



Close qualifying at home circuit for Jota Sport AMR

The British-based Jota Sport AMR squad will start 11th in the LM GTE Pro class for tomorrow's Autosport 1000km of Silverstone. Sam Hancock lapped the 5.141Km (3.195 mile) Silverstone Grand Prix Circuit with a lap of 2:03.433 seconds. Chris Buncombe will join Sam Hancock and Simon Dolan behind the wheel in front of the team's home crowd for Sunday's penultimate round of the Le Mans Series.

The Silverstone race is the fourth of the five-race series which started at the Paul Ricard HTTT circuit, Le Castellet, France on 3 April. Since, Jota Sport AMR has participated in each event with a best finish of 5th in class at the 1000km of Spa in May. A recent string of mechanical maladies have thwarted top-five runs for the British team. The strong qualifying position and quick race pace shown by Hancock, Dolan and Buncombe promise better things for Sunday's showdown.

The Autosport 1000km of Silverstone will begin at 11:35 (GMT) on Sunday, 11 September. The race will run for 1000km or six hours, whichever comes first. Radio coverage is available at www.radiolemans.com.

Sam Hignett, Team Principle: ~~W~~e are having a good weekend. We're at our national circuit, the rain held off for qualifying and the car is gaining in pace each time it goes out. P11 doesn't really do Sam Hancock and the guys efforts justice given that there is only 7/10ths of a second between 11th and 4th in class. It is going to be a close race tomorrow. +

Sam Hancock: ~~W~~e were faster than I anticipated in qualifying. In fact we could have been even quicker, however on my fastest lap I picked up traffic at Stowe due to yellow flags. This cost us at least 5/10ths of a second, which in a race category as close as ours could have put us much further up the grid. It's frustrating but it is the nature of the race and series. We were pleased to find out that we were 4/10ths faster than the same specification car last year that qualified on pole. As for tomorrow, everything could change, especially if we have rain as we are yet to see how we compare in the wet. +

About racing in Great Britain: "I am really enjoying the circuit and configuration here at Silverstone. And it's fantastic to be here in front of friends, family and sponsors. It provides the perfect combination of added pressure and support. +

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