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Autosport 1000km of Silverstone

Race Report

Olivier Pla and Miguel Amaral finished second in the LMP2 class of this afternoon's Autosport 1000km of Silverstone at the wheel of the Quifel-ASM Ginetta-Zytek. The pair led the category of the 170-lap race at the end of the third and fourth hours but were ultimately unable to repeat their victory earlier this year at Spa-Francorchamps.

The Portuguese entered 09SB spent most of the race in either first or second spot despite the fact that a spin led to an unscheduled pit stop to remove debris from the radiators. Miguel was also involved in a later collision, which delayed the car further but the car showed enough pace to take it back into a class lead that was to be lost only in the last hour.

In the LMP1 category the Beechdean Mansell Ginetta-Zytek 09SB had another solid run, finishing in seventh place overall, fourth of the petrol-fuelled contenders. Only a left front puncture early on marred a race that indicated how the new team has gelled this year. As at the Hungaroring, where they won their class, the drivers were Nigel Mansell's sons, Greg and Leo.

The other two Ginetta-Zyteks entered, the LMP1 version of Team LNT and Team Bruichladdich's LMP2 car were involved in collisions with cars from the slower GT2 class dropping both down the order. Thor-Christian Ebbesvik had been third in class, not far behind Olivier, in the early stages of the race before being delayed. The resulting eighth in class was a poor reward for the team that had been third fastest in practice. The Team LNT car also lost many laps when driver Johnny Mowlem was forced into the gravel at Woodcote corner by a GT.

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