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championship. I like the track. It's nice. And it's difficult to win here. Like, it's proper resting until the end of the race. Yeah, it's my second victory, and I'm so happy to watch this with the team and this line-up because in the beginning of the year we had some up and down.

Yeah, I'm happy to finish the season like that.

THE MODERATOR: Questions.

Q. Two questions. Lilou, first for you. First woman to win a Petit Le Mans class win since 2005. You mentioned how tough it is to race in IMSA. With combining those two together, how more gratifying does this win make for you?

LILOU WADOUX: Oh, for sure I am happy to be the first one, but at the end I'm a driver like (indiscernible). When I have a helmet on my head, nobody know if it's a girl or boy.

Yeah, I'm super happy to have this, because it's not nothing to win a Petit Le Mans. Yeah, at the end I want to continue like that, but to be compared like those drivers.

Q. Second question for all three of you all, whoever would like to answer. From Thursday on, it just seemed like -- especially in GT the Ferraris, they were just so well-tuned, well-connected to the track. What was it that just had the 296s dialed in and connected all weekend long?

ALESSANDRO PIER GUIDI: For us, it's quite a good track for Ferrari here, historically. So 296 is not different from the others. We have a well-balanced car. We did a very good job, I think, we came here doing a test day one or two months ago. I don't remember exactly. I think helped.

A good setup, a good car, the best as we could, and yeah, as you said, Ferrari was quite quick in the GTD class. But I think the car was nice, and the team did an amazing job putting it all together. That's always the result.

Q. This looked like a pretty perfect run except for one moment where you were in a spin down there in turn ten. Was there any concern that would be much more than it turned out to be?

ALESSANDRO PIER GUIDI: Actually, I was trying to stay

THE MODERATOR: We have the No. 21 Af Corse Ferrari 296 GT3 team. From your left to right, Alessandro Pier Guidi, Lilou Wadoux.

Alessandro, take us through kind of how things wrapped up here for the team. I believe you guys last won the Michelin Endurance Cup, so mission accomplished?

ALESSANDRO PIER GUIDI: Yeah. Actually yes. We came here, main goal, the first target was to try to achieve the championship. We planned all the strategies to be in the best position. I did two at the four hour and eight hour. Then we tried to go to the end.

My two teammates and the team did an amazing job, let's say, 70%, 80% of the race. We were very quick. I think we did a very good job with the car, with the strategy, pit stop, everything.

At the end to win Petit, you must be perfect. This year we have been lucky a few times, but at the end we put all together in the right moment.

THE MODERATOR: Let's move to Simon. Your first IMSA victory. How does that feel winning your first race like this, especially against pretty tough competition out there?

SIMON MANN: Yeah, for sure. Alessandro did very well. The team did a fantastic job, but being able to win my first IMSA race at Petit is for sure a dream. I mean, such a legendary race, and to be able to come out on top is obviously fantastic.

Obviously the target was the championship, so to be able to win the race is an extra bonus for sure.

THE MODERATOR: Lilou, second win here at IMSA. How do you like racing here?

LILOU WADOUX: For sure, I think it's my favorite



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as much out of the trouble as I could, because my first goal was crossing the four-hour -- the eight-hour mark and close the championship. And actually, it wasn't a nice moment.

Luckily, everything went well. I didn't lose as much time. I have been able to recover the car quite quick. Didn't go into the gravel. Stay on the track. Yeah, it wasn't nice, but sometimes it is racing.

We know with this amount of car, this amount of category, contact can happen. I'm sure no one did on purpose. At the end it's just racing.

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