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Continental GT3 #8



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The 2018 Season of the Blancpain Endurance Series kicks off next weekend at Monza (Italy). It will be Andy Soucek's fourth year as an official Bentley factory driver for Team M-Sport, and his sixth in a row taking part in this prestigious GT Championship.

The Spaniard, along with his fellow Bentley Boys Soulet and Abril, will be driving the new 2018 model of the Continental GT3 for its competitive debut. After finishing P6 in last year's race, but relatively close to a podium spot, they expect the new car to be equally competitive to aim for the top spots again.

There will be changes to the qualifying format as well: so far, only the best time of all three sessions combined was taken into account to establish the grid order for the Main Race. From now on, it will be the average time of all three sessions which will count. This will lead to a more spectacular format, as so far two sessions were made on used tyres, just to force to the full limit in the third and final session.

Soucek comments the Monza challenge:

"I am very proud to be a part of this fabulous Team for my fourth year in a row. We are very optimistic regarding the upcoming Season, as after finishing third overall in 2016 and second last season, we hope to be able to make the final step to the very top in 2018 in not only in the Team championship, but in the drivers standings as well.

The debut of a completely new car is always challenging and involves a lot of adaptation and fine-tuning, where unforeseen things can happen especially during a three-hour race. But having finished quite close to the podium spots last season, we hope to be at least equally competitive and to start the season scoring some important points for the championship standings."

Qualifying will start at 09:45 CET on Sunday, and the Main Race at 15:00 CET the very same day. A live stream will <https://www.blancpain-gt-series.com/gt-tv>

Additionally, Eurosport 2 will be connecting live mid-race, to provide live coverage from 16:45 CET for the last 1:15h of the race.



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