

919 Hybrid remains unbeaten in qualifying

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10/10/2015 In the sixth round of the 2015 FIA World Endurance Championship no car other than a Porsche 919 Hybrid has made it onto the front row of the grid. The Porsche 911 RSR starts on Sunday on the second grid row.

On the Fuji Speedway in the Japanese Alps Timo Bernhard (DE), Brendon Hartley (NZ) and Mark Webber (AU) will start from pole position. The sister car of Romain Dumas (FR), Neel Jani (CH) and Marc Lieb (DE) qualified second for Sunday's six-hour race. Each trio now has three pole positions to its tally in 2015. In the WEC the average of the best laps of two drivers counts for the grid position. In Fuji Bernhard/Webber (1:22.763 minutes) and Dumas/Lieb (1:23.071 min) were the qualifying drivers.

With this race on the challenging 4.549 km long circuit at the foot of Mount Fuji the championship enters its critical phase and Porsche is fighting for both titles. In the manufacturers' standings Porsche

leads with 220 points, followed by Audi (186) and Toyota (101). In the drivers' championship an Audi trio is leading. Bernhard/Hartley/Webber (103 points) are ten points behind and Dumas/Jani/Lieb are in third place (77.5 points). Further excitement is in the air with a change of weather conditions being the forecast for race day.

Clocking the fourth quickest time in qualifying for Sunday's six-hour race in Fuji, Richard Lietz (Austria) and Michael Christensen (Denmark) secured a spot on the second grid row of the GT field. Driving the Porsche 911 RSR, which is based on the seventh generation of the iconic 911 sports car, the duo turned the fourth fastest lap in the GTE-Pro class. Richard Lietz currently leads the World Endurance Cup for GT pilots, which is the drivers' classification for the Sports Car World Championship WEC. In the second Porsche Manthey-run 911 RSR, Frenchmen Frédéric Makowiecki and Patrick Pilet take up the race from fifth place directly behind their teammates on the Fuji International Speedway.

Round six of eight will start on Sunday at 11:00 hrs local time (04:00 hrs CEST). The TV channel Eurosport will broadcast the entire race and the podium ceremony live. Live feed, timing and more is available at the FIA WEC App. Live features such as on-board cameras, timing and GPS tracking are also available in the Porsche Motorsport App (free of charge).

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