

## DOUBLE PODIUM FOR GRAFF RACING AT THE 4 HOURS OF DUBAI





#8 line up, Fabrice Rossello / François Heriau / Xavier Lloveras finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in both first races of the Asian Le Mans Series in Dubai (UAE). Everything remains possible to obtain an invitation to the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

Setting the 2<sup>nd</sup> best time in Free-Practice, car #8 (Fabrice Rossello, François Hériau and Xavier Lloveras) had great ambitions for the two 4-hour races of Dubai. However, qualifying results were eventually below expectations with a P9 on the grid. Nevertheless, the two races happened without major issue and they allowed #8 to recover both times to P2, less that 3 seconds off the leaders. Those two positive races announce a tight battle for the title.

Regarding car #9 led by Eric Trouillet, Sébastien Page and Belén Garcia, despite good starts and pace matching the leaders by the end of the races, several race incidents did not allow the strategy to unfold perfectly for that car. Ligier JSP320 #9 ended up 8<sup>th</sup> of both races in Dubai.

**Xavier Lloveras**, driver #8: "The week-end was really good. We knew we had a strong line-up and we did a very good job in both races despite starting further than expected. We finished twice in P2, both times very close to P1 and I am sure the win will come in Abu Dhabi. We are definitely in the fight for the championship."

**Fabrice Rossello**, driver #8: "I am very happy about this week in Dubai even with the small margins against P1. We know the most important is consistency in this championship. We will take a couple of days to rest before Abu Dhabi and come back for the win and the title."

**François Hériau**, driver #8: "The weekend went well. We scored big points for the championship and victory had never been closer to us. We show we are in the mix despite a setback in qualifying and we maximise situations, strategy and race pace. We are well placed in the championship and it's the most important before going to Abu Dhabi."

**Belén Garcia**, driver #9: "Fantastic first weekend in this championship. I really enjoyed the races with the two-hour stints, traffic management and all the new concepts about this car. Luck was not on our side but as a team we did a really good job and we will keep pushing for results to come."

**Sébastien Page**, driver #9: "We have had a difficult start of the weekend and it took us time to get into rhythm. For Abu Dhabi, we will be better prepared to achieve better results and I would like to thank Team Graff for their work which allowed us to bring both cars home trouble free all weekend."



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**Eric Trouillet**, driver #9: "After this weekend, we have great ambitions for Abu Dhabi. There will be no proper night running and this will fit our line-up better. We will be able to achieve better performances and get better results."

**Pascal Rauturier**, Team Manager: "#8 had two solid races. We are second in the championship, we can still hope for that invitation to the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Drivers and staff of Graff will give their best in Abu Dhabi to reach that target."

In the standings, car #8 is second in the LMP3 rankings, only 4 points behind the leaders before the finale in Abu Dhabi. #9 stands  $\$10^{th}$ . Everything is still possible in this title race which offer an invitation to the 24 Hours of Le Mans.



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