

VASSER SULLIVAN FIGHTS TO TOP-FIVE FINISH IN GTD PRO AT INDIANAPOLIS



HARD FOUGHT TOP FIVE FINISH FOR NO. 14 AT BATTLE ON THE BRICKS

Race Summary:

- Aaron Telitz qualified the SealMaster liveried No. 14 Vasser Sullivan Lexus RC F GT3 11th in GTD PRO for today's Battle on the Bricks at Indianapolis Motor Speedway but started 10th due to another competitor's penalty after qualifying.
- Telitz ran the opening hour and a half and when the third caution of the race was displayed, he came to pit lane for four tires, fuel and handed driving duties over to Ben Barnicoat.
- Barnicoat restarted the race in ninth and ran one stint before another caution was displayed. He brought the No. 14 to down pit lane for four tires, fuel and Telitz got back in the car.
- Telitz rejoined the field in ninth with just under three and a half hours remaining. He did his final stint before making another pit stop for tires, fuel and a driver change back to Barnicoat with just under two and a half hours remaining.
- Barnicoat restarted ninth and got up to sixth before coming to pit lane for tires and fuel. He restarted eighth and slowly started to gain positions in the closing hour of the race to finish fifth.

Quotes:

Ben Barnicoat:

"Considering that we qualified 10th, I'm very happy to break into the top-five at the end of the race today. It's my best finish of the year in the No. 14 Vasser Sullivan Lexus RC F GT3, so have to take away the positives where you can. Secondly, I feel like we executed a flawless race. Very happy with the teamwork of our team today. The pit crew didn't put a foot wrong really all day. Moved into the top-five, maybe could've had a look for P4 at the end there but I didn't want to risk what had been a really good day's work and brought home a solid result. Ultimately, we took a 10th-place car

and finished fifth, so very proud of all the guys and Aaron (Telitz) for getting the most out of the day.”

Aaron Telitz:

“Just an awesome team effort by the No. 14 Vasser Sullivan Lexus group. We didn’t have the fastest car today, but we worked so hard as a group to make sure we kept everything clean out there and did a really great job in the pits. Ben (Barnicoat) did an awesome job to finish it up, and we ended up in fifth place. We’ll keep that momentum going into Petit Le Mans.”

FLAT TIRE ENDS STRONG RUN FOR NO. 12 AT INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Race Summary:

- Frankie Montecalvo qualified 10th in the SealMaster liveried No. 12 Vasser Sullivan Lexus RC F GT3 in GTD at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. He was able to quickly gain spots moving into seventh.
- Montecalvo ran the opening two and a half stints mostly running sixth or better before pitting for tires, fuel and a driver change to Parker Thompson under a caution about two and a half hours into the six-hour endurance race.
- Thompson restarted the race in seventh and ran a stint and a half maintaining position before handing the driving duties over to Jack Hawksworth to close out the Battle on the Bricks.
- During the pit stop, the No. 12 went down a lap and restarted 10th but was able to gain it back during the next pit stop as they needed less fuel and were able to beat the leader off pit lane.
- Hawksworth restarted seventh with just under an hour remaining and quickly ran into the top five. Unfortunately, contact from another competitor caused in a flat tire on the No. 12 and Hawksworth had to come to pit lane for left side tires. He returned to the track in ninth where he ultimately finished the race.

Quotes:

Jack Hawksworth:

“Tough weekend for the No. 12 Vasser Sullivan Lexus team. We didn’t have the pace we were looking for and we went out with the mentality today to run a clean race, and we did that. Frankie (Montecalvo) put in some really good stints and Parker (Thompson) did the same. And then, we were running towards the front late in the race and then got a puncture, forcing us to pit, which was the late turning point of the race really. We gave it our best today, but we just didn’t have the luck at the end.”

Parker Thompson:

“Unfortunately, another day of facing some sort of adversity for the No. 12 Vasser Sullivan Lexus team. We didn’t quite have it all today. I was going to be pretty happy with a top-five and then, that was taken away with the flat tire. Come out of here (Indianapolis) with a top-10 and we’ll get to work for Petit. Also need to shoutout the No. 14 team today for their fight to get a top-five finish on their end.”

Frankie Montecalvo:

“We didn’t have the pace today after qualifying 10th yesterday. I had a great start and ended up running what was a little more than a double stint for me. Think once I pitted, I was fifth. Parker (Thompson) and Jack (Hawksworth) did a great job. We stayed clean pretty much the entire race - no contact, no penalties, which was great. But we got really unlucky there towards the end with an unscheduled stop due to the tire going down. If you look at where we started and where we

could've finished, a top-five was definitely in play. Little bit of a letdown that we had a top-five in view, but at the same time, the team did a phenomenal job with the car to fight up front all day.”

No. 14 Vasser Sullivan Lexus RC F GT3:

- Barnicoat and Telitz are the full-time drivers of the No. 14 Vasser Sullivan Lexus RC F GT3 for the 2025 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship in GTD PRO with Kyle Kirkwood competing in select endurance races.
- The No. 14 had its best result at IMS in 2023 with Hawksworth and Barnicoat behind the wheel, rounding out the podium with a third-place finish.
- Barnicoat is in his fourth season with Vasser Sullivan and Lexus. The 2023 GTD PRO Champion has seven wins, five in GTD PRO and two in GTD in as many starts.
- Telitz is competing in his seventh IMSA season, all with Vasser Sullivan and Lexus. He teamed with Hawksworth to win the 2020 GTD Sprint Cup driver, team and manufacturer championships. He has earned five wins and five poles in IMSA.

No. 12 Vasser Sullivan Lexus RC F GT3:

- Hawksworth and Thompson are the full-time drivers of the No. 12 Lexus RC F GT3 for the 2025 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship season in GTD, with Frankie Montecalvo competing in all the endurance races.
- The best finish for the No. 12 Vasser Sullivan Lexus at Indianapolis Motor Speedway came in today's race with Hawksworth, Thompson and Montecalvo's ninth-place finish.
- Hawksworth has been with the Lexus GT3 program since its inception in 2017 and is contesting in his seventh season with Vasser Sullivan. The 2023 GTD PRO champion has scored 11 wins with the team and 12 total IMSA victories. Hawksworth has captured nine pole positions with Vasser Sullivan, 13 total with Lexus and 14 overall career poles in IMSA. He scored his first IMSA win on the IMS road course in 2014 driving in the LMPC series.
- Thompson is in his third season with Vasser Sullivan and Lexus, this being his second season as a full-time driver after competing in the 2023 endurance races. The Canadian has two wins, the first coming at Watkins Glen in 2023 and the second in 2024 at Long Beach with Barnicoat. He has captured four poles, including the season-opening Rolex 24 at Daytona, Long Beach and Watkins Glen, all coming in the 2024 season, as well as the pole in Long Beach in 2025.
- Montecalvo is contesting in his seventh season with Vasser Sullivan and Lexus. He has scored two victories, the first in 2020 at Road America and the second at Watkins Glen in 2023. He has earned five poles with the team.

Vasser Sullivan Lexus:

- This will be the third time Vasser Sullivan and Lexus will compete at Indianapolis Motor Speedway with IMSA. Vasser Sullivan has one podium finish at the 2.439-mile, 14-turn road course with Hawksworth and Barnicoat behind the wheel.
- The 2025 season marks the seventh season Lexus and Vasser Sullivan have partnered together. During that time, the Vasser Sullivan Lexus RC F GT3s have earned an impressive

15 wins, 48 podiums, and 26 poles. They have won the GTD PRO Championship in 2023 and the GTD Sprint Cup Championship in 2020.

- The Battle on the Bricks at Indianapolis Motor Speedway was the fourth endurance race of the season. The other endurance events are the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona, 12 Hours of Sebring, Six Hours at the Glen, and Petit Lemans at Road Atlanta.



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