

Porsche GT Team scores second after tactic thriller

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09/09/2018 The Porsche GT Team has secured another podium result at the penultimate race of the IMSA SportsCar Championship season. After a gripping race at Laguna Seca, Earl Bamber and Laurens Vanthoor crossed the finish line in second.

Another podium for the Porsche GT Team. After hard fight @earlbamber and @laurensvanthoor crossed the finish line in the Porsche 911 RSR No. 912 in P2. @nicktandyr and @piletpatrick had to retire No. 911 after not-at-fault accident. In GTD class @j.bergmeister and @plindsey73 finished P2 in the Porsche 911 GT3 R. #imsaweathertechsportscarchampionship #porsche #porschenewsroom #porsche911 #911RSR #911 #newsroom #motorsport #racing #racinglife #instacar #sportscar #car #racecar #racetrack #sports #adrenaline #porscheraces #imsa #lagunaseca #usa

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Porsche has secured a spot on the third grid row in a hotly-contested qualifying at the IMSA SportsCar Championship in Laguna Seca. The number 911 Porsche 911 RSR driven by Nick Tandy (GB) and Patrick Pilet (F) will take up the race on Sunday from position six on the grid. Their team colleagues Earl Bamber (NZL) and Laurens Vanthoor (B) tackle round ten of the season from seventh on the grid in the No. 912 vehicle.

The hunt for top times on the legendary Laguna Seca Raceway in California turned gripping and close. Tandy held off at the beginning of the qualifying in the hope of benefitting from improving track conditions. Sand and dirt on 3.601-kilometre racetrack, however, provided little grip. The British driver concluded the qualifying in 1:22.990 minutes, which put his Porsche 911 RSR on P6. Bamber turned a lap just 0.150 seconds slower than his teammate.

Good starting positions in the GTD class

In the GTD class, the Porsche customer teams secured good starting positions for the race. Works driver Patrick Long planted the Porsche 911 GT3 R with the starting number 58 on the fourth grid position. The American shares driving duties in the cockpit of the vehicle fielded by Wright Motorsports with Porsche Selected Driver Christina Nielsen (DK). Jörg Bergmeister (Germany) and Patrick Lindsey (USA) take up the penultimate race of the season from fifth place in the identical model campaigned by Park Place Motorsports.

#IMSA – The trademark of the @WeatherTechRcwy is its unique corkscrew corner, which winds steeply downhill from the highest point of the track and is often compared to the Eau Rouge corner at Spa. Two #Porsche #911RSR compete at the penultimate round from 7 to 9 September pic.twitter.com/IwS7AcD5Mr

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