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The #25 Lamborghini Murcielago 670 R-SV Reiter Engineering entry charges around Silverstone, UK

## LAMBORGHINI SECURES TWO PODIUM FINISHES AT SILVERSTONE

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Lamborghini secured two podium finishes at Silverstone, UK, on 1-2 May 2010 with a third-place finish in both the FIA GT1 World Championship and FIA GT3 European Championship.

Reiter Engineering's #25 Lamborghini Murcielago 670 R-SV, driven by Jos Menten and Frank Kechele, set the seventh fastest lap time during qualifying on the iconic British race track, putting them on the fourth row of the grid for the one-hour qualifying race. The pair managed to improve their position during this race to secure a sixth-place start on the grid for Sunday's championship race.

A strong start by Menten improved their position by two places before the end of the first lap, which the German driver maintained before handing over to team-mate Kechele, who continued to charge around the track to cross the finish line fourth. Due to a technical infringement, the race winner was later disqualified by the FIA stewards, promoting the #25 Lamborghini Murcielago 670 R-SV to a third-place finish. The second Reiter Engineering entry, the #24 of Peter Kox and Christopher Haase secured a tenth-place start for the championship race, but was forced into retirement after suffering a puncture on lap 17.

Meanwhile, the All-Inkl.com Münnich Motorsport #38 Lamborghini Murcielago 670 R-SV of Dominik Schwager and Nicky Pastorelli improved their position by three places during the qualifying race to start 20th on the grid for the championship race. The pair then battled through the highly-competitive field to cross the finish line 12th. The team's second entry, the #37 piloted by Cristoph Bouchut and Marc Basseng claimed 17th on the grid but retired due to a technical issue.

Menten and Kechele are currently joint seventh in the drivers' standings with 15 points, with Kox and Haase joint 11th with four points. Reiter Engineering is running fifth in the teams' standings having claimed 29 points.

"This has been a very successful weekend," said Hans Reiter, Reiter Engineering's Team Principal. "We knew we had a strong and quick car but we were not expecting such good results so early in the season. We are very motivated and we are confident that we'll be also at the front in Brno in two weeks."



Argo Racing's podium-finishing #25 Lamborghini Gallardo LP 560-4

Silverstone also played host to the opening round of the FIA GT3 European Championship this weekend, during which Argo Racing's #25 Lamborghini Gallardo LP 560-4, piloted by Philip Geipel and Ellen Lohr, claimed strong fourth and third-place finishes in rounds one and two respectively.

From pole position in race one, Geipel pulled away from the field, setting the fastest race lap of 2:05.662 on lap 12. At the mandatory pit stop he handed over to team-mate Lohr, who crossed the finish line third, securing a podium finish for the first race of the season. The #25 also has a successful second race: from 22nd on the grid, the pair fought through the field to secure a fourth-place finish for the team.

The team's #24 Lamborghini Gallardo LP 560-4 driven by Alex von Thurn und Taxis and Giorgio Sanna secured a seventh-place finish in race one and was forced to retire in the second race after Sanna spun on lap seven.

After the first race weekend, Geipel and Lohr are joint second in the drivers' standings having claimed 27 points each, while von Thurn und Taxis and Sanna are joint ninth with six points. Argo Racing is second in the teams' standings having secured 33 points.

"This has been a fantastic weekend," said Philip Geipel. "I can't even describe how I feel at the moment. The car is very quick and its performances have been great throughout the weekend. After the fantastic results achieved this weekend I am confident that we could be even stronger in Brno."

The next round of the FIA GT1 World Championship and the FIA GT3 European Championship will take place in Brno, Czech Republic, on 22-23 May 2010.

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#### **FIA GT1 World Championship – Qualifying results (top eight)**

1. Turner/Enge, Young Driver AMR, Aston Martin DB9, 01:58.81
2. Makowiecki/Accary, Hexis AMR, Aston Martin DB9, 01:59.29
3. Krum/Dumbreck, Sumo Power GT, Nissan GT-R, 01:59.50
4. Bertolini/Bartels, Vitaphone Racing Team, Maserati MC12, 01:59.78
5. Hughes/Campbell-Walter, Sumo Power GT, Nissan GT-R, 02:00.46
6. Hirschi/Piccione, Hexis AMR, Aston Martin DB9, 02:00.57
- 7. Menten/Kechele, Reiter Engineering, Lamborghini Murcielago 670 R-SV, 02:00.64**
- 8. Kox/Haase, Reiter Engineering, Lamborghini Murcielago 670 R-SV, 02:00.70**
- 17. Bouchut/Basseng, All-Inkl.com Münnich Motorsport, Lamborghini Murcielago 670 R-SV, 02:01.16**
- 23. Schwager/Pastorelli, All-Inkl.com Münnich Motorsport, Lamborghini Murcielago 670 R-SV, 02:02.93**

#### **FIA GT1 World Championship – Qualifying race results (top eight)**

1. Makowiecki/Accary, Hexis AMR, Aston Martin DB9, 1:02:00.692
2. Hirschi/Piccione, Hexis AMR, Aston Martin DB9, +3.577
3. Bertolini/Bartels, Vitaphone Racing Team, Maserati MC12, +4.935
4. Turner/Enge, Young Driver AMR, Aston Martin DB9, +27.88
5. Hughes/Campbell-Walter, Sumo Power GT, Nissan GT-R, +29.745
- 6. Menten/Kechele, Reiter Engineering, Lamborghini Murcielago 670 R-SV, 33.488**
7. Hezemans/Kumpen, Phoenix Racing/Carsport, Corvette Z06, +40.752
8. Krum/Dumbreck, Sumo Power GT, Nissan GT-R, +40.852
- 10. Kox/Haase, Reiter Engineering, Lamborghini Murcielago 670 R-SV, +49.958**
- 17. Bouchut/Basseng, All-Inkl.com Münnich Motorsport, Lamborghini Murcielago 670 R-SV, +1:31.859**
- 20. Schwager/Pastorelli, All-Inkl.com Münnich Motorsport, Lamborghini Murcielago 670 R-SV, + 1 lap**

#### **FIA GT1 World Championship – Championship race results (top eight)**

1. Hughes/Campbell-Walter, Sumo Power GT, Nissan GT-R, +25.135
2. Makowiecki/Accary, Hexis AMR, Aston Martin DB9, +27.041
3. **Menten/Kechele, Reiter Engineering, Lamborghini Murcielago 670 R-SV, +35.440**
4. Bobbi/Longin, Triple H Team Hegersport, Maserati MC12, +36.031
5. Mücke/Nygaard, Young Driver AMR, Aston Martin DB9, +36.207
6. Margaritis/Heger, Triple H Team Hegersport, Maserati MC12, +36.943
7. Bertolini/Bartels, Vitaphone Racing Team, Maserati MC12, +44.466
8. Leinders/Martin, Marc VDS Racing Team, Ford GT Matech, +47.569
12. **Schwager/Pastorelli, All-Inkl.com Münnich Motorsport, Lamborghini Murcielago 670 R-SV, +1:23.880**
16. **Kox/Haase, Reiter Engineering, Lamborghini Murcielago 670 R-SV**
21. **Bouchut/Basseng, All-Inkl.com Münnich Motorsport, Lamborghini Murcielago 670 R-SV**

#### **FIA GT3 European Championship – Qualifying one results (top eight)**

1. **Geipel, Argo Racing, Lamborghini Gallardo LP 560-4, 2:04.866**
2. Keilwitz, Callaway Competition, Corvette Z06R GT3, 2:05.041
3. Cunill, Trackspeed, Porsche 911 GT3 R, 2:05.158
4. Osborne, Mühlner Motorsport, Porsche 911 GT3 R, 2:05.158
5. Lambotte, Graff Racing, Corvette Z06R GT3, 2:06.035
6. **von Thurn und Taxis, Argo Racing, Lamborghini Gallardo LP 560-4, 2:06.093**
7. Vincent, Graff Racing, Corvette Z06R GT3, 2:06.778
8. Mayr-Meinhof, Team S-Berg Racing, BMW Alpina B6 GT3, 2:06.805

#### **FIA GT3 European Championship – Qualifying two results (top eight)**

1. Lunardi, Toni Seiler Racing, Corvette Z06R GT3, 2:03.538
2. Ragginger, Track Speed, Porsche 911 GT3 R, 2:03.636
3. Hohenadel, Callaway Competition, Corvette Z06R GT3, 2:03.656
4. Makowiecki, Hexis AMR, Aston Martin DBR S9, 2:03.924
5. Holzer, Prospeed Competition, Porsche 911 GT3 R, 2:04.048
6. Estre, Muelhner Motorsport, Porsche 911 GT3 R, 2:04.265
7. Parisy, Graff Racing, Corvette Z06R GT3, 2:04.518
8. Matzke, Team S-Berg Racing, BMW Alpina B6 GT3, 2:04.704
15. **Sanna, Argo Racing, Lamborghini Gallardo LP 560-4, 2:05.652**
22. **Lohr, Argo Racing, Lamborghini Gallardo LP 560-4, 2:06.762**

#### **FIA GT3 European Championship – Race one results (top eight)**

1. Cunill/Jose, Trackspeed, Porsche 911 GT3 R, 1:00:52.148
2. Seiler/Lunardi, Toni Seiler Racing, Corvette Z06R GT3, +4.260
3. **Geipel/Lohr, Argo Racing, Lamborghini Gallardo LP 560-4, +11.573**
4. Petrobelli/Alessi, Chad Racing, Ferrari 430 Scuderia, +11.850
5. Osborne/Vannelet, Mühlner Motorsport, Porsche 911 GT3 R, +13.722
6. Walter/Hürtgen, Need for Speed by Schubert Motorsport, BMW Z4, +27.975
7. **Sanna/von Thurn und Taxis, Argo Racing, Lamborghini Gallardo LP 560-4, +29.049**
8. Lemeret/Franchi, Sainteloc-Phoenix Racing, Audi R8 LMS, +31.920

#### **FIA GT3 European Championship – Race two results (top eight)**

1. Keilwitz/Hohenadel, Callaway Competition, Corvette Z06R GT3, 1:01:40.714
2. Rodrigues/Makowiecki, Hexis AMR, Aston Martin DBRS9, +8.266
3. Cunill/Jose, Trackspeed, Porsche 911 GT3 R, +12.235
4. **Geipel/Lohr, Argo Racing, Lamborghini Gallardo LP 560-4, +18.078**
5. Walter/Hürtgen, Need for Speed by Schubert Motorsport, BMW Z4, +18.522
6. Eskelinen/Nygaard, Fischer Racing, Ford GT, +23.091
7. Paillard/Accary, Hexis AMR, Aston Martin DBRS9, +23.660
8. Lemeret/Franchi, Sainteloc-Phoenix Racing, Audi R8 LMS, +35.126
27. **Sanna/von Thurn und Taxis, Argo Racing, Lamborghini Gallardo LP 560-4**

#### **Notes to editors**

Lamborghini's motorsport heritage has been recently enhanced with the launch of the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo, as well as entries in FIA GT1 World Championship and GT3 championships.

The world's fastest one-make series, the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo, was launched in October 2008 and was followed by a highly-competitive season in 2009, where 24 drivers of seven different nationalities secured podium finishes. The 2010 season will take place over six race weekends competing at circuits across Europe, supporting series such as DTM, FIA GT1 World Championship and Le Mans Series.

Lamborghini also has entrants in the following GT3 championships:

- International GT Open
- GT3 European Championship
- Belcar Endurance Championship
- VdeV Endurance Championship
- ADAC GT Masters
- Australian GT Championship
- Brazilian GT3 Championship
- FFSA
- GT3 Asia Challenge

Italian GT Championship  
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