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Mansells Victorious In Ginetta-Zytek

Zytek customer scores class win in Hungary

Greg and Leo Mansell, the sons of 1992 Formula One World Champion, Nigel, won the LMP1 class today at the 1,000km of the Hungaroring, driving a Ginetta-Zytek 09SB. Olivier Pla and Miguel Amaral in a LMP2 Ginetta-Zytek were second overall after a race in which the top places on the podium were filled by LMP2 cars. In addition, Karim Ojeh, Tim Greaves and Thor-Christian Ebbesvik finished in fifth overall in their 09SB. The fourth round of this year's Le Mans Series was a race of attrition but all three Ginetta-Zyteks showed not only pace but also reliability by finishing in the top seven.

The Mansell brothers were seventh overall, six laps ahead of the next car in their class. Early in the race Greg was running in fifth overall before a puncture and the need to replace loose bodywork dropped the car back. As other LMP1s fell back so the young pair pulled their way up the field to win their class, a dramatic victory for the newly formed Beechdean Mansell team.

Olivier and Miguel in the Quifel-ASM Ginetta-Zytek fought a frantic, race long battle with the eventual race winners, first for the lead in the LMP2 class and then for the overall victory. "I was pushing very hard," said Olivier after his first stint.

After 134 laps of the six-hour race, the Repton-built cars were first in both classes. As night fell, the battle for the LMP2 class had become that for overall lead and the Portuguese 09SB, showing the race pace to win, was at the head of the field. At one point, all three Ginetta-Zyteks were in the top five.

However, front-end bodywork damage caused when overlapping a slower car, meant unscheduled time in the pits for the Quifel-ASM team and a loss of around two and a half minutes. By the end of the race, its Ginetta-Zytek was back up to second overall, just one lap of the 4,381 metre circuit behind.

Underlying an impressive weekend for Zytek Motorsport, the Team Bruichladdich entry of Karim, Tim and Thor-Christian finished fifth in the LMP2 category as well as fifth overall.

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