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NGT MOTORSPORT WINS CHAMPIONSHIP, ENDS SEASON WITH MULTIPLE PODIUMS

BRASELTON, GA October 6 – With the championship still undecided, NGT Motorsport took to Road Atlanta and the 13th Annual Petit Le Mans Powered by Mazda 2 with one thing on their minds: points. And after 2 races and a season-long battle for the title, NGT Motorsport left Road Atlanta as 2010 Champions.

Thursday morning was wet and slick as qualifying began, and it was clear that the competition was going to be tough. Competitor and championship-runner Kendall Smith managed to put down a 1:35.916 around the 2.54-mile track, taking the Gold Cup Class pole. But NGT was close behind with #24 Carlos Eduardo only 4-tenths behind Kendall, and #26 Henrique Cisneros 1-tenth behind Carlos. Eduardo Cisneros took his #29 NGT Porsche around the track with a 1:38.543, securing him the 5th qualifying spot, while teammates #27 Ludovico Manfredi and #25 Andres Cisneros both claimed the seventh and eighth qualifying spots, respectively. As qualifying ended, there was no doubt that Round 13 of the Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama was going to be close, with all NGT Motorsport competitors sitting in the top eight starting positions, poised to claim the championship.

The green flag dropped on Round 13 of the Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama later Thursday afternoon, and the pressure was not lost on NGT. As Henrique explained, "Round 13 was so important for us. I knew that if I finished ahead of Kendall, I could win the Gold Cup Championship, but Kendall had the pole position. Just getting around him was going to be tough." But after only a few laps around the 12-turn road course, contact between Kendall and another competitor gave Henrique the opening he needed. Teammate Carlos Eduardo also took advantage of the situation, slipping past Kendall.

As the checkered flag flew, NGT Motorsport had the #26 in second and the #24 in third place on the podium, and Henrique Cisneros had clinched the 2010 Gold Cup Class Championship for the Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama. "It is an unbelievable feeling," remarked Henrique. "But I could never have done it without my team. Our crew is so dedicated, and they always give us the best cars, and my teammates are so encouraging – we push one another to be better, and it's definitely paid off." Henrique was the only driver to score points in each Race of the 2010 Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama.

Henrique wasn't the only one celebrating. Teammate #24 Carlos Eduardo took third place in Round 13, and third place in the championship. "I'm so happy for Henrique, and for our whole team," said Carlos. "We have worked very hard, and this championship win makes it all worth it." Carlos was also awarded the 2010 BBS Fast Lap Award, for having achieved the most pole positions and fast laps in the 2010 Season.

Although the championship had been decided before the final Round had been raced, NGT Motorsport stayed focused on Round 14. On the first lap, an incident collected the #26 of Henrique and the #29 of brother Eduardo, ending the race early for both drivers. And with only 4 laps to go, #24 Carlos Eduardo was also pushed off track and out of the running. Yet NGT Motorsport still found their way to the podium, this time with the #27 of Ludovico Manfredi. Manfredi achieved a second place finish – his first podium of the season – as well as the Yokohama Hard Charger award, after he moved up seven positions on the grid.

NGT Motorsport had an incredible 2010 season, with 13 podiums in 14 Rounds, 7 BBS Fast Lap Pole Awards, 3 Yokohama Hard Charger Awards, and the Gold Cup Class Championship. As for the 2011 season? Says Team Manager, Ramez Wahab, "We are already preparing."

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