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MATT DOWNS WINS SEASON FINALE AT ROAD ATLANTA

BRASELTON, Ga. September 25 – Matt Downs started third, dropped back to fourth and then worked his way back up to the front to win his fifth race of the 2009 IMSA Lites presented by Frisby Performance Tire series at Road Atlanta.



Matt Downs secured the team championship with a win

Downs's win secured his second place finish in the Lites One driver championship and also won the team championship and also won the team championship for Eurosport Racing, who was tied with Primetime Race Group going into the last race.

"There was one goal, to beat Joel (Feinberg) to win the team championship," Downs said after the race. "The team championship is really special because it incorporates every one of those guys working. It almost means more because that's something they can share, it's their championship."

Gary Gibson started on pole and led much of the first half of the race before pulling off track. When he fell out of the race Kyle Marcelli assumed the lead, but it wasn't long before Feinberg,



Kyle Marcelli



Matt Downs and Antonio Downs started to reel him in.

“Kyle was quick. There was no way I was going to catch him, but his car started to go away,” Antonio said. “Matt passed him. He didn’t put up much of a contest with me, which was really nice of him to do.”

Antonio Downs finished second, followed by Charlie Shears. Feinberg, who wrapped up the driver championship yesterday, finished seventh.

Petit LeMans is the first event for a couple of Lites Two racers. Robert Sabato and Carlos Llana have been learning both Road Atlanta and their West cars. After a great battle on track early on, Sabato pulled a three-second lead on Llana to win his first race.

“I’ve never run here and I’ve never driven this car. It was a great experience,” Sabato said. “I wasn’t here to do anything but learn, the win is a bonus.”

Chris Funk and Kelly Toombs battled for the Lites Three top spot, with Funk again coming across the finish line first.

“I passed him on the next to last lap. I was leading with one to go,” Toombs explained. “He pulled me throughout the lap then I missed a shift in the back and he got by.”

Chris Doyle, the 2009 IMSA Lites Three champion finished third.

The IMSA Lites presented by Frisby Performance Tire is a championship comprised of 14 rounds at seven famous tracks in North America including Sebring International Raceway, Sebring, Fla., and Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wis.

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