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## **24 Hours of Le Mans: SRT Motorsports 2013 Driver Biographies**

### **No. 53 SRT Viper GTS-R:**

#### **Dominik Farnbacher**

Has three second-place finishes in five starts in the 24 Hours of Le Mans (2006, 2010 and 2012)

- 2006: placed second in GT2 class driving for Seikel Motorsports
- 2010: finished second in LMGT2 class for Hankook Team Farnbacher
- 2012: finished second in LMGTE class driving for Luxury Racing

In 2009 won the Asian Le Mans Series championship and finished fourth in the ALMS GT2 class

Owns four career American Le Mans Series wins (St. Petersburg, Long Beach, Mid-Ohio and Laguna Seca), all coming in 2008 Has 13 podium finishes in 38 career ALMS starts

Won 2005 Rolex 24 at Daytona in GT class driving for Farnbacher Racing

Set a new single-lap record for production cars in 2011 at the 12.9-mile Nürburgring Nordschleife in a 2010 Dodge Viper ACR with a lap of 7:12.13

Began his career in karts in Germany in 1996

Born September 26, 1984 in Ansbach, Germany

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#### **Dominik Farnbacher: What Racing at Le Mans Means to Me**

"It's a big deal because it has such a great history; the first really-endurance race in the world. The whole world is watching. It's not only France or a particular country, the whole world watches the race. The crowds are outstanding; you have 200,000 people there. When you are lined up beside your car on the starting grid and hear your national anthem with everyone watching, it's just breathtaking. There is no other race like it – the driver's parade the day before, the ceremony prior to the race and the finish especially when you stand on the podium overlooking the racetrack with all the people there watching you. 200,000 people yelling and waving – it's very unique; you don't have that anywhere else.

"You usually have four or five drivers for a 24-hour race. At Le Mans, you only have three drivers. It's really a sprint race, a 24-hour sprint race. The GTE class is the strongest it's ever been. There are five manufacturers competing against each other. To compete there, it's really special. The ingredients for a strong finish are there – we have a strong team and car. It's time to make it happen."

#### **Marc Goossens**

Has 11 starts in 24 Hours of Le Mans (1996-2003, 2008, 2010-2011)

- Scored career-best second-place finish in LMP class in 1997 for Courage Competition

Four-time GT Class winner of 24 Hours of Zolder (1997, 1998, 2005 and 2007)

Competed in NASCAR Sprint Cup Series and NASCAR Nationwide Series in 2006 and 2007 for Yates Racing

- Best career finish was ninth-place in NNS at Mexico City in 2006

Owens two career Daytona Prototype wins in Rolex Grand-Am Series at Miller Motorsports Park (2007) and Mexico City (2008)

Scored three victories in FIA International F3000 competition in 1995 and 1996

Captured 1989 European karting championship

Born November 30, 1969 in Geel, Belgium

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#### **Marc Goossens: What Racing at Le Mans Means to Me**

"Le Mans is very special. I've had the opportunity to race there 11 times. Every single time I go to Le Mans and get out on the track the first time, I get goose bumps. It's a major event. It's the only race we do in Europe. The race has a lot of history. The return of the Viper makes it a unique situation for us. The Viper has been very successful there in the past. Fans worldwide will be watching us closely. We're looking forward to being a part of Viper's return.

"We've been focused on Le Mans since we got the invitation in February. It is the ultimate endurance road race. I'm getting excited talking about it now. I want to get to France, get behind the wheel of the Viper and race."

#### **Ryan Dalziel**

Has two career starts at 24 Hours of Le Mans (2010, 2012)

Won 2012 LMP2 class at 24 Hours of Le Mans for Starworks Motorsports

Won 2012 World Endurance Championship (WEC) with three victories and seven podium finishes

Won 12 Hours of Sebring in LMP2 class in 2012 with an impressive third-place overall finish

Won three races in 2012 American Le Mans Series: Petit Le Mans (Road Atlanta), Long Beach and Baltimore

Overall winner in 2010 Rolex 24 at Daytona driving a DP Porsche Riley for Action Express Racing

Has three wins in 60 career starts in Rolex Grand-Am Sports Car Series

Made 13 starts over two seasons in Champ Car World Series in 2005 and 2007

- Best career finish (seventh-place) came in 2007 at Toronto

Began racing career in 1999 in Formula Vauxhall

Born April 12, 1982 in Glasgow, Scotland and currently resides in Windermere, Fla.

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#### **Ryan Dalziel: What Racing at Le Mans Means to Me**

"Racing in the 24 Hours of Le Mans is incredible. I've been twice and I've experienced kind of the highs and lows. The first year there, I didn't even get to start the race; the second time, I won the race. I can't say either time was better than the previous one. It's just an amazing place, an electric atmosphere, something I had never experienced in any racing paddock.

"To me, it reminded me more of going to some of the world championship soccer matches in Europe, you know, an

atmosphere where you can't hear yourself think. You can hear the crowds at Le Mans over the noise of the engines. It's just an amazing place. I said after the first time there in 2010 that it's my goal every year to make sure I go back."

#### **No. 93 SRT Viper GTS-R:**

##### **Kuno Wittmer**

Making first career start at 24 Hours of Le Mans

Helped unveil all-new Viper GTS-R to world at 2012 New York International Auto Show

Set new timed single-lap record for street-legal production vehicle at Miller Motorsports Park (Toole, Utah) in April 2011 driving 2010 SRT Viper ACR

Scored six wins competing in SCCA World Challenge GT class from 2008-2010.

Won 2005 Canadian Honda Michelin racing series championship

Became youngest driver to complete in Toyota Atlantic Championship in 2000 when he was just 17 years-old

Born September 6, 1982 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

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##### **Kuno Wittmer: What Racing at Le Mans Means to Me**

"To me personally it's a dream come true; something that every driver wants to do one day. It's not necessarily every driver's dream to be a Formula 1 driver or an IndyCar driver; to many drivers like myself, it's to race at Le Mans. This 30-year-old driver is finally realizing that dream.

"Being teamed with Jonathan (Bomarito) and Tommy (Kendall) and having Dominik (Farnbacher), Ryan (Dalziel) and Marc (Goossens) as teammates gives us a really strong two-car team. We all have experience in the car. Some teammates have raced there before; team members have been there before. They know what to expect. Any tips that you get are always a benefit. Bill Riley (VP and Chief Engineer, Riley Technologies) has been there I don't know how many times. That previous experience provides a level of confidence. I think the six of us will drive really well."

##### **Jonathan Bomarito**

Making first career start at 24 Hours of Le Mans

Won Rolex 24 at Daytona in 2010 in GT class driving for SpeedSource Engineering

Scored Grand Am GT class victories at New Jersey in 2010 and 2011 at Barber (Birmingham, Ala.) Motorsports Park

Captured 2003 Formula Ford championship with five wins plus earned Rookie of the Year honors

Won Star of Tomorrow Karting Championship in 2000 in Las Vegas, Nevada

Born January 23, 1982 in Monterey, Calif., and currently resides in Knoxville, Tenn.

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##### **Jonathan Bomarito: What Racing at Le Mans Means to Me**

"It's just an absolute dream come true to be racing at Le Mans. The reality is starting to set in that I'm going to get to do the race for the first time. As a racecar driver, it's one of those races that's at the top of everybody's list.

"It all comes back to the history of motorsports and sports car racing. Le Mans is the pinnacle. When you look back at all the winners and manufacturer support over the years, the history of the race is just incredible. Now, to be a part of that and having your name in those record books is very special."

### **Tommy Kendall**

Making his second career start at 24 Hours of Le Mans - previous start came in 2000 for Konrad Motorsports in the GTS class

Four-time Trans Am champion who dominated series in 1990s

- 1997: won 11 consecutive races (of a 13-race schedule) and 11 consecutive poles to win series title

Five-time IMSA champion – 1986 (GTU and Firehawk), 1987 (GTU), 1988 (GTU) and 1993 (GTS)

Participated in IROC series six times (1991, 1994-1998)

Teamed with actor Paul Newman and Mark Martin to win 24 Hours of Daytona in 1995

Born October 17, 1966 in Santa Monica, Calif. and currently resides in New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

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### **Tommy Kendall: What Racing at Le Mans Means to Me**

"For me, it's the last frontier. I've only raced there once. We had a good run; we finished seventh in our class. I've never won. I've never been on the podium so it certainly represents an unfulfilled goal. On the grand landscape, it's the biggest sports car race on the planet. It's hard to explain to people how cool it is. Not everyone is fortunate to be able to go as a driver but I would recommend going as a fan or any way you can. For this to have kind of happened, fallen into my lap, this opportunity to hook up with SRT, just in general, but the fact Le Mans was part of it was a huge part of my motivation for getting involved.

"Obviously you remember the races that you've won but, in terms of single events, there's nothing that comes close to Le Mans, just being part of it, being out on the grid before the start. I go to sleep every night thinking about the podium. I don't think there's a cooler celebration in sports than the podium at Le Mans. The podium at Monza is similar. I mean you look out and there's a sea of people, national anthem playing and so forth. Whether we'll get there or not, that's what I go to sleep thinking about. There's nothing like it."

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The Chrysler Group's SRT (Street and Racing Technology) brand uses a successful product development formula featuring five proven hallmarks: awe-inspiring powertrains; outstanding ride, handling and capability; benchmark braking; aggressive and functional exteriors and race-inspired and high-performance interiors to remain true to its performance roots.

The SRT lineup in the 2013 model year features five vehicles that are world-class performance contenders and bring the latest in safety technologies and creature comforts. The Chrysler 300 SRT8, Dodge Challenger SRT8 392, Dodge Charger SRT8 and Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT8 are joined by the SRT flagship Viper and Viper GTS models, which are making their highly anticipated return to the high-performance sports car market.

The engineering expertise within SRT extends well beyond its high-performance street vehicles. Technical support for the Chrysler Group's various racing programs is provided by the astute engineers at SRT Motorsports, where lessons learned on the race track directly translate to improved vehicles for the company's customers.

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