

Porsche defends championship lead with podium finish in Sebring

17/03/2024 The Porsche Penske Motorsport works team's Daytona-winning Porsche 963 has wrapped up the 12 Hours of Sebring on the podium. After a thrilling race in Florida, the works drivers Felipe Nasr (Brazil), Dane Cameron (USA) and Matt Campbell (Australia) crossed the finish line in third place with the No. 7 race car.

Race

The No. 6 sister car was plagued with bad luck, ultimately finishing only ninth after an incident. Another hybrid prototype fielded by Proton Competition came eighth. In the GTD-Pro class, AO Racing's Porsche 911 GT3 R narrowly missed out on a podium finish in the penultimate lap. Wright Motorsports secured third place in the GTD category with its 911.

The first nine hours of round two of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship season were contested under blue skies and high temperatures of around 30 degrees Celsius. All teams in the top

GTP class opted for the same strategy: to conserve tyres for the crucial stints at the end of the race. After the first quarter of the 12-hour endurance classic, Dane Cameron moved into the lead for the first time at the wheel of the No. 7 race car. However, during an additional pit stop due to a faulty seat insert, the team lost ground again. At that moment, the sister car was on the spot and swept into the lead.

The excitement, however, was short-lived: While lapping a slower car, Frédéric Makowiecki nudged a GT vehicle. Shortly afterwards, a tyre blew out and the Frenchman had to drive slowly back to the pits for almost an entire lap of the 6.02 kilometre circuit – costing him a total of two laps. The crew didn't manage to close the gap as the race progressed and crossed the finish line in ninth place.

In the meantime, the Daytona winners in the No. 7 car reclaimed the lead. However, as temperatures dropped after dark, performance waned slightly compared to the competition. When the race went green for a final 24-minute sprint after the eleventh safety car phase, Felipe Nasr lost all chances to claim his second win of the season. The Brazilian secured third place and added to the team's points tally from the season-opening victory.

"That was a hard-fought podium finish for our Porsche Penske Motorsport works team," summed up Thomas Laudenbach, Vice President Porsche Motorsport. "Congratulations to Acura. They had the fastest car in the decisive final phase. We couldn't quite match the pace of the leaders in the cooler temperatures during the closing stages of the race. Now it's time to analyse those results and draw relevant conclusions for future races. My congratulations also go to our Wright Motorsports customer team. They achieved a podium finish in the GTD class with the Porsche 911 GT3 R after an immaculate performance."

"It was definitely a difficult race for us. Initially, we were hampered by minor setbacks but we systematically fought our way back," summarises Urs Kuratle. The Director Factory Motorsport LMDh adds: "Then tyre damage threw our number 6 a long way back. Number 7 at least finished on the podium – that was good. Others, however, did better still. Our customer teams put in strong drives but unfortunately were not rewarded correspondingly."

"We're on the podium with our car again, which is something our entire team can be proud of," explains Jonathan Diuguid, Managing Director Porsche Penske Motorsport. "Our cars were simply not fast enough today compared to some of our rivals. We'll have to take another close look to find the reasons for that. It's a shame that our number 6 lost two laps quite early on due to the tyre damage. Unfortunately, things like this sometimes happen in motorsport through no fault of our own."

The customer teams in the GTP class set a fast pace at times with their Porsche 963 but were ultimately unable to harvest for their effort. Proton Competition's No. 5 entry fell from fourth to eighth place in the last ten minutes. The identical car fielded by JDC-Miller MotorSports retired with a technical defect after an impressive performance in the early stages.

podium

The Porsche customer teams contesting the two GT categories experienced varying degrees of success. In the GTD-Pro class, AO Racing's Porsche 911 GT3 R affectionately named "Rexy" was on course for victory for long stretches, only to have a penalty relegate it back to ninth place on the penultimate lap. In the GTD category, the Wright Motorsports squad celebrated a podium finish after a flawless performance. Third place went to the two Americans Adam Adelson and Elliott Skeer, as well as Belgian Jan Heylen. The cars campaigned by Andretti Motorsports and MDK Motorsports finished eighth and twelfth respectively.

Race results

GTP class:
1. Taylor/Deletraz/Herta (USA/CH/USA), Acura #40, 333 laps
2. Bourdais/Van der Zande/Dixon (F/NL/NZ), Cadillac #01, +0.891 seconds
3. Nasr/Cameron/Campbell (BR/USA/AUS), Porsche 963 #7, +8.898 seconds
8. Andlauer/Bruni/Picariello (F/I/B), Porsche 963 #5, +44.807 seconds
9. Jaminet/Tandy/Makowiecki (F/UK/F), Porsche 963 #6, -2 laps
11. Hanson/Van der Helm/Westbrook (UK/NL/UK), Porsche 963 #85, -155 laps

GTD-Pro class:
1. Hawksworth/Barnicoat/Kirkwood (UK/UK/USA), Lexus #14, 316 laps
2. Serra/Rigon/Calado (BR/I/UK), Ferrari #62, +0.121 seconds
3. Perera/Pepper/Bortolotti (F/RSA/I), Lamborghini #19, +2.983 seconds
9. Heinrich/Priaulx/Christensen (D/UK/DK), Porsche 911 GT3 R #77, +37.121 seconds

GTD class:
1. Ward/Ellis/Dontje (USA/CH/NL), Mercedes-AMG #57, 314 laps
2. Lacorte/Sernagiotto/Fuoco (I/I/I), Ferrari #47, +0.646 seconds
3. Adelson/Skeer/Heylen(USA/USA/B), Porsche 911 GT3 R #120, +2.244 seconds
8. Andretti/Chavez/Hargrove (USA/USA/CDN), Porsche 911 GT3 R #43, +30.475 seconds
12. Li/Fjordbach/Bachler (CHN/DK/A), Porsche 911 GT3 R #86, +42.199 seconds

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After the second round of the season, Porsche retains first place in the GTP-class standings for manufacturers, drivers and teams. The 12-hour race in Sebring counts towards the IMSA Michelin Endurance Cup, as do the endurance races in Daytona, Watkins Glen, Indianapolis and Road Atlanta. Porsche shares first place in this classification with Cadillac and Acura. Round three of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship will be contested on 20 April on the spectacular street circuit in Long Beach, just outside the Californian metropolis of Los Angeles.

Drivers' comments after the race

Matt Campbell (Porsche 963 #7): "Following our Daytona win now a third place at Sebring, it could hardly get any better. We squeezed the maximum out of what was ultimately a difficult weekend for us. Despite being a little slower than the competition over long stretches today, we still brought home a lot of points. That was a tough piece of work. Given today's circumstances, third place is a result that we can be proud of."

Frédéric Makowiecki (Porsche 963 #6): "Initially, there was contact with an Acura from the GTD class. I couldn't figure out which side of the track the driver wanted to drive on. I veered to the inside then there was a big thump on the left-hand side. That was probably the cause of the tyre damage a little later. This incident robbed us of all our chances – a real pity."

Alessio Picariello (Porsche 963 #5): "This weekend was anything but easy for me. I had very little track time before the race. With that in mind, this Saturday was more of a test day for me. Throughout my stints, I got more and more familiar with the car and the track. Considering our difficult starting position and our limited experience with the Porsche 963, our lap times were respectable. Unfortunately, a better result wasn't possible."

Laurin Heinrich (Porsche 911 GT3 R #77):"The race got off to a great start – we immediately realised that we were right on the pace. We were particularly strong during the heat of the day. That was when I put in a triple stint. It was tough but it worked out well. I managed to extend my lead at the front. Four hours before the flag, however, we were caught out by an unfortunate safety car phase. From there on, it was all downhill. I fought like a lion in the final phase and had several contacts – more than likely there isn't a single panel on the car that isn't scratched. Unfortunately, I had to accept a 20-second penalty at the end because I bumped a Corvette. Ninth place is a shame."

Adam Adelson (Porsche 911 GT3 R #120): "I'm at a loss for words. My teammate Elliott and I are absolute IMSA rookies and started at Sebring for the first time today. Thanks to Jan Heylen, we managed to climb the podium – simply incredible! I can't even describe my emotions but I can say one thing with certainty: Let's do it again!"

Qualifying

The No. 7 Porsche 963 fielded by the Porsche Penske Motorsport works team will tackle the 12-hour race at Sebring from fifth on the grid. In the qualifying session, Brazilian Felipe Nasr planted the hybrid prototype on the third grid row. His works driver colleague Mathieu Jaminet from France walked away from an accident at the wheel of the No. 6 sister car uninjured. His works driver colleague Mathieu Jaminet from France walked away from an accident at the wheel of the No. 6 sister car uninjured. The customer 963 race cars campaigned by JDC-Miller MotorSports and Proton Competition finished sixth and seventh respectively. In the GTD Pro class, AO Racing's Porsche 911 GT3 R set the third-fastest

qualifying time.

In bright sunshine and air temperatures of almost 30 degrees Celsius, the eleven-strong field contesting the top GTP class went out on the racetrack as soon as the session was given the green light. The aim was to carefully warm up the Michelin tyres for maximum grip to clock the fastest lap time from the third lap onwards. However, this strategy came to an abrupt end: At around the five-minute mark, works driver Mathieu Jaminet crashed into the track barrier at the exit of the first corner at the wheel of the No. 6 car. "I'm okay," was the Frenchman's immediate response on the radio. However, this put an early end to the session for Porsche Penske Motorsport's 963.

After the debris was cleared, the stewards reopened the Sebring International Raceway for another 3:30 minutes. A gripping battle for the best grid positions unfolded, which saw Felipe Nasr claim P5 at the wheel of the Daytona-winning car. The identical hybrid cars from JDC-Miller MotorSports and Proton Competition followed in sixth and seventh place.

"This result is nowhere near what we expected," says Urs Kuratle. The Director Factory Motorsport LMDh adds: "Mathieu Jaminet had an accident. We'll take a close look at the data to figure out what happened there. The most important thing is that he's okay. Our starting positions could be better, but there are twelve hours of racing ahead of us. We'll get our chances. I remain confident."

"Qualifying at Sebring is held at the hottest time of the day, which always makes it difficult. We lacked a bit of pace," explains Jonathan Diuguid, Managing Director Porsche Penske Motorsport. "Unfortunately, the session was interrupted due to Mathieu Jaminet's accident. Now, we have to repair the number 6 car and analyse what exactly happened. Felipe Nasr only had two fast laps left at the end. Let's see what we can make happen in the race."

In the top GTP class, the two customer-run Porsche 963 entries of JDC-Miller MotorSports and Proton Competition qualified in sixth and seventh place. At one point, the UK race driver Phil Hanson topped the GTP-class timesheet before Jaminet's accident halted the session but was unable to make any decisive progress at the wheel of the American team's No. 85 car. Former Porsche Junior Julien Andlauer from France planted Proton Competition's Porsche 963 on a strong seventh place in his first GTP qualifying session.

GT classes: Another strong qualifying for AO Racing's Porsche 911 GT3 R

The Porsche customer teams tackling the two GT categories only managed to partially meet expectations. The 911 GT3 R fielded by AO Racing achieved another strong result in the GTD Pro class: Daytona polesitter Sebastian Priaulx put the "Rexy" 911 on P3. The Englishman shares the cockpit with works driver Michael Christensen from Denmark and former Porsche Junior Laurin Heinrich from Germany. In the GTD category, the three 911 cars from Wright Motorsports, Andretti Motorsports and

MDK Motorsports will start from positions 15, 18 and 19.

Round two of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship season kicks off tomorrow, Saturday, at 9:40 am local time (2:40 pm CET). The 72nd running of the 12-hour race in Sebring may turn into a milestone for Porsche and its partner team Penske: The car manufacturer from Stuttgart could clinch its 600th victory in the North American IMSA, and for the Penske team, this would mark the 100th victory in sports car racing.

At the endurance classic in Florida, the two Porsche 963 fielded by the Porsche Penske Motorsport works team will be decked out in slightly different liveries. This weekend, the logos of long-standing partner Mobil 1 will shine in gold. This is to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the renowned lubricant brand of the mineral oil company ExxonMobil.

Drivers' comments after the qualifying

Mathieu Jaminet (Porsche 963 #6):"We'd hoped for a better result for our number 6 Porsche 963. I'm fine so far, but I'm very sorry about the accident and for the Porsche Penske Motorsport team and all my colleagues at Porsche in Weissach. Unfortunately, the guys now have a bit of work to do on our car. It's a shame because the Porsche was running brilliantly on my first lap. A grid position in the top three would have been within reach. Now, we can only look ahead to the race. If our car is competitive again there, we have twelve hours to make up ground."

Felipe Nasr (Porsche 963 #7): "The result is okay. On Thursday, we initially had to overcome a few obstacles in setting up the car during the free practice sessions. It took us a very long time to find a decent car balance in these hot conditions. In the end, it went quite well. A lot can still happen in the race. I'm confident that we can continue to fight our way up the order."

Julien Andlauer (Porsche 963 #5):"It was an unusual qualifying session for all the teams and drivers. I only had time for a single flying lap at the end. We also learned a lot about our car in the qualifying, which was the main thing. Our Porsche 963 is in one piece – that's the most important thing coming into such a long and strenuous race."

Phil Hanson (Porsche 963 #85): "My first fast lap went well, but then the red flags came out. When the track was reopened, my tyres had already gone through a heat cycle and simply didn't provide enough grip – a real shame, because more would certainly have been possible. The interruption robbed us of the well-deserved reward for our good work in practice."

Sebastian Priaulx (Porsche 911 GT3 R #77): "Of course, I would've liked to be a little further up the field, but we can live with third place – it's a good starting position for a long race. My lap was clean and fast. I really got everything out of it, I did everything possible! I wasn't able to match the lap times of the two cars in front of me. Hopefully, we can advance a bit further tomorrow from third on the grid."

Qualifying result

GTP class:
1. Derani/Aitken/Blomqvist (BR/UK/MC), Cadillac V-Series.R #31, 1:48.152 minutes
2. Bourdais/Van der Zande/Dixon (F/NL/NZ), Cadillac V-Series.R #01, 1:48.299 minutes
3. Eng/Krohn/Farfus (A/SF/MC), BMW M Hybrid V8 #24, 1:48.829 minutes
5. Nasr/Cameron/Campbell (BR/USA/AUS), Porsche 963 #7, 1:49.179 minutes
6. Hanson/Van der Helm/Westbrook (UK/NL/UK), Porsche 963 #85, 1:49.258 minutes
7. Andlauer/Bruni/Picariello (F/I/B), Porsche 963 #5, 1:49.274 minutes
10. Jaminet/Tandy/Makowiecki (F/UK/F), Porsche 963 #6, no time

GTD Pro class:
1. Hawksworth/Barnicoat/Kirkwood (UK/UK/USA), Lexus #14, 1:58.714 minutes
2. Gunn/Riberas/Farnbacher (UK/E/D), Aston Martin #23, 1:59.264 minutes
3. Heinrich/Priaulx/Christensen (D/UK/DK), Porsche 911 GT3 R #77, 1:59.446 minutes

GTD class:
1. Ward/Ellis/Dontje (USA/CH/NL), Mercedes-AMG #57, 1:58.778 minutes
2. Lacorte/Sernagiotto/Fuoco (I/I/I), Ferrari #47, 1:59.014 minutes
3. Montecalvo/Thompson/Telitz (USA/CDN/USA), Lexus #12, 1:59.143 minutes
15. Adelson/Skeer/Heylen(USA/USA/B), Porsche 911 GT3 R #120, 2:01.364 minutes
18. Andretti/Chavez/Hargrove (USA/USA/CDN), Porsche 911 GT3 R #43, 2:01.958 minutes
19. Li/Fjordbach/Bachler (CHN/DK/A), Porsche 911 GT3 R #86, 2:03.970 minutes

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Preview

At the tradition-steeped 12-hour classic in the US state of Florida, the regular drivers will be supported by their works driver colleagues Frédéric Makowiecki from France and Australia's Matt Campbell. The customer teams Proton Competition and JDC-Miller MotorSports will tackle the top GTP category with two more Porsche 963 race cars. In the two GT classes, a total of four Porsche 911 GT3 R from seasoned customer squads will face fierce competition.

With 18 victories, Porsche is the undisputed record winner of the legendary 12-hour race in Central Florida. After its success at the season opener in Daytona, the works team travels to Sebring leading the manufacturers', team and drivers' standings. Porsche also currently leads the IMSA Michelin Endurance Cup manufacturers' standings. This additional long-distance championship includes the longest races of the season – in Sebring and Daytona as well as the Watkins Glen and Indianapolis races and the season finale, "Petit Le Mans" at Road Atlanta.

“Our team has gained a lot of confidence on both sides of the Atlantic at the start of the 2024 season,” grins Thomas Laudenbach, Vice President Porsche Motorsport. “We can’t afford to rest on our laurels following our successes in Daytona and most recently the FIA WEC opener in Qatar. The team, car and driver squad are at the absolute top of their game – we’ve clearly shown that. Nevertheless, Sebring poses a serious challenge. The track characteristics are very different from Daytona or Qatar. Sebring is always a test of stamina for both man and machine – nothing comes for free there. We have to work with total concentration, be strategically clever and do a flawless job.”

“It was fantastic to start the 2024 season with wins in both the IMSA Championship and the World Endurance Championship,” explains Urs Kuratle, Director Factory Motorsport LMDh. “We’re relieved to see that our measures to improve the team processes and the car are working. Due to the unique features of the Sebring circuit, the cards will be reshuffled. Despite our recent successes, we’re not the favourites at the starting line. Anything is possible in the IMSA endurance races – we saw that last year: Despite a lack of pace, we were suddenly on course for victory shortly before the chequered flag, only to lose it all. The pendulum can swing so quickly in either direction, we’re acutely aware of that.”

“Porsche Penske Motorsport had a dream start to the 2024 racing season,” states Jonathan Diuguid, Managing Director Porsche Penske Motorsport. “As we focus towards the second round of the IMSA championship, the 12 Hours of Sebring brings a different set of challenges. The start of 2024 shows that our hard work in the winter months paid off, but racing never stops and our competitors are working hard. We have taken learnings from Daytona and Qatar and had strong test days in Sebring so there’s no reason we can’t continue to raise our game and strive for another race win. Our team and drivers are looking forward to riding the bumps with our 963s for twelve hours and pushing for the top step of the podium.“

The race

The revered endurance race in Sebring is considered the ultimate endurance challenge for man and machine and also the perfect preparation for the 24 Hours of Le Mans. At no other circuit on the racing calendar does the technology have to withstand such high loads. One reason is the nature of the storied racetrack on the former military airfield. About a third of the racetrack consists of concrete slabs, with the hefty bumps posing a unique challenge. Due to this special feature, the racetrack is often mentioned on social media with the hashtag #RespectTheBumps.

The 12-hour race of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship on the 6.02-kilometre Sebring International Raceway will be held for the 72nd time. With 18 overall wins, Porsche is the most successful manufacturer at this long-distance classic. The last triumph for a racing car from Weissach was in 2008. Timo Bernhard from Germany and the two Frenchmen Romain Dumas and Emmanuel Collard won at the wheel of the Penske team’s Porsche RS Spyder against an armada of more powerful LMP1 prototypes. With a win in Sebring, the Penske team would achieve another milestone: To date, Porsche’s American partner team has notched up a total of 99 victories and 99 pole positions in sports car racing.

The works cars

Three works drivers will crew each of the two Porsche 963 race cars fielded by Porsche Penske Motorsport in the 12-hour race. Mathieu Jaminet from France and Nick Tandy from Great Britain will share the wheel of the No. 6 car with Frenchman Frédéric Makowiecki. Felipe Nasr from Brazil and Dane Cameron from the USA will receive reinforcement from the Daytona and Bathurst winner Matt Campbell in the No. 7 sister car. The Australian also recently clinched the first pole position for the Porsche 963 in the World Endurance Championship in Qatar.

The customer teams

In the top GTP class, the customer teams JDC-Miller MotorSports and Proton Competition field one Porsche 963 each. In the German team's No. 5 car, works driver Gianmaria Bruni from Italy will share the cockpit with former Porsche Junior Julien Andlauer from France and Belgian Alessio Picariello. In the JDC-Miller MotorSports car (No. 85), Tijmen van der Helm from the Netherlands and the seasoned pro Richard Westbrook (UK) will be the regular drivers. They receive support at the endurance race in Florida from Phil Hanson (UK).

AO Racing's Porsche 911 GT3 R will contest the GTD Pro category. Former Porsche Junior Laurin Heinrich from Germany and Briton Sebastian Priaulx are the regular drivers in the No. 77 car. In Sebring, they can count on support from works driver Michael Christensen from Denmark. In the GTD class, the customer teams Andretti Motorsports, MDK Motorsports and Wright Motorsports will each enter one of the GT3 racing cars from Weissach. Klaus Bachler, among others, will compete for MDK. The Austrian recently won the LMGT3 class in Qatar at the wheel of the Porsche 911 GT3 R from Manthey PureRxcing.

Drivers' comments before the race

Mathieu Jaminet (Porsche 963 #6): "We had a long break after Daytona – I'm glad things are getting underway again. Unfortunately, our number 6 car didn't have such a spectacular start to the season as the sister car did. We weren't able to finish on the podium and score as many points so we still have a score to settle. Hopefully, everything runs smoothly in Sebring. We'll compete knowing that our car and our team are well-prepared and in top form. Now, we're ready to reap our well-earned rewards."

Felipe Nasr (Porsche 963 #7): "We'd very much like to have a say in the overall victory again at Sebring. During our test in February, we ran through numerous setup variants. That was important and proved beneficial. The track is famous for its hard bumps. It puts us drivers under enormous strain and also puts the hardware under more stress than any other venue. We're arriving at Sebring in top form. Our package is strong, and so is our driver line-up. I'm full of anticipation and confidence. We'll tackle this next task step by step and with total focus."

Gianmaria Bruni (Porsche 963 #5): "On the one hand, I get slightly worried when I think about Sebring. Unlike all the other teams, we skipped the test – that's a considerable disadvantage on such a unique circuit. On the other hand, I'm really looking forward to the next race and my drive in the Porsche 963: the car is simply marvellous. We want to get as close as possible to the level of the works team. In Sebring, I'll be sharing the car with Alessio Picariello again. Julien Andlauer will also be on board for the first time. Both of them are young and fast. I think we're very well positioned in this respect."

Richard Westbrook (Porsche 963 #85): "As one of the great classics of international endurance racing, Sebring is one of my favourite races on the IMSA calendar – there's always a very special atmosphere there. The tradition and history are truly palpable. I won at Sebring in 2013 and came very close to another success in 2022 when I finished second with JDC-Miller. The track poses a huge challenge for both the car and driver, and the setup often gives the engineers a headache. Our tests at Sebring a few weeks ago were successful so that makes us confident. We've also enjoyed following Porsche and its customer teams' recent successes. We'd like to contribute to continuing the great run so far this year."

Michael Christensen (Porsche 911 GT3 R #77): "It's great to finally be taking part in the 12-hour race at Sebring again. Our performance in Daytona was strong. We certainly didn't have the very best car over a flying lap but it looked much better over the distance. Second place was the reward for perfect work. We've learned a lot and now we want to put this into practice at Sebring. Hopefully, we'll be good for a class win. I'm already looking forward to my second race in AO Racing's Porsche 911 GT3 R."

An overview of the drivers and teams

GTP class (Porsche 963):
Proton Competition #5: Gianmaria Bruni (I) / Alessio Picariello (B) / Julien Andlauer (F)
Porsche Penske Motorsport #6: Mathieu Jaminet (F) / Nick Tandy (UK) / Frédéric Makowiecki (F)
Porsche Penske Motorsport #7: Dane Cameron (USA) / Felipe Nasr (BR) / Matt Campbell (AUS)
JDC-Miller MotorSports #85: Tijmen van der Helm (NL) / Richard Westbrook (UK) / Phil Hanson (UK)

GTD Pro class (Porsche 911 GT3 R):
AO Racing #77: Laurin Heinrich (D) / Sebastian Priaulx (UK) / Michael Christensen (DK)

GTD class (Porsche 911 GT3 R):
Andretti Motorsports #43: Jarett Andretti (USA) / Gabby Chaves (COL) / Scott Hargrove (CDN)
MDK Motorsports #86: Anders Fjordbach (DK) / Kerong Li (CHN) / Klaus Bachler (A)
Wright Motorsports #120: Adam Adelson (USA) / Elliott Skeer (USA) / Jan Heylen (B)

The schedule (local time, CET -5 hours)

Thursday, 14 March

10:05 am – 11:35 am: Free practice 1
3:05 pm – 4:35 pm: Free practice 2
7:45 pm – 9:15 pm: Free practice 3

Friday, 15 March
12:20 pm – 12:35 pm: Qualifying GTD class
1:10 pm – 1:25 pm: Qualifying GTP class

Saturday, 16 March
9:40 am – 9:40 pm: Race

Porsche's outright victories at the 12 Hours of Sebring

1960 – Gendebien/Herrmann (Porsche RS-60)
1968 – Siffert/Herrmann (Porsche 907)
1971 – Elford/Larrousse (Porsche 917 K)
1973 – Haywood/Gregg/Helmick (Porsche Carrera RSR)
1976 – Holbert/Keyser (Porsche Carrera RSR)
1977 – Dyer/Frisselle (Porsche Carrera RSR)
1978 – Redman/Mendez/Garretson (Porsche 935)
1979 – Akin/McFarlin/Woods (Porsche 935)
1980 – Fitzpatrick/Barbour (Porsche 935 K3)
1981 – Leven/Haywood/Holbert (Porsche 935/80)
1982 – Paul Sr./Paul Jr. (Porsche 935 JLP-3)
1983 – Baker/Mullen/Nierop (Porsche 934)
1984 – Heyer/de Narvaéz/Johansson (Porsche 935 J)
1985 – Wollek/Foyt (Porsche 962)
1986 – Akin/Stuck/Gartner (Porsche 962)
1987 – Rahal/Mass (Porsche 962)
1988 – Ludwig/Stuck (Porsche 962)
2008 – Bernhard/Dumas/Collard (Porsche RS Spyder)

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