

BECOME PART OF THE MYTH OF ENDURANCE RACING!



ORECA
the motorsport company

Formula
LE MANS



Silverstone 1000 kms - Le Mans Series Final

DAMS pips Hope PoleVision at the post!

A Firth-Hughes race win, Barlesi-Chalandon champions



DAMS bagged the FLM title with one of its Formula Le Mans in the Silverstone 1000 kms thanks to Jody Firth-Warren Hughes, winners for the second time this season. The final of the Le Mans Series in which victory in the overall classification went to

Peugeot, was a cruel disappointment for Hope PoleVision Racing, which put on a great show in England. The Swiss team dominated qualifying and almost the whole race before bad luck struck 25 minutes from the finish. DAMS then drove on to victory and the championship title for Andrea Barlesi and Gary Chalandon who received a helping hand from Lady Luck!

The weekend got off to a great start for Hope PoleVision Racing. Englishman, Charlie Hollings, called in to beef up the driver line-up in no.48 took pole on Saturday just in front of Steve Zacchia in no. 47. At the start of the race, the two HPVR cars were in front of its main rival, DAMS. No. 48 did not lead for long as Zacchia quickly overtook his stable companion and put no. 47 in first place in the opening laps.



Olivier Lombard and Zacchia under threat from their team-mates in no. 48 and the no. 44 DAMS FLM of Warren-Hughes-Jody Firth, seemed to have done the toughest part of the job by leading the category for over four

ORECA
the motorsport company

CONTACT :

Alain Marguet
amarguet@oreca.fr
Tél : +33 621 502 178

BECOME PART OF THE MYTH OF ENDURANCE RACING!

Formula LE MANS®



ORECA
the motorsport company



hours. This was without taking into account a stop and go for a problem in traffic on the track. A good climb-back by Hughes, who did a triple stint, and Zacchia's unforeseen stop, gave the no. 44 DAMS FLM victory with almost 13 seconds in hand over the no. 47

HPVR car after 5h 11m racing.

HPVR took second and third places on the podium. Andréa Barlesi and Gary Chalandon backed up by Alessandro Cicognani finished fourth, and won the 2010 FLM Cup title with a 2-point advantage over Steve Zacchia.



Boutsen Energy Racing and JMB Racing were involved in collisions in the race, and finished the season well behind DAMS and Hope PoleVision Racing who had a great scrap for the title. All the FLMs at the start saw the flag without running into major problems. Boutsen Energy Racing, which has made a big end-of-season improvement, finished third overall in the 2010 FLM Cup.

Benoît Morand, (Hope PoleVision Racing Team Manager)

"Well, we don't really know what happened at the end. In corner no. 1 the RML car gave us a nudge and the driver even came and said sorry after the race. According to the officials our car was signalled outside the track limits on several occasion hence our penalty. It's a tough blow but it's part of racing and we accept it. The five drivers all drove a great race and the technical crew was exemplary and never gave up trying. We led all the

ORECA
the motorsport company

CONTACT :
Alain Marguet
amarguet@oreca.fr
Tél : +33 621 502 178

BECOME PART OF THE MYTH OF ENDURANCE RACING!

**Formula
LE MANS** 



time so we're obviously very disappointed. After our problems in Portimao, which affected the whole team, we got back on top and put on a great performance this weekend. The rest is just racing. We'll have to analyse this season very carefully before returning to the track. Before that, we'll be at Zhuhai at the beginning of November."

Loïc David: (Director and Team Manager DAMS): "We pulled off a last-minute victory which can happen even in motor sport. We didn't have a good start to the race: it has to be said that we were not at our best and Hope PoleVision Racing was very quick this weekend. We kept Warren out to do three stints without changing the tyres after analyzing the first set. That gamble put us back in the game. Warren made a fantastic comeback, and I think that even without our rival's stop and go, he'd have got past. We had to do everything to win and still protect the position of our drivers in no. 43. It's another victory and the title for DAMS. Now we can start to think about other things in parallel to the FLM next year – why not!"

Champions' quotes



Gary Chalandon (no. 43 FLM) : "We weren't the quickest here but we decided to drive as consistent a race as possible. It's not always enough to be the fastest on the track. We had to do a fault-free race and we achieved the objective."

Gary Chalandon wins the FLM Cup at the age of twenty-four after his debut in the world of prototypes and endurance in the 2009 FLM Cup with DAMS.

Andrea Barlesi (no. 43 FLM) : "I'm over the moon! It's my first title and I hope it won't be the last in my racing career. The car was perfect throughout the whole season, and that was one of the main reasons for our win. There was great

ORECA
the motorsport company

CONTACT :
Alain Marguet
amarguet@oreca.fr
Tél : +33 621 502 178

BECOME PART OF THE MYTH OF ENDURANCE RACING!

**Formula
LE MANS** 



ORECA
the motorsport company

team spirit, and my team-mates did a good job. It was a very difficult weekend from a stress point of view, and we have to acknowledge that Hope PoleVision Racing was very strong at Silverstone. We worked together and it was difficult to take the fight to them. The whole year's work finally paid and we bagged first place at the end of the season. "

19-year-old Andrea Barlesi, a newcomer to endurance and prototypes, wins the 2010 FLM Cup. He made his FLM debut during the Winter Series with DAMS at the end of 2009.

Alessandro Cicognani who finished fourth in the 2010 FLM Cup because he was obliged to withdraw from the Algarve event due to illness, deserves to be associated with his team-mates in no. 43.

Alessandro Cicognani (no. 43 FLM): *"I didn't win the title because of my absence in Portimao. In endurance, it's the team that counts. DAMS did a superb job throughout the year, and we owe this result to our cohesion. I have a slight feeling of regret about this race. I was always on the limit and I didn't manage to get the best out of the car at Silverstone. It was difficult as we could only keep the data acquisition for two hours, so I feel a sense of incompleteness as I'd like to have understood more. We've won the teams' title and that's the main thing. I never locked up my wheels, never tagged any of the other cars on the magnificent Silverstone circuit. Next year we'll see if I do the FLM, ILMC or eventually the Le Mans 24 Hours."*

Like his team-mate Andrea Barlesi, Alessandro Cicognani discovered endurance on the Paul Ricard HTTT circuit during the 2009 Winter Series with DAMS. Join now www.formulemans.com for results and reports

ORECA
the motorsport company

CONTACT :
Alain Marguet
amarguet@oreca.fr
Tél : +33 621 502 178

