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## Antonio Fuoco

### Press Conference



THE MODERATOR: We're joined by Antonio Fuoco.

Antonio, you guys overcame three drive-through penalties, quite a battle. You came away with a victory. What does that mean to you?

ANTONIO FUOCO: Yeah, I mean, we still like to understand how we get three drive-through because I think two of them was not there, I would say. But we were not able to review with the steward, so...

Anyway, we went through. I think was really chaotic race, some up and down. At the end we managed to win. I think how the guy did an amazing job, Lilou, Simon, all the team, to never give up until the end.

On the last safety car, we were P7 I think, 26 minute to go, then we were able to win the race. I think it was a really good one. Quite similar to the one I won in 2022. I think Sebring is always like this, is always a lot of close race.

THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

**Q. How did you work your way through on that final restart? Can you explain that. Was that one of your best drives in a GT car?**

ANTONIO FUOCO: I don't know if you follow last year, Barcelona, GT World Challenge, was quite similar. But I will say for sure one of the best because on the last restart, starting from P7, I went really aggressive through turn one, overtook two or three cars on one lap. Then from there I just try to push until the end. Then on the last lap, the Aston in front did a small mistake. I took the chance to drive on the outside through 11, 12. It work out.

Again, I think I will put the last stint on the top three of GT race I did so far.

**Q. Curious about the few minutes left in the entire race, the GTP cars come through and slice through traffic. It kind of halted your run there to challenge for the lead. Was there a part of you after that, because it created a gap, that you thought I just ran out of time, I**

**just need one more lap?**

ANTONIO FUOCO: I mean, with the GTP, it's always 50/50. Sometimes it can be good, sometimes maybe they overtake you and you lose a bit more time compared to the guy in front.

I think on the last lap I lost a bit compared to the last one. I was thinking that I have a chance, especially on the last corner, because I was able to get a bit more speed there. I was trying to think on the last lap even if I was a bit far, I was a bit better on sector two compared to them. I was thinking to try on the last lap on the last corner. Luckily made a mistake a bit early, so it was a bit more easy.

**Q. The last drive-through penalty came through the final hour after the contact. What was your vantage point in the incident? After the drive-through, were you driving angry at that point for the remainder of that hour?**

ANTONIO FUOCO: I mean, I was already angry after the first one because I saw the image. I think we can review 100 time and someone need to explain me why I got the drive-through because I still didn't understand. I mean, we are here for racing. If you are on the inside where you need to overtake the car, especially if the line is one.

Anyway, I don't want to complain. I was already quite upset since that one. I knew we had a good potential. Also I really like this track, so I know that on the last hour I can push and make a bit of difference.

But again, one hour to go I think I was on the best place because we were P1, then we had the contact, which I think was a bit of a misunderstanding between us. We will talk with the other guys.

**Q. The first penalty was with the Ford, right?**

ANTONIO FUOCO: Yeah.

**Q. Three and a half hours to go?**

ANTONIO FUOCO: Yeah, exactly.

**Q. The other penalty after that was a pit lane penalty?**



ANTONIO FUOCO: Yes. Too many over the wall.

THE MODERATOR: Appreciate you coming in.

ANTONIO FUOCO: Not too many over the wall. Just one guy was saying what we need to do. We were the right people. Looks like we cannot do even this one.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you.

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