

RML Media Information

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RML MG Lola wins LMP2 at Nurburgring 1000 km's

The RML driver pairing of Mike Newton and Thomas Erdos secured a memorable LMP2 victory in the Nurburgring 1000 kilometers today for Round 3 of the 2007 Le Mans Series.

In a race where few cars encountered the usual problems, it was an especially sweet win for the Wellingborough-based team. The knowledge that they had beaten tough opposition on pace alone came as rich reward after the disappointment of missing out on a hat-trick of class wins in the Le Mans 24 Hours just a fortnight ago. That sensation also came as some recompense for the many occasions over the past two seasons when near-certain victory has been snatched away at the last moment by a bizarre failure or unforeseen mishap. This time, against one of the toughest grids yet amassed for the Le Mans Series, the RML AD Group MG EX264 swept through from start to finish in a supreme demonstration of pit lane efficiency and unbeatable pace.

Following on from claiming pole on Saturday, Thomas Erdos drove a faultless first double-stint. The red, white and blue MG lead the LMP2 class all the way, save for a three-lap break created by an early pitstop for fuel, and he handed over at the end of two hours with a lead of over a minute from the second-placed Quifel ASM Lola.

Mike Newton, who had already demonstrated a considerable improvement in speed during free practice, maintained that level of pace for the next third of the race. Lapping consistently and without drama, he was able to hand back the MG for the final two hours with the advantage comfortably intact. It then rested with Thomas Erdos to steer the car home; a feat he achieved with considerable finesse, not only extending the lead, but setting a new race lap record along the way of 1:49.031

"That was absolutely brilliant!" said an overjoyed Erdos. "This is why we do what we do. To come here and beat the opposition purely on pace alone is a great feeling. The car was perfect, and it was a simple fact that nobody had an answer to what we were able to do."

Adam Wiseberg, Motorsport Director for AD Group, shared that exuberance. "What a performance by everyone in the team", he said. "The pit crew, the team manager, and most of all, the two drivers. What they have achieved today is simply remarkable. That first double-stint from Tommy broke the back of the opposition, and a cool, mature drive from Mike maintained the advantage. This has been a fantastic race to win, not least because it has come as a result of our maintaining a faster pace than everyone else."

Part of that credit must go to the pit crew. The RML MG spent less time in the pits than any other car save one, and that achievement was wholly down to the efficiency and experience of the engineers and mechanics servicing the car. "The guys achieved some excellent pitstops", agreed Phil Barker, Team Manager at RML. "The car was consistent, and both drivers were on top of their game, and it was a great all-round performance."

Mike Newton could not take the smile off his face. "We wondered at the start of the year if we would be able to match the pace of the new chassis and drivers line-ups when we came to a race where everyone ran clean and strong. We quite expected we'd have to settle for second, or worse. This has been that race, and yet we've won, on pace alone. Up against the toughest opposition, we've beaten them all, and that feels very, very good."

The next round is at Spa-Francorchamps in Belgium on August 19th. After the rush of the last ten days, since Le Mans, the next few weeks will come as a welcome break for the team.

Top Results in LMP2

Pos No. Overall Team Driver Car Distance

1	25	6	RML AD Group	Erdos/Newton	MG Lola EX264	189 laps
2	32	7	Barazi Epsilon	Vergers/Ojeh/Barazi	Zytek 07S	187 laps
3	40	10	Quifel ASM	Amaral/de Castro/Burgueno	Lola B05/40 AER	187 laps
4	27	11	Horag Racing	Lienhard/Theys/Van der Poele	Lola B05/40 Judd	186 laps
5	45	13	Embassy Racing	Hughes/Cunningham	Radical SR9 AER	185 laps
6	31	14	Binnie Motorsports	Binnie/Timpany/Buncombe	Lola B05/40 Zytek	183 laps
7	35	15	Saulnier Racing	Nicolet/Filhol/Jouanny	Courage LC75 AER	182 laps
8	20	30	Pierre Bruneau	Rostan/Bruneau/Pullan	Pillbeam MP93 Judd	170 laps
9	21	35	Bruichladdich	Moseley/Greaves	Radical SR9 AER	165 laps
10	29	42	T2M Motorsport	Longechal/Yamagishi	Dome S101.5 Mader	159 laps
11	44	NC	Kruse Motorsport	Burgess/de Pourtales/Siedler	Pescarolo C60 Judd	151 laps

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<http://www.mg-lola.co.uk>

AD Group Background

The AD Group is the principal sponsor to the RML Le Mans Series and Le Mans 24 Hour LMP2 team.

AD Group with its headquarters in Warrington, England, was established in 1997, its primary objective being to create and bring to market leading edge CCTV solutions. The pioneering nature of the Group's products, with the emphasis very much on R&D, has undoubtedly been a critical element in AD's success to date.

AD's growth has been remarkable, with turnover soaring from £930k in 1998 to £93 million in 2004, a fact recognised when the Group came out on top in the prestigious Deloitte Indy 100 award for the UK's fastest growing companies.

The principal shareholder of AD is Mike Newton who founded UK CCTV giant Dedicated Micros in 1982 which ranks No1 globally for multi channel digital video recorders. In 2001 Dedicated Micros became an integral part of AD Group. Since that time all AD companies have been able to take advantage of a shared technology base, offering the potential for flexible CCTV solutions on the ground, in the air and on the move. Members of AD Group include: AD Aerospace, AD Aviation, AD Network Video, ChipWrights, Dennard, Dedicated Micros, D-Tec, RemGuard, TSS and TES. More information on AD is available at www.ad-group.co.uk.

RML Group Background

The RML Group comprises six divisions; Motorsport, Automotive, Engines, Historic, X-Power and X-Pro.

Based in Northamptonshire, England the company's 4,300 square metre facility includes full design, development, manufacturing and operational support for automotive engineering projects.

RML has achieved success in a diverse range of motorsport categories including GT/sportscars, touring cars, rally cars, single seaters and oval speedway cars. In 2006 RML teams are competing in the FIA World Touring Car Championship, the Le Mans 24 Hours and the Le Mans Series.

RML work together with a number of specialist official suppliers and technical partners including Autoglym - www.autoglym.co.uk, Beissbarth UK - www.beissbarth.co.uk, DuPont Refinish - www.dupontrefinish.com and Chicago Pneumatic - www.cp.com.

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