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FIRST IN CLASS WIN FOR CLP MOTORSPORTS' NP01 AT NASA'S 25 HOUR ENDURANCE RACE TEAM SETS THE BAR FOR ALL-NEW NP01 PROTOTYPE CLASS

MARTINEZ, CA – The CLP Motorsports team took home the top podium spot in the all-new NP01 Prototype class at this year's 13th annual USAF 25 Hours of Thunderhill on December 5-6.

"I couldn't be happier with our team's performance at this year's 25 Hour of Thunderhill presented by Hawk Performance. This was our first 25 Hour and the NP01's first race. We took on the challenge to prep the NP01 in November and had only two weeks to get ready for one of the most grueling and longest races in the country. Our team at CLP Motorsports are very fortunate to surround ourselves with experienced 25 Hour crew and drivers to create a winning team," stated CLP Motorsports Team Owner Pat O'Keefe.

The CLP Motorsports #6 NP01 was driven by Tyler McQuarrie, Marc Miller, Tom Dyer, Jeremy Croiset, and CLP's Pat O'Keefe.

"I want to personally thank Tim Barber and his crew for helping me and my amazing co-drivers Tyler, Marc, Tom, and Jeremy. They were all unbelievable in helping develop this brand new race car into a very fast race car. We will be back next year for sure, bigger and better!" said O'Keefe.

From the start, the CLP NP01 racecar proved it would have what it takes to complete the 25 hours of non-stop racing. On Friday, the team qualified in 10th position on the starting grid after a great qualifying lap driven by Tyler McQuarrie. In heavy traffic, McQuarrie gave a qualifying lap time of 1:52.079.

After the green flag dropped, the five drivers took turns behind the wheel on the 3-mile Thunderhill Raceway road course. The drivers completed a total of 514 laps, consistently putting the car in the top 5 to 6 fastest cars on the track. The NP01 drove for 1,542 miles, making 8224 gear changes.

The crew overcame several challenges including battling cold temperatures and rainy conditions. The team worked tirelessly throughout the 25-hour race, clinching the first place win in class, and finishing 32nd overall when put up against all classes of cars.

"The NASA 25 Hours of Thunderhill presented by Hawk Performance is the most grueling test of man and machine in the country," said Jeremy Croiset, NASA's Director of Business Development and NP01 project lead. "It's an ambitious feat for anyone to enter this event, but the CLP Motorsports team did so with a car they received from the factory just two weeks prior to the event with limited spares and a great game plan going in. Patrick O'Keefe, CLP Motorsports Team Owner, called me a few months back with the crazy idea of trying to take

on this race with the new car. He put together a very talented group of individuals and I was honored to be included on the team for this challenge. They not only showed they were one of the top teams to contend with in the ultra competitive field, but also proved the racing pedigree emanating from Elan's heritage flows deeply through the veins of this new machine finishing."

"What the CLP team accomplished with this new NP01 should be a testament to the track worthiness of this new machine, the thought and engineering that went into its design, and a huge badge of honor for the entire program making the statement that the first ever NASA Prototype Elan NP01 vehicle to enter a competitive environment did so and finished what many regard as the worst toughest endurance race. The future looks rather bright indeed for this new racing series!" Croiset said.

CLP Motorsports is the first team to race the new NP01 in a competitive race. It was designed with the idea of creating a fast and easy to maintain prototype style built car that would give teams an affordable price point to compete in NASA's new NP01 Series introduced this year.

The NASA NP01 Prototype is an all-new racecar developed in a partnership between NASA and Élan Technologies. The single seat, closed cockpit racecar weighs just 1550 lbs. with a top speed of 155mph and is powered by a 185-horsepower, 2-liter Mazda power plant mated to a 6-speed sequential transmission.

CLP Motorsports would like to thank all of its partners for their support in creating a winning team: NASA Pro Racing, Élan Technologies, TFB Performance, Sparco, Andy Blackmore Design, Aero Paint Technologies, Simraceway Performance Driving Center, Hawk Performance, StopTech Breaks, Lira Motorsports, RaceCast.me, Larsens Canopies, Golden Gate Petroleum, NEXGEN Fuels, and SafeCraft Safety Equipment.

About CLP Motorsports

CLP Motorsports is the premier, full-service performance facility in Northern California. CLP specializes in road racing, time attack, autocross, and high-performance street cars. CLP offers customers a wide array of services including performance maintenance, product installation, fabrication, full-service builds, race car setup, product development, part sales, driver coaching, arrive and drive services, and more. Learn more about our services and team of experts at <http://www.clpmotorsports.com>.

About Tyler McQuarrie

Tyler McQuarrie grew up in Walnut Creek, CA and started racing karts when he was 14. He won the Formula Russell Championship and the Russell Triple crown in 1998. Tyler is only the 3rd American to win the World Scholarship in England and with that, Tyler spent 2 years racing formula Vauxhall in Europe. Tyler also spent time racing USF2000, American Le Mans, USAC Sprint cars, and NASCAR West Series. He has since become one of the top drift drivers and is also one of the best multipurpose drivers in the country.

About Tom Dyer

Tom Dyer is a race driver with a diversified portfolio of racing and driving experience. Growing up in a racing family Tom's aspirations in motorsports were always front and center in his desires. He's made a career out of driving, coaching, teaching, and engaging in precision driving events. His career experience includes endurance sports cars, LMP & Daytona prototypes, open wheel formula cars, stock cars, midget Sprint cars & karts. Series include: IMSA & Grand-Am, IndyCar Indy Lights series, NASCAR, USAC, SCCA and NASA. More about Tom can be seen on his website www.tomdyer.com or follow him on his Facebook page under Tom Dyer Motorsports or on Twitter @TomDyer_

About Marc Miller

Marc Miller began racing karts at the age of 11. He has competed successfully in kart racing, formula cars, stock cars and now sportscars. Miller has multiple national karting titles, including winning the United States Rotax Championship in 2008. He competed for four years as the only American driver in NASCAR's Canadian Tire Series with several "Top Rookie" awards. Since 2009 Miller has focused on sports car racing. He finished runner-up the

Mazda MX-5 Cup Championship that season and has spent the last five seasons as a driver for CJ Wilson Racing in the Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge. During that period he has secured multiple wins, pole positions and fastest laps. His consistency was noticed by Riley Motorsports who drafted him into their squad for the prestigious 24 Hours of Le Mans driving the Dodge Viper GTS-R. His preparation for the most famous race in the World included driving the teams Viper GTS-R at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, CA in May where he qualified second and led during the opening stint of the race. When he is not at race events or helping to train drivers throughout the country, Miller enjoys spending time with his two sons, Evan [11] & Seth [9] and living an active lifestyle in West Michigan biking, kayaking or boating.

About Jeremy Croiset

Jeremy Croiset is a multi-time Regional and National Championship winning driver with years of experience in both sprint and endurance road racing. A veteran race driver and coach, he has amassed wins in a variety of vehicles from spec racing classes to high powered Super Touring machines. Some highlights of Jeremy's career include "winning two National Championships in two different cars at the same NASA Championship event" and winning the inaugural season of Setup on the Speed Channel network. When he's not behind the wheel, Jeremy stays busy as the Director of Business Development for the National Auto Sport Association.

About NASA

The National Auto Sport Association [NASA] was formed in 1991 with the premise of delivering high-quality motorsports events to enthusiasts at major racing venues throughout the nation. NASA has created programs that allow owners of both racecars and high-performance street-driven vehicles to enjoy the full performance capabilities of their cars in a controlled professionally managed environment. NASA offers many different programs that will allow you to enjoy motorsports on a number of different levels, including our High Performance Driving Events [HPDE], Rally Sport, Time Trial, NASA-X and Competition Racing programs. For more information, log onto www.nasaproracing.com

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