

Team Kolles starts with top-class drivers squad into their first LMS race

Beside the already confirmed racing drivers Christian Bakkerud and Andrew Meyrick, Team Kolles relies on a number of more nameable drivers for its first LMS race in Barcelona.

Apart from Michael Krumm, the dutchman Charles Zwolsman will debut on the T10 TDI of the team based in Greding, as well as the Indian former Formula 1 driver Narain Karthikeyan. The man with the most experience is Christijan Albers, who already raced for the DTM team of Dr. Colin Kolles in 2008 and who straightaway with the very R10 TDI gained the second place for Audi at his guest race in the ALMS in Laguna Seca.

Michael Krumm has been challenging the GT championship in Japan very successfully for some years, but he also can refer to experiences made in the American CART Series and Formula Nippon. 2002 he came in third at the long distance classic of Le Mans, together with Marco Werner and Philipp Peter in an Audi R8.

The dutchman Charles Zwolsman started his carrier in karting and went through the common valuable learning experience with Formula Ford, Formula Renault and Formula 3 before he decided to push his carrier in the USA. After winning the Toyota Atlantic Championship in 2005 he switched over to the Champ Car Series.

Narain Karthikeyan is one of the most successful Indian racing drivers and by winning the Formula Ford Winterseries became the first Indian to win a european Championship. That was followed by the victory of the Formula Asia championship, the Pole-Position at the long-established Macao-Grand-Prix and the victory of the Formula-3-Super-Prix in South Korea. In 2005 Karthikeyan competed with Team Jordan as the first Indian in Formula 1.

Christijan Albers is a familiar friend of the team, as they already competed together in the DTM last year. There Chrtijan convinced with constant good results in the two year old Audi A4 DTM and was able to sometimes anger the drivers in newer cars. Some of his career highlights are the victory of the Formula 3 championship in 1999 and the Vice-Championship in the DTM in 2003, as driver with the most victories. From 2005 to 2007 he raced Formula 1 for Minardi, Midland and Spyker.

Dr. Colin Kolles: "I think, with these six drivers we have a success-promising combination for our first LMS race. Each one of them is highly motivated and wants to show what he can. And also the mixture fits: with Christijan and Michael we have two long-distance-professionals, and the other four presented themselves at first test runs as highly adaptive, hungry for success and most important of all, as team players.

The whole team has been working very hard for the last weeks for everything to work out perfectly in Barcelona. We hope our endeavors will be rewarded."