

03-21-2011 Sebring International Raceway - 12 Hours of Sebring – Race Recap

Genoa Racing Victorious in 12 Hours of Sebring.

Sebring FL., Saturday, March 21, 2011 –

It was a weekend of “firsts” for Genoa Racing at the 59th Annual Mobile 1, 12 Hours of Sebring Presented by Fresh From Florida. In only their second entry in this challenging event—the team swept the LMPC class by starting first in class due to a record breaking qualifying attempt by 23 year-old Dane Cameron. The 036 Molecule/DuPont entry charged on to first place in the LMPC class and finish 9th overall to deliver Genoa’s first win at this historic event-which incidentally, is also their first win in the American Le Mans Series.

Led by technical director Thomas Knapp, the 036 car leapt off the pole and maintained momentum to cruise to an early lead of three laps above the next LMPC entry fielded by CORE Autosport. However, a minor communication breakdown three quarters of the way through the race shortened the gap and challenged the team to maintain their pace.



Through the continually changing guidance and steady perseverance of drivers Michael Guasch, Jens Petersen and Dane Cameron-the car continued to bring on speed to recapture their lead and run solidly in the top ten for the majority of the race. The fate of the event was sealed when Cameron jumped in the car for the final stint on lap 247 and kept his cool the last two and a half hours to carry the momentum straight to victory circle.

Qualifying on the pole is more of an ego boost than anything else, it's such a long race so where you start is really irrelevant," said Cameron. "It definitely gave the team a morale boost, and gave us a boost to know that we had the fastest car in the field going into the race."

"Michael and Jens did an awesome job throughout the race and we just worked on staying clean and not having any penalties or any mechanical issues. So it was basically the most text book way to run the race-click off laps and mind our own business. The team prepared such a solid car for us we never had to worry about a thing-just work on our day."



Of Note:

The Fastest lap of the LMPC Class of 1.57.287 was set by Dane Cameron on lap 170

Quotes:

Jens Petersen:

"It's just amazing. I still can't believe it. I flew over last Saturday and had never seen the racetrack. I was scheduled for the test day on Monday, but unfortunately we had an issue with the steering rack so I couldn't do any laps at all. And I was a little unlucky during practice due to minor issues so prior to the race I had done probably only 20 laps. So I was practically new to the track and new to the LMPC car. But overall I have to say a big thank you to Genoa Racing which prepared us a fantastic, reliable car. A big thank you to Dane who did some fantastic driving. I am just really happy to be here at Sebring in Victory Lane!"

Michael Guasch:

"The car was fantastic! For me it was great because this was the first time I've actually driven the car. I did a test here in Sebring a couple of months ago, and then it was a last minute thing to actually get in the car and run the race. I knew that if I could run with Dane that we would do well, and then Jens came along and together we made a great package. We knew coming in that we had a great shot at it, but you never want to be THAT confident. But it all just came together. Dane put it on pole-and I started the race. We were in the top 10 for a long time. Not bad. Not at all!



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