



OAK Racing promoted to the podium after Spa disqualifications.



Matthieu Lahaye and Karim Ajlani drove a mistake-free race for the entire Spa 1000kms despite overheating problems, which slowed their progress from the mid-point of the race. The second round of the Le Mans Series, set on the famous circuit in the Belgian Ardennes mountains, was a race full of potential pitfalls, but the two youngsters didn't make any errors despite various incidents, a dirty track and several lengthy Safety Car periods.

The #35 OAK Racing Pescarolo-Mazda of Matthieu Lahaye and Karim Ajlani has been awarded an LMP2 podium finish at the **third place** in the Spa 1000kms after a number of disqualifications following post-race scrutineering.

The #29 Racing Box Lola-Judd and #32 Team Barazi Epsilon Zytek, which finished third and fourth, have both been excluded from the official results after being found to have failed to comply with the series' technical regulations. The #26 Bruichladdich Bruneau Radical SR9, which finished sixth in the original LMP2 results, has also been disqualified.



The news not only gives OAK Racing their first podium finish of the season, but also the team's first with new partners Mazda, for whom John Doonan, competitions manager for North America, was present at Spa supporting the team. It also represents a maiden Le Mans Series podium finish for Syrian driver Karim Ajlani, who joined the French team this season.

OAK Racing, Team Mazda France has now moved into fifth in the teams' standings with eight points, just three behind championship leaders Team Essex.

Revised LMP2 Results – Spa 1000kms - LMP2 classification:

- 1) #31 Team Essex - Elgaard, Poulsen, Collard - Porsche RS Spyder, 139 laps – 11 pts
- 2) #33 Speedy Racing - Pompidou, Kane, Leuenberger - Lola Judd, +19.629sec – 8 pts
- 3) #35 OAK Racing - Lahaye, Ajlani - Pescarolo Mazda - 132 laps – 6-2=4 pts
- 4) #38 Pegasus Racing - Schell, Thirion - Courage-Oreca AER - 127 laps – 5 pts
- 5) #39 KSM - Noda, Sini, Marsh – Lola Mazda - 115 laps – 4 pts
- 6) #37 WR Salini – Salini, Salini, Gommendy – WR Zytek – 3 pts
- 7) #40 Quifel ASM Team – Amaral, Pla – Ginetta Zytek – 101 laps – 2pts

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LMP2 Teams' standings and LMP2 Drivers' standings (after two rounds) are on www.oak-racing.com. For further information, please contact: corine.blouquy@scapa.com

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