

1000 KM of DONINGTON

26 – 27 August 2006

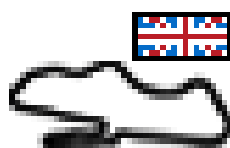


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Samedi - 08h00 **II** 20h00

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Welcome to Donington Park !

Donington's debut on the Le Mans Series schedule offers Henri Pescarolo's eponymous team a chance to maintain its 100 per cent record in LMS this year, says Mike Holder, but with one or two surprises on the entry list, it promises to be an enthralling race.

Despite its dominance in LMS, Henri's team again suffered disappointment in the big prize of the Le Mans 24 Hours, but it remains the benchmark team in the series. This weekend, regular drivers Jean-Christophe Boullion and Emmanuel Collard are joined by Didier Andre, who brings some finance but has proved quick in his outings for Paul Belmondo's "LM"P2 team. How he fares in "LM"P1 will be fascinating, but there are no fears over the pace of his team-mates, who won by seven laps in the opening race in Istanbul.

The toughest opposition to Pescarolo in "LM"P1 comes from Creation, this weekend running two cars. Yet to win, but often so close to doing so, there would be huge popularity for a victory for Ian Bickerton's team, but with Jamie Campbell-Walter and Nicolas Minassian being split so that they head a car each, one wonders how well their co-drivers can do. JC-W, for example, teams up with experienced, fiery Italian Beppe Gabbiani, who has proved to be quick but not as quick as Jamie, whilst Felipe Ortiz has improved in leaps and bounds. Thomas Serwin partners Minassian, and it will be interesting to see how they fare, but it is still tempting to suggest it is advantage Pescarolo.

The Lister Storm is improving all the time, and with former Formula 1 racer Nicolas Kiesa at the wheel it should go well, whilst the Swiss Spirit team has impressed this year, too, thanks to the efforts of former DTM racer Marcel Fassler and former British F3 driver Harold Primat. The team, run by former F3 guru Serge Saulnier, has made great strides in its rookie season, and whilst Fassler is the gun driver, Primat has improved as well.

A dark horse, though, will be the Zytek of Hideki Noda and Stefan Johansson. The Swede has been a favourite in the UK for many seasons, but little has been seen of him in Europe of late, although he returned with Racing for Holland at Le Mans. The car has bags of potential, although its high turnover of drivers negates consistent development, but it will fly here.

The Courages have proved to be quick if frail this year, and with Jean-Marc Gounon on the entry list, you just know that there will be fireworks. He is joined by the historic racer Gregor Fisken, who gets quicker all the time, and gentleman racer Alexander Frei. The wealthy Swiss is no match for Gounon's lap times, so inevitably this is a car that relies heavily on the French ace, but the sister car of Japanese drivers Haruki Kurosawa and Shinji Nakano boasts evenly-matched drivers. If reliability is good, this is a car that should be up front.

"LM"P2 is a class that gets better all the time, with the RML-run MG-Lola of Tommy Erdos and Mike Newton the car to watch. It won its class at Le Mans for the second year in a row, and with the rapid Brazilian and the ever-improving Newton at the wheel, it could be good for a win here. But opposition comes from ASM, Antonio Simoes Motorsport. Run by Portuguese driver Antonio Simoes, the car won at Spa despite a late-race spin by Miguel Amaral. With Spaniards Miguel Angel de Castro and Angel Burgueno, both Donington regulars, they have the pace to lift the car up the order and could best the RML combo, as they did at Nurburgring.

The other car to watch in "LM"P2 is the Courage of Barazi Epsilon. It was second overall at Istanbul in a fascinating wet race and with Michael Vergers as lead driver, it is no surprise that it is a quick car. Vergers remains under-rated, but he has worked with Juan Barazi since they raced Radicals together and the Dane has benefited hugely from Vergers' tutelage.

Radical, thanks to Martin Short's Rollcentre Racing team, has made a big impression in "LM"P2 this year and there are two of the SR9s this weekend. Short teams up with Joao Barbosa who has excelled for the Cambridgeshire team in Moslers, Dallaras and now Radicals, whilst Tim Greaves and Stuart Mosley (who drove the car at Le Mans) share the second car, and given the progress that the team has made, a win is not out of the question.



Paul Belmondo's team, with its Gulf-liveried Courages, is down to just one car this weekend, with former driver Andre moving to Pescarolo. There is a change in the engine department, too, with the Mecachrome V8 being binned in favour of the AER four cylinder turbo that delivered success last year.

Although not as fast as the prototypes, it may well be the GT classes where you find the best racing, with hugely fierce contests commonplace in "LM" GT1 and "LM"GT2. In GT1, you have Aston Martin against Saleen, with Chevrolet and Ferrari thrown in for good measure. The Saleen, not the youngest GT car but still a quick one, is run by the crack French Oreca team, and Stephane Ortelli/Soheil Ayari have been impressive all season. They won at Spa after a magnificent race against Team Modena's Aston Martin, but the wins at Istanbul and the Nurburgring have gone the way of Jack Leconte's Larbre Competition team. So familiar with Ferraris, the team has switched to Aston Martins this season and again has reigning FIA GT champion Gabriele Gardel with Pedro Lamy. The Portuguese ace proved to be an utter hero, and with Belgian driver Vincent Vosse as the third driver, this is a really tough car to beat. Only an accident at Spa that caused it to start last and a catalogue of woes in the race has spoilt its season.

On home soil, though, the Team Modena Aston Martin will be looking for a good result, with Christian Vann joining Peter Hardman and Antonio Garcia. The Spaniard won for Rob Schirle's Cirtek team in the Bahrain FIA GT race last year and he is the pace-setter in this car in his typically modest

way, and is certain to be a thorn in Ortelli's side, for example.

Peter Kox/Robert Pergl/Alexei Vasiliev pedal the Convers MenX (say Men Ex) Team Ferrari 550 Maranello, and Kox is as quick as ever. Pergl and Vasiliev are much improved and this is a car that can't be discounted, whilst the same is true of the Chevrolet Corvettes of Luc Alphand Aventures, which boasts the very quick Jerome Policand, and the newer C6.R model of the PSI Experience team.

"LM"GT1 offers great variety, with Porsche, Ferrari, Panoz, TVR and Spyker all going toe-to-toe. The Porsche of Raymond Narac benefits from the efforts of Christophe Bouchut, whilst the Virgo Motorsport Ferrari of Dan Eagling and Tim Sugden has proved its pace. The wins, though, have gone to Luca Drudi/Gabrio Rosa/Fabrizio de Simone at Istanbul Park, Marc Lieb/Joel Camathias at Spa and Stefano Zonca/Andrea Bellichi/Marco Cioci at the Nurburgring. Drudi and Rosa are joined by Andrea Montermini this weekend, and that he is sure to star, whilst Lieb/Camathias are always quick in the Autorlando Sport Porsche.

The Spykers are much improved and boast quick drivers like Peter Dumbreck, Jonny Kane and Jeroen Bleekemolen, whilst Lawrence Tomlinson's Panoz team (that won "LM"GT2 at Le Mans remember, finally giving success to Don Panoz enters two cars and will be eager for a maiden LMS win on home turf. Add in a host of privateer Porsches and the TVR of Iain Dockerill/Nigel Greensall/John Hartshorne and there is bags of variety.

1000 kilometres or six hours of racing, different shapes and sizes, different sights and sounds, star drivers and great racing, this is truly sports car heaven.



Opening hours

1000 KM OF DONINGTON 2006 OPENING HOURS

	WEDNESDAY 23/08/06	THURSDAY 24/08/06	FRIDAY 25/08/06	SATURDAY 26/08/06	SUNDAY 27/08/06
WELCOME TEAM, INDUSTRY & VIP		09.00 - 18.00	07.30 - 16.30	07.30 - 18.00	07.00 - 12.00
WELCOME MEDIA			07.30 - 16.30	07.30 - 18.00	07.00 - 12.00
Paddock 1	From 07:30 onwards for pit 1 to 15 and from 19:30 onwards for pit 16 to 38	07.00 - 20.00	24 - 24	24 - 24	24 - 24
HOSPITALITY UNITS ACCESS TO PADDOCKS 1 & 2	From 19:30 onwards	24 - 24	24 - 24	24 - 24	24 - 24
LE MANS SERIES ORGANISATION OFFICE	09.00 - 19.00	09.00 - 19.00	07.30 - 19.00	08.00 - 18.00	08.00 - 20.00
MEDIA CENTRE			11.00 - 19.00	08.00 - 20.00	07:30 - 22.00(*)

(*) Until the last journalist's left



Official Timetable

1000KM OF DONINGTON TIMETABLE

Friday, 25.08.2006					
08:00	18:00	Le Mans Series	Adm. Checks/Signing on	Le Mans Series Office	
08:00	18:00	Le Mans Series	Drivers' signing on	Le Mans Series Office	
08:30	18:30	Le Mans Series	Scrutineering	ACO Truck	
10:00	18:00	CER	Adm. Checks/Signing on	CER Tent	
14:00	18:00	CER	Scrutineering	CER Tent	
		Radical World Cup	Scrutineering	In situ	
18:15		Le Mans Series	Team Manager's Briefing	Briefing Room/Paddock suite	
18:45		Le Mans Series	Drivers' Briefing	Briefing Room/Paddock suite	
Saturday, 26.08.2006					
08:30		Radical World Cup	Signing On	Radical Race Centre	
09:00		Radical World Cup	Drivers' Briefing	Radical Race Centre	
09:00	10:30	Le Mans Series	Free Practice 1		90'
10:45	11:45	Radical World Cup	Free Practice		60'
12:00	12:30	Classic Endurance Racing	Free Practice		30'
13:00	14:30	Le Mans Series	Free Practice 2		90'
14:45	15:15	Radical World Cup	Qualifying		30'
15:30	16:00	Classic Endurance Racing	Qualifying 1		30'
16:15	16:35	Le Mans Series	Qualifying "LM"P1 + "LM" P2		20'
16:40	17:00	Le Mans Series	Qualifying "LM"GT1 + "LM"GT2		20'
17:15	18:00	Radical World Cup	Race 1	Race 1	45'
18:15	18:45	Classic Endurance Racing	Qualifying 2		30'
Sunday, 27.08.2006					
09:00	09:20	Le Mans Series	Warm up		20'
09:30	10:15	Radical World Cup	Race	Race 2	45'
10:00	10:30	Autograph Session	ACO Truck		
10:30	11:30	Classic Endurance Racing	Race	Race 3	60'
11:35	11:55	Pit Walk			
12:00		Le Mans Series	Pits opened		
12:15		Le Mans Series	Pits closed		
12:30	Race	Race	Le Mans Series	Race 4	1000km
Free P		Qualifying	Warm up	Race	
Le Mans Series	2 x 90'	1 x 40'	1 x 20'	1000 KM	
Classic Endurance Racing	1 x 30'	2 x 30'		1 x 60'	
Radical World Cup	1 x 60'	1 x 30'		2 x 45'	

N°	"LM" P1	NAT		T	CARS	DRIVER 1	DRIVER 2	DRIVER 3	10
2	ZYTEK MOTORSPORT*	GB		M	Zytek 06S	Stefan Johansson (S)	Hideki Noda (J)	-	
5	SWISS SPIRIT	CH		M	Courage LC70 – Judd	Harold Primat (CH)	Marcel Fassler (CH)	-	
6	LISTER STORM RACING	GB		D	Lister Storm Hybrid	Jens Moller (DK)	Nicolas Kiesa (DK)	-	
9	CREATION AUTOSPORTIF	GB		M	Creation – Judd	J. Campbell-Walter (GB)	Felipe Ortiz (CH)	Beppe Gabbiani (I)	
10	CREATION AUTOSPORTIF	GB		M	Creation – Judd	Nicolas Minassian (F)	Thomas Serwin (DK)	-	
12	COURAGE COMPETITION	F		Y	Courage LC70 – Mugen	Jean-Marc Gounon (F)	Gregor Fisken (SCO)	Alexander Frei (CH)	
13	COURAGE COMPETITION	F		Y	Courage LC70 – Mugen	Shinji Nakano (J)	Haruki Kurosawa (J)	-	
15	PRO TRAN COMPETITION*	GB		D	Protran RS 06/ H	Kevin Mc Garrity (GB)	Paul Cope (GB)	Ben Collins (GB)	
17	PESCAROLO SPORT	F		M	Pescarolo C60 – Judd	Emmanuel Collard (F)	Jean-Ch.Boullion (F)	Didier André (F)	
19	CHAMBERLAIN SYNERGY	GB		D	Lola B06/10 – AER	Bob Berridge (GB)	Gareth Evans (GB)	Peter Owen (GB)	
N°	"LM" P2	NAT		TYRES	CARS	DRIVER 1	DRIVER 2	DRIVER 3	10
20	PIERRE BRUNEAU	F		M	Pilbeam - Judd	Marc Rostan (F)	Pierre Bruneau (F)	-	
21	TEAMBRUICHLADDICH RADICAL	GB		D	Radical SR9 - Judd	Tim Greaves (GB)	Stuart Moseley (GB)	-	
22	ROLLCENTRE RACING	GB		D	Radical SR9 - Judd	Martin Short (GB)	Joao Barbosa (P)	-	
24	BINNIE MOTORSPORTS	USA		M	Lola 05/42- Zytek	Bill Binnie (GB)	Allen Timpany (GB)	Sam Hancock (GB)	
25	RML	GB		M	MG Lola EX 264	Mike Newton (GB)	Tommy Erdos (BR)	-	
28	RANDACCIO RANIERI	I		D	Lucchini "LM" P2	Ranieri Randaccio (I)	Mirko Savoldi (I)	-	
32	BARAZI - EPSILON	F		M	Courage C65 - AER	Michael Vergers (NL)	Juan Barazi (DK)	Jean-Phil. Belloc (F)	
36	PAUL BELMONDO RACING	F		P	Courage C65 - Ford	Karim Ojeh (SA)	Pierre Ragues (F)	-	
40	ASM RACING FOR PORTUGAL	P		D	Lola B05/40 - AER	Miguel Amaral (P)	Migu-Angel de Castro (E)	Angel Burqueño (E)	
44	KRUSE MOTORSPORT	D		K	Courage C65 - Judd	Jan Dirk Lueders (D)	Jan Petersen (D)	Christopher Brück (D)	
N°	"LM" GT1	NAT		TYRES	CARS	DRIVER 1	DRIVER 2	DRIVER 3	6
50	ASTON MARTIN RACING LARBRE	F		M	Aston Martin DBR 9	Pedro Lamy (P)	Gabriele Gardel (I)	Vincent Vosse (B)	
55	TEAM ORECA	F		M	Saleen S7 - R	Stéphane Ortelli (MC)	Soheil Ayari (F)	-	
63	TEAM MODENA	GB		M	Aston Martin DBR 9	Christan Vann (GB)	Peter Hardman (GB)	Antonio Garcia (E)	
67	CONVERS MENX TEAM	RUS		M	Ferrari 550 Maranello	Peter Kox (NL)	Robert Pergl (CZ)	Alexei Vasiliev (RUS)	
70	PSI EXPERIENCE	B		D	Corvette C6-R	Pertti Kuismanen (FIN)	Jos Menten (NL)	Markus Palttala (FIN)	
72	LUC ALPHAND AVENTURES	F		M	Corvette C5-R	Jérôme Policand (F)	Patrice Goueslard (F)	Luc Alphand (F)	
N°	"LM" GT2	NAT		TYRES	CARS	DRIVER 1	DRIVER 2	DRIVER 3	15
75	THIERRY PERRIER	F		D	Porsche 996 GT3 RSR	Nigel Smith (GB)	Philippe Hesnault (F)	Anthony Beltoise (F)	
76	AUTORLANDO SPORT	I		P	Porsche 996 GT3 RSR	Marc Lieb (D)	Joel Camathias (CH)	-	
78	AUTORLANDO SPORT	I		P	Porsche 996 GT3 RSR	Gunnar Kristensen (DK)	Allan Simonsen (DK)	-	
80	FARNBACHER RACING	D		D	Porsche 996 GT3 RSR	Lars Erik Nielsen (DK)	Marco Seefried (D)	-	
81	TEAM LNT	GB		P	Panoz Esperante GTLM	Warren Hughes (GB)	Robert Bell (GB)	-	
82	TEAM LNT	GB		P	Panoz Esperante GTLM	Lawrence Tomlinson (GB)	Richard Dean (GB)	Marc Hynes (GB)	
83	GPC SPORT	I		P	Ferrari F430 GT	Stefano Zonca (I)	Andrea Belicchi (I)	Marco Cioci (I)	
85	SPYKER SQUADRON	NL		D	Spyker C8 Spyder GT2R	Jeroen Bleekemolen (NL)	Jonny Kane (GB)	-	
86	SPYKER SQUADRON	NL		D	Spyker C8 Spyder GT2R	Tom Coronel (NL)	Peter Dumbreck (GB)	-	
90	FARNBACHER RACING**	D		D	Porsche 996 GT3 RSR	Pierre Ehret (D)	Dominik Farnbacher (D)	-	
92	IMSA PERFORMANCE MATMUT	F		D	Porsche 996 RSR	Christophe Bouchut (F)	Raymond Narac (F)	-	
95	RACESPORT PENINSULA TVR	GB		D	TVR Tuscan T 400 R	Iain Dockerill (GB)	John Hartshorne (GB)	-	
96	JAMES WATT AUTOMOTIVE*	GB		D	Porsche 996 GT3 RSR	Paul Daniels (GB)	Bo McCormick (DK)	-	
97	GPC SPORT	I		P	Ferrari F430 GT	Luca Drudi (I)	Gabrio Rosa (I)	Andrea Montermini (I)	
99	VIRGO MOTORSPORT	GB		D	Ferrari F430 GT	Dan Eagling (GB)	Tim Sugden (GB)	-	
*Race by race entrants									41

1000KM OF DONINGTON - 26, 27 AUGUST 2006 PIT GARAGE ALLOCATION

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RACE N°	TEAM	PIT N°
96	JAMES WATT AUTOMOTIVE	-
75	THIERRY PERRIER	-
95	RACESPORT PENINSULA TVR	-
25	RML	38
63	TEAM MODENA	37
19	CHAMBERLAIN SYNERGY MOTORSPORT	36
20	PIERRE BRUNEAU	35
22	ROLLCENTRE RACING	34
50	ASTON MARTIN RACING LARBRE	33
10	CREATION AUTOSPORTIF	32
9	CREATION AUTOSPORTIF	31
24	BINNIE MOTORSPORTS	30
99	VIRGO MOTORSPORT	29
6	LISTER STORM RACING	28
32	BARAZI EPSILON	27
17	PESCAROLO SPORT	26
72	LUC ALPHAND AVENTURES	25
85	SPYKER SQUADRON	24
86	SPYKER SQUADRON	23
5	SWISS SPIRIT	22
67	CONVERS MENX TEAM	21
76	AUTORLANDO SPORT	20
78	AUTORLANDO SPORT	19
36	PAUL BELMONDO RACING	18
15	PRO TRAN COMPETITION	17
80	FARNBACHER RACING	16
90	FARNBACHER RACING	15
21	TEAM BRUICHLADDICH RADICAL	14
50	TEAM ORECA	13
40	ASM TEAM RACING FOR Portugal	12
92	IMSA PERFORMANCE MATMUT	11
2	ZYTEK MOTORSPORT	10
28	RANDACCIO RANIERI	9
83	GPC SPORT	8
97	GPC SPORT	7
12	COURAGE COMPETITION	6
13	COURAGE COMPETITION	5
44	KRUSE MOTORSPORT	4
70	PSI EXPERIENCE	3
82	TEAM LNT	2
81	TEAM LNT	1

PADDOCK

TRACK

	"LM" P1
	"LM" P2
	"LM" GT1
	"LM" GT2