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## Points finish for VSR in Endurance finale

### Fanatec GT World Challenge Endurance by AWS - Round 5, Barcelona

The season finale at Barcelona saw VSR make a small adjustment to their driver line-up with Andrea Cola replacing Dörrbecker in the 163 crew. The grid for the three hour race was set by the combined times from Sunday's three qualifying sessions and the 563 car of Beretta/Hites/Nemoto started from the seventeenth row with the sister car of Cola/Moulin/Paverud three rows further back. Hites and Moulin took the start and the field of forty-eight cars made it through the first lap without incident. Both cars gained places to run together with Hites moving up to twelfth in class and Moulin thirteenth. They were then split by Vermoulin's Audi and MacDowell and by the end of the first stint Hites had pushed his way into the Silver Cup top ten. On lap twenty-seven Moulin pitted and Cola took over the 163 car for his first taste of GT World Challenge racing. Two laps later Hites boxed for Nemoto.



#563 – Michele BERETTA, Benjamin HITES, Yuki NEMOTO

As the drivers settled into the second stint of the race Nemoto was holding eighth in the Silver Cup and Cola thirteenth. On lap fifty-four Nemoto passed Kingsley for seventh in class and moved into the overall top twenty. The second round of pit-stops started on lap sixty with Cola pitting for Paverud on lap sixty-two. Two laps later Nemoto handed the 563 car over to Beretta for the run to the flag.



#163 –Andrea COLA, Baptiste MOULIN, Marcus PAVERUD

On lap seventy-six the race's only FCY occurred – to collect a stricken Ferrari – and was immediately followed by a two lap safety car period. Beretta spent the remainder of the race at the end of a line of Silver Cup cars from third place down to seventh whilst Paverud's battle with Perez Companq ran to the flag. The final classification saw the 563 finish seventh in class and the 163, hampered by losing time in the last refuelling stop, twelfth.

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