



ASTON MARTIN RACING

AFTER 15 HOURS: ASTON MARTIN UP TO FOURTH

The 007 Aston Martin LMP1 car, currently driven by Germany's Stefan Mücke, is up to fourth overall as morning breaks over Le Mans, following a 45-minute safety car period.

The safety car came out as the result of an accident on one of the first corners of the circuit shortly after 4am. The accident also deposited a trail of oil on the track, making conditions even more treacherous in the early morning light.

Jan Charouz completed a long night stint before handing over to Mücke, reporting no incidents. "It was all fine," he said. "I was quite happy with the pace we could do, without even pushing too hard. Of course I was very concentrated in order not to make any mistakes but actually it was no problem. I don't mind driving at night at all; in fact I like it."

Anthony Davidson worked his way back up to 10th in 008, before handing the car to Darren Turner in the early hours of the morning. Turner commented: "We had a good stint and tried out some new soft tyres, which worked well. There was a lot of oil on the track though, and that made it really difficult to judge the level of grip available."

The 009 car was driven by Peter Kox throughout the early morning stints, who reported no major problems apart from a lack of grip and visibility due to the oil. The car is currently 16th in the LMP1 class. The Drayson Racing Vantage GT2 maintains 13th in class.

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