



Podium Pushes Michael Shank Racing to P2 in Rolex Championship Standings

Tune in to the Bosch Engineering 250 on SPEED Saturday, April 24 at 2:00 p.m. ET

Michael Shank Racing/Championship Standings:

P2 (81 points) No. 60 Crown Royal XR Ford-Riley

P7T (69 points) No. 6 The Pit Stop at Norris Lake Ford-Riley

Michael Shank Racing In The News:

- New installment of Voices of Speed featuring Mike Shank: <http://auto-racing.speedtv.com/article/shank-getting-closer/>
- [Grand-Am.com](http://grand-am.com) features John Pew: <http://grand-am.com/news/index.cfm?series=r&cid=35299>
- Long-time Michael Shank Racing driver AJ scored his debut NASCAR Sprint Cup Pole last weekend in Phoenix: <http://www.nascar.com/2010/news/headlines/cup/04/09/aallmendinger.pole.phoenix/index.html>
- Ozz Negri will be participating in the NASCAR Media Teleconference on Wednesday, April 21 at 3:00 PM

COLUMBUS, OH (16 April 2010)-Ozz Negri and John Pew's runner-up finish in last weekend's Porsche 250 at Barber Motorsports Park not only kept the team's record of podium appearances at the Birmingham area track going, but it also gave the No. 60 side of the team a welcome boost in the championship standings as the No. 60 Crown Royal XR Ford-Riley leapfrogged from sixth to second in the GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series presented by Crown Royal XR Team Championship standings.

Negri and Pew, who qualified ninth on the combined-GT and Daytona Prototype class race at Barber, will look to keep that championship momentum in place as the team returns to Rolex race action next weekend.

"With two races this month, we were hoping to make April a good points month for us and Barber was a great start in that direction, especially for the Crown Royal XR car," said team owner Mike Shank. "It's still very early in this championship, but it's always good to get some momentum going early in the season like this. We are focused on doing that again at VIR, and hopefully we can roll off the trucks with a good car for Michael (Valiante) and Brian (Frisselle). If we do, both our cars should be a serious threat this weekend."

Michael Shank Racing will return to Rolex Sports Car Series presented by Crown Royal race action again

next weekend for the Bosch Engineering 250 at Virginia International Raceway.

There is good reason for optimism ahead of Saturday's 2.75-hour outing at VIR, as last year's VIR race saw Negri recover from a cut tire early in his stint to finish sixth at the checkered flag as Pew (teamed with Michael Valiante) took a strong second place result.

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About Michael Shank Racing:

Based in Columbus, Ohio, Michael Shank Racing was formed in 1989 when Mike Shank first began driving racing cars professionally. Shank retired from the cockpit in 1997 to focus his efforts on running the team, which quickly found success in the Champ Car Toyota Atlantic Championship. With several race wins under his belt, Shank was named as Team Owner of the Year twice in four years. Michael Shank Racing joined the Rolex Sports Car Series in 2004 as the team proved as quick in endurance racing as in the sprint formula car format. Michael Shank Racing scored a debut Rolex Series win in 2006 at Miller Motorsports Park, and fans selected the victory as the 2007 Rolex "Moment of the Year." After opening the 2008 season with a front-row sweep of the Rolex 24 At Daytona, the team closed out the year taking wins in the final two races of the year.



About Crown Royal Canadian Whisky:

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