

Porsche 911 GT3 R finishes on tenth at six-hour race

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03/06/2018 The Manthey-Racing team earned points at round three of the Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup at Le Castellet in the South of France with the Porsche 911 GT3 R.

The three Porsche works drivers Romain Dumas, Frédéric Makowiecki (both France) and Dirk Werner (Germany) concluded the six-hour evening race on Saturday tenth overall. Of the 51 GT3 vehicles that lined up on the 5.791-kilometre Circuit Paul Ricard near the Côte d'Azur, 25 were driven by professional drivers. The second 911 GT3 R fielded by Herberth Motorsport in the category for gentleman drivers finished seventh in class.

Dumas, Makowiecki and Werner had taken up the race from P22 on the grid. Werner gained several positions early on in the race, with his two French teammates continuing to work their way up the field at their home race. Running in sixth place with an hour left on the clock, Makowiecki handed the car off

to Dumas, who then gained another position in the final stint. However, due to a rule infraction under yellow, the former Le Mans winner received a 30-second time penalty at the finish. After 172 laps and a distance of almost 1,000 kilometres, the #911 car was ultimately classified in tenth place.

The German trio of Jürgen Häring, Edward-Lewis Brauner and Wolfgang Triller again shared driving duties in the cockpit of the ca. 500 hp Porsche customer sport racer fielded by Herberth Motorsport from Jedenhofen, Germany. After clinching a podium result a fortnight ago in Silverstone, this time they scored seventh place in the Am-class. The race took off in the early evening at 17.45 hours in sunshine and 25-degrees Celsius and by the end of the race six hours later, the air temperature had dropped to 17 degrees. The Le Castellet race gave competitors the chance to prepare for the upcoming season highlight, the 24 Hours of Spa on 28 to 29 July.

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