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Top Five finish for Bentley #9 after promising weekend at Utah

Throughout the Pirelli World Challenge (PWC) SprintX finale, Andy Soucek and Alvaro Parente in K-PAX car #9 showed signs of dominance at Utah Motorsports Campus (UMC).

Parente, who holds the laptime record in Qualifying at this venue, made an impressive display on Saturday morning and put the car on Pole for Race 1, followed by the K-PAX sister car #3 only two tenths of a second behind.

It was also the Portuguese who took the start on Saturday afternoon and held P1 for the first few minutes, but an issue with the anti-lock braking system eventually forced the team to make repairs to the #9 car in the garage, leaving them several laps behind the rest of the field. After some remarkable work by K-PAX, Andy Soucek was able to go out on track again in the final stages to secure the fastest lap of the race and therefore pole position for Race two.

The Spaniard was eager to finish off the 2018 season on a high after such an impressive display, but a technical infraction during the pre-race procedures wiped out all of Soucek's hopes for the win. He overcame this setback with a great stint however, and gradually fought his way back through the field with competitive lap times. The Team's decision to pit car #9 as early as possible paid off, as they undercut several competitors and on a new set of tyres Parente set off to secure a P5 at the finish line, barely behind the K-PAX sister car, once again securing the fastest lap of the Race for car #9.

Soucek reflects on the Utah weekend:

"It was the last race of the season, and I wanted to finish on a high. It looked good, but I can't believe what happened.

I've been trying to stay positive for every race, but it comes to a point when you don't know what you can do better. It's frustrating because the pace is there, the drivers are doing a great job, the team is working hard. There was always something that prevented us from winning. We finished fifth from the pits which isn't bad, but if you can win a race you can't accept fifth as a good finish.

I would like to thank Bentley and K-PAX Racing for their huge effort and great work all along the SprintX Series. They made me feel at home from day one, the car handled great and both of us drivers were able to make some impressive displays of the Continental's capabilities. I hope to come back to the States next season and have all misfortunes of 2018 turn into positive vibes by then."

Soucek will soon be heading to the opposite part of the planet. On August 25 & 26 he will be racing at Suzuka (Japan) for Team M-Sport in the third event of the Intercontinental GT Challenge.



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