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Le Mans Series - Silverstone - Preview

## 1000km to victory?



While the 2009 sporting programme of team IMSA Performance Matmut doesn't come to an end this weekend, it does represent the final round of the Le Mans Series. At Silverstone - commonly referred to as 'the Home of British Motorsport' - the GT2 class competitors have a date with destiny as the outcome of the 2009 title will be decided, with German constructor Porsche keen to regain a crown which has avoided them for the past two seasons.

For Franck Rava and Raymond Narac's team, there's a double motivation to produce a good result. A strong performance in Great Britain would allow the team to finish the Le Mans Series season on a high after a year

which has seen several frustrations. It would also help Porsche achieve its target and what better way than victory to put their rivals in the shade? *"There is no specific plan, but, if necessary, we will be united to help Porsche recover the title,"* said Franck Rava. *"Porsche has shown this year that it has closed the gap to its rivals over the past two seasons. It may even have moved ahead as the 997 GT3 RSR has taken many pole positions, fastest laps and victories. This season in the GT Open we have proved it and it would be tremendous to be able to do the same in the final round of the Le Mans Series. For all these reasons, taking the GT2 title would be deserved. If we can contribute to that, in the same way we have tried to since the beginning of the season, then we will."*

For the final race of the season, Patrick Pilet and Raymond Narac have just one aim: to win. *"We have been up there since the beginning of the season, just look at the lap times from each circuit, but for various reasons we still haven't managed to win,"* said Raymond Narac. *"This last race represents the final opportunity to shine against the best of European endurance racing. Our rivals have benefitted from our misfortune so it would be nice to use this race to remind them that that is the case!"*

After suffering a huge accident after being hit by a Peugeot 908 last year, IMSA Performance Matmut doesn't have the best memories of its last visit to Silverstone, giving Raymond Narac and Patrick Pilet an extra incentive to produce a strong performance in Great Britain. The race will also mark Patrick Pilet's first ever visit to the circuit. *"I've done lots of laps on a video game to learn the basic lines,"* said the Porsche works driver. *"It is a circuit which should suit me, because I really like the fast corners, as does the Porsche! It will suit the circuit more than at the Nurburgring. We will play all our cards and go for the win. The team really deserves it."*

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