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RACE UPDATE 2: LARBRE COMPETITION MAKES PROGRESS IN 2019 LE MANS 24 HOURS

Larbre Competition has made good progress as night fell over the Le Mans circuit, with the French squad making up places after a steady start.

Following a comfortable opening to the 87th running of the Le Mans 24 Hours, Nicholas Boulle made up two places to 21st overall during another triple stint as the sun set, while also surviving a brief downpour around the back of the venue without needing a switch to wet tyres.

Romano Ricci took over driving duties and consolidated 22nd but, after another solid run, had to be brought in early having suffered a slow puncture, Larbre's second of the race. However, the team had better fortune than it did earlier in the day, as a well-timed safety car allowed the Val de Vienne-based squad to do a pit stop and change drivers without losing a position.

Erwin Creed is currently back in the car for the second time and is looking to continue the upward trajectory of Larbre's race during the early hours of Sunday morning.

Nicholas Boulle: “We’ve been going forwards in terms of position, which is exactly what we were hoping for. Despite the puncture I had earlier and the slow one Romano had, we’ve been making up places. The plan now is to keep this momentum going through the night.”

Romano Ricci: “I had a lot of traffic during that stint, I wasn’t overly happy with the lap times. We got unlucky with the slow puncture, but also a bit lucky with the safety car timing so we didn’t lose a place. I’m glad about that because, going into the night, we’re heading in the right direction and we should keep that going well after the sun comes up.”



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