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Pirelli World Challenge, Round 5 of 20, Long Beach, California

Local Lewis Lands GTA Long Beach Pirelli World Challenge Win in EFFORT Porsche, Thompson Takes GT Cup Victory

Long Beach, California, April 19, 2015. Laguna Beach, California's Michael Lewis used local knowledge to score his fourth Pirelli World Challenge GTA class victory of the season, driving the No. 41 EFFORT Racing Porsche 911 GT3 R in today's "Roar By The Shore". Lewis trailed his teammate Ryan Dalziel (Scotland) across the finish line of the temporary circuit through the streets of Long Beach. Dalziel was third overall, Lewis fourth overall, in the 50-minute race. In the one-make GT Cup class, Colin Thompson (Doylestown, Pennsylvania) secured his fourth win of the season driving the No. 11 Porsche of Buck's County Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car.

Porsche 911 GT3 R

The 50-minute race was punctuated by numerous yellow flags that helped set the stage for a final showdown at the event's conclusion. Dalziel was able to stay close to the GT class race leader making several attempts for the overall lead with the minutes counting down. However, the No. 31 EFFORT Racing Porsche was passed within five minutes of the checkered flag and dropped to third. He was then challenged by his teammate, Lewis, who was turning fast laps while in the GTA class lead. The pair would finish in third and fourth overall in the race behind winner Olivier Beretta (Monaco) in the Ferrari F458 GT3 Italia.

Porsche 911 GT3 Cup

The GT Cup class, which made its debut at the season-opening race at the Circuit of the Americas (COTA) in March, utilizes the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car for all competitors. The parity makes for some of the best racing in the sport and today's race was no less inspired. Multiple lead changes occurred but, ultimately, pole winner and points leader Thompson secured his fourth victory of the year in the Kelly Moss Racing prepared Porsche just ahead of Mitch Landry (Lake Charles, Louisiana) in the Deep

South/VersaCrane Porsche 911 GT3 Cup in second and Victor Gomez (Puerto Rico) in the No. 81 DragonSpeed Porsche.

The Pirelli World Challenge will make a quick trek across country to Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Alabama for next week's sixth and seventh rounds of the championship for the GT and GTA classes. Returning to battle will also be the GTS class which includes the pair of Porsche Cayman S of GTSport Racing drivers Jack Baldwin (Marietta, Georgia) and Buz McCall (Boca Raton, Florida).

Michael Lewis, No. 41 EFFORT Racing Porsche 911 GT3 R (GTA): "That was a very fun and intense race. I have to thank my team, EFFORT Racing, for keeping me calm with the serious competition, and multiple incidents out there. The Porsche was really hooked up, so it was a matter of timing the restarts. Once we really got going, the 911 GT3 R was very good over the entire course. I could see the other guys struggling and I was waiting to make my move. Luckily, those opportunities came under the restarts. Congratulations to my teammate Ryan Dalziel on another podium. I'm excited to have another GTA win, and on my home streets."

Ryan Dalziel, No. 31 EFFORT Racing Porsche 911 GT3 R (GT): "That was possibly one of the biggest messes of a race I've ever been in; incidents that involved me and many that didn't. I'm disappointed."

Colin Thompson, No. 11 Porsche of Bucks County 911 GT3 Cup (GT Cup): "The Kelly Moss boys put on an incredible show in the garage. I hand it to them. We just tried to survive and play it cool until the end. You can't win a championship at this race but you can lose it. That was more yellows and greens than I've ever experienced. But I just tried to keep my head cool and make sure every time it went back to green to make the right moves."

Pirelli World Challenge GT/GTA Results

1. Olivier Beretta, Monaco, Ferrari 458 GT3 Italia, 25 laps
2. Chris Dyson, Pleasant Valley, New York, Bentley Continental GT3, 25 laps
3. Ryan Dalziel, Winter Park, Florida, Porsche 911 GT3 R, 25 laps
4. Michael Lewis, Laguna Beach, California, Porsche 911 GT3 R (winner, GTA class), 25 laps
5. J.D. Davison, St. Petersburg, Florida, Nissan GT-R GT3, 25 laps

Pirelli World Challenge GT Cup by MOMO Results – all Porsche 911 GT3 Cup

1. Colin Thompson, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, 25 laps
2. Mitch Landry, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 25 laps

3. Victor Gomez, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 25 laps
4. Preston Calvert, Potomac, Maryland, 25 laps
5. Sloan Urry, Park City, Utah, 25 laps

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