

Another victory for Porsche Penske Motorsport at the 24 Hours of Daytona

26/01/2026 Porsche celebrates its third straight outright victory at the 24 Hours of Daytona. Thanks to this triumph, the sports car manufacturer cements its record with 21 wins. Moreover, 25 winning vehicles have been powered by a Porsche engine. At the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship opener in Daytona, the Porsche 963 from the Porsche Penske Motorsport factory team drove to victory helmed by factory drivers Felipe Nasr from Brazil, Julien Andlauer from France and Germany's Laurin Heinrich (Germany). The sister car wrapped up the 64th running of the long-distance class in fourth place.

Atlanta. Porsche could hardly have asked for a better start to the IMSA season in North America: the two factory hybrid prototypes dominated the Rolex 24 at Daytona for long stretches, setting the pace at the front almost the entire race. In a thrilling final dash to the flag, the No. 7 car ultimately came out on top – witnessed by a record crowd.

“Three Daytona wins in a row – every team dreams of such an achievement,” Thomas Laudenbach, Vice President of Porsche Motorsport said. “The race was a gripping spectacle. This level of competition and passion is what drives Porsche on racetracks around the world. A huge thanks to the team, to everyone working at the track, and to all the top people in Weissach and at the Penske facility in Mooresville. This outstanding victory is ours forever. It's an early cherry on the cake for our 75th motorsport anniversary and for Team Penske's 60th birthday. Our hat-trick will go down in the history books.”

Porsche and the Porsche Penske Motorsport factory team are the first in the new era of GTP cars to achieve three consecutive wins at Daytona. Factory driver Nasr is only the third in over 60 years of the endurance classic to achieve such a winning streak. His teammates, former Porsche Juniors Andlauer and Heinrich, each celebrate their first overall victory in Florida.

“Winning at Daytona is the perfect way to kick off the celebrations to mark the Penske team's 60th anniversary,” said Roger Penske, founder and CEO of Penske Corporation. “I'd also like to congratulate Porsche on an outstanding start to their '75 Years of Motorsport' year. Together, we continue to write our success story. Today's triumph reflects the determination and dedication of everyone working for Porsche Penske Motorsport in Mooresville and Germany.”

“Three wins in a row for Felipe and our team. The 24 Hours of Daytona is a dream event for us,” Jonathan Diuguid, Managing Director Porsche Penske Motorsport said. “It was a nailbiter right to the flag. Felipe again underlined his brilliance in situations like these. His new teammates Julien Andlauer and Laurin Heinrich were just as impressive. No driving errors, no team mishaps, no penalties. That's how a great team makes it to Daytona's Victory Lane.”

“The race wasn't as easy for us as it may have looked at times,” explains Urs Kuratle, Director Factory Motorsport LMDh. “We worked hard and had to give absolutely everything in the incredibly tense finale. During the six-and-a-half-hour overnight yellow flag triggered by thick fog, some fans may have grown restless, but I'm sure our fight to the finish line more than rewarded them. Thanks to everyone on the team, our fantastic partners, and all our supporters.”

Top results elude strong customer teams

In the top GTP class, customer team JDC-Miller MotorSports put in an impressive drive, with the American outfit's Porsche 963 even holding the lead at times – only to fall back to seventh in the final stages. Manthey and AO Racing finished the 24-hour race with their two 911 GT3 R entries in the GTD Pro class in fifth and ninth place. In the GTD category, Manthey 1st Phorm and Muehlner Motorsports crossed the line in 12th and 15th place respectively.

Additional customer programs compete in Daytona

Porsche customer teams had a strong showing in Daytona beyond the featured 24 hour race. VPX

Racing led on two occasions in the four-hour IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge race on Friday with a Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 RS Clubsport before drivers Matheus Leist and Danny Dyszelski ultimately finished seventh, followed closely by the trio of Morgan Burkhard, Madeline Stewart and Gordon Scully of CSM Racing in ninth. BGB Motorsports and Shopify Racing each also led at times during the race before falling deeper into the field by the finish.

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Driver comments on the 24 Hours of Daytona 2026

Felipe Nasr (Porsche 963 #7):"I don't have the words to describe what this victory means to me. In the final laps, I left it all on the track, every ounce of strength and, above all, my heart – because it was so important to bring this triumph home for my teammates and our team! Like in previous years, the battle raged to the very end. The first emotions hit me on the last lap, and by the finish line, I could barely contain myself. I now want to celebrate this most beautiful moment of my career with everyone."

Julien Andlauer (Porsche 963 #7): "From the first test runs eleven days ago to crossing the finish line, we gave everything, worked incredibly hard, and remained 100 percent focused. Now here we stand holding a beautiful trophy as the winners of the 24 Hours of Daytona. I'm just so proud of all of us."

Laurin Heinrich (Porsche 963 #7):"It's unbelievable – my first IMSA race for Porsche Penske Motorsport and we win the 24 Hours of Daytona! I joined the Porsche family as a Junior in 2022, and now, as a factory driver, I'm on the top step of the podium at North America's biggest endurance race. What a massive honor. I'm so grateful to Porsche for their trust and for the development opportunities I've been given."

Kévin Estre (Porsche 963 #6): "First, it's amazing for the team to score another win. Unfortunately, we nudged another car at the start. The team couldn't fully fix the damage, so we'll never know just how strong our 963 could have been without that incident. Compared to our sister car, we were always slightly on the back foot – competitive, yes, but never quite matching of the No. 7 Porsche."

Ayhancan Güven (Porsche 911 GT3 R #911): "We were consistent and made no mistakes – that's exactly what everyone expects from our top Manthey team. After a disappointing qualifying result, we systematically fought our way back with a strong performance. In the final quarter of the race, we were running at the front, but in the battle for the class win, we just didn't have quite enough pace. It's

disappointing, but overall, it was still an impressive showing from our team."

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