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Rinaldo Capello and Allan McNish drove the #2 Audi North America Audi R10 TDI to victory by winning overall in the 2006 Laguna Seca season finale ALMS race. The victory was their third consecutive 2006 win (following victory at Mosport and in the Road Atlanta Petit LeMans classic). The duo started fourth overall and third in P1 and won overall and P1 by 18.579 seconds over their runnerup Audi NA teammates Frank Biela and Emanuele Pirro in the #1 Audi R10 TDI. The #1 Audi started fifth overall and fourth in P1 with Pirro setting the race's P1 Fast Lap.

Third, on the same lap as the 1-2 finishing Audis, and third in P1 was the Creation CA06/H01-Judd of Nicolas Minassian and Harold Primat. The duo started second overall.

Fourth and fifth overall were the Penske Porsche RS Spyders, the 1-2 finishers in P2. The fourth-placed Romain Dumas/Lucas Luhr Penske Porsche finished on the overall lead lap and Luhr set overall and P2 Fast Lap!

James Weaver and Chris Dyson finished sixth overall and fourth in P1, one lap down, after starting seventh overall and fifth in P1 in the #16 Dyson Racing Lola B06/10-AER. Seventh overall and fifth in P1 was the Zytec 06S of Stefan Johansson and Johnny Mowlem, two laps down and off course at the finish. Johansson put the car on the overall pole, scoring the first ALMS pole of his career!

The race was led by six racecars from five Entrants and five marques representing two classes! Eight drivers led and the race lead changed hands eleven times! Johansson put the Zytec in the lead for the first twenty-one laps. Then Minassian led in the Creation for twenty-nine laps through lap 50. Capello led the next two laps in the #2 Audi before Weaver put the #16 Dyson Lola in the lead for one lap. Romain Dumas then led seventeen laps in the #7 Penske Porsche RS Spyder P2 entry before Allan McNish put the #2 Audi back into the lead for six laps. Weaver and the #16 Dyson Lola then led four laps (77-80) before Johansson and the Zytec retook the lead for four laps. Weaver and the #16 Dyson Lola then led two laps. Timo Bernhard put the #6 Penske Porsche RS Spyder P2 entry into the lead for twelve laps (87-98) and his teammate Luhr led nine laps (99-107) in the #7 Penske Porsche RS Spyder. McNish then put the #2 Audi in the lead for the remainder of the race, leading the final fifty-two laps of the 159-lap race!

All told, McNish led 58 laps in the #2 Audi, Capello two for a total of sixty laps led. The Creation-Judd led twenty-nine laps, all by Minassian. The #7 Penske Porsche led twenty-six laps, seventeen by Dumas and nine by Luhr. The Zytec led twenty-five laps, all by Johansson. The #6 Penske Porsche led twelve laps, all by Bernhard. The #16 Dyson Lola led seven laps, all by Weaver.

Penske Racing scored its sixth total and fourth consecutive 1-2 P2 finish of 2006 as Romain Dumas and Lucas Luhr finished fourth overall and won P2 in the 2006 Laguna Seca season finale with their teammates Timo Bernhard and Sascha Maassen fifth overall in the other Penske Porsche, only one lap behind.

The 1-2 P2 finish for Penske was the sixth for the team as it continues to lead the all-time 1-2 P675/P2 Finish standings!

The P2-winning trio started sixth overall and second in P2; they finished on the overall lead lap and Lucas Luhr set the overall and P2 Fast Lap. Maassen won the P2 pole (starting third overall) in the other Penske Porsche.

Third in P2 and twelfth overall, eight laps down on the class-winning Porsche, was the Clint Field/Jon Field/Liz Halliday Intersport Lola B05/40-AER MG. The Intersport entry started twenty-fifth overall and seventh in P2 after a practice wreck.

Luhr's win tied him for the 2006 P2 driver championship title with Maassen!

Pedro Lamy and Stephane Sarrazin drove their Prodrive Aston Martin Aston Martin DBR9 to the GT1 victory in the 2006 Laguna Seca season finale; the victory was the duo's third of 2006 and Aston Martin's fifth GT1 triumph of 2006! Aston now has three consecutive 2006 GT1 wins, the Laguna Seca victory following Mosport and Road Atlanta Petit LeMans triumphs!

Lamy and Sarrazin started twelfth overall and first in GT1 as Sarrazin won the pole; they finished eighth overall, completing 153 laps, six laps behind the overall winners but only 4.945 seconds ahead of the GT1 runnerup finisher, the ninth-placed Chevrolet Corvette C6R of Olivier Beretta and Oliver Gavin. The Ollies started fifteenth overall and third in GT1 and won the GT1 driver title for the second consecutive year! Beretta also set the twentieth Fast Lap of his ALMS career, an ALMS all-time record!

The Ron Fellows/Johnny O'Connell Chevrolet Corvette C6R finished tenth overall and third in GT1, one lap down on the GT1 winners. The #3 Corvette had started fourteenth overall and second in GT1.

Stephane Ortelli and Mika Salo drove a Risi Ferrari 430 GT Berlinetta to the GT2 victory in the 2006 Laguna Seca season finale. The duo started seventeenth overall on the GT2 pole won by Salo. Salo also set GT2 Fast Lap, each achievement his first such honor in ALMS competition. The Ferrari finished thirteenth overall and won GT2 by 12.911 seconds over the Petersen White Lightning Porsche 911 GT3 RSR of Jorg Bergmeister and Patrick Long. The Porsche pairing started nineteenth overall and third in GT2 and finished fourteenth overall. Bergmeister's runnerup finish enabled him to win his second consecutive GT2 driver title as he outpointed Johannes Van Overbeek by six points!

The win was the third for Salo in 2006 GT2 competition and the second for Ortelli.

The Alex Job Racing Porsche 911 GT3 RSR of Mike Rockenfeller and Marcel Tiemann finished third in GT2 and sixteenth overall, a lap down on the 1-2 GT2 finishers, after starting eighteenth overall and second in GT2. Johannes Van Overbeek, the GT2 point leader entering the race, finished sixth in GT2 and nineteenth overall, eight laps down on the GT2 winner, after starting twenty-fourth overall and eighth in GT2 in a Flying Lizard Porsche 911 GT3 RSR shared with Wolf Henzler.