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NGT MOTORSPORT HAS VICTORY AND HEARTBREAK AT MID-OHIO

LEXINGTON, OH August 6 – NGT Motorsport arrived at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course with one thing on their minds – victory. Currently sitting at the top of the Gold Cup Class championship of the Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama, the team brought five entries to Round 9 of the series. But with competition fierce and only a few race left in the season, the team and the drivers knew they would have to fight to win.

After a full day of testing on Thursday, all 5 NGT drivers took to the track for qualifying for Round 9 on Friday morning. Carlos Eduardo had his #24 machine up to speed in no time, setting a 1:27.117 after only 4 laps. Teammate and current Gold Cup Class Championship leader, #26 Henrique Cisneros, also had a great run, with a 1:27.719. Henrique's brother, #29 Eduardo Cisneros, was close behind, posting a 1:28.048, while teammate #27 Ludovico Manfredi tried to chase him down and set a 1:28.169. Andres Cisneros flew his #25 around the 2.4-mile track to close out the NGT Motorsport group, setting a 1:30.305.

As the qualifying session came to an end, NGT Motorsport took the Gold Cup Class pole position with Carlos Eduardo's fastest lap, while Henrique claimed the fifth-in-class position. Eduardo and Ludovico secured the eighth and ninth positions, respectively, and Andres finished in the top thirteen. Of the qualifying session, the team unanimously agreed, "The competition is tough, and we really have to dig deep for this next race." But as always, NGT knows that while being first is ideal, making it to the checkered flag is even more important.

Carlos Eduardo started Round 9 of the Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama in the second row, and a good start gave Carlos the view he likes – at the front of his class. The battle between #24 Carlos Eduardo and the #14 Amadeo Quiros II (AASCO Motorsports) was shaping up to be a race-long duel, until a mechanical issue on Quiros's car caused him to slow in front of Carlos in turn one, sending the #24 Porsche into an evasive move that resulted in a crash into the tire wall. Although Carlos escaped major injuries, his car was damaged and unable to finish the race.

The Gold Cup lead was inherited by Carlos's teammate and championship leader #26 Henrique Cisneros. But it was all Henrique could do to keep his attention on the task at hand, as he worried about his teammate.

As the checkered flag waved on the 45-minute race, Henrique Cisneros drove his #26 to another Gold Cup Class victory, while #27 Ludovico Manfredi was not far behind, giving him a P-5 finish. Eduardo Cisneros drove a flawless race in the #29, achieving a P-7 finish, while brother Andres avoided multiple incidents and laid claim to a P-11 finish in his #25 NGT Motorsport Porsche.

"For the most part, the race was a lot of fun," said Henrique. "We always knew there would be a lot of yellow flags, it's a very tough track. But it's a very bittersweet win for me, after seeing my teammate crash. I was arguing with my team owner, Ramez Wahab, the whole time; I wanted to come in to the pit to check on Carlos and yet I'm very excited about a win! It was similar to the Utah race, when Kendall and I were neck and neck the whole time. Fortunately for me, he had a little wiggle and I was able to pass him and secure my first victory."

Despite the unfortunate destruction of the #24 NGT Motorsport Porsche 911 GT3 Cup Car, the team rejoiced in the sweetness of their victory and in the knowledge that their teammate, Carlos Eduardo, was fine.

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