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Risi Competizione Halfway Report For 12 Hours Of Sebring

**Risi Competizione Ferrari 488 GTLM No. 62: Toni Vilander (FIN)
James Calado (GBR)
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(Sebring, Florida, March 17, 2018)...At the six-hour mark of the 66th Annual Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Presented by Advance Auto Parts, the No. 62 Risi Competizione Ferrari 488 GTLM team is currently in second place in the GTLM class.

Qualifying and starting driver James Calado, of Worcester, England, had a challenging race start when he was hit in the rear by a BMW. Fortunately, the Ferrari was fine, and he continued, although he was shuffled down from his second starting position to the seventh in the GTLM class by Lap 3.

The Brit settled into a good race pace and then the 12-hour race's first caution was displayed on Lap 11. He pitted the Prancing Horse on Lap 14 at the one-hour mark for tires and fuel. He climbed the charts and by his second pit stop of Lap 40 nearly two hours in, he had advanced to the first-place position in class.

Toni Vilander drove the next trouble-free single stint and maintained the GTLM class lead for nearly an hour before passing along the driving duties to the Risi Competizione third driver in rotation, Alessandro Pier Guidi, on Lap 68. Pier Guidi also had a trouble-free single stint for nearly an hour before returning the cockpit to Vilander at nearly three-and-a-half hours into the race.

The drivers cycled back to Calado, who drove for nearly two-and-a-half hours and through a couple of full course cautions, mostly maintaining second place in class. Just before the halfway point of the once-around-the-clock endurance race the Risi Ferrari crew had a super quick pit stop and went back to Vilander as the driver in second place in GTLM.

QUOTES:

James Calado, driver No. 62 Risi Competizione Ferrari 488 GTLM:

"The start was bad, my fault really. I got caught up on the outside as the BMW just outpowered me going into turn one so that was an issue. Then I just got in the marbles and from there on I lost grip and then people were diving inside and outside, so I was quite hesitant. At the end of the day we're still in the race and it could have easily ended up the other way. We're struggling a bit with the way the track is changing all the time, temperature wise. I sailed into it after the first stint, but I think we're missing a little bit of pace compared to the BMW."

Toni Vilander, driver No. 62 Risi Competizione Ferrari 488 GTLM:

"It's tough pacing the track conditions. I wanted some information from the engineer on lap times the other cars were doing because honestly the feeling on the track was not so easy. Sliding on the car was generally quite unbalanced. Having heard the lap times and seeing the caps and how the stint progressed I



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think we have a pretty good race car and I think it will be even better towards the night in the cooler temperatures. I think we are in pretty good shape.”

Alessandro Pier Guidi, driver No. 62 Risi Competizione Ferrari 488 GTLM:

“The conditions were quite good and at the same time, it’s really tough. The temperature is very high. The car is good so far, so I think the balance we choose it’s ok between the beginning of the stint and the end of the stint it’s not bad. When I was stuck behind the Ford it was difficult to overtake because of the track and our straight-line speed is down, so it’s really difficult. Once I overtook the Ford I was quick and through the end [of the stint] it was pretty good. I struggled a bit for four or five laps because the power was down. I couldn’t manage it very well because I had to attack the Ford, so I couldn’t save the tires and lost them at the beginning, so at the end they weren’t very good.”

James Calado, driver No. 62 Risi Competizione Ferrari 488 GTLM:

Following his second set of stints and right before the halfway point:

“It was quite a long drive for me, so I got a little tired towards the end and made a couple of mistakes, but even so it seems the BMW has too much power for us, and when they turn it up, it’s just too quick so we can’t really compete. With the Porsches and the Fords, we can compete and maybe there’s a possibility of a podium. We’re 100 percent every single lap, where I think some of the others are a bit more relaxed because they have some reserve where we don’t. It’s difficult, obviously, but anything can happen, so we’ll see what we can do.”

Tune-In Information:

Watch the race live through the checkered flag from 6:00-11:00 p.m. ET on FOX Sports 2.

The entire race is also streamed live on FSGO with FS1 authentication. Fans can also listen in with audio commentary via IMSA.com, RadioLeMans.com and Sirius XM Radio and follow the race live with in-car cameras, IMSA Radio and timing and scoring available worldwide on IMSA.com and the IMSA App.

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