

Another one-two race win for the Porsche 919 Hybrids in Texas

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17/09/2017 By taking a one-two victory in Austin, Texas, USA, the Porsche LMP Team further extended its world championship lead. The 911 RSR scored second place at the sweltering Texas race.

The 911 RSR put in a brilliant start on the 5.513-kilometre Grand Prix circuit not far from the Texas capital. Kévin Estre, who had to take up round six of this year's WEC from the back of the GTE-Pro field after a difficult qualifying session, immediately overtook four competitors and returned after the first lap running in fourth. Starting from the seventh grid spot, Frédéric Makowiecki stayed glued to his bumper and gained two positions. After the first safety car phase in the third hour of racing, Kévin Estre swept into the lead with a spectacular overtaking manoeuvre.

Despite having to relinquish the lead, the #92 Porsche 911 RSR remained on course for a podium result over the rest of the race. Delivering a strong performance and a swift pit stop in the closing phase of the

race, Michael Christensen moved into second place. Suddenly, the first victory for the new 911 RSR in the Sports Car World Endurance Championship WEC seemed imminent. However, at Austin victory remained just out of reach. After 167 thrilling laps, the vehicle was just a little over five seconds off winning in the heat of Texas. Nevertheless, the completely new 911 RSR designed by Porsche Motorsport for this season on the basis of the high-performance 911 GT3 RS sports car, still notched up its fifth podium result at the sixth round of this year's WEC.

Sixth place for Richard Lietz and Frédéric Makowiecki

The team colleagues Richard Lietz and Frédéric Makowiecki could not be a part of the fight for podium spots. Despite all their efforts, two drive-through penalties – for a breach of the circuit boundary line and due to a wheelspin while leaving the pits – cost time which they could not regain with the #91 Porsche 911 RSR. Regardless, sixth place was enough for them to defend their second rank in the GT Drivers' World Championship.

Comments on the race

Marco Ujhasi, Director GT Factory Motorsports:"This is a sensational result. Our number 92 racer took up the race as a backmarker and missed out on winning by a few seconds. That showed a strong team effort. Our systematic preparations for the race paid off. We've still obviously got a lot to do. We'll keep up the hard work and we're looking forward to the rest of the season."

Find quotes of the drivers in the press release (downloads).

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