

CORE Autosport Take 2nd at VIR

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Patrick Long and Colin Brawn finished second in the GT class driving CORE Autosport's #6 Porsche 911 GT3 RSR



Risi Competizione's #62 Ferrari 458 took the VIR GT class trophy

Atton, VA – October 5th, 2013 – A great fuel and tire strategy, along with mistake-free driving from Colin Braun and Patrick Long propelled the GT-class CORE autosport Porsche 911 GT3 RSR to a second-place finish in the American Le Mans Series' Oak Tree Grand Prix at Virginia International Raceway. In the GTC class, Damien Faulkner and Ben Keating drove the TRG Porsche 911 GT3 Cup entry to its second consecutive class victory in the two-hour, 45-minute, multi-class race. Jeroen Bleekemolen and Cooper MacNeil used their second-place finish in GTC to build on the point lead for the Alex Job Racing-entered 911 GT3 Cup car.

Coming from near the back of the field after a disappointing grid position, Braun started the CORE car and moved up as others in the class either made mistakes or lost time in the pits.

"We had planned a particular pace, and I kept on that pace without a mistake," said Braun. "Our alternate

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fuel and tire strategy put us in position to avoid a tire change when we came in for the last yellow, moving Patrick into first place with 35 minutes to go."

While hoping for his first ALMS victory of 2013, Long was pleased with the results. "The CORE autosport Porsche was very consistent today but with the recent rule change, we just didn't have enough for the Ferrari down the straightaways. I held him off as long as I could, defending my position, but it was just a matter of time before he got by me. Keeping the Corvettes and BMWs at bay was a major accomplishment in itself," offered Long.

"It was a rough day for us," reflected Sellers. "The guys were fantastic. We made all the right strategy calls. Great pit stops. We gained positions every single time we came in. We went from fifth to second on the last stop and were in a good position to fight everyone off. We just didn't have the speed or the capability to do it today."

The other GT Porsche entry, the Paul Miller Racing 911 GT3 RSR driven by Marco Holzer and Bryce Miller was running in the top five late in the race when Holzer and GTC class NGT Porsche driver Eduardo Cisneros came together

Top: Klaus Graf preparing for a qualifying session run in his Muscle Milk Honda HPD LMP1 racecar. Bottom: Overall race winning Muscle Milk Honda HPD doing a fast lap with Klaus Graf driving.





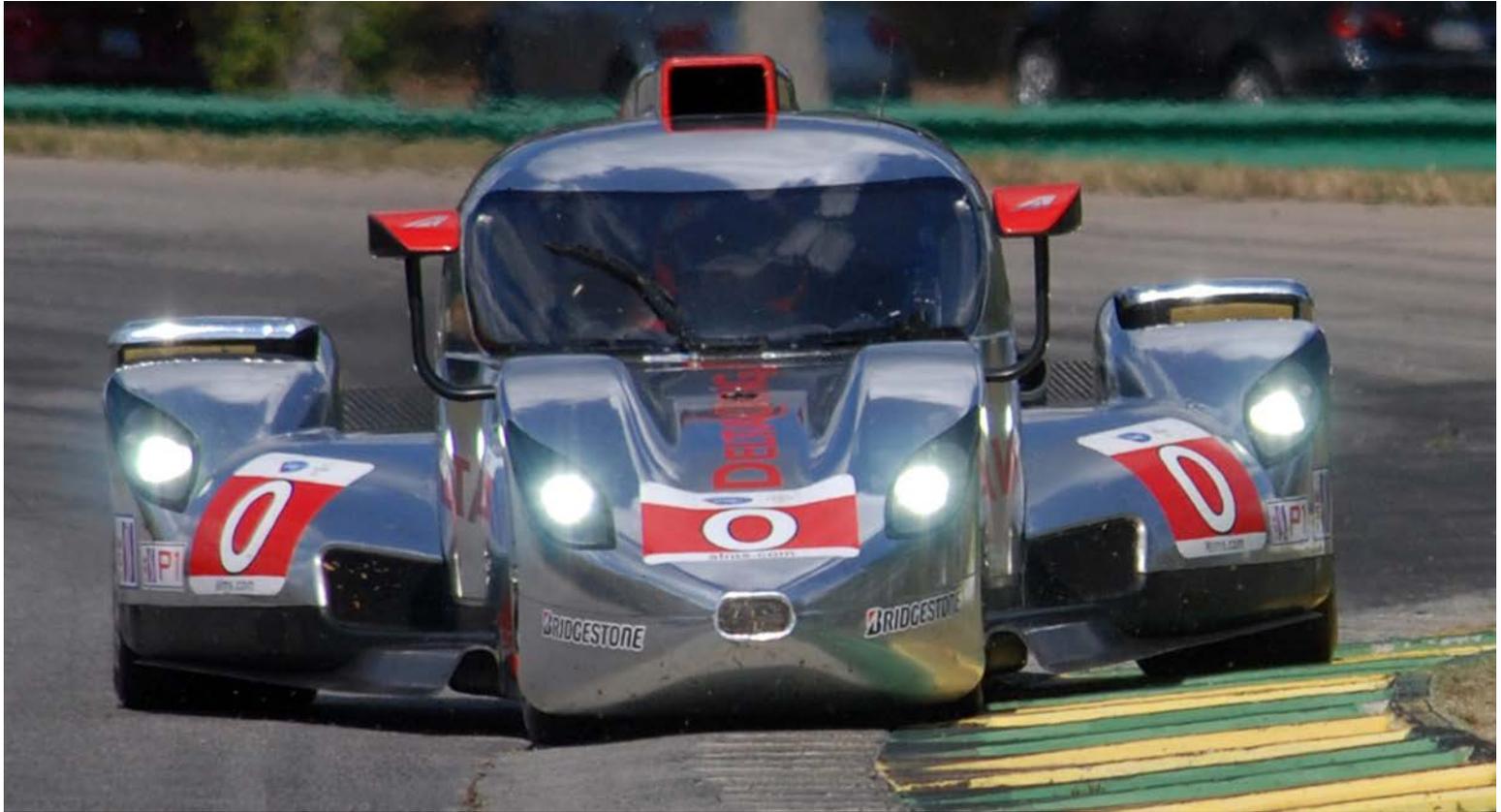
at high speed and spun each other off the track. The Cisneros car bounced along the guardrail, flipping and then rolling up onto the tire wall. It eventually came to a rest on its wheels on top of the wall. The Paul Miller car spun hard, went off the track and struck the tire wall after the initial contact. Both cars were heavily damaged but the integrity of the Porsche chassis helped ensure neither Cisneros nor Holzer were seriously injured.

After he was cleared and released from the medical compound, Cisneros was thankful that the car took the impact in the right places to prevent any injuries.

Faulkner and Keating put together another great effort in their TRG Porsche 911 GT3 Cup racer taking their second straight GTC class win. In the close point championship battle, Bleekemolen and MacNeil earned a second-place finish in their Alex Job Racing Porsche and now have a 13-point lead over Henrique Cisneros, who finished third with Sean Edwards in the #30 NGT Porsche. **AA**

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