

Fourth place for the Porsche 911 GT3 R at the season finale in the USA

29/10/2018 Wright Motorsports finished on fourth place with the Porsche 911 GT3 R at the final round of the Intercontinental GT Challenge in the USA.

The Porsche works drivers Romain Dumas, Frédéric Makowiecki (both France) and Dirk Werner (Germany) crossed the finish line at the eight-hour race on the Laguna Seca Raceway in California after 306 laps. Black Swan Racing fielded a second 911 GT3 R: Works driver Patrick Long from America joined forces with his compatriot Tim Pappas and Jeroen Bleekemolen from the Netherlands in the customer sport racer from Weissach and reached the flag in tenth place.

The California 8 Hours, held for the second time since 2017, again served as the season finale of the Intercontinental GT Challenge – a series contested on four continents. A total of 32 race cars including 16 GT3 vehicles headed off on the 3.601-kilometre dune circuit near Monterey on Sunday under sunny skies. After qualifying on the tenth grid spot on Saturday, Dumas, Makowiecki and Werner put in a

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flawless and consistent performance and gained six positions in the race. Long, Pappas and Bleekemolen posted a commendable fifth in qualifying, putting the American-Dutch trio just 0.188-seconds off pole position.

Tenth in the race put Pappas on second place in the new classification for Bronze drivers. Black Swan Racing contested all four rounds of the season and scored points every time. The best results were achieved by Pappas with the former Porsche works driver and current Head of Customer Racing Marc Lieb as well as Luca Stolz and Bleekemolen: At the season-opening round in Bathurst, Australia, the crew climbed the podium after scoring third overall.

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