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### **Andy Soucek ends the season with an exciting second place finish at Barcelona**

After a weekend of constant improvement, the Bentley Boys have put a great finishing touch to the Sprint Series season at the Circuit de Catalunya, climbing onto the second step on the podium and exciting the crowd present at the track near Barcelona.

During the qualifying session on Saturday, Soucek scored the third-quickest time of his group, and in the decisive final session finished in P7 overall, leaving the #8 Continental GT3 with all options intact for Sunday's races.

The first race on Sunday morning saw some great stints by Soulet and Soucek who after several overtaking manoeuvres managed to finish a promising fourth.

During the main race, Soulet made an excellent stint and reached P2 just before he was called in for the mandatory pitstop. As no new set of tyres was available for the last stint, and having been amongst the first drivers to make the stop, during the last ten laps Soucek got under pressure from Robin Frijns, whose Audi was on a fresher set of tyres. In turn 10 of the very last lap, and just in front of Soucek's friends and fans, Frijns made a last desperate attempt at overtaking, but ran wide and allowed Soucek to regain P2 on the inside of the turn. The Austro-Spaniard fought tooth and nail to defend his position to the finish line.

To the delight of the crowd, Soulet took the podium ceremony as an opportunity to shave the moustache off a delighted Soucek, who was honored to step onto his talisman podium at Montmeló once again.

This result puts an end a successful Blancpain Sprint Series season, where Soulet and Soucek claimed victory in the first race of the season, scored another podium with a third-place-finish at Brands Hatch and which ended on a high with P2 at Barcelona. Had luck been a bit less evasive during the other events, they would have been able to fight for the championship, but the car was among the very best almost under any circumstances.

Soucek summarizes the weekend:

"It's been a spectacular weekend from start to finish. From the very first free practice we have felt the support of our home crowd and this has given us wings all weekend long. In qualifying as well as during the races, the set-up was perfect, which, paired with some great strategic decisions by the Team, helped us to steadily improve our position.

During the main race I had to fight hard to defend my position as I was on a disadvantage regarding the tyres, but in the end I managed to do my duty for my Team, friends and fans to give them a second place to cheer about. I'd like to thank the organization for having backed the project to bring the Blancpain Series to this track, as well as Bentley and Team M-Sport for having the car's setup just spot on all weekend long. I also congratulate my teammate Maxime Soulet for his great performance. Last but not least, my congratulations to Jesús Pozo for the great attendance success and thanks to the fans for all the affection they have shown us during the autograph-signing session on Sunday, as well as their support during and after the race."



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