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2003 RACE HIGHLIGHTS

Frank Biela and Marco Werner drove the Joest Audi R8 to its fifth LMP900 victory and fourth overall win of 2003 by taking victory at Laguna Seca. Biela won the pole and set Fast Lap in the race as well. Frank led the first 49 laps of the race before surrendering the lead to James Weaver in the #16 Dyson Lola EX257-MG LMP675 entry for five laps. Marco Werner then led the final 66 laps!

Weaver and codriver Butch Leitzinger finished second overall, one minute and 22.283 seconds behind the winning Joest Audi. Olivier Beretta and David Saelens finished third overall and second in LMP900, two laps down, in a JML Panoz. Fourth overall and third in LMP900, five laps down, was the Champion Audi R8 of Johnny Herbert and J.J. Lehto. Fifth overall and fourth in LMP900, seven laps down was the Tomy Drissi/Michael Lewis Riley & Scott Mk 3C-Lincoln.

Biela's victory was his third consecutive in the Laguna Seca ALMS race (2001-2002-2003); he shared the first two with Emanuele Pirro.

Butch Leitzinger and James Weaver took their second LMP675 victory of the 2003 season at Laguna Seca in the #16 Dyson Racing Lola EX257-MG. James won the LMP675 pole, good for second starting position overall, and also set LMP675 Fast Lap en route to the victory and second-place overall finish, only 82.283 seconds behind the overall-winning Joest Audi R8.

Runnerup in LMP675 for the second consecutive race in 2003 was the Essex Lola B2K/40-Nissan. The Essex entry finished seventeenth overall and fourteen laps behind the Dyson #16. Jason Workman was joined by Scott Bradley, making his ALMS debut, in the Essex entry. Third in LMP675 and twenty-sixth overall, a further five laps behind, was the Intersport Lola EX257-MG of Jon Field and Duncan Dayton.

The #80 Prodrive Ferrari 550 Maranello achieved Prodrive Racing and Ferrari's first two-race win streak in ALMS competition as it won GTS for the second consecutive 2003 race at Laguna Seca. David Brabham and Jan Magnussen won GTS by finishing sixth overall, one lap and two positions ahead of the Ron Fellows/Johnny O'Connell Chevrolet Corvette C5R as Corvette's winless status in Laguna Seca ALMS racing continued for another year. Third in GTS and ninth overall, a further lap down, was the other Corvette driven by Oliver Gavin and Kelly Collins.

Magnussen won the GTS pole and Brabham set the GTS Fast Lap. The victory also marked Prodrive's first-ever ALMS venue win streak as Prodrive scored its first GTS win in 2002 at Laguna Seca with Tomas Enge and Peter Kox driving.

Lucas Luhr and Sascha Maassen won GT at Laguna Seca for the second consecutive year in 2003 as they drove their Alex Job Racing Porsche 911 GT3 RS to victory by a lap over the Risi Ferrari 360 Modena of Anthony Lazzaro and Ralf Kelleners. Luhr and Maassen finished eleventh overall, twelve laps behind the overall winners, with the Ferrari thirteenth overall. Fourteenth overall and on the same lap as the Ferrari was the White-Petersen Porsche of Craig Stanton and Johnny Mowlem.

Maassen took the class pole and Luhr set GT Fast Lap.

All four class winners in 2003 Laguna Seca ALMS competition started on the class pole!

Each of the class-winning cars also set the class Fast Lap in the race!