They bring excellence to the culture of the race team. All of the crew guys and the engineers all have one goal: to win. That puts an energy in to the team. I'm lucky to drive with these two guys next to me. Cooper put in a lot of work with two double stints and Jeroen put in three straight hours at the end in mega-drive.

"To share the car with these guys (Cooper MacNeil and Jeroen Bleekemolen) in the AJR WeatherTech car is really special. To start the year with a win at the Rolex 24 at Daytona and then go back-to-back with Sebring victories is just incredible..

"I was thrilled to win my first Rolex watch in Daytona and now to get another one here at Sebring for the win here is a real bonus.

"I have been very fortunate to be a part of both Alex Job Racing programs with the Audi at Daytona and the Porsche here.

"I've got a Daytona win and now two Sebring wins. I'd really love to add Le Mans to that list one day. Getting an opportunity to go do the race in France would be the next on my 'must do' list."

**Jeroen Bleekemolen:** "The competition was amazing. We all have the same car, same tire. All the teams are so close. The Alex Job team did such a good job all week. We rolled the car off the trailer and we were P1 right off the bat."

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### **The Racer's Group Florida Lottery/Port Lavaca Auto Group/ViperExchange No. 66 Porsche**

**Ben Keating:** "Well, after my three stints in the beginning, I was four minutes short of my minimum drive time, so I did another stint. I got blisters on my hands, blisters on my feet, but it was worth it. I loved every minute of it. I'm glad I'm done though! Overall, it was tough, but I love how strong the team is and I'm looking forward to Long Beach."

**Damien Faulkner:** "What can you say; it was an event with too many issues. Bad fortune played a part, and you don't win this race with that many issues. Disappointing for the whole team really, it's a long road back from here. It's as simple as that. On the plus side, we're bound to have some good fortune in the future. The team and especially Ben (Keating) was a grinder, driving more than any of the other amateur drivers. Craig was fantastic as well."

**Craig Stanton:** "Everyone at TRG did such an incredible job. Ben and Damien drove so well. Ben was definitely the fastest of the gentlemen drivers in the field and never put a wheel wrong. And Damien drove like a total pro. He was super-fast every time he was in the car and did a great job in the final hour with the brake issues we were having. I really enjoyed my two stints at the wheel. The car was great, it was everything you could expect from a TRG Porsche. I'm really thankful to have been a part of it and to have had a chance to win."

"It is really disappointing to see a win at Sebring slip away at the end like that. I really wanted to stand on the top of the podium, and I know Ben, Damien, and everyone at TRG wanted the same thing. But we know that this car and driver lineup can win against this really competitive field. We'll just need a little bit more luck at Petit Le Mans but we can definitely win there. It's a long time from now but I'll be working hard every day to help them get that win."

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## **BePositive.org/ Vitalz / Florida Lottery No. 68**

**Kevin Estre:** "The car was really good, a perfect racing car, really consistent. I didn't need to push too much to do good laps. It was the best car we've had since the beginning of the weekend. It's too bad we had a problem because I really felt like we could have been running near the top at the end because we were so fast."

**Kevin Buckler:** "What an amazing race. We were there for a week and we really had our eyes set on the prize: the win. All of the drivers did a fantastic job all week. I couldn't believe Ben's triple stint and the fact that we kept the cars on the lead lap most of the time exactly like our strategy had called for. We were totally in striking distance and could have won with either car but we had some issues that we could not prevent and a few that we could have. We led the race four separate times and turned the fastest lap of the race. The team is working hard to be totally ready for Long Beach as we are racing to try to win every race we enter as well as the championship for the season. I'm really looking forward to Long Beach."

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### **No. 30 and 31 MOMO NGT Motorsport Porsches**

**Henrique Cisneros:** "What a fantastic finish! We knew we didn't have the car to go for the win but we were hopeful for a podium. The team did a fantastic job on the pit stops all day. For overall time, I think we were the second or third team with the least amount of time in the pits. We were very consistent and the team did a great job. In the end during the last hour we always said we need a little luck on our side to be able to make it to the podium and luckily, with literally three corners to go, the third place car had a problem. I think they ran out of fuel, and we passed them on the very last lap. Obviously luck was on our side. We couldn't have asked for a better finish. We're proud of the work everyone did and all the other drivers. We're leaving with a very happy third place."

**Sean Edwards:** “I was pushing the last two hours like crazy. The car was amazingly quick. It was unfortunate we got hit by the 45 car. I think it took the whole front bumper off and they didn’t even get a penalty for it which really ruined our race. Then on the last lap, I was cruising around and I saw a GTC car struggling out there so I dropped it down a gear and started pushing it. It was the third place car. I managed to get by him with two corners to go. It was a great end to a not so good race but we’ll definitely take it for the podium. Everyone did an amazing job. Congratulations to the whole team.”

**Marco Seefried:** “It was a very surprising race to the very end. I think the TRG No. 66 car ran out of fuel on the last lap. We got some luck at the end because previously we were unlucky. I’m really happy with the podium. That’s a good result. I’m proud to be here, my first time and a podium. Thanks to NGT, thanks to MOMO and thanks to Porsche. It was really a great race and a great experience.

**Kuba Giermaziak:** “Our race was going well at the beginning. We had to struggle because we started from the back. We got back to Top 3. First we lost the lights during the day. We don’t know how it happened, but it just fell off, probably from the vibration. Then Carlos (Gomez) got hit from the back. Luckily, we managed to fix the car under yellow. We put the light in and fixed the rear bumper so we were sure everything was okay, but we didn’t have the brake light. We had to stop again to fix it. We were leading the race quite easily with about an eight second gap. The crew tried to fix the light and they managed. Unfortunately, it took over 10 laps because of how they had to fix the wiring. At least we got a podium on the second car. We should be happy for that because they drove much of the race without the front splitter, which is difficult to drive so they did a great job. This is a good finish for them for the season. For us, I think we will come back here next year and try to win it again.”

**Mario Farnbacher:** “We were leading three quarters through the race. We had a problem with the rear light and had to pit to fix it which cost us 12 laps. It was not possible to get those laps back. It was a tough race. I think the team did a good job. Maybe at Petit we will do better and we finish on the podium.”

**Carlos Gomez:** “It has been a great experience. Obviously with what was going on in the ninth hour when we were leading the race, this is not the result we expected with that performance. The guys did a great job in pit lane, as did my co-drivers. A little part, the brake pedal sensor, is what took us out of the race. It took the guys 30 minutes on pit lane to find and solve the problem. Who would have thought it was that. But that’s how it is. Sometime you need a little bit of luck to win this race and we didn’t have it today.

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### **Dempsey Del Piero Racing No. 27 and No. 10 Tully's Porsche 911 GT3**

**Patrick Dempsey:** “The team did a great job. The guys worked so hard. We put them in a very difficult situation, they didn’t complain, they just did their job so beautifully and consistently that it made it possible to even finish tonight, which was great. Andy drove really well, Joe did a great job but unfortunately I made a mistake from the very first moment I got in the car.

“The pit speed violations probably cost us a podium. It is just so competitive that you can’t make a mistake, but mentally coming back from that was really good.

“I didn’t make any mistakes after that, which I was really happy about. I did a double right away, stayed out and then the second stint for me was strong too. A lot to build on, our objective was to finish our first 12 Hour, which we achieved, so that goal was met, and to finish sixth here at Sebring in this series is not bad.”

**Michael Avenatti:** “First, I am very proud of the team and the job that Joe (Foster), Lars (Giersing), Greg (Cates) and everybody else did relating to getting everything ready. Just the thrashing that went on over the last three or four weeks, these guys are pros and they showed it. To qualify on the pole and have both cars finish today is great.

“This is going to be a tough class all year but I am excited about the season. Everybody got points today, we brought the cars home in one piece, and I think we are going to do well this year.”

**Andy Lally:** “I had a good run, did a double stint at the beginning, and managed to get the car up front for a while. The team just did a great job. Andrew drove great, Michael drove great. It was our first race, but also the toughest race of the year, and it was great to see everybody step up.

“The way we have to look at this is a successful debut for a team that is having its first adventure in a Porsche. And when that adventure is the 12 Hours of Sebring against the competition that we had here this week, I think we measured up very well.

“We had a couple of little hiccups that were actually less than what I expected throughout the race. The speed that we showed in qualifying to take a pole in our first ever attempt here was good. To lead the whole first stint was great, just a successful weekend all around.”

**Andrew Davis:** “I really think we showed our true potential as a team. Not only in qualifying, with Andy’s awesome pole and the 27 car running off at the beginning and leading, but also with the 10 car staying in the hunt.

“We soldiered through, we ran up through the field, we ran our own race and we were looking really good. I think we really showed what we can do, we just need to keep our heads down and get better.”

**Joe Foster:** “We knew going in we were not as prepared as we would like to be but we ended up getting a pretty good result. We learned a lot in the process, led laps with both cars, won the pole and were competitive.

“We also made some mistakes here and there, got some penalties and we even took ourselves out a little bit, courtesy of me! We are learning a lot about these cars and overall I think it is a good result.”

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### **No. 99 Competition Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3**

**David “CJ” Calvert-Jones:** “Running in the 12 Hours of Sebring has been a goal of mine, just like it is to go to Le Mans someday, and it was great to be able to check this one off the list this past weekend,” Calvert-Jones.

“This is a really tough race but we made it to the finish, which is no small feat at Sebring. I have give a huge thanks to the Competition Motorsports crew for working so tirelessly all week.

“I think we paid the price for taking the car to Australia for Bathurst. We came here with what we thought was a well-sorted out car, but tackling a pair of 12 hour races two worlds apart within a month took its toll.

“The other GTC teams seemed to have an edge on us in overall pace and it is hard to make up for that at a place like Sebring.”

Lawson Aschenbach: “First and foremost, I want to thank everybody on the Competition Motorsports crew. Everybody did a fantastic job and they were put through a lot this week. We did so many changes, and had to do so many things to the car and I really appreciate their work.

“On top of that, I decided to name the car ‘Turtle,’ we did not win the race today, the ‘Hares’ won, but it is a good finish. The program came together pretty late, and the fact that we finished eighth, and considering it was Sebring, I think it is a great result overall. It was cool passing someone for eighth on the last lap and it is always great to fight to the end.”

**Eric Curran:** “This was awesome and I wasn’t even expecting to be here this weekend. I showed up Thursday and stopped in and said hello to a bunch of people, I am not that far from here over in Sarasota. Lawson brought me over to meet the Competition Motorsports guys and they are a great group of guys working hard here on this Porsche.

“Unfortunately, Sascha (Maassen) was out with the flu and it gave me the ride. I had done the 12 Hour a few years ago and it was fun to be back and racing with these guys. We didn’t have the fastest car here today but we had a lot of fun and I just appreciate the opportunity.”

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