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Three-car Prototype Entry for Aston Martin at Le Mans 2009

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In a surprise announcement, Aston Martin Racing revealed that a third LMP1 car in Gulf colours would be at this year's Le Mans 24-hour race.

Anthony Davidson (GB), **Stuart Hall** (GB) and **Jos Verstappen** (NL) will join the existing six-driver, two-car line-up that won the opening race of this year's **Le Mans Series** and finished a battling third at **Spa** on May 10.

Ex-Grand Prix driver **Verstappen** has only competed at **Le Mans** once, when he won the LMP2 class in 2008 driving a **Porsche Spyder** prototype. **Davidson** is a vastly experienced Formula One tester as well as radio pundit, while **Hall** (24) finished an excellent fourth overall on his **Le Mans** debut in 2007.

The team will be hoping to repeat the famous 1959 one-two when **Stirling Moss**, driving the third car, 'broke' the works Ferrari opposition with some fast lapping in the early stages of the race. His highly tuned engine succumbed to his efforts, but by the time he retired, many of **Ferrari's 250 TRs** were already out.

The **2009 Le Mans 24 Hours** will be held on **June 13-14**.

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