

## PRESS RELEASE

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# Emil Frey Racing with promising result in first testing

**A surprise second quickest in the first testing session, the Emil Frey GT3 Jaguar ruffled a few feathers in Monza. Unfortunately Emil Frey Racing were unable to take to the grid for the race following an earlier incident. The focus is now on the race at Silverstone (GB) on 25<sup>th</sup> May.**

The thoroughly revised Emil Frey GT3 Jaguar, with its highly optimized 5.0-litre V8 engine from partner Ilmor Engineering, had set high but realistic expectations for the opening round of the Blancpain Endurance Series at the legendary Autodromo die Monza (I).

In the first, so called "Bronze", test session, Lorenz Frey and the subsequent driver, who is determinate from the organisation for the "Balance of Performance", shone with the second best time. An enormous surprise for both spectators and the team.

Lorenz Frey: "It was a great feeling, the first competitive running of the newly revised Emil Frey GT3 Jaguar. The car felt so much better in every way: driveability, engine power, top speed and handling. Although we could not even make fine tuning."

A small fire ended the impressive performance the last minute before the end of the session. Frey: "The fire was quickly extinguished. Nevertheless, it appeared to have damaged some components. We have to go back to the workshop and analyse what happened. In order to prevent further damage, we reluctantly had to abandon the race in Monza."

Despite the abrupt ending Fredy Barth feels much can be taken from the weekend's running: "The great performance from the barely tested vehicle, following the teams excellent efforts revising the car over the winter, has left us feeling very positive. It has clearly exceeded our initial expectations, especially given the circumstances. The results of the "Balance of Performance" test was especially pleasing as we had submitted the car with realistic configuration."

Fredy Barth is naturally disappointed the team were unable to make it on the grid for the race, in particular after the testing performance. "To compete in Monza was a race against time and also a compromise. After a single test at Le Castellet some shortcomings and problems were highlighted. These left us with very few test kilometres under our belts. Therefore, we arrived in Monza having been unable to confirm the reliability of the improved components. We now have more time before the 3hrs of Silverstone (GB) race on the 25<sup>th</sup> May in order to concentrate on ensuring the car is fully prepared. We do take enormous encouragement from making it into P2."