

LMS: Charouz Racing System finished second in Silverstone!

The Charouz Racing System scored a great result in the last race of the Le Mans Series 2008. They finished second both overall and in the LMP1 class in the 1000 km race at Silverstone. The crew Jan Charouz and Stefan Mücke finished fifth in the championship which belongs to the biggest successes of the Czech motorsport.

The Czech team with the Aston Martin powered LMP1 prototype was once again clearly the best petrol powered car and was beaten only by favoured turbodiesel. Today's race brought second podium finish for the team, as Antonin Charouz's team was third in the season opener at Barcelona.

Stefan, who qualified the car yesterday, started the race. He put in performance which everyone expects from him now. He dominated the petrol cars and tried to attack competitors ahead. He managed to get through two worrying moments, first went lights off and then one of slower cars drove him out of the road. Also Jan did a great job. He even led the race before the mid point and although he conceded the place to one of the Audis he stayed within three, four seconds through next hour.

The Charouz Racing System car was later delayed after a check of the damaged car caused by a collision with a slower car but fortunately everything was okay and they could continue. When Stefan got back behind the wheel he also managed to keep a quick pace and improved to second overall and also in the LMP1 class. The team equalized its best result in two years in the Le Mans Series, after Jan Charouz, Stefan Mücke and Alex Yoong were second at Valencia last year. The team used an open prototype last year.

Jan Charouz: *"It is always nice to be on the podium and especially after such a hard fight like today. We not only confirmed the fact that we are fastest petrol car today but we also beat three turbodiesels, they did various mistakes. We put in consistent lap times with Stefan and it was very important. One slower car damaged the bodywork when I was overtaking him but fortunately it was not a serious problem. It was one of the biggest races for me and I am very happy that we pleased Czech fans with such result. I would also like to invite them to Brno next week when I will drive in the Czech D4 class."*

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Stefan Mücke: *"It was something, was it? A great result and a great team work, so big thanks to the guys. I had two scary moments. The lights simply went off and then with one slower car. I hit him lightly under braking and had to go off to avoid him but it was not serious. I think that it is a really big success to be twice on podium in such strong field and I regard it highly. Like Jan, I will drive at Brno and would be happy to meet Czech fans."*

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Antonin Charouz, Team Principal: *"I am overjoyed. Such result is a great way to finish the season. It was an amazing view when we were ran in the same pace like Audi turbodiesel in the middle of the race. I was few times worried – small collision or wiring problem- but we overcame them and we pleased not only ourselves but I believe also Czech fans. Thanks to the whole team for a perfect job through the season."*

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George Howard-Chappell, Technical Director of Aston Martin Racing: *„Today's result of the LMP1 Aston Martin powered prototype is fantastic. Congratulations to both drivers. It*

was a good season. Furthermore, Aston Martin Racing also enjoyed a great weekend. Not only thanks to the success of the Charouz Racing System but also thanks to wins in the FIA GT Championship and Europeas FIA GT3 Championship at Brno and last but not least thanks to Team Modena LMGT1 win here at Silverstone. We can not forget debut of the Aston Martin Vantage, the car scored points on the British track today."

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