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WILD RIDE FOR QUIROS, EDUARDO WINS AGAIN

MILLVILL, NEW JERSEY. June 26 – Amadeo Quiros made the most of a wild day of racing in extremely hot conditions to earn his first series victory, while it was business as usual for Carlos Eduardo in Round 5 of the Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama at the Mazda Festival of Speed Presented by VisitFlorida.com at New Jersey Motorsports Park.

Quiros, driving the #58 AASCO Motorsports/Purdymotor Porsche GT3 Cup Car in the Platinum Class, took advantage of spins by polesitter Ross Smith (#5 Maxwell Paper Racing) and second place starter Marco Cirone (#88 6th Gear Racing) to gain the lead on lap 17. It was all he could do to hold on from there.

“The first couple of laps were very tense,” said Quiros. “I needed to wait, because everyone was trying to pass each other and they’d end up touching. So I had the opportunity to push and pass them. But I was so tired – and you don’t know what to do with your mirrors, everyone wants to pass!”

It was an especially difficult day for Smith, with two spins that meant a race-long charge back up through the field. So third place, while disappointing, was still something of a victory.

“I spun in some debris on the second lap,” said a very tired Smith, “and I came all the way back through the field, all the way back up to second. In a 45 minute race, that’s hard to do. But the car got really loose, so I used up the tires pretty quickly – I doubt I had much rubber left, so I went off again and finished third.”

Holding on for second was a very happy Darrell Carlisle, in the #92 Kelly Moss Racing Porsche 911. He had a front row seat for the march back up through the field by Smith, all the while trying to get a run at Quiros for the lead.

“Ross is obviously a very good driver,” said Carlisle. “I did everything I could to stay in front of him. He got an outstanding run coming out of turn six and took second place from me (on lap 23), to get back into the hunt before he spun. Amadeo got in front of me in lapped traffic. But the car was perfect; the crew did a great job.”

Winning the Gold Cup class for the fourth time this season was Carlos Eduardo, driving the #24 NGT Motorsport Porsche 911. A pit violation in qualifying left him at the back of the field, leading to a very exciting day.

“It was part picking people off, part just being consistent,” said Eduardo. “Guys were making a lot of mistakes, but I was fortunate to have a good start, be fast and consistent. The heat was amazing, I thought I was going to faint in the car at the end. But I’m happier than ever, to start from last and finish first.”



The Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama features semi-professional drivers racing head to head in one of the world's most successful race cars, the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car. As a developmental series designed to prepare drivers and teams for professional careers in sports car racing, the multi-class structure of the series teaches drivers essential skills for an eventual career in the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón.

The series is broken into two classes, with the Platinum Cup Class featuring the more powerful 2010 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup Car. The Gold Cup Class includes 2005 ½ - 2009 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup cars.

The Speed TV production of Rounds 5 and 6 of the Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama is scheduled to air on Sunday, July 18th at 1:00am EDT (Round 6 is scheduled for tomorrow at 11:10 am EDT). The season continues July 9 - 11, with Rounds 7 and 8 held in conjunction with the Larry H. Miller Dealerships Utah Grand Prix at Miller Motorsports Park.

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