

NICK MANCUSO **R**ACING

NICK MANCUSO PLACES 7TH IN BOTH RACES OF THE CHEVROLET DETROIT BELLE ISLE GRAND PRIX



Detroit Grand Prix / Detroit, MI (June 1, 2014) – After securing his first pole position and win at the last race in Alabama, Ferrari driver Nick Mancuso faced a tougher challenge this past weekend on the streets of Belle Isle. Driving the #16 Ferrari Lake Forest/Wounded Wear 458 GT3 entry prepared by R. Ferri Motorsport, Mancuso looked strong posting top times in some of the practice sessions, but ultimately a mistake in qualifying led to a challenging weekend resulting in two 7th place finishes.

“Well it’s certainly not what myself or the R. Ferri Motorsports boys came here to do this weekend, but we’ll take the points and move onto our home race at Road America in a few weeks” Mancuso noted of the double 7th place finishes. “Frankly, I made a mistake in qualifying that put me in a bad position on track for traffic. Looking back on the data I actually had a lap going that could have been top 3 or even pole, but I just caught traffic at the wrong time. It reinforced with me just how important it is to qualify well on these street circuits.”

In Race #1 Mancuso started and finished in 7th place; though it was anything but boring in between. Mancuso had race-long battles with both McLarens in front of him as well as holding off a hard charging James Sofronas in his Audi R8.

“James [Sofronas] was coming on strong for a lot of the race so I had to keep an eye on him. Luckily we were able to stay out ahead of him, but I just ran out of time to chase down either of the two McLarens so I had to settle for 7th” stated Mancuso. “It wasn’t for lack of effort though; I actually scraped the wall coming onto the front straight while drafting a few cars and almost took my side mirror off!”

With the heavy traffic of Race 1, Nick wasn’t able to get many clean laps and would have to start Race 2 in 9th position (based off fast lap times from Race 1). While Nick wasn’t looking forward to starting even further down the pack he made an exciting start nearly taking a top 5 position in the first few corners. Nick spent much of the race battling with, and ultimately overtaking, both McLaren 12C GT3s from K-Pax Racing.

“Again, it’s a wonderful track but just such a tough place to pass” said Mancuso. “I tried to dive bomb everyone a bit in Turn 3 on the opening lap and almost out braked myself nearly ending up in the wall! These R. Ferri Motorsports boys never give up and that shows by the fact that they were here at the track until 2am last night getting the car better for today’s race. Both Anthony and I had much improved cars for Race 2 and it shows as I was able to get past both McLarens eventually. I believe we would have caught and passed several more people, but we simply ran out of time with the cautions. Can’t wait to get back in the car at the circuit I know best and still consider my home track: Road America!”

Next up for the #16 Ferrari Lake Forest entry is the Cadillac Grand Prix at Road America. Mancuso heads into Rounds 7 and 8 seventh in the overall GT points championship.

The Detroit races will air Sunday, June 15th at 2:30pm EST on NBC Sports Network. You can also view the races now at www.World-ChallengeTV.com. You can find more information by following Nick on Twitter @NickMancusoRace and checking NickMancusoRacing.com.



About Nick Mancuso

Nick Mancuso is one of the more interesting and accomplished drivers in Pirelli World Challenge. In addition to his racing activities, he was inducted into the Cum Laude society, 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, skydiving and capturing/photographing reptiles in the wild.

About R.Ferri Motorsports

Led by Remo Ferri, R.Ferri Motorsport Racing with Ferrari is in its first full season of competition in the Pirelli World Challenge. Founded in 1991, R.Ferri Motorsport is a professional Canadian racing team headquartered in Toronto, Ontario and races in partnership with the Remo Ferri Group of Automobiles including Ferrari of Ontario, Toronto and Alberta. R.Ferri Motorsport also provides technical, racing, and logistical support for the North American Ferrari Challenge along with other exclusive customer track events. Learn more at www.rferrimotorsport.com.

About Ferrari Lake Forest

Ferrari Lake Forest is a world-class, 70,000 square foot luxury automotive dealership located in the Chicagoland area. The success of Ferrari Lake Forest lies not only in the DNA of its cars, but also the people who stand behind it- the Mancuso family. An automotive family since 1923, it is now the fourth generation of Mancusos carrying on the family tradition of selling quality automotive products while quickly becoming one of the most well respected names in motorsport. Please visit www.FerrariLakeForest.com for more information.

About Wounded Wear

Wounded Wear is a non-profit organization founded by Jason Redman, a decorated Navy SEAL and author of *The Trident*, who was gravely injured in a firefight while pursuing a High-Value Al Qaeda leader. Wounded Wear enables wounded warriors to "Rediscover The Hero Within" by providing free clothing and clothing modifications to these individuals. WW also raises the national awareness of the sacrifices made by wounded veterans and their families. Please visit www.WoundedWear.org for more information.

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