

FIA GT – REVIEW FIA GT2 ZOLDER/BELGIUM

ProSpeed Competition, Richard Westbrook and Manu Collard FIA GT2 champions

ZOLDER, 25/10/2009. *"I'm obviously delighted to be the FIA GT2 champion, but it hasn't really sunk in as yet. I rather miss not having Manu Collard next to me on the podium, and here at this Press conference table..."*, these were Richard Westbrook's first words, the new FIA GT2 champion clinched at Zolder. *"But tomorrow I'll wake up and realise what we, Manu, the team, Porsche and I have achieved. In my eyes we have all become champions! A word of thanks to the team and Marco Holzer, because today we drove the perfect race which culminated with a great victory."* Niki Lanik won the Porsche Manufacturer's Cup in FIA GT3.

Prior to the Zolder weekend the Porsche teams were fully revised. Richard Westbrook, who together with Manu Collard has enjoyed a brilliant season, was teamed up with Marco Holzer for the occasion in Zolder. *"Seeing the 2010 evolution of the AF Corse's Ferrari 430, our immediate rivals in the championship, had already been entered at Paul Ricard and quite clearly was showing a strong potential, we were obliged to counter act. This counter action was to ensure that our two drivers, Manu Collard and Richard Westbrook, would receive extra chances to clinch the title. In that light all Porsche teams combined their strengths. Manu was given a drive with Martin Ragginger and with us Marc Lieb reinforced the team with Darryl. The outcome produced some highly competitive teams as also low additional weights"*, team manager Rudi Penders explained.

During the closing round of the FIA GT at Circuit Zolder ProSpeed Competition won the drivers' title. In-house driver Richard Westbrook, following his victory at Zolder together with Marco Holzer clinched the 2009 title. Earlier in the season, together with his regular team-mate Manu Collard he won the rounds at Silverstone, Adria and Budapest and so together they laid the foundations for the title. *"We worked really hard this year and notwithstanding some bad luck, just remember how we were driven off in Oschersleben, as also a few other difficult moments, we have now made it to being champions. I'm fully convinced that we deserved to become champions"*, the brand new champion concluded.

Richard Westbrook, at the wheel of the Porsche with start number #60 took a strong start and came through in second place for the first pit-stop. *"And the team performed brilliantly with their pit work, because I was able to get back on track in the lead"*, Marco Holzer commented. Holzer and Westbrook then finished off their assignment and won the race with a substantial lead.

Following an excellent race Marc Lieb and Darryl O'Young finished in eighth place, giving ProSpeed Competition a second place in the FIA GT2 team championship. A second place also ensures an entry for the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

The Austrian Niki Lanik also did what was asked of him for ProSpeed Competition. He won the Porsche Manufacturer's Cup in the FIA GT3, and as such a second title for ProSpeed Competition. The result of the second FIA GT3 race had not as yet been made official when sending out this press release.



PROSPEED COMPETITION

ProSpeed Competition also made a come-back in the Belgian GT Championship with Franz Lamot and Richard Westbrook. The Liege based team did this with great verve, because on Saturday Richard Westbrook clocked up a second best qualifying time and on Sunday together with Franz Lamot drove a strong race to finish in third place. Later on the day Lamot and Westbrook confirmed ProSpeed's potential by finishing in an excellent fourth place. *"Who knows this might imply the return of ProSpeed Competition in the Belgian GT or Belcar..."*, Rudi Penders concluded.

ProSpeed Competition will be finishing off the season with the 10 Hours of Zolder on 14th November.



Results FIA GT Zolder:

1. Westbrook/Holzer	Porsche 997 GT3 RS
2. Ruberti/Malucelli	Ferrari F430
3. Bell/Kirkaldy	Ferrari F430
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6. Collard/Ragginger	Porsche 997 GT3 RS
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8. Lieb/O'Young	Porsche 997 GT3 RS

FIA GT2 Driver Championship:

1. Westbrook	56 points
2. Bruni/Vilander	54 points
3. Collard	49 points

FIA GT2 Teams Championship:

1. AF Corse	88 points
2. ProSpeed Competition	70 points
3. CRS Racing	55 points

FIA GT3 Porsche Manufacturer's Cup:

1. Niki Lanik
2. ...

