



International GT Open

Reviving GT Racing



Background



- The International GT Open is a new GT series created in 2006 by former sportscars driver Jesús Pareja and GT Sport , organizer since a decade of the Spanish GT and F3 championships
- In only 2 years of existence, the series has experienced a rapid growth in quantity and quality of entries, interest raised and geographical expansion
- Today, the GT Open is a first choice option for many GT teams and drivers



Philosophy



- The GT Open aims at becoming the best platform for GT2 and GT3 pro-am racing
- Key principles of the series are:
 - keep rules simple and stable
 - maintain costs under control
 - visit only top quality circuits
 - revive traditional GT racing spirit
 - provide premium TV/media package



Technical Rules



- The GT Open is aligned with the GT definition and rules of FIA
- Three car classes:
 - GTA = GT2 FIA
 - GTS = GT3 FIA
 - GTB = GTs from Cups and Trophies
- Tyres: Mono-brand (Dunlop)



Sporting Rules



- Events adopt a 2-race format:
 - Pro-Am race (max 65') on Saturday
 - GT Open race (max 45') on Sunday
 - Only exception: Barcelona finale (single race of 2 hrs)
- Levelling of performances ensured by a time handicap system:
 - « penalties » to be served during mandatory pit stop for driver change
- Open to professional and amateur entrants alike



2006/2007 at a glance



- **6 events in 5 countries in 2006:**
 - Monza, Magny-Cours, Estoril, Istanbul, Valencia, Barcelona
- **7 events in 5 countries in 2007:**
 - Vallelunga, Valencia, Magny-Cours, Oschersleben, Brands Hatch, Monza, Barcelona
- **Average number of entries so far:**
 - 35 cars per race
- **Average number of spectators so far:**
 - 31,000
- **Champion 2006:**
 - M. Bartyan (I- Playteam Ferrari 430)



2008 Forecast



- Geographical expansion will continue, up to a maximum of 8 events
- GTS and GTB classes to merge
- GT Open race to be split in 2 separate races (GTA and GTS)
- Core group of entrants to stabilize and further improve in level; « national » teams to race only in home races
- Partnership with WTCC to continue in selected events



Tentative 2008 Calendar

- 02 Mar: Curitiba (BR) tbc
- 20 Apr: Vallelunga (IT)
- 18 May: Valencia (ES)
- 01 Jun: Spa-Francorchamps (BE)
- 13 Jul: Magny-Cours (FR)
- 27 Jul: Brands Hatch (UK)
- 21 Sep: Nürburgring (DE)
- 05 Oct: Monza (IT)
- 09 Nov: Barcelona (ES)



Key Participants



- Present cars include:
 - Ferrari F430 and 360, Porsche 997 and 996, Mosler MT900R, Aston Martin DBRS9, Dodge Viper Coupé, Lamborghini Gallardo, Marcos Mantis, Sun Red, Ascari, Maserati GT, etc
- Key Teams:
 - Playteam, Autorlando, GPC, Advanced Eng., RSV, GTA Motor, Sofrev ASP, ASM, Racing Box, La Torre, Giudici, Mik Corse, Roger Racing, Villois, BMS, etc



Key Participants /2



- Among regular drivers there are:
 - Former F.1 drivers: A.Montermini, L.P.Sala, A.Nannini, J.Gené
 - GT experts: Ph.Peter, J.Mowlem, M.Bobbi, C.Euser, J.Policand, P.Sundberg, J.Camathias...
 - « Young guns »: P.Terting, M.Bobbi, A.Bonetti, M.Busnelli, E.Viso, R.Lietz, D.Pasini...
 - Top gentlemen-drivers...



TV Coverage



- Excellent coverage throughout Europe thanks to Eurosport, which broadcasts GT Open in full and live
 - 105 mio households in 54 countries
 - Additional premium coverage in Europe & South America:
 - TVE/Teledporte (Spain)
 - RTP-N (Portugal)
 - Stop and Go (Italy)
- etc (deals in other countries under negotiation)



Media Coverage



- The GT Open is supported by:
 - professional full media service
 - public and media website (www.gtssport.es)
 - video features
- Media coverage is growing steadily across Europe, both in print and internet media



To conclude, our preferred quote

*« It was a really close fight,
it was what racing should always be.
This is why we like the GT Open »*



Damien Pasini, driver
Brands Hatch , 22.09.07

