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2013 WESTERN ENDURANCE RACING CHAMPIONSHIP (WERC) ROUND 1

— Story By Rob Krider
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The 2013 endurance racing season kick-started with a two-hour enduro around the twisty and hilly Sonoma Raceway on Sunday February 10. Six different classes (ESR, ES, EO, E1, E2, & E3) hit the track to do fender-to-fender battle at a sizzling pace.

This race was a large departure from the last endurance race of the season, the 25 Hours of Thunderhill presented by the U.S. Air Force, in December

2012, where teams paced themselves to keep cars alive for 25 hours. At Sonoma, teams appeared to be running a two-hour sprint race, with lap times in the 1:50s, which is hauling the mail around the technical Northern California course.

There was a fierce battle for the overall win between two ES class cars, Team Prototype Development Group in their Factory Five GTM-R against Team Life's Good Racing

in their gorgeous red 2012 Camaro bodied Howe racing chassis. Both teams were running Chevrolet horsepower with one using a mid-engine setup (GTM-R) and the other the traditional front-engine arrangement (Camaro).

When the checkered flag dropped, the overall win went to Team Life's Good Racing. However, after a protest and closer look at timing and scoring, the win was consequently awarded



In Eo, Navid Kahangi took the win just 26 seconds head of second-place finisher Team El Diablo Motorsports.



Andrew Kidd came in second in E3 at Sonoma.