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Quaife re-signs with CRS Racing for LMS title challenge

Phil Quaife will continue to race in the Le Mans Series with CRS Racing in 2011 after re-signing with the British team for a title challenge in the newly-created LM GTE Am class of the prestigious endurance racing championship.

The 24-year-old Kent-based driver will compete in all five of the six-hour races on the LMS calendar driving the Ferrari 430 in which he made an impressive series debut last year.

Quaife will be joined by the 21-year-old Adam Christodoulou, who made a successful switch to racing GT cars in 2010 after winning single-seater titles in both the UK and United States, and Dutch driver Klaas Hummel who has driven with CRS Racing in both the FIA GT3 European Championship and International GT Open in recent years.

"I'm thrilled to be back with CRS Racing and driving in the Le Mans Series," said **Quaife**. "2011 will be my third year with the team. They've always been great to work with and it has been my intention since the end of last season to come back. Making my debut in the LMS last year was the pinnacle of my career so far and I can't wait to start my second season.

"Because we're driving last year's car, Adam, Klaas and I will race in the new GT2 Pro-Am category and I think we're capable of mounting a challenge for the title. Klaas has good experience with the team and the car from the GT Open last year, while Adam is a very quick driver who has adapted brilliantly to racing GT cars."

The 2011 LMS calendar includes races at five current or former Grand Prix circuits. It begins at Paul Ricard in April and visits Spa-Francorchamps, Imola and Silverstone before ending at Estoril in September.

"It's the best championship I've ever raced in," said Quaife. "The standard of competition is extremely high and the challenge of the six-hour races is tough for the drivers, the teams and the cars! We had a bit of bad luck last year but we're ready to come back and fight for the title in 2011."

Phil's season will begin at the official Le Mans Series test days at Paul Ricard on 11-12 March.

2011 Le Mans Series Calendar

1-3 Apr	-	6 Hours of Paul Ricard
5-7 May	-	Spa 1000kms
1-3 Jul	-	6 Hours of Imola
9-11 Sep	-	6 Hours of Silverstone
23-25 Sep	-	6 Hours of Estoril

For more information on Phil Quaife, please visit www.philquaife.com.