

## PRESS RELEASE

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# A good test race for Emil Frey Racing

**To gain experience for races ahead with the Emil Frey GT3 Jaguar, the Emil Frey Racing team started the 2013 Blancpain Endurance Series at the wheel of an Aston Martin Vantage GT3.**

The 2013 Blancpain Endurance Series kicked off on the 14th April 2013 at the Autodromo di Monza (I). In the middle of the grid, consisting of 60 GT3 cars from nine different manufacturers, sat the three drivers of Emil Frey Racing (Lorenz Frey, Fredy Barth and Gabriele Gardel). With their own Jaguar not yet ready for action they were behind the wheel of the Fischer Racing prepared Aston Martin Vantage GT3.

The primary aim of the race was to gain valuable experience for future races with their own Emil Frey GT3 Jaguar and keep the drivers race sharp. After a difficult few kilometers of testing and qualifying the team ended up 36<sup>th</sup> on the grid. Not quite as far forward as they had initially hoped – but a 3 hour race gives plenty of opportunities to improve.

In the race, the three also had to contend with some difficulties. The Monza track is not only super high speed but in sections very narrow; combine that with a large field of cars and it can be enormously challenging to overtake. At the second driver change an impetuous rival clipped, not only, the door of the Aston Martin Vantage GT3 but also one of our mechanics. Fortunately the mechanic escaped any serious injury.

On the track all three drivers put in solid and flawless laps. At their best they were lapping at pace equal to the front runners but despite 3 hours of sterling work they were only able to climb to 28<sup>th</sup> place at the chequered flag – a result not entirely representative of their impressive performance.

Lorenz Frey: *"Through no fault of our we lost a huger amount of time at the pit stops, which is a shame, as on track we were able to match the pace of the competition. 28<sup>th</sup> place, in view of the impressive field of 60 GT3 cars, is quite a success."*

Fredy Barth: *"In qualifying we were only able to partially realize our potential. After that it was very difficult to pass, especially in the initial phase with so many cars so evenly matched."*

Gabriele Gardel: *"With a consistent error free driving we were able to make up a few places in the last section of the race. Overall we have gained some valuable experience of the new Pirelli tyres for our upcoming races with the Emil Frey GT3 Jaguar."*