



## **Le nouveau proto Nova et les BMW M6 GT3 en haut de l'affiche de samedi**

**Les conditions ont été variables ce samedi sur le Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, et les quatre premières épreuves du Racing Festival 2022 au programme ont pu se disputer dans une certaine sérénité. Outre les pelotons traditionnellement remuants des Caterham, c'est le Supercar Challenge qui s'est offert le haut de l'affiche...**

Finally, the impressive GT class Supercar Challenge cars competed the same race as the Supersport 1, Supersport 2, Sport, and BMW M2 CS Racing Cup Benelux classes. It was the BMW M6 GT3s that took the lion's share, garnishing the entire top 3 final, with Dutchman Bart Arendsen ahead of compatriots Max Jansen on the one hand, and Ted Van Vliet and Bas Schouten on the other. Less success for the Bentley Continental GT3 of Roger Grouwels, who was forced to abandon due to gearbox problems. In Supersport 1, victory for the Hyundai i30 N TCR of De Borst and Van Oord, followed in Supersport 2 by the excellent Laurens De Wit (Cupra TCR) and in the Sport category by the original Zilhouette Sport with BMW Z4 bodywork of Mark Jobst.

In the BMW M2 CS Racing Cup Benelux, it was the young Dutchman and recent champion of Germany in the specialty, Maxime Oosten, who won ahead of the duo Willem Meijer and Lorenzo Van Riet, while Fred Caprasse, the best Belgian driver, completed the top 3 of the Dutch Belgian Super Star. In the national competition, the driver from the province of Luxembourg, Giovanni Scamardi, and Sam Dejonghe.

The French competitors in the Funyo Endurance series were the majority on the Prototype Challenge grid. And a few laps after the start, the well-known Norma M20FC of Deldiche Racing, driven by Luc De Cock and Sam Dejonghe, suffered a loss of power that would send them to the depths of the classification. Not the least concern, however, for the other car of Deldiche Racing, the new Nova PN02, which was shared by the Belgian Thomas Piessens and the Roumain Alex Cascatau, who won authoritatively ahead of the Norma Racing Experience of the Luxembourgish Lea Mauer and Gary Hauser, who resisted until the end against the Ginetta Nissan of the German Max Aschoff. On the Funyo side, it was the duo Pegasus Racing Meyer-Meyer who imposed themselves over Robin-Robin and Borlovan-Hachez. To note the new victory of the Belgian Martin Lucas in the Radical class.

The other winners of this Saturday were the Caterham Lewis Thompson, first in the Seven Championship UK, Harry Cook, champion in the 310R Championship, and Dominique Mannsperger, who also won in the 270R. All the races were as usual very competitive.

The day ended with two qualifying sessions, with Ivan Bellarosa once again sovereign in the Speed Euroseries at the wheel of his new Wolf GB08 Thunder. When the competitors of the Mazda MX-5 Trophy and Ford Fiesta Sprint Cup were on the track, for a final 20-minute session, a violent rain fell.

Francorchamps. Résultat : une poignée d'incidents, deux drapeaux rouges, et des poles qui ont échoué à Niels Langeveld du côté des Mazda et Tomas De Backer dans le clan des Ford.

C'est ce peloton bien fourni, scindé en deux grilles de départ distinctes, qui ouvrira les festivités dominicales dès 9h10. Figurent également au programme l'acte 2 du Supercar Challenge et du Prototype Challenge, deux sprints de la Speed Euroseries, deux nouvelles empoignées entre Caterham, et bien sûr la Course 2 des Mazda et des Fiesta...

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