

Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (Trois-Rivières, Quebec) August 12, 2013 – The seventh and eighth rounds of the Ultra 94 Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada by Michelin featured two 45 minute races, one running on Saturday and the second Sunday with cool, 17-22 degree temperatures and windy, overcast conditions. Race conditions were quite different from the 27 degree temperatures experienced during the Thursday and Friday practice sessions.

The Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières 2.433 km long temporary street circuit is well known for the unique challenges it presents to drivers and the two practice sessions provided valuable seat time to sort out the intricacies of the course. As an added bonus, legendary racer and Canadian Motorsport Hall of Famer Richard Spenard shared with Martin his insights into negotiating the course faster.

With the qualifying session running early Saturday morning, Martin posted his best lap time on his 12th lap of the 30 minute session. The team decided to wait out the balance of the session knowing it was a significant improvement in time from what he posted in his first two practice sessions around the famed temporary street course. Martin placed himself 3rd in the Gold class and 14th overall for the start of race one.



Right from the 1st lap Martin knew his challenge would be the course rather than his more experienced fellow competitors. But as the race progressed Martin gained greater knowledge of the track, improving his lap times the deeper into the race he went. Martin brought the car home third in class behind car number 50 and the number 07, placing him 14th overall.

The second race saw Martin gain greater command of the course, posting his best time of the weekend in the 28th Lap. As with the first race he finished the race third in class and 14th overall.

"It was a good event though not my best. I am satisfied with the two 3rd place finishes. The team had the car working well yet I felt like I was wrestling with this track. It's tight and narrow with very little grip. This being the team's first street course race it was a blast," said Martin Barkey, Garage Racing's team owner and driver following the weekend's event. *"I would also like to say "thanks" to Richard Spenard for the coaching he provided. Now it's up to me to connect the dots..."*

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Garage Racing's next action will be the final two races of the 2013 Ultra 94 GT3 Cup Challenge Canada by Michelin Series September 6-8 at the Calabogie Motorsports Park, Calabogie, Ontario.

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