



Porsches set the pace in the first three hours of the Dunlop 24H of Dubai

DUBAI (January 15th, 2010) – The number 66-IMSA Performance Matmut Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, driven by Frenchmen Patrick Pilet and Raymond Narac and German Porsche works driver Marco Holzer is leading after three hours in the Dunlop 24H of Dubai. Having completed 77 laps, the French team was leading the Besaplast Porsche (Kovac/Tschornia/Thiim/Asch/Asch) and the two Petronas Synthium Team's BMW Z4 Coupés (Taniguchi/Yanagida/Hairuman/Stuck/Yoshica and Kataoka/Orido/Adzmi/Matsuura/Yoshica).

Less than half an hour into the race, the first 'Code-60' phase emerged already after the Red Camel Racing Saker sports car (Krant/Sauriol/Breukers/Thijssen/Verkoelen) had spun under braking before the last corner and was stuck on the racing line. The clerk of the course then decided to impose the maximum speed of 60 km/h for all drivers on the track in order for the stranded car to be recovered. The number 65-IMSA Performance Matmut Porsche was one of the cars to benefit from that neutralisation to make a refuelling stop. The fastest of the two De Lorenzi Racing-Porsches (Borghi/Perazzomo/Cioci/de Lorenzi) also was in the top three for most of the first three hours.

A quick recovery was shown by the Gravity Racing International Mosler that originally had qualified second, but was relegated to the back of the grid after not all of the team's drivers had been able to complete the mandatory number of laps in the dark in night practice due to an engine blow-up. However, less than one hour into the race, the car already showed in the top ten.

The class leaders after three hours:

A2	# 85	Team Premier	Renault Clio
A3T	# 74	Sunred 1	SEAT Leon Supercopa
A4	# 88	Team Black Falcon 2	BMW Z4 Coupé
A5	# 40	Petronas Synthium Team	BMW Z4 Coupé
A6	# 66	IMSA Racing Performance	Porsche 911 GT3 RSR
D1	# 112	Marcos Racing International	BMW 120D
D2	# 33	BMW Team Hungary with E.D.	BMW 120D
SP1	# 170	Gomez Competition 1	Solution F
SP2	# 44	Mal Rose Racing	Holden Commodore
SP3	#129	DXB Racing 1	Aston Martin Vantage GT4

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