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Audi: a triple play

The Audi trio continue to lead the race. The #1, #2 and #3 cars followed one another with one lap between them each when Biela finished his 100th lap at 10:14pm. The #5 Japanese Audi was finally able to rejoin the race after 32 minutes of work to replace the radiator, but it will now be difficult for Yannick Dalmas to win the 24 Hours for a 5th time.

A close call for the Knight Hawk Racing team (#30 Lola) and the Oreca team (#15 Dallara Judd) when the two cars touched in the Porsche curves.

The #67 Team Konrad Motorsport Saleen continues its run of hard luck. Already forced to complete the race with only two drivers when the third driver, Rodney Mall, failed to qualify, Charles Slater ran out of gas on track. The car was pushed behind the guardrail near the Porsche curves.

With the night-time come lighting problems for many of the cars. The #19 Team MBD Panoz was the first victim when it lost its taillights, followed by the #28 Roc which was stuck in the pits for 32 minutes in order to fix the left taillight.

The tire blowouts continue. This time, it's the #18 Pescarolo Courage Peugeot which limped back to its pits with a flat right rear tire.

In GT, the Spyker has had a number of gearbox problems which will keep the car stranded for at least 25 minutes.

The three Audis are leading the way ahead of the #26 MG and the #15 Racing for Holland Dome Judd which follow closely behind.

The Bentley (#8) has gained another position and is currently in 7th place between the two Orecas.

In GTS, the #58 Prodrive Ferrari now has a one lap lead over the #63 Corvette.

The #80 Freisinger Porsche retains the lead in GT over the #81 Racers Group Porsche.

The 70th running of the 24 Hours of Le Mans has not been particularly hard on the cars thus far, as there have only been 3 retirements after 7 hours of racing.

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