



*win it, but I think it was a good result. Obviously, we've had good results here; we've won several times in class, and that's what we were hoping for, and maybe we'll get it next time."*

**Ben Keating, Team Principal and driver, No. 85 Ferrari 488 GTE-Am:**

*"I am excited to have a podium here, excited to be in position to have the podium here. I still have a hard time getting over the mistake that cost us second, and I know Jeroen has been giving himself a hard time for 22 hours for the mistake for a chance to win it, but a podium at Le Mans is special. I'm grateful for that and I'm grateful to be here and have a really incredible run with the team, with the car. We never had a mistake in the pits. We never had a mistake as far as strategy; never had a penalty or gun gone wrong or a mistake by the team anywhere. It was all done flawlessly and I'm just grateful that they put us in this position."*

**Jeroen Bleekemolen, driver, No. 85 Ferrari 488 GTE-Am:**

*"To be on the podium at Le Mans is always special. It's the biggest endurance race in the world so to get a trophy is a very big achievement! I think at some point during the week we all hoped for a little bit more than third place, but still you have to be happy with what we got today. The whole team did a good job. We had a good race and, also, we had a really good time. It is one of the coolest races in the world, for me the coolest!"*

**Luca Stolz, driver, No. 85 Ferrari 488 GTE-Am:**

*"I think it was definitely nice to finish third at Le Mans and it's an awesome feeling. We were fighting for the win, basically all the race, and we had some little mistakes that basically cost us the race, but I think compared to the Porsche we struggled a bit on pace. The team did really a problem free race with no issues at all. Every pit stop went well, every tire change, every fuel top off. So, congratulations to the team. We had no penalty and basically a good race. Not a bad finish. It's cool to go to Le Mans for the first time and go straight to the podium. We had the chance to finish P2 or even P1 which gives me a little bad feeling in the end, but still I'm happy to finish on the podium."*

**Dave "Beaky" Sims, Keating Motorsports/Risi Competizione Team Manager:**

*"It's great to be on the podium at Le Mans. It's my third time to be here on the podium with Risi Competizione and sixth year for the team since it started in 1998. Today the race preparation of the car was exceptional. It didn't miss a beat. The pit stops couldn't be faulted. When you do that and give the drivers a car like that it makes everything work – pit stops, driving, the car has hardly a scratch on it after 24 hours, which is very unusual. The Risi quality of preparation, the strategy and pit stops were all perfect and it showed. We were really pleased with it and so were the drivers."*

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