

(Alton, VA) 28 April 2007—AIM Autosport Claims 6th Spot on Starting Grid at VIR

AIM Autosport earned its best qualifying position in Daytona Prototype racing, taking sixth on the grid for the April 30 Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series race at Virginia International Raceway in Alton, Va. Mark Wilkins of Toronto qualified the gold-backed No. 61 Lexus-powered Riley Mk XI in one minute 46.310 seconds on the 3.27-mile road course. He will drive the first race stint on Sunday, followed by Brian Frisselle of Lynchburg, Va.

"The goal was top-five, but top-six is fantastic," Wilkins said. "The guys have been working so hard all weekend and have given us a great car. Brian worked really hard this morning and got the setup quite good and I worked on it this afternoon and was happy with the changes we were making. I think we're real close to the sweet spot. We've got a little bit more to do, but the car is definitely working for us a lot better."

GT race

Doncaster Racing notched a fifth-place finish in the Rolex Series GT race on Saturday. Greg Wilkins of Toronto qualified the No. 17 MineStar / Tim Hortons Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car 13th (1:57.079) and drove the first race stint, moving up to fourth. Dave Lacey of Toronto took over after 43 minutes of the two-hour 30-minute race, returned to the track eighth and worked back to fourth. Wilkins drove the final stint, returning to the track sixth and moving back up to finish fifth.

race report

car	time	driver	action
17	start	G Wilkins	
	43m	change	pit – Lacey in, four tires, fuel
	1h56	change	pit – Wilkins in, four tires, fuel

Dave Lacey "If you had told me at the beginning of the week that we would finish top-five, I wouldn't have believed you. We picked a direction and made some big bets on the springs and we went the right way. The car kind of came into itself. It was a great team effort – two really good stops and we kept it clean all day. My stint got faster and faster as the race track cooled, Greg banged off some big numbers at the end of the race and we got a fifth-place finish. It's terrific! We're thrilled."

Greg Wilkins "Today we had a good one. Qualifying was mediocre, but the strategy we picked was a good strategy and the changes we made proved to be good changes. It was a very good race setup. We were able to maintain a pretty good pace; some of the guys who were just a bit quicker in the beginning fell backwards. Fifth place – best finish of the year – is pretty good. Now I can put my feet up and watch my son [Mark] go out and do that or better tomorrow."

teamwork

AIM Autosport co-owners Andrew Bordin and Ian Willis were in pit lane during the GT race, helping their teammates at Doncaster Racing, but they weren't in their usual positions on the pit stand, calling race strategy. Bordin manned the pit sign and Willis was a tire-catcher. "I was a goalie in hockey ..." he noted.

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