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Porsche Motorsports Event Notes. Rolex 24 At Daytona

Event. 54th Rolex 24 At Daytona

Dateline. Daytona Beach, Fla.

Circuit. Daytona International Speedway

Track Length/Turns. 3.56-miles/12-turns

Porsche Events.

WeatherTech SportsCar Championship

Date. Saturday-Sunday, January 30-31

Race Duration. 24-Hours

Classes. GT Le Mans (GTLM Porsche 911 RSR), GT Daytona (GTD Porsche 911 GT3 R)

Round. GTLM. One of Ten
GTD. One of Ten

Next Round. Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, Sebring International Raceway, March 19

Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge

Date. Friday, January 29, 2016

Race Duration. Two Hours, 30-minutes

Class. Grand Sport (GS) (Porsche Cayman GT4 Clubsport)

Round. One of Ten

Next Round. Sebring International Raceway, March 18

Porsche Profile. Event Story Lines

10 Porsche Sports Cars to Compete at "World Center of Racing".

With a history dating back to the very first sports car event at Daytona International Speedway (DIS) and an unequaled commitment to motorsports, it is little surprise Porsche is the most successful sports car manufacturer at the track. In 2016, 10 Porsche Motorsport-produced racers will compete in three different classes in two different series at the "World Center of Racing". Since the inception of the first Daytona



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Continental race in 1962, and the first 24 Hours of Daytona in 1966, the German marque has captured a record 22 overall victories, the first in 1968 and the most recent in 2010. Over half, 12, of those overall titles have come with another Porsche giving chase and finishing second. As recently as 2014's GT Le Mans (GTLM) class victory, Porsche has 76 class titles on the world famous 3.56-mile, 12-turn track – another record.

The iconic Porsche 911 has a record 40 victories at Daytona, and returns this weekend with seven opportunities to place the seventh-generation of the rear-engine sports car into the 54th Rolex 24 At Daytona victory lane. Two Porsche 911 RSRs, the Nos. 911 and 912, will fight for the GTLM title in the all-factory car class while five of the newly minted Porsche 911 GT3 R endurance racers will compete for GT Daytona (GTD) honors in the twice-around the clock classic.

In the Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge (CTSCC), for the first time since the legendary Porsche 962 of the GTP-era, Porsche has introduced a factory-manufactured mid-engine racecar for competition at Daytona. Three teams will campaign the Porsche Cayman GT4 Clubsport in the support series race on Friday afternoon chasing overall honors in the two-hour, 30-minute race. Porsche has not officially competed in the stepping-stone series until this year.

Updated Porsche 911 RSR Challenging All-New Competition at Rolex 24.

Porsche introduced its GT Le Mans (GTLM) entry, the Porsche 911 RSR, to the world of competition in 2014 here at the Rolex 24 At Daytona. Team Porsche North America promptly went out and won the class in that debut. The “works” team did not repeat that in 2015 but bettered itself in the season-long standings winning the GTLM Manufacturer, Team and Driver titles in the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship, now known as the WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. The challenge to return to the Rolex 24 victory lane will be steep for the German-based marque at the January 30-31 race. Porsche brings an updated variant of the seventh-generation 911 but will be facing all-new factory-entries from the four other brands with which they will be competing. While Porsche has new aerodynamic features providing a better overall platform for the normally aspirated boxer-style rear-engine machine, it now faces turbocharged competition from the newly announced Ford GT, BMW M6 GTLM and Ferrari 488 GTE. Corvette brings an all-new C7-R to the battle as well. Early season



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testing shows close competition with a slight edge to the newest entries. Porsche will rely on its well-founded reputation of reliability to narrow the gap.

Porsche factory drivers hold the seats for both factory 911 RSR entries. Defending series' driver champion Patrick Pilet (France) is joined by defending 24 Hours of Le Mans overall co-winner and 2014 Rolex 24-winner Nick Tandy (Great Britain) and newest works driver Kevin Estre (France) in the Porsche North America No. 911. In the No. 912 sister car, 2015 24 Hours of Le Mans overall co-winner Earl Bamber (New Zealand) and Frenchman Frédéric Makowiecki will seek class honors with Denmark's Michael Christensen.

Porsche 911 GT3 R to Make North American Debut at Daytona.

In the GT Daytona (GTD) class, the freshly completed Porsche 911 GT3 R will make its competition debut in the Pro-Am division. The GT3 R will have five opportunities to claim the podium steps in customer car racing. Longtime stalwart Alex Job Racing begins its 27th season campaigning Porsche racecars with the No. 22 WeatherTech Racing entry and No. 23 Team Seattle Porsche 911 GT3 R. Park Place Motorsports brings its full-season No. 73 to compete with returning championship contending Black Swan Racing's No. 540. The fifth-entry, the No. 30 Frikadelli Racing Porsche 911 GT3 R, brings the most successful team in the history of Germany's legendary Nürburgring to Florida for the first time. At the early January "ROAR Before the Rolex 24" test days, the newest 911 GT racecar showed well in the hands of the privateer entrants. Porsche faces six other manufacturers in the class devoted to the internationally recognized "GT3" specifications.

Showing its overall commitment to GTD, Porsche Motorsport has helped place three factory drivers – Wolf Henzler (Germany) in the No. 23 car, Jörg Bergmeister (Germany) in the No. 73, and America's only Porsche factory driver, Patrick Long (Manhattan Beach, California) in the No. 540. Porsche Junior driver Sven Müller (Germany) will race with the No. 30 Frikadelli Racing team.

Porsche Cayman GT4 Clubsport to Make Race Debut in CTSCC at Daytona

In a debut within a debut, Porsche will present its newest racecar, the Cayman GT4 Clubsport, in Friday's BMW Performance 200 Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge (CTSCC) race at Daytona International Speedway (DIS). The race-ready variant of the Porsche Cayman GT4 streetcar marks the first time Porsche has officially entered the



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mid-engine sports car in a major race series. Furthermore, it is the first time that Porsche has produced and, through Porsche Motorsport North America (PMNA), supported a Cayman customer racecar.

Currently, three of the Porsche Cayman GT4 Clubsport cars are entered for the 2016 IMSA-sanctioned CTSCC with a fourth expected at the second round of the championship, Sebring International Raceway, in March. This weekend's two-hour, 30-minute race will see the No. 12 Bodymotion Racing, No. 21 Muehlner Motorsports America and No. 33 CJ Wilson Racing cars battling to present Porsche with its first-ever CTSCC trophy.

Penske and Porsche, A History of Success

This year, Roger Penske and Team Penske is celebrating 50 years of participation, and much success, in motorsports. Team Penske has been involved in many different forms of motorsport, from sports cars to NASCAR, to Formula One and its legendary success at the famed Indianapolis 500. During the span of a half-century, Porsche and Penske have famously crossed paths and have teamed up on more than one occasion.

While Penske himself competed with Porsche racecars in his driving career, the first time, as a team owner, the German marque collaborated with the Penske organization was in the early 1970's with a 911 RS at the 1973 24 Hours of Daytona and the all-conquering 917/10 and 917/30 Can-Am racers famously entered in the Sunoco livery and driven by Mark Donohue. More recently, Porsche and Penske joined forces for the 2006-2008 RS Spyder program in the American Le Mans Series (now part of the WeatherTech Championship), and then in the 2009 Grand-Am Porsche-Riley Daytona Prototype effort (also now part of the WeatherTech Championship).

It was in the yellow RS Spyder prototype in which magic happened **for a second time**. The combination swept the LMP2 class championships (Driver, Team and Manufacturer) three years in a row. They were so successful in fact they **surpassed** the bigger and more powerful Audi prototypes in the higher LMP1 class eight out of 12 times in 2007.



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Porsche History.

Porsche is the most success manufacturer since the inception of the first Daytona Continental race in 1962, and the first 24 Hours of Daytona in 1966.

Overall Wins. 22 (first in 1968; most recent in 2009 and 2010) (Record)

- From 1977 to 1987, Porsche compiled 11 consecutive overall wins (Record)
- 42% of the time, Porsche has won the race overall in 53 years (1962-2015).
- First Overall Win: 1968
- Finished 1-2 overall in 12 Daytona 24-Hours (Record)

Class Wins. 76 (includes Daytona Continental races starting in 1962; 24 hr. races that started in 1966; most recent in GT Le Mans class in 2014)

- 70% of the time, Porsche has won the race in its class in 53 years.
- GT Class Wins: 27 (Record)
- SGS Class wins (class ran only in 2004): 1
- GX Class wins (class ran only in 2013): 1

Porsche 911.

- Wins. 40 Overall and Class Victories (Record)
- 75% of the time, a Porsche 911 wins its class.
- 20 Race Winning Streak (overall or class): 1966-1987 (Record)
- GT class winner finishing second overall: 2001, 2004
- GTX Series Winner: 1978-1981
- GTP Series Winner: 1982-87, 1989, 1991

Race win statistics for the Rolex 24 – a majority accomplished in Porsches.

Most Overall Victories.

1. Hurley Haywood, 5 (1973, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1991)
Scott Pruett, 5 (1994, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2013)
2. Peter Gregg, 4 (1973, 1975, 1976, 1978)
Rolf Stommelen, 4 (1968, 1978, 1980, 1982)
Bob Wollek, 4 (1983, 1985, 1989, 1991)
Pedro Rodriguez, 4 (3 hour races in 1964 and 1963, 1970, 1971)
7. Brian Redman, 3 (1970, 1976, 1981)



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Derek Bell, 3 (1986, 1987, 1989)
Andy Wallace, 3 (1990, 1998, 1999)
Butch Leitzinger, 3 (1994, 1997, 1999)
Juan Pablo Montoya, 2 (2007, 2008, 2013)

Most Consecutive Overall Victories.

1. Peter Gregg, 3 (1973, 1975, 1976 – No Event Held in 1974)
2. Al Holbert, 2 (1986, 1987)
Al Unser Jr., 2 (1986, 1987)
Derek Bell, 2 (1986, 1987)
Hurley Haywood, 2 (1973, 1975 – No Event Held in 1974)
Pedro Rodriguez, 2 (1970, 1971)
Ken Miles, 2 (327-lap race in 1965, 1966)
Lloyd Ruby, 2 (327-lap race in 1965, 1966)
Pedro Rodriguez, 2 (3-hour race in 1963, 327-lap race in 1964)
Scott Pruett, 2 (2007, 2008)
Juan Pablo Montoya, 2 (2007, 2008)

Most Class Victories.

1. Scott Pruett, 10 (1987, 1988, 1992 – 94, 2002, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2013)
2. Peter Gregg, 6 (1968, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1978)
Hurley Haywood, 6 (1972, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1991)
Scott Pruett, 6 (1987, 1988, 1992, 1993, 1994, 2002)
3. Hans Herrmann, 4 (1968, 1967, 1966, 1963)
Pedro Rodriguez, 4 (1963, 1964, 1970, 1971)
Rolf Stommelen, 4 (1968, 1978, 1980, 1982)
Amos Johnson, 4 (1985, 1986, 1987, 1988)
Bob Wollek, 4 (1983, 1985, 1989, 1991)
Peter Uria, 4 (1990, 1991, 1992, 1993)
Robby Gordon, 4 (1990, 1991, 1992, 1993)
Wally Dallenbach Jr., 4 (1985, 1991, 1992, 1993)
Dick Greer, 4 (1991, 1992, 1993, 2001)
Andy Wallace, 4 (1990, 1997, 1999, 2003)

