

Wayne Taylor Racing Wins Rolex 24

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**Top: Winner of the 58th Annual Rolex 24
- No. 10 Konica Minolta Cadillac DPi-V.R.**

Daytona Beach, FL – January 26th, 2020 – The No. 10 Konica Minolta Cadillac DPi-V.R. dominantly won the 58th Rolex 24 at Daytona by one minute and five seconds over the No. 77 Mazda. They shattered the previous distance record by completing 833 laps for a total of 2,965.5 miles.

“Just a fantastic victory,” said Ryan Briscoe, “I just feel super privileged to be part of the No. 10 team. It’s just incredible as far as statistics go and to be part of that is phenomenal.”

The No. 24 BMW Team RLL took victory in the GTLM class after surviving a class lead change see-saw of 40 different leaders.

“Whoever thought we were just lucky to win last year were shown otherwise today, said Bobby Rahal, “That was a battle for 24 hours. The drivers did a fantastic job, and the same goes for the crew.”

The new Porsche 911 RSR-19 celebrated a successful North American race debut with a



**Bottom: The No. 24
BMW Team RLL crossed
the finish line in first
place in the GTLM class.**

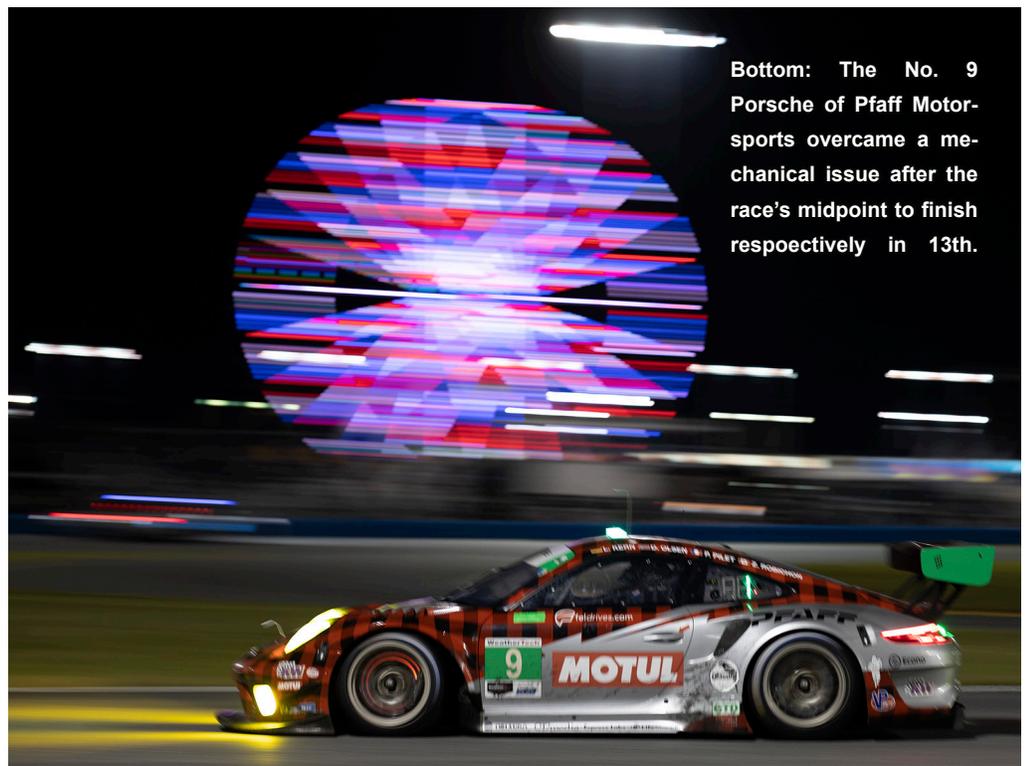
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Top: The No. 912 Porsche Motorsport 911 RSR-19 during a late race pitstop. The car finished second in the GTLM class.

double podium finish at Daytona. After a strong team effort, the two 515-hp RSR-19s finished the GTLM class in second and third-place. From start to finish, the factory GT racers ran like clockwork at their first 24-hour race. Not a single technical problem hampered the premiere as the two new 911 RSR-19 race machines took turns in the lead over most of the record distance. After 786 laps, Porsche was just shy of claiming a record-extending victory at the 24-hour classic.

The two Porsche 911 RSR-19 had already turned heads earlier in the weekend at the high-speed oval/road course track. The “works” cars swept the first-two positions on GTLM class qualifying with the No. 911 to the pole position just ahead of the No. 912. In the race, the No. 912 Porsche claimed second-place, with the No. 911 finishing in third-place. With flawless stints, a perfect strategy and swift pit stops, both crews set the pace at the front.



Bottom: The No. 9 Porsche of Pfaff Motorsports overcame a mechanical issue after the race's midpoint to finish respectively in 13th.

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“We fought to the finish and tried everything,” said Earl Bamber, No. 912 driver, “Our car ran excellently. However, one of our rivals was slightly faster. I’m still very proud.”

In the GTD class, the No. 48 Paul Miller Racing Lamborghini Huracan GT3 took the class victory by a mere 0.032 second advantage over the No. 44 GRT Magnus Lamborghini. In the Porsche 911 GT3 R world, the No. 16 Wright Motorsports Porsche made a dramatic comeback in the race’s second half, managing a GTD fourth-place finish despite sustaining slight damages to the underbody. Behind them, Black Swan Racing also put in a spirited chase through the field to take fifth-place. The team, with the assistance of Porsche Motorsport North America and Wright Motorsports, made the race start after a serious accident rendered the originally entered Black Swan Porsche un-repairable.

The GTD class pole-winning No. 9 Porsche 911 GT3 R of Pfaff Motorsports experienced a frustrating ending to a strong weekend. After leading GTD for the majority of the first 12-hours, a drive-shaft defect relegated the car down through the field, but ultimately crossed the line in thirteenth-place. **AA**



The pair of factory prepared and raced Porsche 911 RSR-19s doing thier thing at the 2020 Rolex 24.

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