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Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: We have our LMP2 and GTD PRO winners. Let's start with LMP2, from left to right from the middle out, it's Jonny Edgar, PJ Hyett and Dane Cameron.

Q. Jonny, you come here, you won Le Mans a couple weeks ago and another one here. Tell us about what it means.

JONNY EDGAR: Yeah, it's been a great two weeks for me, winning Le Mans and then here again. Yeah, really happy to win here. It's my first win in the LMP2. I felt like last year Dane and PJ seemed to win everything, but the five endurance races I did I never managed to get over the line in first, so I'm absolutely happy to have a win in the LMP2 car.

Q. PJ, you guys had plenty of pace all year but managed to bring it home today. Tell us how you did that.

PJ HYETT: I'm thrilled to hear that because we entered this weekend with P6 in the championship because silly stuff like you catch the wrong side of a safety car, and to be catapulted up and tied for second now is an absolute thrill.

I think, like you said, we have had the pace all season. I think the fact that we were able to bring it home just shows what we were capable of the whole year, and to actually put it together is -- yeah, I'm super proud of the team and my co-drivers for making it happen today. Man, it was a wild one.

Q. Dane, really close there at the end. A lot of battling there. Just tell us about how relieved were you to see that yellow pop up a little shy of the checkered flag?

DANE CAMERON: Yeah, I thought we were pretty good to the end there. But yeah, time goes by pretty slow when you have a little bit of a buffer and you're kind of riding around up front and under control, it kind of goes by pretty slow.

Honestly, a pretty classic IMSA race, coming and going with traffic, some hard fights and strategies and things playing across LMP2 in terms of when people are pivoting and overs and unders and all sorts of things.

I had a lot of fun today. We were pretty aggressive and something we were working on as a group. I think we've been conservative sometimes, car-wise, driving-wise, things like that. We felt like there was a few times last year that was bad for us.

Again, kind of a poor start to the year, and at some point you need to stop the bleeding and get one on the board. And the car was awesome as soon as we rolled off the truck. We were super quick. And great to close that one off for sure.

We felt like we only just missed last year, so it was one that was in the back of my mind as we probably should have won that one last year. Glad to be able to do that one. Glad to be able to get a win with Jonny after doing such a great job after the last year and a half, and to get PJ his first win in the U.S. is special, as well.

THE MODERATOR: We have Jack Hawksworth and Ben Barnicoat from the GTD PRO class. Jack, start us off, just obviously pole position, converted pole to the win here. Emotional event as well with the Dreyer & Reinbold name. Take us through what all this means for you.

JACK HAWKSWORTH: Yeah, it was definitely an emotional day, and there was definitely some redemption stories in there after everything that happened here last year. Mine and Ben's first win together since 2024 and Ben's first IMSA win since he broke his back. Some good stories to come out of the day.

Obviously we had such a fantastic car all weekend, and we're really focused on executing. And that's what we were able to do today, the whole team. We were phenomenal all day, made the right calls on the pit stand,

right decisions on the racetrack, and there was a lot of decisions to be made throughout the race with all the cautions and accident stuff.

And yeah, I think the Vasser Sullivan team, Ben, everybody involved, just put together a perfect race, and it was exciting to the end. And couldn't be more proud of everybody, and super excited to see what we can do now that we've got a bit of momentum. We were so close at Detroit as well. We feel now we're rocking and rolling, and we're in it to have a real strong end of the season.

Q. Ben, first win since you broke your back. How does it feel to be back up there?

BEN BARNICOAT: It's been too long obviously. 2024, Long Beach, the last time I was here as a race winner. You saw a real good winning podium record in IMSA, and it's kind of gone downhill through self-determination. Great to be back. It's been a year, so really pleased to get it done.

Q. It's been 836 days since that win at Sebring in 2024. Did you guys imagine it being that long of a stretch? Also with the aging car and everything --

BEN BARNICOAT: People aren't liking us today.

DANE CAMERON: How many hours and minutes?

BEN BARNICOAT: Yeah, look, that point of when we won Sebring, we'd just come off the back of a championship. We had a tough day that year when we won Sebring, and we'd be completely lying to you if we thought it was going to take this long to win again. Jack and I had a season apart, not racing together.

This year we got the band back together. The team is in a great place. To be honest, it's a shame it's taken this long this year. We were in great form at Sebring, had an issue with the pit stop. Laguna Seca didn't work out, Detroit we were very close, like Jack said. Just felt like a matter of time.

So really proud of the team for doing a great job today. I think there was eight or nine cautions. As Jack said, so many hard decisions to make. I feel like we got them right, but we didn't come out of the pits with the lead every time. There was points where we had to overtake cars, and Jack and I both got it done, and it was nice to end up in Victory Lane.

Q. Jack, was there any doubt that you would think that RC F wouldn't get back to Victory Lane at one point?

JACK HAWKSWORTH: I never would not believe in this team and in Ben as a co-driver. I think we got one of the strongest driver lineups in the series. We've got one of the strongest teams in the series. The car is proven.

Look, it was just a matter of time until we got it done again. We just needed to work through some issues and kind of put it all together. I feel like we're a better race team for it, we're better drivers for it, and excited to get into the meat of the season, heads down, and go for it from this point forth.

BEN BARNICOAT: It was when, not if.

Q. We learned how Turn 5 was going to play out yesterday in qualifying after they pulled up the curbing there. Having the paint there, how did that race today?

DANE CAMERON: In the P2, it's not hugely different. We can't go over what remained there, so it's a little less drama because you don't sort of have to get this perfect jump over the curb. We could use some curb with what was there before, but not a huge amount, and you had to be very precise and very careful.

There's a bit of skill to it to get it right. Took a little bit of that drama away. It's maybe a little faster on the way in, but I don't think it was as big of a change for us as it was for GT that suddenly moved four feet over to the right kind of thing.

I'd say a small change for P2, but certainly for us I was a little bit concerned about what might happen if you get that wrong or you have the wrong side of an interaction in traffic, you could end up on a little bit of a ski jump in a P2 car.

So I was a little concerned with how that was going to go. I'm glad nothing went sideways, and I'm sure there will be some steps forward looking forward to next year, I would imagine.

Q. Ben?

BEN BARNICOAT: Yeah, I think it was good for us, to be honest. It kind of made the corner a bit faster and a bit more challenging. I quite liked it. Obviously Jack got a taste in qualifying.

I think the hardest thing for me is you're getting in the race, I was on the safety car restart. It's like, you don't want to leave any time on the table. Obviously I studied what Jack did in qualifying. So it took me a few laps to get my eye into it, but yeah, once I figured it out, no complaints really. Thought it was good.

Q. I'm not trying to continue the negative numbers, but after Detroit with how that ended, the importance of rebounding like this and not letting that, what ended up being a negative outcome, carry over into this race?

JACK HAWKSWORTH: Yeah, Detroit, I took the positives from really. It was a great team performance. We deserved to win the race, at worst finish second, but there was nothing from our side I would change really.

I looked at it as a great team performance, and if we do that again and we have a normal race, then we're going to be in the front. I think we took the positives from it rather than the negative, to be honest.

Q. Mainly to Jack, in the last maybe half hour of the race, you were, I think, running fourth behind three other competitors. Presumably they weren't going to be making it on fuel and you had the energy to get to the finish. Can you talk about that situation and how that came about?

JACK HAWKSWORTH: Well, it was the exact same situation we faced at Laguna Seca a couple of races ago, and at that race we ended up on the wrong side of it.

It was a situation where with one yellow after that last caution you could make it. So everybody was trying to initially save to get to the end and hope for a yellow. And then a few cars started to pit, the guy in second and a few others.

At Laguna we stayed out, which was the wrong decision because we didn't have to fuel to make it. And then we had to splash at the end, and guys behind us were able to jump us.

This time we boxed early to cover for the car behind, and fortunately there was no more yellow until the end, and that really played out for us. So it was a good decision from the pit wall because had we stayed out we could have potentially lost the race. So it was good.

Q. Obviously you're driving the car, you weren't making that decision particularly, but was that sort of a lesson learned from Laguna Seca and applied here?

JACK HAWKSWORTH: Well, there's always an element of rolling the dice whichever way you go. Today we were on the right side of it. You try and make the best decisions you can. I wouldn't have said we made the wrong decision at Laguna Seca. It just didn't work out. Today it would have been potentially the wrong decision had a caution come out. Fortunately it was the right one.

I feel like we have -- on our pit stand we usually make good decisions and the best decisions at that moment, but again, it's IMSA racing and anything can happen. So you try to get it right seven out of ten times, and if you do that, you've got a pretty good percentage.

Q. PJ, obviously great to get the win today, and now you go to two tracks that you won last year. Can you reflect as you approach the first anniversary of those wins what they meant and how they propelled going forward for the rest of the year?

PJ HYETT: Getting on the podium here last year, while we were disappointed we didn't win, it certainly helped build some momentum for us, Dane and I and the team at large. So going into Mosport and Road America, two tracks I absolutely love, I knew we had a good shot at performing well there. Yeah, it was a huge confidence boost not just for myself, for the entire team. And then, yeah, absolutely helped with our championship position.

Yeah, it meant the world to me and the whole team. For us, looking forward to both those races. I'm looking forward to the rest of the season. It's a wonderful thing to be able to race in this championship.

Q. For CTMP in particular, what does it mean for you guys to go for the overall win there?

PJ HYETT: It's real cool.

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