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## GTC65 at Rattle Snake Point

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David against many Goliaths.

I had done serious practice in the beautiful Elan and got a new PB of 3.01.3 in Qualy, P6!

I hoped to benefit from less tyre wear later on in the race but expected some heavies to pass at the start of course. Shaggy and Truman did so I was P8 while Manfred took it easy and was behind me. Good start!

I was a bit faster than Shags and Truman but I could do nothing. In many corners I had to slow down only to see them power away again. Sometimes I could pass but on the straight..... Maybe not a good car choice after all? When Truman and Shaggy fought even in corners we bunched up and Manfred was in the mix now. After a bad last corner from Truman and me, Manfred came alongside on the S/F straight but outbraked himself in T1! OK, it will take a while till we see him again because he was behind several big boys in P12 or so.

I set off to catch Truman while Shaggy had made a gap in front of us. Push!!! The new hunter was Oso in 8th place and we know what that means....he got closer and closer

Truman went off and I gained a spot, lucky me.

Now lets see what to do against Shaggy. His tyres were getting older I think because I caught up within 2 laps doing 3.02.7.

Then my luck grew when Shaggy pitted just as I caught him! Oso was still hunting but I managed a gap while he was in need of new tyres I guess but he still came closer.

Then JB went off at penultimate corner from 4th place! He reentered in front of me and now I had a new challenge while Oso came closer and closer.

I stuck with JB and he went off, same corner next lap!

My luck was great today! Oso close behind but he pitted! Oof. Temporarily in P3 because the top cars also pitted...

After some laps alone and in good pace I pitted and came back in...6th place! Wow.

Oso was behind me again and I think he didn't take tyres. Difference was some 3 seconds. I pushed very hard to stay away! It worked but behind him came a new challenge....Blade!

After some laps Blade overtook Oso and gained on me fast! OK, 4th spot may be the best I can do and that's ok.

Meanwhile I checked where Manfred was but I kept him at around 11 seconds, great.

When Blade was close we entered T 1 and Wiege came out of the pits. We all met at the end of first straight and Blade was already beside me on the outside. I braked later but had to be careful with Wiege. Wiege gracefully went wide and Blade, braking even later passed me and Wiege at the same time, in the middle, IN the corner. Brilliant move! :woohoo:

OK, P4, lets see. I tried hard to keep Blade in sight but he was too fast. BUT, he made some mistakes in an effort to get further ahead and we kept in visual distance. Crossing the line I was happy with 4th but then I met Alvaro who had a tag with 6th place....???

In XD I had 3rd!?

I guess AGM was rewarded a penalty after the finish because of a second S&G?

Anywho, this was a fantastic race without real mistakes and 1 cut. It's been a while that that happened. Practice paid off in that I always could get out of a tight spot because you know the corners from all angles.

Hats off to Fin and Blade in their big blocks.

GREAT TRACK! Maybe only the Abarth tinies are boring here but from TC65 to F1 71 and Gr5 and LMC, everything will be great here!

Thanks for the fun guys!

After the race I watched some TV and I noticed that I tried turning with the buttons on the remote.....still heavily in race mode. Even in bed I was racing....talk about immersion...

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## Aw: GTC65 at Rattle Snake Point

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Come on guys, more reports! A lot happened I'm sure. :)

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## Aw: GTC65 at Rattle Snake Point

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I wish I could say something good about this race :unsure:

second corner spin, driven more on gras than on the road, two more spins and the best part was in the pitlane, when the pitstop guy had no motivation to do his job and when I decided to drive one more lap (which was the last before I would've ran out of fuel) I got a S&G at the end of the Pitlane. -> game over.

Could've been worse, I was able to drive at least 60% of the race :woohoo:

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