



Press release

## **ELMS 2025: IDEC SPORT celebrates its 10th anniversary with a first-ever victory at the 4 Hours of Le Castellet**

**In front of more than 24,000 spectators, IDEC SPORT claimed its second win of the season in as many races with the #18 Oreca driven by Jamie Chadwick, Dani Juncadella, and Mathys Jaubert. The #28 car finished 11th in the LMP2 class.**

IDEC SPORT was racing on home soil for the second round of the European Le Mans Series at the 4 Hours of Le Castellet. Throughout the week, the team worked tirelessly to find the right setup. Paul-Loup Chatin qualified 7th with the #28, while Mathys Jaubert secured 4th on the grid for the #18.

The start of the 2025 4 Hours of Le Castellet, held at midday on Sunday, May 4, was made treacherous by unpredictable weather. Rain had fallen in the morning, but the track was not fully wet. Paul Lafargue started the race in the #28. British driver Jamie Chadwick took the wheel of the #18. Both Oreca 07s started on slick tyres. In the very first corner, Paul Lafargue was hit and spun around, dropping to last place. Shortly after the 44-car field got underway, rain returned, quickly making the track slippery and bringing out the safety car.

Paul-Loup Chatin took over from Paul Lafargue in the #28, while Dani Juncadella jumped into the #18. The Spaniard delivered a strong stint, moving up through the field and handing the car over to Mathys Jaubert in second position. Job Van Uitert took the wheel of the #28. Unfortunately, with just over 1 hour and 20 minutes left, the Dutchman was involved in a collision and ended up in the tyre barriers. He had to wait for the marshals to extract the car. Despite heavy front-end damage, Job managed to bring the car back to the pits. The #28 rejoined the race, but a 3-minute penalty — for entering the pits under safety car conditions — ended any remaining hopes in what had already been a difficult race.

Meanwhile, Mathys Jaubert pulled away at the front, driving a flawless final stint to take the chequered flag in first place. The #18 crew thus claimed their second victory in two races and now leads the championship with 50 points.

### **Patrice Lafargue, IDEC SPORT President**

"The weather was what it was. We had to make some decisions, which spiced up the race a bit. Of course, we're thrilled with the win for the #18. But we mustn't forget that we have two cars, and the #28 had a tough race. Race incidents weren't on our side — quite the opposite. The problems dictated our race. We have to accept that — that's racing. We'll take this great win for the #18 and also the overall performance of both cars. Now my mind is on Le Mans. It's the race of the year, we all know it, and we'll start preparing for it on Tuesday."





**Nicolas Minassian, Team Principal**

*"We've had a great, though at times difficult, week because there was a lot of work to do on the #28. I saw a united team that did a fantastic job — quick, efficient — and we had a very fast car in qualifying. Unfortunately, we didn't get to show the full potential of the #28 in the race, even though it had great top speed and was competitive. Despite the setbacks, Paul, Paul-Loup, and Job did an excellent job and never gave up.*

*On the #18 side, it was a perfect race. No incidents. Jamie drove two solid stints and managed tough conditions well. Dani carried the momentum and moved the car up the field, and Mathys finished the job perfectly, managing traffic brilliantly.*

*I'm very happy for the whole team, the drivers, and our partner Genesis Magma Racing. It's our first year together, and we're showing our ability to run two cars. The next step is a perfect weekend with both cars at the front — and I'm sure it's coming. We're leading the championship with a 23-point advantage. The goal is to keep this momentum going and to prepare properly for the biggest event of the year: the 24 Hours of Le Mans."*

**Mathys Jaubert, #18 driver**

*"It's just crazy. We've won our home race, on IDEC SPORT's turf, in the year of the team's 10th anniversary. It's our first win here. The entire team was incredible — from the mechanics and engineers who gave us a competitive car, to my teammates who put me in a strong position for my stint. Conditions were quite good for me. I just had to finish the job and bring the car home. What's great is that now, after this win, the next race is Le Mans."*

**Next step, the 24 Hours of Le Mans on June 15-16, 2025.**

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**2025 European Le Mans Series LM P2 Teams' Championship**

Round 2

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|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>IDEC Sport #18</b>     | <b>50</b> |
| 2         | Vector Sport              | 27        |
| 3         | VDS Panis Racing          | 26        |
| 4         | Inter Europol Competition | 20        |
| <b>11</b> | <b>IDEC SPORT #28</b>     | <b>4</b>  |





#### ELMS 2025 calendar

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Barcelone         | 6 avril      |
| Le Castellet      | 4 mai        |
| Imola             | 6 juillet    |
| Spa-Francorchamps | 24 août      |
| Silverstone       | 14 septembre |
| Portimao          | 18 octobre   |

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