



MOMO NGT MOTORSPORT WINS 10H OF PETIT LE MANS

Miami, FL. (October 21, 2012) - The MOMO NGT Motorsport team arrived at the Road Atlanta circuit in Braselton, Georgia with two Porsche GTC spec entries for the 1,000 mile or 10 hour Petit Le Mans, ALMS Season finale.

For their driver lineups in the American Le Mans Series season finale, NGT team owner Ramez Wahab selected European Porsche standouts Mario Farnbacher (Ansbach, DE) and Kuba Giermaziak (Gostyn, PL) to team up with Henrique Cisneros (Miami, FL) for the challenge in the #30 MOMO NGT Porsche. Also in the NGT Motorsport stable was the sister car #31 NGT Porsche driven by Angel Benitez Jr., Mark Bullit and newly crowned Grand-Am GT Champion Jeff Segal.

The #30 Porsche 997 GT3 Cup secured their goal. "Winning the 10 Hours of Petit Le Mans is an amazing accomplishment for any driver. It is a race that usually attracts the top racing talent from around the world and a win in such a competitive environment is extremely gratifying," said Henrique Cisneros.

NGT was very confident in a podium finish. "Having a fast and reliable car for the long distance was important," said Wahab. That confidence paid off in the end. Farnbacher, Giermaziak and Cisneros were aware of the speed differential between their cars and that of the Prototype, and the hope of staying on-track was one they could not control as Cisneros explained:

"Unfortunately, we were taken off-track twice in the esses by prototypes. Luckily we did not have any damage to the car.

Many times, the prototypes forget that a GTC car is not able to go off-line and steer back in time to make the turn. We are low downforce cars with a very small margin of error when we are taking a turn at the limit. Any modification to our line mid-corner usually ends in an off-track excursion."



The Petit Le Mans reached the 1,000 mile mark before 10 hours had been reached. NGT took the checkered flag at 9:38:20.034; five laps ahead of their closest rivals. Strategy is always a key, and for the longer endurance events it is vital. When asked if they were able to stick to their original plans, Wahab said "Absolutely, we knew that we needed a splash of fuel towards the end of the race, so we were trying to get a big enough gap to allow us to fuel, and yet get back on track in the lead. Once we noticed that the 2nd place car had issues we pitted comfortably, added some fuel and finished the race 1st."

"It was a really tough race," Giermaziak said. "We really pulled out a big gap twice; then we got the yellows. It was my first race in the States, so there were a bit different rules. The speed difference in all classes and going around with so much traffic is a big challenge. I was able to put the pressure on Leh Keen; he made a mistake and we were able to get around him" added Giermaziak.

All three drivers were able to keep the MOMO Porsche in the hunt for the win during the stints, and taking care of the equipment was another key during the race. "In an endurance race you are always concerned about multiple things. Mechanical failure is one of them, and my main concern was the gearbox," Wahab said

Angel Benitez who clinched the IMSA GT3 Cup Championship in 2012, was extremely competitive in the #31 NGT Porsche. In his 2nd career ALMS start, Benitez started to turn some heads in the paddock with his ability to be as fast as the front runners in Class. Benitez's teammate, Mark Bullit, a veteran in IMSA GT3 Cup, was very consistent through his stints. After being out of the driver seat for a while, Bullit wants to get back to racing and have some more fun in the future. Jeff Segal had a very steep learning curve over the weekend. Segal did a fine job behind the wheel and kept it clean. It was his first time behind the wheel of a Porsche racecar since his normal driving duties are in a Ferrari 458 in which he was crowned the 2012 Grand Am GT Champion.

Wahab's NGT Motorsport is proud to announce that they will carry the MOMO name into the future. They plan to field multiple Porsches in the IMSA Porsche Cup series, and of course they will contest the ALMS GTC category. As his thoughts now turn to next year, Wahab said, "The pressure is always on."

NGT Motorsport Inc. was founded in 2003 by Ramez Wahab, located in Miami, Florida and is dedicated to providing the most professional & competitive racing – from local club racing to international competition. Flexibility and know-how has brought much success and the opportunity to become a leading Porsche Race Team in North America, having secured the 2010 & 2011 IMSA GT3 Cup Championship and the recent 2012 AMLS Petit Le Mans GTC victory

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