



## A Good Show for the Home Crowd

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Bowmanville, Ontario (July 11, 2015)** – The MBRP Inc. No. 80 Camaro Z/28.R of Martin Barkey and Kyle Marcelli challenged for the lead and proved it was a contender for victory at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park.



The two-hour, 30-minute race featured five yellow flags, and the caution periods played into the team’s race strategy. In the first hour of the race, the No. 80 and sister car No. 8 were at the front of the pack in the Grand Sport class, with Wilkins and Marcelli dueling for the lead. The two cars were on a different pit strategy than the rest of the field and pitted with 30 minutes under green, dropping in position.

Both Marcelli and Wilkins recovered to their respective finishes, hoping the leading cars would have to pit for fuel and tires.

*“It was a good showing for Mantella Autosport for both cars to be up front for a good portion of the race,”* Marcelli said. *“I had a lot of fun. It*

*was tough. We had a lot of work to do going into the race. To lead a good portion of it was a lot of fun and was a good show for the home crowd. It proved to myself that I’m capable and proved to the team that we are capable.”*

*“Our strategy was a bit different from the leaders, so we were always a bit off-sequence. The difficult thing here is passing. It’s such a fast track and there are two brake zones, and if you’re defensive through there, it’s like follow the leader. I threw a ‘Hail Mary’ and got side-by-side with our sister car a couple of times. But overall it was a good showing, and I’m happy with our result.”*

Barkey and Marcelli were hoping to best their top finish of fourth place, posted in mid-March at Sebring International Raceway. But their sixth place finish encouraged the team and showed progress.

*“Overall, it was a great race,”* Barkey said. *“Kyle and I both are happy with our driving. The team provided a great car. Hats off to Mantella Autosport. We started the race off battling back in seventh, eighth and ninth. We had a great race with the guys in the No. 41 Nissan, and between Anthony and I working together and being able to fend off the Nissan, I was able to find a position on Anthony. We just continued to work together and work our way through.*

*“The first pit stop we found ourselves in second and third, and later on in the race Kyle and Mark found first and second. I think it was a really good showing. We’ve probably got over 100 guests here as a team, and we’re excited to put on a good show for everybody. I think we finished where we needed to. It would have been nice to finish a little higher in the finish, but it was good race.”*

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