



RACE UPDATE 2: POSITIVE SATURDAY FOR LARBRE COMPETITION AS LE MANS 24 HOURS CLOSES ON MID-WAY POINT

French endurance racing legend Larbre Competition heads into the halfway stage of the 24 Hours of Le Mans 18th in the LMP2 class, having had no issues for its #50 Ligier JS P217 during Saturday night and the early hours of Sunday, with strong performances by its 2018 driver trio.

As dark settled over the historic Circuit de la Sarthe, Thomas Dagoneau climbed on board the #50 machine and completed three consistent and error-free stints, as he got his first taste of Le Mans since making his debut in 2013.

Romano Ricci then took over for his second triple stint of the race and ran at a strong pace throughout, which was made even more impressive by the fact the Frenchman had little practice during the night qualifying sessions.

With Saturday nearing its close, Le Mans debutant Erwin Creed got back behind the wheel of the Val de Vienne-based squad's Ligier and set personal best lap times, whilst making no mistakes throughout his triple stint.

Romano Ricci: "It's been a very smooth race so far, with no major incidents whatsoever. We have stuck to the plan and listened to Jack Leconte's advice. The whole team is doing a very good job and the pace is really solid. We can be proud of what we have achieved so far and now we must survive the night, once we get through this and the early hours of Sunday morning, then we can start to get excited about the finish."

Erwin Creed: "I put in a lot of laps during the night qualifying practice sessions to

ensure I was best prepared for this stage of the race. It definitely paid off and I was happy with my performance. The Ligier JS P217 is working very well and although we are not the fastest in class, we are very consistent and this is what we need to aim for. We're now close to the halfway stage, so it's important to be well rested when we're not driving to ensure we achieve our goal of reaching the end."

Thomas Dagonneau: "There were a few slow zones and caution periods during my time in the car, but unlike in the pre-race qualifying sessions I did manage to get a lot of running at full pace. The car is set-up well, we've found a good balance that works for all three of us. The whole team is doing a fantastic job, we're all quite close in terms of performance and there's a good camaraderie between us. We are completely focused and just taking it step-by-step."



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