

RACE FACTS 6 Hours of Circuit of the Americas – 22 September 2013

### **RACE FACTS – HOUR 6**

17:00:44 Chequered Flag

17:00:18 McNish, Duval and Kristensen in Audi No.2 win the 6 Hours of The Circuit of the Americas! 16:54:31 McNish leads by 35 sec with just over 5 minutes remaining.

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16:45:33 Spin for Rees in Larbre Corvette No.50 - rejoins

16:43:53 Team mates dicing also in LMGTE Pro with the No.51 and No.71 Ferraris covered by one second in the battle for 2nd place in class.

16:37:30 Battle between the to Aston Martins (No.95 from No.96) at the front of LMGTE Am field. Gap now 2.4s.

16:35:08 Straight run to the chequered flag now for the leaders. 25 minutes remain.

16:33:28 Toyota makes its last stop. Sarrazin takes over from Buemi. Audi retakes lead. Buemi limps from the car.

16:30:06 24 seconds between leading Toyota and No.2 Audi. The Toyota will make one more stop.

16:27:15 Audi No.2 makes final stop. McNish takes fuel only. Toyota retakes lead.

16:25:45 Spin for No.25 Delta ADR - Rejoins

16:24:19 Leading Audi No.2 is due to make its final pit stop soon. Will they take tyres or double stint this time? 16:19:06 Gap between McNish in No.2 Audi and Toyota No.8 is now 38s. They both will make at least one more stop.

16:15:11 Just 45 minutes of racing remain.

16:11:22 Kobayashi in No.71 moves up to 3rd in LMGTE Pro

16:08:21 Spin for Oak No.45, now stopped on circuit.

16:04:58 After 6 stops each, the Audi No.2 leads the Toyota by 29s.

# **RACE FACTS – HOUR 5**

15:59:30 Aston Martin No.99 has a narrow lead (2.6s) on the two AF Corse Ferraris.

15:57:55Toyota No.8 makes a scheduled stop. Fuel only. Buemi rejoins in 2nd.

15:53:34Toyota No.8 leads Audi No.2 by 26s but owes a pit stop.

15:50:43Change of leader in LMGTE Am. Campbell-Walter in Aston No.96 passed by Thiim in No.95

15:43:11 Rees in No.50 Larbre Corvette spins and rejoins.

15:42:00 No.2 Audi makes a routine stop. Full service and driver change. McNish takes over from Kristensen.

Toyota retakes lead

15:40:50 Krohn Racing Ferrari No.57 has now rejoined.

15:39:40 Gap between LMGTE Am leader No.96 and 2nd place No.95 Aston Martin is now 1.7s.

15:37:15 The catalogue of problems for OAK has relegated them to 6th, 7th and 8th in LMP2.

15:34:23 Rebellion Lola No.12 made its regular stop at the same time as No.1 did its stop and go.

15:31:49 Audi No.1 enters pitlane to perform its penalty.

15:31:04 Krohn Racing No.57 Ferrari pushed into pit garage.

15:28:38 Stop and go penalty for Audi No.1 for passing outside track limits.

15:27:00 No.97 Aston Martin remains in pit garage and looks like it will not rejoin.

15:24:10 Jonsson in Krohn Ferrari No.57 stopped on track near turn 8, then restarted slowly.

15:22:17 Kristensen now leads in Audi No.2 by 49s from Buemi in Toyota No.8

15:19:11 No.97 Aston Martin going slowly on track. Tyre smoke from right front. Returns to pitlane.

15:17:31 Small track exit for Pla in No.24 OAK, returns to pitlane. Debris reported on track.

15:15:13 In LMGTE Pro the Ferrari No.71 and No.51 of AF Corse sit either side of Aston Martin No.99 in second place.

15:12:39 In LMP2, the Oreca of G Drive No.26 leads the Pecom Oreca No.49 and Morgan Nissan No.24 of OAK Racing.

15:10:06 Toyota No.8 into pitlane from overall lead. Davidson hands over to Buemi. Rejoins in 2nd. 15:07:18 Less than 2 hours remain to the finish.

# **RACE FACTS – HOUR 4**

14:58:21 Kristensen in Audi No.2 in 2nd after stop.

14:56:14 Leading Audi No.2 into pitlane for full service. Duval hands over to Kristensen.

14:49:42 Big spin for Treluyer in No.1 Audi at turn 12. No damage.

14:46:22 Gap from 1st to 2nd is now 48s

14:45:24 P2 leader No.26 Oreca of G Drive has minor track excursion at turn 10.

14:42:54 New fastest lap for Duval Audi No.2 1:47.971 - No.1 Audi has fastest lap overall 1:47.315

14:39:54 Pitstop for No.99 Aston Martin that was leading LMGTE Pro. Makowiecki takes over in 3rd position.

14:36:33 Gap between leading Audi and 2nd place Toyota has now grown to just under 36s.

14:31:53 AF Corse Ferraris No.51 and No.71 exchange positions. Vilander passes Fisichella to take 2nd place in LMGTE Pro.

14:28:25 Duval is keeping a fast pace in No.2 Audi and is stretching out his lead. Gap now 30s to Davidson in Toyota No.8

14:23:30 Duval in Audi No.2 retakes lead after Toyota stop. Gap now just under 23s.

14:20:21 No.8 Toyota stops for full service. Davidson takes over from Sarrazin.

14:19:20 No.35 OAK finally rejoins race in 7th place in class

14:15:29 The No.35 OAK remains in its pit garage and is falling down P2 order.

14:12:40 Toyota No.8 takes the lead, but owes a pit stop.

14:11:01 Leader into pitlane. Duval stays in No.2 Audi, fuel and tyres only.

14:05:02 OAK sister cars No.35 and No.24 touch. Damage requires pit visit for No.35

14:00:42 3 hours gone - half way mark in race

### **RACE FACTS – HOUR 3**

13:56:58 Duval passes Sarrazin to take lead in No.2 Audi

13:53:25 Duval in No.2 Audi is now right on the tail of Sarrazin.

13:51:37 No.1 Audi into pitlane. Fuel and tyres only. Treluyer stays in.

13:49:11 After a round of LMP2 pitstops, the Oreca of G Drive n°26 leads the two Morgan Nissans of OAK Racing.

13:45:45 Duval in No.2 Audi is reeling-in Sarrazin in the Toyota with consistently fast laps. Gap now 6.7s.

13:44:04 In GTE Am, Nygaard in Aston Martin No.95 leads sister car No.96, Porsche No.76 and Ferrari No.81 13:41:45 No.49 Pecom now into pits - Minassian out and Companc in.

13:39:53 Rusinov in G Drive Oreca No.26 pits from P2 lead. Pecom No.49 takes class lead.

13:33:22 No.8 Toyota pits for fuel, no driver change. Retains the lead.

13:32:10 Brundle in No.24 enters pitlane and hands P2 lead to Plowman in sister car No.35 Morgan Nissan - Brundle hands over to Gonzalez

13:27:31 Sarrazin in Toyota No.8 retakes the lead.

13:25:37 Leader in pitlane - No.2 Audi stops for full service and driver change. Duval takes over from Kristensen.

13:24:10 Brundle holding off tough challenge from Plowman by the slimmest margin.

13:15:52 Great fight brewing between the two OAK cars at the front of LMP2. Brundle in No.24 chased by Plowman in No.35 - 0.3s is the gap.

13:09:14 Sarrazin pushing hard in the Toyota No.8 - currently right on the tail of Kristensen in Audi No.2

13:04:22 No.1 Audi pit stop - driver change, Treluyer takes over from Lotterer.

13:02:38 No.45 OAK Morgan Nissan is pushed back into pit garage.

### **RACE FACTS – HOUR 2**

12:57:50 Lotterer in Audi No.1 passes Prost in Rebellion Lola No.12 to take 3rd place.

12:50:58 Kristensen in Audi No.2 passes Sarrazin to retake lead

12:48:59 Kristensen chases down Sarrazin, currently only .5s behind.

12:46:30 Toyota No.8 retains lead after its pit stop.

12:44:57 Toyota No.8 enters pitlane from race lead. Full service and Sarrazin takes over.

12:43:17 P2 leader into pitlane. No.24 Oak- Alex Brundle rejoins - fuel only

12:38:52 Driver change and full service for Audi No.2 Kristensen takes over from McNish. Toyota No.8 inherits lead.

12:33:50 In LMGTE Am, Aston Martin n°95 leads ahead of Ferrari n°81 and Porsche n°76

12:31:37 Bruno Senna in the Ferrari n°71 leads GTE Pro ahead of Aston Martin n°99 and sister car n°51

12:27:39 In LMP2, the Oreca of G Drive retakes 3rd place behind the two Morgan Nissans of OAK Racing

12:25:43 Buemi in Toyota No.8 is closing again on McNish in Audi No.2, currently only 2.5s behind

12:20:11 Audi No.1 rejoins. 2 laps down on leader.

12:17:45 Audi No.1 back into pitlane. Running slowly

12:14:06 Fire now out on No.91 Porsche - pushed into pit garage

12:12:47 Smoke and flame in pitlane from No.91 Porsche

12:11:40 McNish retakes the lead in Audi No.2 from Buemi in the Toyota No.8

12:10:20 In P2, the Oreca of G Drive sits in 3rd. The two Morgan Nissans No.24 and No.25 1st and 2nd

12:08:35 After 1 hour of racing in P1, the Toyota No.8 leads Audi n°2 by 6 seconds. 3rd is the Rebellion Lola

with. Audi n°1 4th. 12:01:34 Buemi in Toyota No.8 leads, having not changed tyres at his pit stop.

## **RACE FACTS – HOUR 1**

11:59:38 First stop for Rebellion Lola No.12 - Beche replaces Heidfeld 11:58:24 Audi No.1 lost a lap during its extended stop. 11:57:10 McNish took over the No.2 Audi from Duval at its pit stop. 11:56:18 No.1 Audi rejoins after repairs. 11:54:18 No.1 Audi rolled into pit garage 11:53:44 Leader Duval also in pitlane for regular stop in No.2 Audi 11:52:40 Audi No.1 into pitlane for repair. 11:48:33 Buemi retakes 2nd place after Fassler's incident. 11:47:26 Off track episode for Fassler as he launches the No.1 Audi off the curbs while passing a GT car. 11:44:16 Fassler in No.1 Audi finally passes Buemi in Toyota No.8 after a tough fight. 11:41:46 In LMP2, G Drive Oreca Nissan No.26 leads from the OAK Racing No.24 and No.35 11:39:22 Aston Martin No.95 leads LMGTE Am from 8 Star Ferrari No.81 11:37:32 In GTE Pro, still leading is the Aston Martin No.99 from Ferrari No.71 and the two Porsches 11:30:35 Incident between No.1 Audi and No.8 Toyota is under investigaton. 11:28:47 Contact between Buemi and Fassler. Both continue. 11:27:55 Leaders are now working through the back of the GT field. 11:26:50 Spin for No.98 Aston Martin. - Rejoins 11:26:00 Duval in No.2 Audi is building a lead as Fassler in the No. remains behind Buemi in the Toyota No.8 11:22:24 Possible problems for Dalla Lana in Aston Martin No.98 which ha dropped to back of GTE Pro field 11:20:05 Makowiecki in No.99 Aston leads LMGT Pro from Vilander in No.71 Ferrari 11:16:53 Buemi takes 2nd place in Toyota No.8 from Fassler in No.1 Audi 11:15:39 Back to Green Flag racing under the Texas sunshine after 13 minutes of SC. 11:14:33 Pit open and SC in this lap 11:09:19 Lotus No.31 appears to have had contact with the Oreca No.49 of Pecom Racing 11:06:39 Cars remain roughly as they were in grid order as we wait for Lotus to be recovered. 11:03:50 Behind the safety car, Duval in Audi No.2 followed by Fassler in No.1 and Buemi in the Toyota No.8 11:01:35 Safety car! 11:00:34 Lotus No.31 off at first turn. 11:00:44 Green flag! The 6 hours is underway 12:17:40 #50 Corvette in for an early pitstop. 12:14:58 McNish in #2 Audi leads overall by 3.5s after taking the advantage over team mates in #1 at the start. 12:13:21 3 minute penalty for #57 Krohn Racing Ferrari for changing engine after qualifying 12:07:27 no92 slow on track with collapsed front right tyre. Lieb trying to get back to pits 12:02:22 no32 makes great start and up two places. 12:00:30 Start - nr2 takes lead at first corner 11:57:00 Green flag for formation lap 11:50:00 Ten minutes to the formation lap

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