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### ROUND 6 - INTERLAGOS

PREVIEW, WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2007



Points after Le Mans Series round five

#### "LM" P1

1. N° 8, Team Peugeot Total	36
2. N° 16, Pescarolo Sport	34
3. N° 7, Team Peugeot Total	28
4. N° 18, Rollcentre Racing	19
5. N° 15, Charouz Racing Systems	15
6. N° 17, Pescarolo Sport	14
7. N° 9, Creation Autosportif	12
8. N° 10, Arena Motorsport	7

#### "LM" P2

1. N° 25, RML	36
2. N° 40, Quifel-ASM Team	30
3. N° 27, Saulnier Racing	23
4. N° 35, Horag Racing	21
5. N° 32, Barazi Epsilon	20
6. N° 31, Binnie Motorsport	17
7. N° 46, Team LNT	8
8. N° 45, Embassy Racing	8

#### "LM" GT1

1. N° 55, Team ORECA	40
2. N° 72, Luc Alphand Aventures	33
3. N° 50, AMR Larbre Competition	30
5. N° 59, Team Modena	22
4. N° 61, Racing Box	20
6. N° 73, Luc Alphand Aventures	18
7. N° 51 AMR Larbre Competition	14

#### "LM" GT2

1. N° 96, Virgo Motorsport	42
2. N° 77, Team Felbermayr Proton	29
3. N° 97, GPC Sport	27
4. N° 78, Scuderia Villorba Corse	21
5. N° 90, Farnbacher Racing	16
6. N° 94, Speedy Racing	12
7. N° 76, IMSA Performance Matmut	11
8. N° 98, Ice PoI Racing	8
9. N° 85, Spyker Squadron	6
10. N° 83, GPC Sport	6

Points are scored by car, and individually as drivers. Points are awarded in the order 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1 for the top eight finishers.



## NEW ADVENTURE FOR LE MANS SERIES IN BRAZIL!

The Le Mans Series enters new territory on November 10 as the series visits the historic circuit of Interlagos, Brazil. It is the first time that the series has raced outside Europe and the event, first run in 1956, will see the "LM" P1 titles decided, and who in the "LM" GT2 class will win an automatic entry to the 2008 Le Mans 24 hours.

The undulating, bumpy, anti-clockwise track will pose a new challenge to the Le Mans Series competitors who are more used to the billiard-table smooth circuits of Europe. Reliability will be a factor for this 1000 mile race which should last less than 11 hours.

The ACO, organisers of the Le Mans 24 hours and partners in the Le Mans Series, offer a guaranteed entry to their 2008 race to the top two finishers in each class.

That has already been decided in the "LM" P2 class and the "LM" GT1 category, but the battles in "LM" P1 and "LM" GT2 are still alive.

#### "LM" P1

It was at Interlagos that the three-way 2007 Formula One drivers' title was decided in October, and the track will also be the decider in the "LM" P1 category. Team Peugeot Total, with drivers Stephane Sarrazin and Pedro Lamy, have won three times this season but at Silverstone, they failed to score. That allowed the Pescarolo Judd of reigning champion Christophe Boullion, sharing with Emmanuel Collard, to close to within two points at the head of the table.

The privateer team has scored consistently all season, allowing them to take full advantage of Peugeot's misfortune at Silverstone. With three second place finishes, a podium at the Nurburgring and a fifth place in Valencia back in May, their reliability could yet see them snatch the title from under Peugeot's noses.

The diesel-powered 908 HDI FAP has shown cracks in its armour this year,

though almost all the bad luck has befallen Peugeot's second car, driven by Nicolas Minassian and Marc Gene. The two have started every race this year from pole position, but have won just twice, at Monza in April and at Silverstone in September.

The warring factions will be joined in Brazil by the Creation Autosportif team of Jamie Cambell-Walter and Felipe Ortiz, who will be joined by Stuart Hall, the young British driver who has shone this season in the Rollcentre Pescarolo. The British team has scored consistently in the second half of the season, and made the trip to America to contest the final two races of the 2007 American Le Mans Series, the Petit Le Mans and the finale at Laguna Seca in California.

**"LM" P2**

The British Embassy Racing team has added local hero Mario Haberfeld to its line-up for this final race of the season, joining regular drivers Warren Hughes and Darren Manning. They will face Le Mans Series regular Pierre Bruneau, who has entered his Pilbeam MP93 Judd for himself and his regular co-driver Marc Rostan, and the pair are joined by local driver Paulo Roberto Bonifacio.

Last year's champion team Barazi Epsilon will also challenge for the class win with Michael Vergers, Juan Barazi and Karim Ojeh and, with a slice of luck, any of these cars could be looking at an overall podium finish.

The British RML team has a six-point lead over the Quifel-ASM Team having scored two faultless wins, at the Nurburgring and at Spa, but neither team will race in Brazil.

**"LM" GT1**

The last time that Aston Martin and Corvette faced each other in a 1000 mile race, it was the 2006 Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta in America. The factory Aston Martin team won that encounter, and the Aston Martin Racing Larbre Competition team will be hoping for a similar result in Brazil.



Gregor Fiske and Roland Berville team up once again having raced together at the Le Mans 24 hours in June, and they are joined in the car by Steve Zacchia and local driver Fernando Rees.

Corvette's Luc Alphand Aventures team has recruited Corvette factory drivers Oliver Gavin and Olivier Beretta, the newly-crowned American Le Mans Series GT1 champions who drove with the team at the Spa 24 hours in July.

**"LM" GT2**

Though Virgo Motorsport won the titles at Silverstone, there is still a strong incentive for the Team Felbermayr Proton Porsche and GPC Ferrari teams to score well in Brazil. Team Felbermayr holds second place in class, two points clear of the GPC Ferrari, and the two teams will be battling hard to secure that guaranteed entry to the 2008 Le Mans.

Marc Basseng has joined Marc Lieb and Xavier Pompidou in the lead Porsche, and Johannes Stuck will drive the second 997 GT3 RSR. GPC Sport has added Yves Lambert to its line-up alongside Fabrizio de Simone, Luca Drudi and Matteo Bobbi.

There is an excellent turn out in the class, with Spyker Squadron and Speedy Racing fielding Spyker C8 Spyderys, Team Markland Racing a Corvette Z06, Porsche is represented by Thierry Perrier, Farnbacher Racing, and James Watt Automotive where Paul Daniels joins Richard Westbrook Bryce Washington and Allan Simonsen.



Sunday, November 4

1000-1700, Team and Driver Presentation, Ibirapuera Park

Wednesday, November 7

1600-1700 Le Mans Series FP  
2000-2130 Le Mans Series FP

Thursday, November 8

1030-1200 Le Mans Series FP  
1540-1600 Le Mans Series LMP Q  
1610-1630 Le Mans Series GT Q

Saturday, November 10

0900-0920 Le Mans Series WU  
1000-1030 Autograph session  
1200-2300 Le Mans Series R

374 laps, 1000 miles

