

Konica Minolta Cadillac DPi-V.R: Petit Le Mans Race Report from Road Atlanta

It's official. Brothers and co-drivers Ricky and Jordan Taylor and their No. 10 Konica Minolta Cadillac DPi-V.R teammates laid claim to the 2017 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship driver and team titles Saturday at the season-ending Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta.

Not even today's early exit from the 20th edition of the iconic 10-hour endurance marathon could put a damper on one of the most prolific seasons in North American sportscar racing history as the Taylors took to the track with five victories and seven podium finishes in the bank and needing only to take the green flag to start today's event to clinch first place in the driver and team standings.

The day came to an unexpected and early end, however, when third driver Ryan Hunter-Reay – the 2012 IndyCar Series champion, 2014 Indy 500 champion and runner-up with Jordan Taylor and veteran Italian Max "The Ax" Angelelli at the 2013 Rolex 24 At Daytona – coasted into the pits at the two-hour, 27-minute mark having lost drive to the rear wheels. The team pushed the car to the garage and withdrew from the race soon after.

"We are really happy to win the drivers and team championship, as well as helping to secure the manufacturer championship for Cadillac," said team owner Wayne Taylor, a three-time sportscar racing champion who most recently drove the No. 10 Prototype to the championship in 2005. "We had finished every single race this year. I am not really sure what happened today. We lost drive to the car and we had to withdraw from the race. That doesn't take away from what we accomplished this year with five straight wins and taking the big ones at Daytona and Sebring. Winning in Detroit for Cadillac is always special, as is winning on the streets of Long Beach for Konica Minolta. A great accomplishment by the team, everyone at Cadillac, Dallara, ECR Engines and, of course, our sponsor Konica Minolta."

Aside from the team's first Petit Le Mans win since the Taylor brothers and Angelelli won this race in 2014, the remaining goal for the weekend were the driver and team title in the Tequila Patron North American Endurance Cup, the championship-within-a-championship rewarding the best performers in the four



FAN WALK



DR. PANOZ CELEBRATING HIS DREAM 20 YEARS LATER

iconic endurance events on the schedule – the Rolex 24, the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, the Sahlen's Six Hours of The Glen, and the Petit Le Mans. The Taylors and the No. 10 Konica Minolta Cadillac DPi-V.R team arrived at Road Atlanta trailing the No. 5 Action Express Racing

Cadillac DPi-V.R team by just two points. With the early exit by the No. 10 Konica Minolta Cadillac DPi-V.R, the No. 5 team was able to clinch that title by the four-hour mark of today's race.

Continued on next page

ATLANTA CHRISTMAS CAR SHOW
DECEMBER 2ND AT OUR ATLANTA LOCATION
 213 Thornton Rd Lithia Springs, GA, 30122

FREE RAFFLE TICKETS* FOR EVERY DONATED TOY!
 FOOD · REFRESHMENTS · RAFFLE PRIZES · LIVE DJ

Charlotte · Atlanta · Dallas/Fort Worth · Tampa · Nashville · Phoenix

GIVE A NEW TOY WHILE YOU SEE OUR NEW TOYS.
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND FROM 11AM - 2PM

Streetside CLASSICS
 (878) 279-1608
 sales-at@streetsideclassics.com

GA
 LIBERTY CLASSICS

TOYS FOR TOTS

* Limited to 10 raffle tickets per person



WET START



PENSKE COMING TO IMSA IN 2018