

TRG KONI Challenge Porsches Ready for New Jersey Motorsports Park

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Petaluma, CA — TRG is looking to be a few tenths faster at New Jersey Motorsports Park for round three of the Grand-Am KONI Sports Car Challenge Series to run on Saturday, May 2.

TRG will field the No. 39 DigiTrust Group/Adam's Polishes/Racer's Roast Coffee/TRG Porsche 997 for Duncan Ende and Spencer Pumpelly. In addition, John Potter and Andy Lally will pilot the No. 41 Magnus Racing/TRG Porsche 997.

The 2.6-mile, 12-turn Thunder Bolt circuit will be the first natural road course of the season for the KONI cars. The first two events were held at Daytona International Speedway and Homestead-Miami Speedway.

In the No. 41 Magnus Racing/TRG Porsche 997 Potter and Lally are sitting sixth in KONI points on the strength of a second place finish at Homestead.

"I enjoyed the track there last year," Potter said. "I ran there twice last season and really like racing there. I will be running in the GT race as well so I will have maximum track time on the weekend. We had a good run at Homestead and hopefully we can move up a few feet and win this weekend. We have a good baseline and a lot of experience there from last year."

Ende and Pumpelly are currently 11th in the KONI points. The duo will be looking for a strong finish to break get into the top 10 in the driver standings.

"I like the Thunderbolt a lot, probably the most out of all of the more recently built tracks I've raced," Ende said. "Instead of being packed with slow and medium speed turns the track has a good number of fast turns and a flowing layout. My favorite turn on the track is the final turn leading onto the front straight, it is flat-out at the top of fourth gear, over what seems like the biggest curb in the world, and crucial for setting up any shot at a pass into turn one. Last year we had a very good car for the race and I think a pretty good chance at a positive result until we got taken out in someone else's accident. If we find the balance in the car we had last year we will be in great shape again and we should have a great result as long as we keep it clean."

Kevin Buckler, TRG team owner, hopes to have a similar result as the team witnessed at Homestead.

"Homestead was a great race, we just missed winning by about a foot," Buckler said. "We have always performed well with our Porsches at New Jersey and the guys know what it takes to have a good car there. We will have to out handle and out think our competitors since we are down on horsepower to the big V-8s."

The KONI Challenge Sports Car Series race from New Jersey Motorsports park will be televised on the SPEED Channel, tape delayed, on May 9 at at 12:00 p.m.

TRG was founded in 1993 and has been competing at the top level of motor racing ever since. The team has the most wins of any team in the Grand-Am Rolex Series with 26, including the

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2005 and 2006 Rolex Series GT championship trophy to go along with wins at the Rolex 24 (three) at Daytona and the 24 Hours of Le Mans. TRG's young KONI Challenge team has logged two wins and recorded seven podium finishes in their first two seasons of competition.

TRG is a manufacturer and distributor of high-performance racing parts. The group specializes in engine and chassis tuning as well as full service professional race car preparation. The company also provides electrical and mechanical engineering services, driver development and arrive-and-drive opportunities. TRG is based in Petaluma, Calif., near its home track of Infineon Raceway in Sonoma. The company's NASCAR operation is based in Mooresville, North Carolina with a new state-of-the-art facility coming on-line at New Jersey Motorsports Park in late 2009.

More information and a complete press kit can be found at www.theracersgroup.com. Please contact press@theracersgroup.com or 707-935-3999 for additional information.