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JDC-Miller MotorSports announces 2017 Rolex 24 Lineup. Swiss WEC and ELMS ace Mathias Beche will join JDC-Miller regulars Misha Goikhberg, Chris Miller and Stephen Simpson for the 2017 Rolex 24 hours of Daytona.



MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (December 27, 2016) JDC-Miller MotorSports today confirmed their driver lineup for the upcoming “Roar Before the Rolex 24” test and Rolex 24 at Daytona race in January with Swiss WEC and ELMS ace Mathias Beche joining JDC-Miller regulars Misha Goikhberg, Chris Miller and Stephen Simpson.

Goikhberg, Miller and Simpson were part of the lineup that secured the team’s 2016 Rolex 24 at Daytona win in the Prototype Challenge class. They reunite to campaign a new ORECA 07 Gibson LMP2 fulltime in the 2017 IMSA WeatherTech Championship.

Goikhberg and full season teammate Simpson also won the 2016 Long Beach Grand Prix and finished 3rd in the overall IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Prototype Challenge class driver championship.



Minnesota native Chris Miller will again join the team for the four rounds of the Tequila Patron North American endurance cup, where he finished 3rd in the 2016 Prototype Challenge driver standings after winning the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona and finishing 3rd at the season final Petit LeMans race at Road Atlanta.

Goikhberg and Miller have competed under the JDC MotorSports banner for several years, having had success with the team in a variety of IMSA and open-wheel championships. Goikhberg won the first of three consecutive championships for JDC in IMSA Prototype Lites competition, while Miller has won a championship with the team in F2000 competition.

Simpson carries with him a wealth of experience across a number of categories. In addition to his success with JDC, he has represented South Africa as a driver for the country's A1 Grand Prix team. He has also competed in the ELMS and in the ALMS in the LMP1 class.

The 4th JDC-Miller MotorSports driver for the Rolex 24 at Daytona lineup will be Swiss WEC and ELMS ace Mathias Beche.

Beche most recently raced for multiple ORECA teams in the 2016 WEC and ELMS. He won three out of six races in the 2016 ELMS LMP2 championship, finishing 2nd in the overall ELMS driver championship.

"Mathias Beche is a great addition for our Daytona line up and program. He has a lot of experience with ORECA and the car," commented team principal John Church.

"With the team moving to a new class and car, we felt it was important to include someone like him in our testing and Rolex24 race program. When we found out Mathias was available to join us it was a no brainer from our end to add him to the lineup", Church explained. "He will be a great help as we work to get up to speed with the new car".

He has been part of the JDC-Miller's pre-season testing and will also join the team for the "Roar Before the Rolex 24" test and Rolex 24 at Daytona race.

JDC-Miller MotorSports will run the full IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship season with Misha Goikhberg already confirmed as one of their full season drivers in 2017. The team also confirmed that last year's teammates Chris Miller and Stephen Simpson will rejoin the team as well but it has yet to be decided in which capacity they will run in the new prototype program in 2017.

More news about JDC Miller MotorSports 2017 **IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship** program is expected to be released soon.



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Additional information on JDC MotorSports can be obtained from the team's website @ www.jdcmotorsports.com For direct contact, please contact John Church @ 612-963-3352 or jchurch@jdcmotorsports.com

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About JDC MotorSports / JDC-Miller MotorSports:

Involved in formula car racing since its inception in 1994, JDC MotorSports has established itself as one of the leading junior open-wheel teams in North America. Initially making its mark in the F2000 class of club racing competition, JDC MotorSports was soon a team worth watching in the pro ranks. Expanding into the Pro Mazda Championship in 2005, the Minnesota-based team remained focused on not only challenging for top honors, but also helping develop young drivers. Over the years, JDC MotorSports has won numerous races and championships. JDC captured both the driver and team titles in the 2007 Star Mazda Championship, with Rookie of the Year Dane Cameron scoring a series-high three wins. The Minnesota-based team followed that up with a second Star Mazda Championship title with Rookie of the Year Adam Christodoulou, and the F2000 Championship Series title with Chris Miller in 2009. JDC continued its winning ways one year later, earning the Rookie of the Year award in the Star Mazda Championship with Connor De Phillippi, and scoring a non-points win in the USF2000 National Championship with Misha Goikhberg. The junior formula car standout secured its third Star Mazda Championship title in 2011 with Tristan Vautier, in addition to scoring a win in the USF2000 National Championship with Luke Ellery, as well as making its Prototype Lites Championship debut, earning five podium finishes. In 2014 JDC MotorSports captured the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites driver and team champion with drivers Misha Goikhberg (2014 overall driver champion), Matt McMurry and Gerry Kraut. 2014 was also the first year JDC MotorSports entered under JDC-Miller MotorSports a program in the TUDOR United Sportscar Championship Prototype Challenge class, finishing 4th at its maiden race the 12 hours of Sebring and scored its first podium finishing 3rd at Road America. JDC Motorsports added to the tally in 2015 with another team and driver championship in the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Powered by Mazda Championship. But there was more to celebrate along the way than the championship. In the 2015 Prototype Lites season, JDC Motorsports won every race and pole position. In their second season competing in the TUDOR United Sportscar Championship Prototype Challenge fulltime driver Misha Goikhberg finished 4th overall in 2015 prototype challenge class driver championship including three podiums and the team's first pole position at LimeRock Park. In the 2016 season JDC-Miller MotorSports accomplished its biggest success so far winning the legendary Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona and later the Long Beach Grand Prix. Misha Goikhberg and regular full season teammate Stephen Simpson finished 3rd in the overall IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Prototype Challenge class driver championship. The team also finished 3rd in 2016 Tequila Patron North American endurance cup driver championship and 2nd in the Tequila Patron North American endurance cup team championship. Additional to the success in the 2016 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, JDC secured the overall IMSA Prototype Lites driver championship with Clark Toppe, as well as the team and Masters Class championship with Joel Janco in 2016.

As of today the team has secured a total of 18 Championships, 57 wins, 56 Pole Position and 176 podiums.

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