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18 Hour Report for 24 Hours of Le Mans - 2018

No. 85 Ferrari 488 GTE-Am: **Ben Keating (USA)**
 Jeroen Bleekemolen (NLD)
 Luca Stolz (DEU)

(Le Mans, France, June 17, 2018)...More steady driving and uneventful stints was the name of the game for the No. 85 Keating Motorsports/Risi Competizione Ferrari GTE-Am team at the 86th running of the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

As night turned back into day, the Ferrari team maintained their second in class position throughout the next six hours. Jeroen Bleekemolen had taken over the driving duties from Luca Stolz just before the 12-hour mark in the twice-around-the-clock endurance race. Other than a couple of cautions to clear track conditions caused by other competitors, Bleekemolen just drove clean and kept the second position as he triple stinted.

Team principal/driver Ben Keating returned to the cockpit just under the 15-hour mark during daylight and the then cooler, cloudy conditions. During the driver change from Stolz to Keating, the talented Risi Competizione crew did a scheduled front brake change. At the following stop, the team completed the rear brake change, all with no incidents.

Keating continued to maintain second position in the GTE-Am class at the 18-hour mark and was due to complete a triple stint while driving under a caution.

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

"It was a good stint. We were only unlucky twice with the yellows (cautions), where we lost quite a bit of time driving through at 80 kilometers. We lost time there. That's just luck though and you can't do anything about that. Otherwise the car was running well and no real issues. We'll just continue to hope for more of the same the rest of the race."

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