

Simon Phillips Signs on for Team RLR

Following a successful Le Mans Series debut in Hungary Team RLR has added Simon Phillips to its driver line up for the final round of the 2010 championship at Silverstone.

Phillips will fill the spot occupied in Hungary by Warren Hughes, who was only available to Team RLR for one round, and will join the squad for the Le Mans Series season finale as well as competing with the Lancashire-based outfit throughout the 2011 season.

Following a similar path to team-mates Barry Gates and Rob Garofall, Phillips has graduated from national level endurance racing having competed in the SPEED series and the VdeV series in the UK and Europe.



The 46-year-old from London was involved in Team RLR's extensive testing programme throughout 2010, which included mileage on Silverstone's South circuit layout, and being familiar with the MG Lola EX265 and his team-mates Phillips will aim to hit the ground running on his first outing.

Simon Phillips, Team RLR driver, said:

"I'm very much looking forward to joining the team at Silverstone. I've been involved in endurance racing for six years now and I think to be able to compete in the P2 category of the Le Mans Series is really the pinnacle. I was really pleased for the team that they got off to such a good start in the previous round in Hungary. For the boys in the garage it was a big progression for them to step up to the Le Mans Series for the first time. The way they handled themselves was superb, it was a very committed and professional performance. We're all still gelling as a team so at Silverstone we want to get another solid finish under our belts with a view to building for next season. From a personal point of view if I can bring the car back to the pits in one piece to hand over to Rob [Garofall] for the final stint I will be happy. Mind you, I'm sure once I'm sitting in the car ready to go my expectations will kick up a gear! Ultimately we are all going into this aiming to achieve our long-term goal of taking a class win at the Le Mans 24 Hours, and I'm delighted to be able to play a part in that."

Nick Reynolds, Team RLR team principal, said:

"We're delighted to have Simon on board. We have been planning this project for a long time and Simon has been involved behind the scenes, so it will be great to finally see him out there on race day at Silverstone. It will be a big challenge for him but when you see how well Barry [Gates] and Rob [Garofall] adapted in Hungary I'm sure he will be able to do the same. It's important for us to progress steadily with a view to next year and the more time we get together out there on the track the better. All three of our drivers know Silverstone well though so there should be no surprises for them, they can go out there and give it everything knowing they are well prepared."

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Notes for editors:

A Q&A with Simon Phillips can be found in the 'Our Team' section of Team RLR's official website: www.rlrmotorsport.com

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