



RACE DE-BRIEF
6 HOURS OF BAHRAIN
29TH SEPTEMBER 2012



ASTON MARTIN
RACING

QUALIFYING

Stefan Mücke driving the #97 Vantage GTE car set the fastest time in qualifying with a time of 2'00.234, 0.3 seconds quicker than the #77 Porsche and nearly 1.3 seconds faster than the championship-leading Ferrari.

This is the second consecutive pole position for the team, having also set the fastest qualifying lap at the last race in Brazil two weeks ago.

The Vantage is once again proving itself to be the outright fastest car in the GTE class. The team will now be looking to capitalise on this pace to seek victory in the remaining rounds of the World Championship in the coming month.





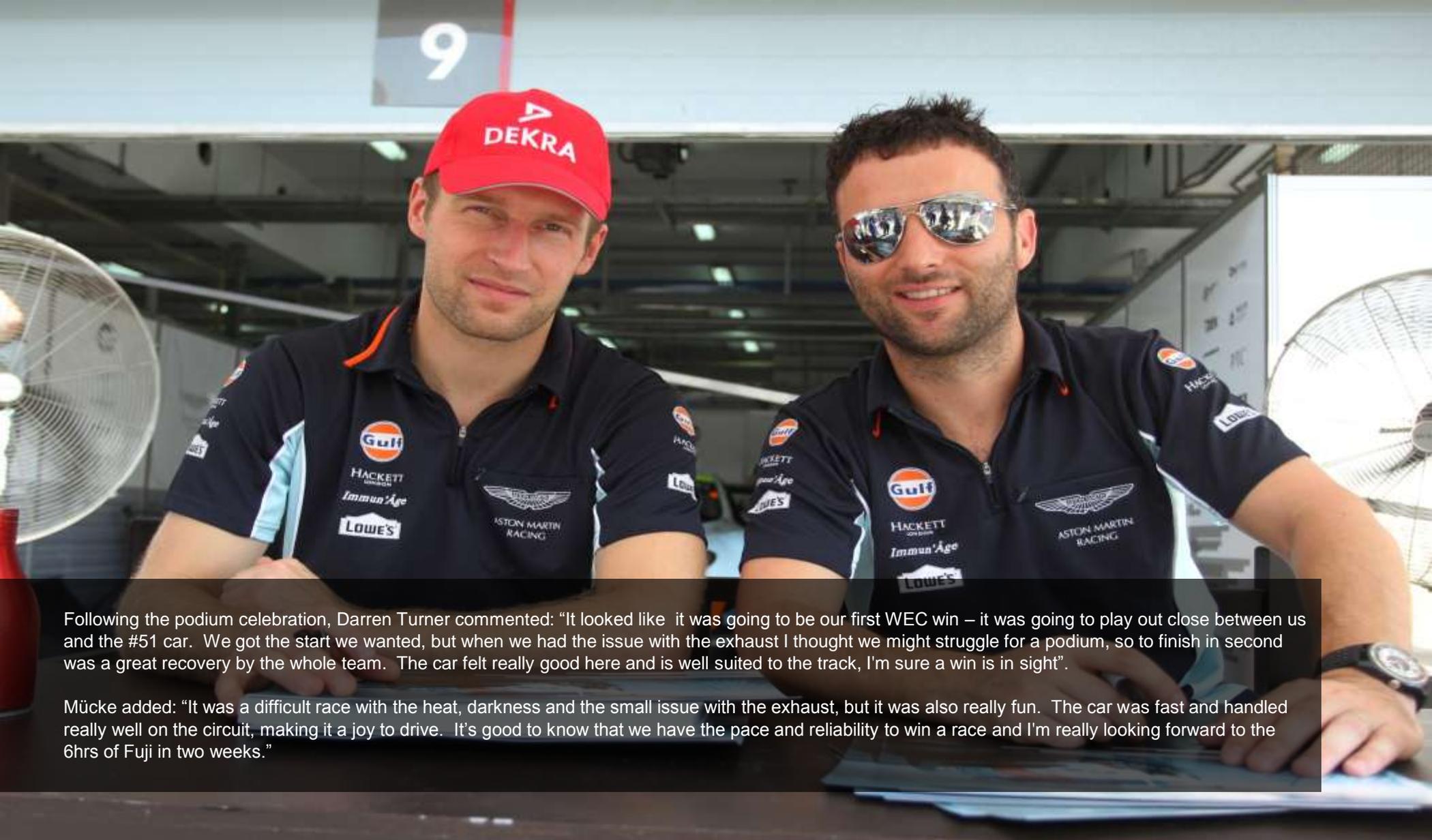
THE RACE

Starting on pole following a fantastic qualifying lap by Stefan Mücke, Darren Turner started the race with the aim of pushing hard from the first lap to extend the lead over his GT Pro competitors. After 22 laps, Turner had established a 15 second advantage.

After the first round of pit stops, Mücke found himself in second position, but was able to exploit the Vantage GTE's class-leading race pace to close the gap on the leader at up to two seconds per lap, slipping past on lap 32. Continuing at the pace that saw him record the fastest GTE lap time of the race, Mücke set about cutting the deficit to the lead car.

However, a small issue with the exhaust, which was the result of an on track collision and an unfortunately timed safety car interruption, halted the Vantage GTE's charge, resulting the #51 car slipping past and the GTE lost more time than was expected slipping to 4th place in the category.

The driving duo set about cutting the deficit and once again drove superbly, to cut the margin at up to two seconds per lap, but the chequered flag was waved before the #97 machine could muscle past



Following the podium celebration, Darren Turner commented: “It looked like it was going to be our first WEC win – it was going to play out close between us and the #51 car. We got the start we wanted, but when we had the issue with the exhaust I thought we might struggle for a podium, so to finish in second was a great recovery by the whole team. The car felt really good here and is well suited to the track, I'm sure a win is in sight”.

Mücke added: “It was a difficult race with the heat, darkness and the small issue with the exhaust, but it was also really fun. The car was fast and handled really well on the circuit, making it a joy to drive. It's good to know that we have the pace and reliability to win a race and I'm really looking forward to the 6hrs of Fuji in two weeks.”



Aston Martin Racing's Team Principal John Gaw summarises:

“We were unlucky, this should have been our first WEC win – we were the fastest on the track and we no longer had a fuel consumption disadvantage this weekend. Luck wasn't our side today, but the team fought on relentlessly and to get second place is fantastic. I would like to say a special thanks to the team. We took the opportunity to make some changes for Bahrain and it paid off. We had improved pit stop times and the way that they dealt with the small issue and still enabled us to finish second was exactly what we were looking for.”

“Being this close to a win in our first season in a return to GT racing is an achievement in itself. Our aim is to get on that top step of the podium before the year is out, which would be a tremendous result.”

PR & MEDIA ACTIVITY

During the race AMR made sure that the team are constantly in touch with the media and also the fans that couldn't make the race, via social media. The following media all featured AMR on websites following the qualifying and the race on Saturday:

Post-qualifying:

auto-racing.speedtv.com
motorsport.com
autosport.com
i4u.com
topic.worlds-luxury-guide.com
paddocktalk.com

Post-race:

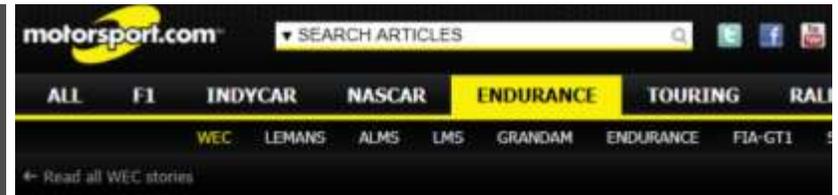
autosport.com
motorsport.com
topic.worlds-luxury-guide.com
fiawec.com
lemans.org
planetlemans.com



Aston Martin matches best WEC result to continue podium run

By Team Update · September 30, 2012 · Post a comment

Aston Martin Racing has finished the sixth round of the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC), the Six Hours of Bahrain, in second place – matching its best race result of the championship with a fourth consecutive podium.[...]



WEC

← Previous story Next story →

RACE REPORTS

Aston Martin matches best WEC result at Sakhir to continue podium run

Added: Sunday at 10:21am

This page has been viewed: 29 times

Tweet 0 +1 0 Pin it Like 0

Sakhir, Bahrain – Aston Martin Racing has finished the sixth round of the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC), the Six Hours of Bahrain, in second place – matching its best race result of the championship with a fourth consecutive podium.



#97 Aston Martin Racing Aston Martin Vantage VB: Stefan Mücke, Darren Turner
Photo by: xpb.cc

The Six Hours of Bahrain presented a unique challenge for all teams – the searing desert heat raised track temperatures to 43 degrees centigrade and the rapidly fading light restricted visibility.

Despite these challenges, the #97 Vantage GTE battled for first position for much of the race.

Starting on pole following a fantastic qualifying lap by Stefan Mücke (D),

Darren Turner (GB) started the race with the aim of pushing hard from the first lap to extend the lead over his GTE Pro competitors. After 22 laps, Turner had

FACEBOOK & TWITTER

Facebook and Twitter were regularly updated throughout the weekend with updates on qualifying, the race itself and images from the weekend



NEXT RACE:
6HRS OF FUJI
14TH OCTOBER 2012

