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REVISED ROUND 9 - SCHEIN EARNS FIRST VICTORY, CISNEROS EXTENDS GOLD CUP CHAMPIONSHIP LEAD

LEXINGTON, OHIO (August 6, 2010) -- Michael Schein won his first ever Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama in only his seventh race in the series today, holding off veteran Darrell Carlisle, after polesitter Ross Smith spun off the track on Lap 9 at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Challenge.

Schein, driving the #21 Alex Job Racing Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car, saw Smith (#5 Maxwell Paper Racing) spin off in turn one and knew the difficulty was ahead – keeping the driver who has spent much of the season in second place in the point standings, #92 Darrell Carlisle (Kelly-Moss Racing).

“It’s awesome!” said Schein, of his victory. “The restarts made things tricky – every restart, you have to slow down and your tires get dirty. The first restart I locked up coming into turn one and from then on out, I made sure things were clean and up to temperature. I didn’t make that mistake again!”

Carlisle, while hoping for his second victory of the season, was happy to take second place, knowing Smith, the championship leader, would take home ninth place points from the race.

“That’s what we’re here for, the championship,” said Carlisle. “Every race is important, you want to win every race, that would have been great, but I’ll take the points and go to Round 10. This is tough course to pass on, there are only a couple of zones to do it in, and Michael was good in those places.”

The battle in Gold Cup between #24 Carlos Eduardo (NGT Motorsport) and #14 Amadeo Quiros II (AASCO Motorsports) was shaping up to be a race-long duel, until a mechanical issue on Quiros’ car caused him to slow in front of Eduardo in turn one, sending Eduardo into an evasive move that ended in the tire barrier.

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

“For the most part, the race was a lot of fun,” said Cisneros. “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 manager the whole time, I wanted to come to the pit (to check on Eduardo). But I’m very excited about a win! It was very tough today – it was similar to the Utah race, when Kendall and I were neck and neck the whole time. Fortunately for me, on lap one, he had a little wiggle and I was able to pass him. “

Finishing in third place and on the podium of his first-ever Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama was Cincinnati resident, #15 Kasey Kuhlman (Kuhlsport/Wright Motorsports).

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"I knew there was an outside possibility (for a podium) if I kept it clean, but I'm sorry it was at the misfortune of the other drivers," said Kuhlman. "But I got on the bumper of the guy in front of me, figuring I'd wait right there for him to make a mistake. It's the closest racing I've ever had – I was two inches away from the guy in front of me the whole time."

#47 John Baker (ORBIT Racing) wins the Yokohama Hard Charger award, coming up through the field from 17th starting position to finish 9th overall (sixth in Platinum Cup).

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 2005½ - 2009 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup cars.

The Speed TV production of Rounds 9 and 10 of the Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama is scheduled to air on September 5 at 1:00am EDT (Rounds 7 and 8 from Utah will air this Sunday morning at 1:00 am EDT).

The 2010 season of the Patrón GT3 Challenge continues August 20-22, with Rounds 11 and 12 at the Time Warner Cable Road Race Showcase at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Follow along on the race weekend at www.gt3timing.com and visit www.imsachallenge.com for the latest track schedule, television information and updates.

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