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Audi unchallenged up front

While Johnny Herbert takes off for his 4th stint at the head of the race, problems abound for the rest of the pack. The #9 Kondo Racing Dome, which had moved up to 15th place, had to retire to its pits for a gearbox change.

In the GTS class, the #51 Larbre Competition Chrysler pitted to first replace a failing clutch, then the starter. The #53 Carsport Holland Chrysler spent quite a bit of time in its pits to fix a left front wheel which had come apart after a flat tire.

The off-track excursions continue one after the other, first with the #28 Roc, followed by the #4 Riley & Scott and the #85 Porsche.

Most likely fuelled by his stop and go penalty, Tom Kristensen rejoined the race in attack mode. The Dane lapped in 3:35 to try to catch the #2 Audi.

As expected, Audi is easily dominating the top positions in the race after three hours. Other than the #26 MG in 3rd place, the R8s occupy the top 5 positions. The #13 Courage is putting in a great performance, currently running 7th after a worrisome start and just behind the #14 Team Oreca Dallara Judd.

The #58 Prodrive Ferrari is keeping up its lightning pace and continues to lead the GTS class. The beautiful red car is now up to 17th place overall, well in front of many of the prototypes.

In GT, the #78 PK Sport Porsche has taken over the lead from the #81 Racers Group Porsche in dominating fashion.

The #70 JMB Racing Ferrari has now retired from the race, the third car thus far.

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