


2025 FIM ENDURANCE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP LE MANS 24 HRS RACE RESULT & REPORT

- EVENT PLACE : Le Mans Bugatti Circuit/France
- EVENT DATES : Apr. 19-20
- TEAM : Team Kawasaki Webike Trickstar
- MACHINE NO. : #11



RIDER “BLUE”		RIDER “YELLOW”		RIDER “RED”	
Roman Ramos Alvaro		Mike Di Meglio		Gregory Leblanc	
QUALIFY (riders best lap)					
● Roman Ramos	1.35’ 542	● Mike Di Meglio	1.36’ 440		
● Gregory Leblanc	1.36’ 069				
QUALIFYING POSITION		average lap time of 2 fastest riders of the team			
7th		1.35’ 806			
RACE RESULT	Lups	best lap time			
2nd	782	1.36’ 922			



Apr. 17-18 | Qualify

On KWT's third consecutive year of the challenge for FIM Endurance World Championship, the whole team was motivated than ever to kick off the season after the team confirmed to race with Bridgestone tyres in 2025 which has had a positive effect during the winter test.

KWT was originally scheduled to compete with four riders, Gregory Leblanc, Christian Gamarino, Mike Di Meglio, and Romain Ramos as a reserve rider, however Gamarino injured his right shoulder during the pre-Mans and was forced to withdraw from the opening round of EWC but decided to be with the team through the race to support the riders and the team on site.

Instead, the team will compete with three riders, Roman Ramos, Mike Di Meglio and Gregory Leblanc.

In the free practice session Ramos showed a great performance and brought the team to the second place to close the session.

Ramos has consistently demonstrated stable speed since the winter tests, and has been setting top times in the team one after another symbolizing his growth since the start of the year.

On the first day of qualifying practice, as the rain was forecasted on the second day, the team put everything on the line and tried to make a time attack on this first session.

Ramos, rider Blue made aggressive attacks and improved his lap time down to 1.35' 542, finishing the session in 4th place in his group.

Following rider Di Meglio, rider Yellow unfortunately crashed down on his second lap, but had only minor damage on the bike and no damage for the rider. After a quick repair, he rejoined on the track and scored 1.36' 440, and finished 7th place in his group.

Leblanc, rider Red, was unable to achieve to his full performance in the first qualifying session due to the effects of the bike caused by previous fall.

Contrary to expectations, the weather improved on the second day of qualifying, and the conditions became dry. Leblanc improved his time to 1.36' 069 and this had pushed up the team's overall time.

As a result, the combined time of Ramos and Leblanc meant that the Kawasaki Webike Trickstar confirmed to start the race from 7th place overall, which was a good enough position to make a comeback in the final.



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The race started under complicated condition with the rain started to fall just before the start. The starting rider was Leblanc, who is the master of Le Mans and scoring many victories in the past. Leblanc got off to a good start and finished the opening lap in 4th place. The early part of the race was a turbulent one, with other teams crashing repeatedly as the track condition was worsened, but Leblanc kept a calm and stable ride and started off in a position to compete for 4th/5th place.

He then continued for the second stint, picking up the pace even more and pushing himself up to 2nd place before coming back to the pit. His strong early performance created an ideal flow for the team. Ramos took over from Leblanc after Leblanc had completed 2 first stints, and KWT was in 3rd place when he went out of the pit.

but he quickly closed the gap at every lap with his aggressive high average riding.

Ramos who had been performing well since the winter tests, showed his true potential, securing 2nd place again on lap 104. As they continued to run double stints, they steadily closed the gap with the leader.

Di Meglio took over after Ramos and joined to the fight for the lead. With the hard fight of Leblanc, Ramos and Di Meglio on the track, the gap with the leader reduced only 4.4 seconds at 7 hours after the start. The battle from there was spectacular.

On the 247th lap after 8 hours passed from the start, Ramos finally overtook #7 YART YAMAHA, and KWT took the lead.

At this point, the intermediate points for the 8-hour result were added according to the FIM EWC regulations, and KWT scored 10 points, and this was the important advantage concerning the championship.

The race entered to the late night session, and difficult conditions continued such as the dark and cold night riding, poor visibility and the introduction of the safety car due to the number of bikes falling down due to rain, but the team continued to ride steadily without losing focus even under the harsh conditions.

KWT scored another important 10 points securing the 1st position after 16 hours and maintained the lead for about 11 hours after taking the lead, building a maximum lead of three laps over second place and dominated the race.

However, with three and a half hours left in the race, Di Meglio fell down on the ground.

He quickly picked up the bike and resumed to join on the track. As he found that the damage was minor, he decided to continue and completed his stint and returned to the pit.



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The mechanics assessed the situation and repaired the machine appropriately when Di Meglio returned, and Leblanc took it back to the track again.

KWT remained in first place, but the gap between the second place got to be reduced and the second place is on the same lap now.

Leblanc continued to ride hard for increasing the gap in between and following him Ramos even recorded the team's fastest lap of the race, 1.36' 922 despite being at the peak of fatigue at the 22-hours riding. He again widened the gap with second place to one and a half laps, and a complete victory was in sight. With less than an hour left, it started raining on the track again.

As the conditions changed rapidly from dry to wet, Ramos returned to the pit, changed tyres from slick to rain and went out for the final stint with high determination.

Although the whole team are watching him with crossing fingers, Ramos fell down immediately, being a victim of the rain.

Ramos picked up his bike, immediately came back to the pit, and the mechanics responded with incredible speed, and the team quickly returned to the race. However, at this point, KWT had dropped down to second place.

Di Meglio had completed the last stint of KWT's first 24 HRS race of 2025.

From this point on, the race was truly "breathtaking."

Despite the rainy conditions, KWT never gave up and scored 5 seconds faster than #7 YART YAMAHA at this last stint.

As #7 YART lost about 1 minute due to an emergency pit stop, KWT closed the gap by 2 laps and caught up to the same lap. In addition, they showed an amazing performance of overtaking #7 YART.



KWT raced till the very end aiming to finish the top of the podium, but unfortunately it was not possible to recapture this time, but Kawasaki Webike Trickstar is very much proud of this second place as this is the first podium since KWT started this project in 2023.

In a tough 24-hour race, everything has to be on the line, and the riders, machines, and all the staff need to perform at a highest level, and this proves the team potential and strength in the end.

With regrets in the hearts, KWT now vow to make further progress in the next race at Spa.



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Roman Ramos

I am very happy to have arrived the second place in the traditional Le Mans 24 Hours.

However, I am very disappointed that we missed out the victory at the very end after leading for over 15 hours.

We believed we were able to win and fought until the end which was the goal of this team.

Gregory, Mike, Christian, and all the team crew did a great job and I am proud to have been able to compete with such a great team.

And in this very tough race, we were able to prove that we have the ability to compete to win.

I am also very happy that I was able to show that I have a good ability as an endurance rider through this week.

Le Mans was really tough, but I felt that the Kawasaki bike was a great fit for this course.

The next race at Spa-Francorchamps might be more difficult for us because we need more engine power, but we will work harder and become even stronger to be ready for it.

At last, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my family who have continued to support me though the race, and to my teammates who have been always encouraging me, and also to my sponsors and my fans for all their support.



Mike Di Meglio

We achieved a fantastic result of finishing at 2nd position in the 24 Hours of Le Mans, my first race after transferring to Team Kawasaki Webike Trickstar. Despite the intense race and numerous overtaking attempts, I think we were able to perform well throughout the 24 hours.

With the support of Bridgestone tires, the battle for the top spot became a reality, and it was a great achievement for the team to be able to keep the lead for over 15 hours.

The track conditions were very difficult, as it changed time by time, but all the riders maximized their concentration and talent, and the mechanics and all the team crew had worked hard together without rest under the right strategy, which led to this second-place result.

But to be honest, I feel more regret now more than gratification because the victory was right in front of us.

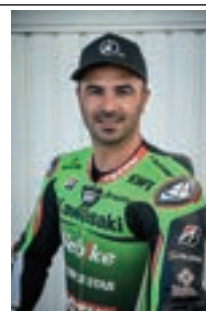
Still, we were able to prove that we "have the ability to fight for win," and this race has proved clear of our strengths and our latest improvements.

Now I feel that we need to prepare to be more consistent and maintain a steady pace in order to make further leaps for upcoming races. In any cases, to start the season in such a great way means a lot to us and we were able to gain valuable points in the championship race. Next up is the Spa 8 Hours.

It will be my first time to race at Spa-Francorchamps with Kawasaki bike, and I am excited with this new challenge.

Thank you so much to all the fans who supported us on site at the circuit and through the TV screens, and thank you again to all our partners who believe in us and support us.

We promise that we will come back even stronger.



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Gregory Leblanc

We finished second in the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

To be honest, this result is very disappointing for me, but I'm proud that the whole team fought till the end giving all we have under such difficult conditions.

I strongly believe if we had just one more hour, we might have been able to win. We missed our sixth victory at the 24 Hours of Le Mans which was our challenge for the maximum number of the victories in the history of Le Mans.

But looking back, I think that winning the podium at the first race of the season and being in second place in the Endurance World Championship standings is a positive start for the team especially concerning that this was the first time we used Bridgestone rain tires. It was difficult to get used to the tires at the beginning especially under the changing conditions at night with cold and slippery surface, and the condition that was neither dry nor wet made it a very difficult. But I think that we showed great adaptability and performance as a team under such circumstances.



We will need to improve our bike for the upcoming 8 Hours of Spa. Spa in particular has many long straights and requires more power.

Compared to the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the 8 Hours race is like a sprint race, and each rider can only run three stints, so concentration and explosiveness are required.

Last year we didn't have a good result at Spa, but this year is different.

Change of tires will also change the race, and this race will prove what we have improved during the winter time. I would like to move forward with both confidence and challenges for the next race.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone on the team, Roman, Mike, and Christian, who supported me especially for Christian who stayed with us through the race even he is injured.

And I would like to thank to all of our partners and fans who always support us.

See you again in Spa, the beautiful circuit for our second round of EWC in early June!

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Ryuji Tsuruta Team Manager

I have been really suffering for about seven months since KWT retired from the final race of last year, Bol d'Or 24HRS.

I've been having so much pressure on my shoulders and had been thinking all the time how I can improve the team performance.

I think I'm even not only me but also each rider and the team crew had been feeling the same way.

Gregory had a big crash at Suzuka last year and suffered serious injuries by broken his right femur.

Despite from a situation that could be said to be in danger of ending his career as an athlete, he made an amazing recovery through his own efforts and took part in this race.

Romain also experienced an accident in the Suzuka race where he suffered heat stroke during the race and was forced to retire midway.

He felt a strong sense of responsibility for stopping the race itself, so he thoroughly reviewed his very hard physical and mental training during the off-season and has been working hard for this 2025 season.

Mike had made the decision at the end of last year to join our team to challenge the championship with us.

We have come this far with an extraordinary fighting spirit.

Each rider took on the race with the hopes of making a comeback.

I think that their fierce determination was reflected in their riding.

KWT was able to hold the first position for most of this long race, and we maintained the lead until under an hour remained.

However, a sudden rain caused us to slip down, and we regretfully missed out on the win.

Still, the fact that each rider was constantly on the edge of the race and kept on racing was a great performance and a valuable achievement.

Although we were unable to win, I am really pleased that we were able to achieve the wonderful result of coming in the second place.

Until last year, it was difficult for us to even keep up with the top group, but this year, thanks to the efforts of our riders and the support of Bridgestone Tires, we were able to take the lead in the race.

This is a huge achievement, and I am sure it will have a great impact on the future.

Finally, I would like to thank Bridgestone Tires, to all the sponsors and partners, and to all the people involved, and the fans who sent us their enthusiastic support to our team.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude.

The whole team will work together to perform as well as we did this time at the next Spa-Francorchamps 8 Hours endurance race, so that we can achieve the best possible result. We appreciate your continued support.

