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GENESIS MAGMA RACING SCORES TOP-TEN QUALIFYING RESULTS ON LE MANS DEBUT

- Genesis Magma Racing's two GMR-001 Hypercars will start the 24 Hours of Le Mans from the top ten after Paul-Loup Chatin and André Lotterer claimed sixth and ninth respectively
- The two entries progressed into Hyperpole 2 after strong performances from Mathys Jaubert and Mathieu Jaminet in Hyperpole 1 and from Pipo Derani and Dani Juncadella in Wednesday's first sessions
- Despite the strong single-lap pace, the team remains focused on making sure the two cars finish the race, the toughest challenge of their debut FIA World Endurance Championship season

LE MANS, France, June 12, 2026 — Genesis Magma Racing scored a shock result in their first 24 Hours of Le Mans, as both GMR-001 Hypercars qualified in the top ten for the event. Having progressed through both Hyperpole sessions, Paul-Loup Chatin and André Lotterer placed the cars seventh and 10th in the final session to complete a strong team performance.

Focus Remains on Race Despite Qualifying Pace

The team, the first South Korean manufacturer to compete in the famous endurance race, started the event with its focus firmly on working on the reliability and drivability of the car.

Throughout the practice running, the team worked on a number of setup solutions, improving the car at every opportunity, as well as confirming the performance of the Two-Line headlamps in competition for the first time during Wednesday night's two-hour session, which finished at midnight.

The team's qualifying campaign began on Wednesday evening, with Pipo Derani and Dani Juncadella at the wheel of the two GMR-001 Hypercars. Juncadella briefly had the #19 entry as high as fourth before those behind found further improvements. The Spaniard ended the 30-minute session 11th, with Derani holding 13th to progress to the Hyperpole 1 session for the fastest 15 in the 18-car Hypercar class.

For the first Hyperpole session, Mathys Jaubert and Mathieu Jaminet took the wheel of their respective cars. Both drivers had their starring moments in the 20-minute session, Jaminet second fastest after the opening flying laps. Jaubert — the youngest driver on the Hypercar

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grid this season — claimed the top time with just a minute left, though he would finish the session third quickest to secure Lotterer a spot in the Hyperpole 2 session.

The experienced German lost his first flying lap to track limits, limiting his efforts to ninth place.

Chatin's first lap placed the #19 on the edge of the top five, and though the French driver improved on his own time, he could not improve his position as others found extra pace in the critical moments of the session.

Despite the promising pace shown throughout the qualifying and practice sessions, Genesis Magma Racing's focus remains on securing classified finishes for both its cars on the team's 24 Hours of Le Mans debut. The season's longest — and most important — race is a significant challenge for any team, let alone one in only its third race, making the team undoubted underdogs in both reliability and performance. However, the squad remains focused on executing a trouble-free race of its own, knowing that this can bring its own rewards, as seen already this year.

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