



Schein Third and MacNeil Fifth in AJR Porsche IMSA GT3 at Mosport

Mosport, Ont. Can., (July 24, 2011) - Alex Job Racing's (AJR) Michael Schein and Cooper MacNeil had a very successful weekend at the IMSA GT3 Challenge by Yokohama Series races run at Mosport International Raceway. Both drivers were able to rebound in the second race to make a big improvement from the race on Saturday.

In qualifying, Schein, from Glen Cove, New York, posted a time of 1:23.884 that had him starting his No. 21 Alex Job Racing/Porsche GT3 from the third row for the first race. Teammate Cooper MacNeil, from Hinsdale, Illinois, qualified his No. 20 WeatherTech.ca/Alex Job Racing/Porsche GT3 in tenth with a time of 1:24.191 good for a fifth row starting position.

In the first race the AJR duo both had good starts. On lap two Schein made a great pass into Turn One to take the fifth position. Three laps later, in Turn Three, MacNeil was caught on the outside of the turn and spun, relegating him to the back of the pack. After the first of two yellows, Schein had contact in Turn 5B, was able to keep the car on track, but was shuffled back to ninth place where he finished. MacNeil took the opportunity to pit following his spin as he was at the back of the field for tires. He was able to make-up 11 positions to finish the first race in 16th place.

In the second race Schein started third and MacNeil ninth, based upon their fastest race lap from the first event. Schein was pressured in the early going but was able to stave off the aggression of his pursuers to take his first podium position of the year finishing in third. MacNeil proved to be the aggressor of the race moving up to fifth from his ninth place starting position to put both AJR Porsches in the top five.

"After practice things were looking really good," Schein said. "I put in a quick lap which was good enough for second. In qualifying I was really encouraged, I thought I would be right up there. However, in the qualifying session I wasn't able to beat my practice time, I was about a tenth slower. That was only good enough for sixth, which was disappointing. The track lost some grip, maybe from higher air temperature. I had to struggle to get that time in qualifying, in practice it was easier to turn those laps. In the first race I had a good start, got up into fifth. I was running well, the top five guys were in a tight pack. Pena and Cisneros got into it in Turn Five and I saw an opportunity to come down the inside and then Pena cut across my bow and I was able to push him out of the way and continue. It dropped me back a couple spots.

It was good to be back on the podium," Schein said of the second race. "I was getting pressured pretty hard from Pena (Fernando car 38) behind early and then he spun in five and that helped out. I tried to catch the first and second place guys, but they were out of there. It is good to have a solid run and be back on the podium."

MacNeil had a full weekend trying to learn his way around the 2.5-mile, 10-turn natural terrain circuit located north of Toronto.

"This is my first time here at Mosport," MacNeil said. "I was shorted on practice and the test day. With little practice time that is a tough way to learn a track, especially this one. In practice I was learning the track and where everything was. In qualifying I was eight-tenths off of the pole and tenth. That was surprising, it's a close field. The car was great in the race. I was going for an outside pass into Turn Three and got into the marbles on the outside, the car didn't stick and I spun. It was my mistake. Other than that the car was good.

The second race was a lot cleaner than I thought it would be," MacNeil said of the second race. "The WeatherTech.ca/Alex Job car was really good at the start and throughout the race. I did develop a slight understeer issue toward the end, but I managed to work through it. It was a good race for the points and for the team."

Team owner Alex Job is happy with the team's IMSA GT3 weekend.

"We had a good weekend with Michael and Cooper," Job said. "We kind of missed it in qualifying. With all of the cars equal it is very difficult to make up ground in the race. However we were battling the heat and the grip level of the track. In the first race both cars had incidents with Michael having a car spinning in front of him and Cooper going wide in Turn Three. In the second race Michael did a good job to keep a steady pace and run strong to finish on the podium. Cooper had a very good run moving up to fifth from ninth. Putting two in the top five is a successful weekend."