

AIM Autosport Finishes 9th at Infineon Raceway

(Sonoma, CA) 25 August 07-- AIM Autosport was quick on track and in pit lane during the Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series race at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, Calif. The rookie team struggled to find the right car setup during practice sessions on the 2.52-mile road course, but found the combination on race day. The setup and fast pitstops moved the team to seventh place, but an untimely late-race caution and resulting contact from another competitor dropped them back to ninth.

Mark Wilkins of Toronto drove first, starting the No. 61 Lexus-powered Riley Mk XI from eighth on the 17-car grid. He held the position through his double stint, supported by an aerodynamic change to the rear wing during his first pitstop. Brian Frisselle of Lynchburg, Va., took over during a fast stop with about an hour to go in the 2.5-hour race. He moved up to seventh and held a 20-second margin over the next car until a caution period started five minutes before the race finish. Frisselle was knocked off track during the restart, damaging the car's right-front suspension. He lost two positions and finished ninth.

AIM had an extra cheering contingent at the Sonoma race – guests of the team's primary sponsor, Exchange Traded Gold. The team is also supported by Barrick Gold Corporation, RBC Financial Group and Telus' Mike Network.

race report

car	time	driver	action
61	start	Wilkins	
	44m	Wilkins	pit – changed rear tires, changed front tire pressure, fuel, rear wing gurney change
	1h35	change	pit – Frisselle in, four tires, fuel
	2h28	Frisselle	race restart contact, right-front suspension damage

Brian Frisselle: "We would have been fine had we not had contact with other drivers. It knocked out the toe of our right front and we were a wounded duck. The car was just evil to drive everywhere at that point, especially any left-hand corner, so we lost positions. Overall, it was a great team effort. We struggled all weekend to find pace in the car and they pulled it out of the bag at the end, as they always do. We had a really racey car. I don't know how they do it, but it seems like no matter what, we have a good car on race day."

Mark Wilkins: "We had a very strong race going. Brian drove the wheels off the car his whole stint and the guys did a great job getting the car working really well for us in the race. We made more tweaks in the race and they were good. We were running up there with the front guys, so it was positive. The big thing is that Kevin [O'Reilly, chief mechanic] and the crew did the fastest pitstop of everybody and that is awesome. Kudos to those guys for their hard work."

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