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## Porsche Motorsport Weekly Event Notes

Porsche Holds the Record for Most Rolex 24 Victories. Black Swan Racing Confirms 2019 Plans for Porsche 911 GT3 R.



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Porsche History. Porsche Holds the Record for Most Rolex 24 Victories. Porsche is the most success manufacturer since the inception of the first Daytona Continental race in 1962, and the first 24 Hours of Daytona in 1966.

Overall Wins. 22 (first in 1968; most recent in 2010) (Record)

- Overall wins came in: 1968, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1978 – 1987, 1989, 1991, 2003, 2009, 2010
- From 1977 to 1987, Porsche compiled 11 consecutive overall wins (Record)
- 39% of the time, Porsche has won the race overall in 56 years (1962-2018).
- First Overall Win: 1968
- Finished 1-2 overall in 12 Daytona 24-Hours (Record)

Class Wins. 78 (includes Daytona Continental races starting in 1962; 24-hour races that started in 1966. The most recent class win came in GT Daytona class in 2017)

- 72% of the time, Porsche has won the race in its class in 56 years.
- GT Class Wins: 27 (Record)
- SGS Class wins (class ran only in 2004): 1

- GX Class wins (class ran only in 2013): 1 Porsche 911.
- Wins. 42 Overall and Class Victories (Record)
- 75% of the time, a Porsche 911 has won its class.
- 20 Race Winning Streak (overall or class): 1966-1987 (Record)
- GT class winner finishing second overall: 2001, 2004
- GTX Series Winner: 1978-1981
- GTP Series Winner: 1982-87, 1989, 1991

Swan Plans. Black Swan Racing Confirms 2019 Plans for Porsche 911 GT3 R.

Black Swan Racing will contest the full 2019 IMSA Michelin Endurance Cup – the four-race endurance championship within the WeatherTech SportsCar Championship – as well as the upcoming Intercontinental GT Challenge (IGTC) with a pair of Porsche 911 GT3 R. The team will run nine races across five countries resulting in 115 scheduled hours of endurance racing.

Black Swan Racing's IMSA Michelin Endurance Cup will kick off with the Rolex 24 at Daytona, January 26 – 27. Returning as a team entry for the first time since narrowly missing victory in 2016, the series' flagship race will see the return of the No. 540 with Team Principal/Driver Tim Pappas (Boston, Massachusetts) being joined by full endurance-season teammates Porsche factory driver Dirk Werner (Germany) and Marco Seefried (Germany), and for Daytona-only, Porsche Young Driver Matteo Cairoli (Italy). Werner joins as a seasoned veteran of the series, having competed at a factory level in IMSA and the former GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series taking the 2007 and 2009 GT Rolex 24 titles. Seefried will make his Black Swan debut as an endurance specialist, having previously won the Rolex 24 at Daytona in 2016, as well as Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring in 2014. Cairoli will make his first start at Daytona, having been part of the Porsche Young Professional program since entering as a junior in 2016. Cairoli has two class wins in the World Endurance Championship, as well as a title in the Italian Carrera Cup championship.

The team will compete for the full IMSA Michelin Endurance Cup which includes Daytona, Sebring, the Six Hours of the Glen and the Petit Le Mans, with Werner, Seefried and Pappas. Throughout the team's IMSA campaign they will carry the logo of famed motorsport icon Champion Porsche. Champion has a rich heritage in international sports car racing, which will be especially poignant as the group honors the memory of owner Dave Maraj.

The Intercontinental GT Challenge is a five race, five continent-GT3 championship beginning on January 31 with the Liqui Moly Bathurst 12 Hour. Jeroen Bleekemolen (The Netherlands) and Marc Lieb (Germany) will join Pappas to defend their 2018 class title. Following Bathurst, the IGTC will travel to the 8 Hours of California in Monterey, the 24 Hours of Spa in Belgium, the Suzuka 10 Hours in Japan and the Kyalami 9 Hour in South Africa. Long-time teammate Bleekemolen will join Pappas for the entirety of the calendar, while Porsche veteran Lieb will take part in Australia and Belgium. Werner will be on board for California, Japan and South Africa.

Tim Pappas, Team Principal/Driver, Black Swan Racing.

"I couldn't be more excited to embark on our 2019 adventure. We're taking in the two premier endurance categories for GT3 racing, but feel as prepared as we can. The all-new Porsche 911 GT3 R has proven incredible in testing so far, and when combined with their heritage in endurance racing, we're set for a strong season. In IMSA, having Dirk Werner and Marco Seefried as teammates for the year, not to mention Matteo Cairoli for the Rolex 24, is a fantastic opportunity. In the IGTC, the band is 'back together again' with Jeroen, and the combination of Dirk and Marc Lieb throughout the year creates a dream scenario. We'll be running the Champion Porsche badge throughout our IMSA campaign, which is an honor we hope to meet by continued results."



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