

## Miguel Ramos and Guilherme Oliveira secured pole position at Paul Ricard, but issues with the alternator prevented them from achieving a podium finish.

Guilherme Oliveira and Miguel Ramos started by being the fastest in qualifying for the opening race of the GT World Challenge Europe Endurance Cup calendar, held at the French track of Paul Ricard. During the race, the Portuguese drivers were in contention for podium positions, but a problem with the alternator of the McLaren 720S GT3 EVO forced a long pit stop, relegating the drivers of the British Garage 59 team to last place in the Bronze Cup.

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Although the result fell short of expectations, the truth is that Guilherme Oliveira and Miguel Ramos confirmed at Paul Ricard that they are strong contenders for victory in the GT World Challenge Europe Endurance Cup, among the Bronze Cup teams.

***"We weren't lucky in the race, but in France, we confirmed that they have to count on us in the fight for victories in the Bronze Cup. The line-up is excellent, the car is competitive, and the team is very professional," emphasized Guilherme Oliveira.***

However, as the young driver admits, the outcome of the inaugural race of the world's most competitive GT championship ***"did not meet expectations. After being the fastest in qualifying among the Bronze Cup teams, we were clearly expecting to achieve at least a podium finish. Right in the first lap, Miguel Ramos (who started the race) was the victim of a collision, and the car was left with body damage and was quite unstable in the fast corners. When I took my turn to drive, I was determined to fight for the front positions, and when I was already in the third virtual position, the McLaren's alternator gave out. The problem was only resolved with a long pit stop, and when we returned to the track, we were already more than 30 laps behind the leaders. Races are like that, but I know that in the next ones, we will be luckier."***





Miguel Ramos stated: ***"We started the race in first place in the Bronze class, but right in the first lap, we suffered a collision and dropped to last place. Despite the damage to the front splitter, which made it very difficult to drive in high-speed corners, we made a good recovery. The podium was possible, but due to a failure in the alternator, we were forced to retire. It wasn't a good day for us, but thank you to my two teammates, Tom (Fleming) and Guilherme (Oliveira), for the good work. I will be back in the Algarve, between April 25 and 27, for the first race of the International GT Open..."***

Guilherme Oliveira, Miguel Ramos, and Thomas Fleming, the British driver who completes the lineup racing with the number 188 on the doors of the McLaren, will return to the tracks on May 13 and 14 for the Prologue of the 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps.

Regards

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