



NICK MANCUSO SECURES HIGHEST FINISHING POSITION YET IN ROUND 8 OF THE CONTINENTAL TIRE SPORTS CAR CHALLENGE AT HOME TRACK

Road America / Elkhart Lake, WI (August 10, 2013) – Starting for the second time this season from the top 3 of the Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge GS class, Nick Mancuso and teammate Frankie Montecalvo proved that he and the Multimatic Motorsports Aston Martin are becoming regular front-runners in this intensely competitive series. At a track that Nick grew up going to since he was young and with many friends, customers and family members attending there was extra pressure to perform.

After a strong opening stint by Nick's co-driver Frankie, Mancuso hopped into the car with no idea what awaited him. After an "aggressive" pit box exit, Nick immediately knew something was wrong with the car. "I radioed in to the team and actually thought that I had clipped the other Aston leaving the box as the steering felt off and I saw smoke in my rear view mirror" Mancuso recounted. "It wasn't until I went through Turn 1 for the first time that I realized I had lost my power steering! I immediately checked my watch and realized that I had 2 hours remaining and just thought 'oh boy' to myself."

Amazingly, Nick not only managed to keep the car off the wall, but he was actually able to race with, and pass, his competitors. "I'm not going to lie, after the first few laps in the car without assisted steering I would have just been happy with a top 10, but once I figured out how to drive around the problem we were actually pretty quick" Nick added. One by one Mancuso picked off his competition and worked his way back up front. Great strategy calls by engineer Rob Taylor and team owner Larry Holt meant that Nick had his hands full behind the wheel. "We only took two tires per stop so the car was a bit unbalanced. On top of that I was being told to aggressively save fuel and go fast at the same time!"

"We all had a laugh after the race because within a span of about 10 seconds Larry had told me to slow WAY down and then came back on the radio and said to drive flat out once he saw the Rum Bum Porsche slowing down; we were going for the win." And they nearly got it. After being 10+ seconds back on the second to last lap Mancuso quickly closed the gap on the race-leading car and was only 1.9 seconds back at the checkered flag finishing in second place. "We couldn't have called it any closer on fuel; I actually ran out on my cool down lap and had to be towed to the podium! I have to say a huge thanks to all the Multimatic boys, my co-driver Frankie and all my friends and family who came out to support me."

After an up and down season, this additional podium finish has elevated Mancuso back up to 10th place in the GS driver's standings. The race will air Saturday, August 17th at 3:00 pm ET on Fox Sports 2 (formerly SPEED channel). Round 9 of the 2013 Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge will take place this coming weekend on the road course at Kansas Speedway. You can find more information by following Nick on Twitter @NickMancusoRace.



About Nick Mancuso

Nick Mancuso is one of the most interesting, and accomplished drivers in the Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge. In addition to his racing activities, he was inducted into the Cum Laude Society in 2004 and in 2005 he was made a member of the National Honor Society and chosen as a National Merit Scholar before graduating from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 2009. He is a black belt in Shotokan Karate and an 'extreme adventurer' with hobbies that

include spearfishing, Krav Maga (an Israeli martial art), skydiving and capturing/photographing reptiles in the wild. He began racing in 2006, winning numerous races in SCCA Regional Sports 2000 competition. Mancuso joined Multimatic Motorsports in the Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge for the 2013 season after having helped the team develop their factory-backed Ford Focus ST-R racecar in 2012.

About Multimatic Motorsports

Multimatic Motorsports is a leading motorsports organization that is the competition arm of Multimatic Engineering, one of Canada's largest and most successful engineering organizations. Multimatic Motorsports has a rich racing history, having captured major international wins such as the 24 Hours of Le Mans LMP675 class in 2000, the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona Prototype class in 2003 and the 12 Hours of Sebring GT2 class in 2006. Multimatic Motorsports programs include car design, engineering, testing and development, track support and turn-key competition management.

About the Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge

Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge cars are often purchased directly from the showroom floor with only minimal racing modifications allowed to enhance safety and performance. Two classes of race cars compete on the track at the same time during Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge—Street Tuner (ST) and Grand Sport (GS)—with drivers competing for top honors in their specified class, as well as the overall win. Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge cars are classified by weight, engine size and model. Fields of 80+ cars are common.

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