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### EDUARDO CISNEROS EARNS FIRST GOLD CUP VICTORY

*Henrique Cisneros extends championship lead*

MONTREAL, Quebec (June 12, 2011) – To be part of a Formula One Grand Prix weekend is an experience in itself, as all five NGT Motorsport drivers discovered this weekend. But for Eduardo Cisneros, the event took on even more significance as he earned his first IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge by Yokohama victory – on his birthday no less. Younger brother Henrique shared the limelight, as both brothers earned pole positions in their classes to start the race, and Henrique extended his lead in the championship with a fifth place finish.

#### **Qualifying**

With two other support series and multiple F1 sessions each day, the series had only one practice session before Saturday's qualifying. Despite an early spin, Cisneros, driving the #26 NGT Motorsport Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car, led the Platinum Cup class for new Porsches early in the session, only to see young Cooper MacNeil (#20 Alex Job Racing) shorten the distance between them midway through the session.

"On the first lap out I spun in turn eight on cold tires, trying to get a good lap in early," said Cisneros. "I regrouped after that and did a pretty fast lap. I came in to conserve the car, but MacNeil was suddenly a tenth behind me. I was slower than yesterday, so I knew I'd have to go back out. I got a clear gap and was able to get a good lap."

Like his brother, Eduardo Cisneros had a close call early in the session, late braking into turn one but managing to keep his #29 NGT Motorsport Porsche on the track.

"I'm still figuring out the braking zone in turn one," said Cisneros, who leads the Gold Cup class starters." I came in a little too hot. I set my fast lap about halfway through the session, but matched that time later with old tires, so that means I'm slowly improving! Tomorrow is my birthday, so winning the race here would be a great birthday present! "

In Platinum Cup, NGT's Ray Arthur (#28) qualified 16<sup>th</sup>; in Gold Cup class, Ludovico Manfredi (#27) qualified fourth while Andres Cisneros (#25) started in the sixth position. Carlos Kauffmann, ordinarily driving the #24 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car in Platinum Cup class, was unable to make the Montreal event.

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## Round 5

Unfortunately, the weather forecasters got Sunday's predictions exactly right, as a steady light rain kept the Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve wet for the race on Sunday. Henrique Cisneros continued his lap one woes, spinning out of the lead in turn two and restarting near the back of the 24-car field.

Meanwhile, Eduardo Cisneros lost his pole position to young Madison Snow at the green flag, beginning a back-and-forth fight that lasted the entire 11-lap event. Cisneros got several looks at Snow in the hairpin but was unable to get by, finally making the pass in turn two for his first ever IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge victory.

"It can't get better than this!" smiled Cisneros. "One my birthday, in Montreal – you can't ask for more. I want to dedicate this to my teammate Carlos, who couldn't be here, and thank Sylvia and Ramez and the NGT team, because this isn't possible without them. I want to thank my biggest fans - my wife and children and my parents, they're all here watching. I couldn't be happier.

"This is only the second time I've raced in the rain. Madison got me right at the start and I fell back from him, then caught him and got by in the hairpin, which was particularly slippery, but he got back by again. The hairpin was really slippery for me so I would lose time there, but I had good grip in the last chicane and would make up some ground. It took a while, but I finally made the pass stick. So it's a good day!"

For Henrique Cisneros, thoughts of the Platinum Cup championship are never far from his mind. Determined to regain his lost positions, he came back from 17<sup>th</sup> place after his lap one spin to finish an amazing fifth place, while recording the only race lap under two minutes (1:59.321).

"I think I had the most fun of anyone!" said Cisneros. "I had a bad spin early in the race and ended up just about last. When you're warming up your tires, you don't know how much grip there is until you're at race speed and I misjudged the grip. After that, I just tried to work my way to the front, picking people off and I ended up fifth. Right now, it's all about the points – I'll take the 12 points, it puts me well ahead in the championship and that's what it's all about in the end."

For NGT team owner Ramez Wahab, the priority was making sure the team returned to the transporters in basically the same state in which they left, given the treacherous conditions.

"We had the fastest cars all weekend," said Ramez "We led practice & qualifying in both classes, got a win in Gold Class & new Lap Record in Platinum, Henrique is leading the Championship with 30 points and Eduardo's victory bumped him up to 2<sup>nd</sup> in points. I'm very glad for Eduardo – it's his birthday and he got first place, so it couldn't be any better present for him. Henrique did an awesome job – unfortunately, he overcooked it on the first lap going into turn two and went back to 17<sup>th</sup>. But he came back to finish in fifth. So we are very happy"

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NGT Motorsport will be on the track again later this month, as the IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge by Yokohama rejoins their American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón compatriots at the Northeast Grand Prix at Lime Rock Park in Lakeville, Connecticut. The Rounds 6 and 7 will be Saturday, July 9 at 9:25am and 5:00pm. To see all the results for NGT Motorsport and for more information on the team, visit <http://www.ngtmotorsport.com/>.

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