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The G.A.C Racing Team is now concentrating on its preparation for the Le Mans 24 Hours

The G.A.C Racing Team showed its potential in the Catalonian 1000kms on the Montmelo circuit, and was looking forward to the Spa-Francorchamps 1000kms, the second round of the 2009 Le Mans Series, with impatience. In qualifying, the team was rewarded with the fifth-quickest time in LM P2. The race, though, was less successful, as the Zytek was forced out at half-distance when in third place due to a suspension failure.

In last year's Spa-Francorchamps 1000kms, **Karim Ojeh** and **Claude-Yves Gosselin** finished fifth in LM P2. Backed up by **Philipp Peter** for the 2009 season, the two men were hoping to do at least as well and reckoned that a rostrum finish was on the cards. Their hopes of achieving this feat were boosted by their performance in Spain in the opening round where they held third place for three hours.

The drivers devoted both free sessions on Thursday and Friday to familiarising themselves with the Spa layout and finding the optimum setup for the race, as well as getting to grips with the new Michelin tyres. Their preparation was perturbed by rain and several red flags due to cars stopped on the circuit. It was the same story in qualifying on Saturday afternoon. Despite these disruptions Philipp Peter put the **no.41 Zytek SO7** on fifth place on the LM P2 grid.

On Sunday, the race began in spring sunshine. All 51 cars made it safely through the first corner despite some pushing and shoving in the middle of the pack! Peter also received a nudge from a prototype but luckily without damage. The Austrian driver took advantage of the first safety car period to come in early for a fill up and tyre change. After 3 hours' racing and a double stint no.41 led the LM P2 category! **Karim Ojeh** took over from **Philipp Peter**. Then just after half distance it was announced that the midnight blue Zytek had suddenly slowed out on the circuit.

Karim, who was in third place before the alert, managed to nurse the car back to the pits. The mechanics pushed it back into its box and a quick check revealed a broken wishbone. Although repairs were possible, the **G.A.C Racing Team** decided it would take too much time, and preferred to save its energy and concentrate on the major rendezvous of the 2009 season, the Le Mans 24 Hours on 13th – 14th June.

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ZYTEK O7S

LM P2
Chassis : 03
Fuel: petrol
Cubic capacity: 3 396 ccs
Cylinders: 8
Type: Atmo
Tyres: Michelin

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