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Team Ascari's Breakthrough Win in FIA Sportscar Championship

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Werner Lupberger and Ben Collins gave Team Ascari an unforgettable win at Donington Park in an eventful afternoon of world class sportscar action yesterday in the 6th round of the FIA Sportscar Championship. The silver A410 finally took its debut victory after over a year of being on the cusp of breaking through in to the winner's circle.

Ben Collins made a superb start to climb from 5th place up to 3rd and he soon dispatched John Nielsen who held second in the opening portion of the race. "Once I was past John I could up my pace", said Ben, "and despite the tyres going off, when I handed over to Werner, the car ran perfectly."

The performance of the car today was just reward for all the hard work the Team has put into the project and clearly illustrates the excellent performance of the chassis, as Donington is such a demanding circuit. On lap 68 of the race the car posted a time of 1:25:969, only a few hundredths of a second away from the fastest lap of the race, posted by the Racing for Holland Dome which was recorded on the cars third lap of the circuit.

Werner Lupberger's final stint in the car saw him pull out a convincing 55-second lead, said Lupberger, "It was a great moment taking the chequered flag today and even though the others had problems, we showed we had race winning pace throughout."

The win for the Banbury based team sends them in to a three way fight in the title race with Den Bla Avis Dome, who finished 5th after a selection of problems, and Scuderia Italia who came in 2nd after a cautious race reaped them another 15 points.

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