



SPYKER SQUADRON TWELFTH IN SPA QUALIFYING

Spa-Francorchamps, May 8, 2010 – Spyker Squadron will start tomorrow's 1000 KM of Spa-Francorchamps from twelfth place on the GT2 grid. Despite setting a lap time that was almost 3.5 seconds quicker than last year's qualifying time it was not enough to secure a top ten position.



In the two free practice sessions that took place on Friday afternoon the team finished twelfth in class. The first session was driven on a damp track, while the second session was on a dry track. Saturday morning the Spyker C8 Laviolette GT2R was back on a fully dry track for the final free practice session and finished the morning in eleventh place, only half a second away from seventh place.

Tom Coronel started his qualifying run a couple of minutes into the session. On his second flying lap he set a 2:21.586. Moments after Tom had crossed the line the session was red-flagged as one of the Matech Competition Ford GTs crashed at the Fagnes corner. Tom did not stop at his box but went straight to the pit exit and waited for the

restart. On his last flying lap after the restart Tom managed to improve his time and posted a 2:21.564.

Tom Coronel: "I wouldn't have thought that we would set this time, it is really good. We are not far away from the front. But another fifteen hundredth of a second and we would have been four, five places further up the grid. To be honest I'm a bit sick of it. On the other hand, it is very positive, I did not expect to set this time. Before the session we said that if we could do 1:21s we could be right up there. I gave all and don't really know what else I could have done. I think we have very consistent car, we've shown that the differences are small, but the competition level is high and that is why all the cars are so close to each other. Twelfth in 1.2 seconds, look at F1, the gaps are bigger there."

Peter van Erp: "Last year our qualifying time was 2:25.088, this time we did a 2:21.564. It's a big improvement, but we're still only twelfth. Before the weekend I would have been very satisfied with this lap time, but now we're only twelfth. There are ten cars within 0.7 seconds in front of us, so it is very close. I think Tom managed to get everything out of the car. I am really satisfied about the performance of the car and the driver; it's just the position that is disappointing. The lap time is something to be proud of."

The 1000 KM of Spa-Francorchamps is the second round of the 2010 Le Mans Series and will start on Sunday May 9th 11:30 a.m. CET. The race will be 143 laps or six hours long. Live coverage of the race will be on Eurosport and Eurosport 2.

About Spyker Squadron

Spyker Squadron was founded in 2001 to underwrite the performance of the highly exclusive hand-build Spyker sports cars. Spyker Squadron is a dedicated team consisting of engineers, drivers and supporting personnel that develops, builds and supports the Spyker GT2 race cars. The team is based in Zeewolde, the Netherlands, where it has a high-tech workshop to support its operations.

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Timetable, Live TV & TV schedule:

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