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NGT MOTORSPORT FINDS GREAT SUCCESS AT ROAD AMERICA, DOUBLE PODIUM FINISHES

ELKHART LAKE, WI August 22 – After two podium finishes the day before, NGT Motorsport was ready for more, anxious to start Round 12 of the Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama and determined to widen the gap on their claim to the Gold Cup Class Championship.

With perfect weather on hand, the drivers lined up for the second 45-minute race of the weekend around the 4.048-mile long track. As the green flag waved, Carlos Eduardo was once again quick off the start, sandwiched between two Platinum Cup Cars. Teammate #26 Henrique Cisneros and competitor #14 Amadeo Quiros, II, also had great starts, and began their battle for the P-2 position. But a miscalculation from the #33 Platinum Cup car entry of Peter LeSaffre bunched up Henrique, and gave competitor #14 Amadeo Quiros, II, a chance to sneak by. Now Carlos Eduardo, who had been holding fast to his P-1 position, had a mirror full of the #14.

As his teammates waged their battle, #27 Ludovico Manfredi was facing his own fight, starting in the ninth position. Ludovico was once again the victim of race traffic as slower Platinum Cup Class cars continued to block his passes. However, a spin by one of the 2010 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup cars gave Ludovico his golden opportunity, and he was able to maneuver past the mêlée and up several positions.

The race continued to heat up, and Carlos Eduardo felt the pressure from #14 Amadeo Quiros, II. As the two Gold Cup cars came around the corner, Amadeo was able to get past Carlos, securing his place in the P-1 position. Said Carlos, "I could see Amadeo coming after me, and there was no question he kept the pressure on. But he made his pass clean, and really ran a great race."

Meanwhile, #26 Henrique Cisneros was holding on to the third place position, but unable to move up as he was split between two Platinum Cup Class competitors. "It's a tough place to race in," said Henrique. "Once you get in a position to pass a Platinum Cup Class car, it's really hard to execute because they have more horsepower than the Gold Cup Class cars."

As the checkered flag flew, Carlos couldn't get back by the #14, but secured a P-2 podium finish for his second podium of the weekend. "It was a great race," said Carlos. "I can't thank my team enough for giving me such an amazing car, and for my teammate – Eduardo – letting me borrow his car. This team is the best." Teammate #26 Henrique Cisneros took home a P-3 finish, also his second podium of the weekend, and widened his lead on the overall Gold Cup Class championship. Said Henrique, "I'm thrilled with both of my finishes this weekend, but it's still not over. We have to keep up this momentum and race hard." Ludovico Manfredi drove his #27 home for a P-7 finish, after remarkably moving through traffic, avoiding incidents, and advancing six positions in the overall grid.

Rounds 11 and 12 will be broadcast on SPEED TV Sunday, September 19 at 1:00am EDT. Check your local listings for more information.

NGT Motorsport will have their final opportunity to secure the Gold Cup Class championship at Road Atlanta, with Rounds 13 and 14 of the Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama at the 13th Annual Petit Le Mans on September 29 – October 2. Visit www.imsachallenge.com for a complete schedule of events.

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