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23.08.06 LE MANS SERIES DONNINGTON, GREAT BRITAIN. BIG WEEKEND AHEAD FOR CREATION

We've had enough of being 2nd and 3rd and this weekend, at our home race of the Series, there's only one place we aim to finish and that's on the top step of the podium. We've put into place everything we think we need to help us towards that goal, including the addition of Kevin McGarrity to our driver line-up. The words of Team Principal, Ian Bickerton, leave no doubt about the Creation team's intentions for the forthcoming 1000Kms of Donnington event. Thirty-three-year-old McGarrity, a close friend and former F3000 running mate of Nicolas Minassian, will be paired with the Frenchman in the nr. 10 Creation CA06/H LMP 1 prototype. McGarrity's fellow Briton (and fellow former Donington Jim Russell School instructor), Jamie Campbell-Walter, will be reunited with his Le Mans team mates, Felipe Ortiz and Beppe Gabbiani in the nr. 9 car.

This will be the first time that the Bicester-based team has fielded two cars in the Le Mans Series. The Belfast, Northern Ireland man brings to Creation many years of sports car experience, and he is bubbling with anticipation for the weekend's race. I'm really happy to be joining Creation, especially as its for a home race and as I'll be racing with Nic. Back in 1999 it looked as though we'd be joining the same F3000 team and we did lots of testing together, sharing the same car and working really closely together. We got on just great and discovered we like the car set up in the same way which should help this weekend.

Although we ended up joining different teams then, we've always kept in touch and hoped to be able to drive together one day. Now its happening. Creation has recently tested 29-year-old Dane Tomas Serwin, a protege of Tom Kristensen, with a view to his inclusion in the driver line-up. Despite performing outstandingly at the Snetterton test, a family business commitment unfortunately prevents him from being able to race this weekend. His name is, however, likely to be linked with Creation in the future. Ian Bickerton explains why: He'd never been to Snetterton before, hasn't driven competitively for nearly a year, never driven a prototype, used carbon brakes or a paddle shift, and he pretty quickly got to within two seconds of Nic's time. As people who know me will tell you I'm not easily impressed, but this guy did it for me. We are definitely talking to him about all our future plans.

Creation's founder and leading light, Michael Jankowski, can't wait to see the result of months of hard work come to fruition this weekend. Its a big commitment to build up and race two cars but we know that its a vital step not only for our future plans but also for the Series. It adds great depth to the prototype class. What I can't wait to see is the start. Nic and Jamie have never raced against each other before so the start will be interesting to say the least! Team orders? Well, I think the only one will be Don't crash into each other.

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