

## PODIUM FEST IN ESTORIL FOR GRAFF



GRAFF managed to step on the podium of the 4 races the team entered in Estoril (Portugal) on the  $4^{th}$  round of Ultimate Cup Series.

## **Single seaters**

While all private practice and collective tests took place on a dry track, it started to rain just before qualifying which took place on a wet track. In those conditions, Paul Trojani set a great performance, scoring pole position over 1 second ahead of P2.

Race 1 took place on a wet track and despite a race interruption for a few minutes, Paul finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, ahead of his main championship rival. Race 2 took place on a dry track and also had a race interruption. Nevertheless, Paul defended his place against Gaspard Le Gallais and took his 8<sup>th</sup> win of the season. Despite starting on pole for race 3, he had to settle for P2 after a hard fight on track. Paul left Estoril extending his lead over his main rival for the title.

## Prototypes

For the second weekend in a row, the Ligier JSP320 n°39 was driven by Vincent Capillaire, Stephan Rupp and Nicolas Chartier. Following a qualifying session which took place in changing conditions, the crew started the race from P9 on the grid, 3<sup>rd</sup> in LMP3.

After a perfect first stint, Stephan Rupp passed the wheel to Nicolas Chartier while running P7 overall and P2 in LMP3 category. Right before the end of his stint, Nicolas even managed to get the lead of the category before Stephan jumped in the car again for another perfect stint. In the last hour, Vincent Capillaire had to observe a penalty for track limits infringement. As the rain started to fall in the last minutes, Vincent crossed the line 6<sup>th</sup> overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> in LMP3, offering GRAFF's first podium of the year in Ultimate Cup Series Proto Endurance Challenge.

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**Pascal Rauturier**, Team Manager: "It was a positive weekend where the drivers' and the team's work were perfectly aligned and got us podiums in each race we entered. We are still leading the F3 championship with Paul Trojani and the next round in Magny-Cours will be decisive for the title race."

The next race in Ultimate Cup Series will take place in Magny-Cours on October 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>.



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