

Difficult start to the season for the Porsche 911 GT3 R at Monza

22/04/2018 The Porsche 911 GT3 R fielded by the Manthey-Racing team finished round one of the Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup at Monza without earning points.

A technical defect in the early stages of the three-hour race made it impossible for the three Porsche works drivers Romain Dumas (France), Frédéric Makowiecki (France) and Dirk Werner (Germany) to compete amongst the frontrunners. The German-French trio contested the category solely for professional driver pairings. In sunshine and warm summer temperatures, the 54-strong field from twelve different manufacturers took off on the 5.793 kilometre Formula 1 racetrack on the outskirts of Milan.

In qualifying, which was based on the average lap times, the driver crew of Dumas, Makowiecki and Werner posted 18th. When the start driver Dumas suddenly lost pace about 20 minutes after the race took off, the trio were unable to improve on their ranking. A faulty sensor in the gearbox area forced the former overall Le Mans winner into an unscheduled pit stop. Repairs cost the squad 23 laps, which resulted in the #911 vehicle finally crossing the finish line 45th overall.

In addition to Manthey-Racing, a second Porsche customer team, Herberth Motorsport from Germany, will contest all five races of this year's Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup. The all-German line-up of Jürgen Häring, Edward-Lewis Brauner and Wolfang Triller secured fourth place in the amateur category for gentlemen drivers in the Porsche 911 GT3 R.

#BlancpainGT – Chequered flag at #Monza. P4 in class for #Porsche #911GT3R No. 991 from Herberth Motorsport. @manthey_racing No. 911 finished down the order. Repair works cost 23 laps pic.twitter.com/xQm1Tti3fe

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