

Second place for 911 GT3 R

08/08/2016 On the storied Road America racetrack at Elkhart Lake in the US state of Wisconsin, the new Porsche 911 GT3 R has scored second place in the GTD class at round eight of the IMSA SportsCar Championship.

Porsche works driver Jörg Bergmeister (Germany) and Patrick Lindsey (USA) shared the cockpit of the customer racer, which Porsche built for worldwide GT3 series based on the production 911 GT3 RS sports car. With the 911 GT3 R fielded by the American Porsche customer team Park Place Motorsports, so far this season the pair have secured second place at the race in Detroit.

In the GTLM class, the most competitive category with five automobile manufacturers, the Porsche 911 RSR run by the Porsche North America factory squad were on course for a podium result with five minutes to go. In the most gripping race of the IMSA SportsCar Championship season so far, the crew managed to perfectly implement the insights gained during testing, practice and qualifying on this racetrack, but all hopes for a top result were dashed at the restart after the final caution phase. While fighting for victory, Nick Tandy (Great Britain) left the circuit in the number 911 Porsche 911 RSR. With the reigning IMSA GT champion Patrick Pilet (France), who had snatched the lead spot after an excellent start off the line, the pair ultimately had to settle for seventh place. Their team colleagues Earl

Bamber (New Zealand) and Frédéric Makowiecki (France), who joined the others at the front during the first hour of racing, were also robbed of a possible podium finish in the dramatic final phase. They crossed the finish line with the number 912 Porsche 911 RSR in fourth place.

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