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## **NASCAR WHELEN EURO ELITE 1 SERIES AUTODROMO DI MAGIONE (UMBRIA) ITALY**

### **VILARINO AND LIETZ WIN IN SEMI-FINALS**

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**USPA NEWS** - Ander Vilarino wins his 4th race of the season putting himself back on top position in championship point standings. The Spanish driver (#2 TFT- Banco Santander Chevrolet SS) beats poleman Eddie Cheever III (CAAL Racing) at green light.

After a couple of restarts Vilarino seemed to hold an assuring lead on the rest of the field but Anthony Kumpen (#24 Carsport), Belgian ace, kept closing the gap rapidly gaining up with the Spaniard. Vilarino crosses the finish line just one second ahead of Kumpen.

"Every race is important in the play-offs (Saturday race). After the accident in Nurburgring, it was hard for us, so it's great to come back with a win", said Vilarino.

Cheever who was in 2nd place till mid race had to surrender to a charging Kumpen, to finish 3rd and win the Jerome Sarran Trophy Classification.

Driver/ Team Owner, Gianluca DeLorenzi (#67 Gdl Racing Ford Mustang) had a fantastic debut in the Nascar Whelen Euro Series finishing the race in 6th place, first over all in the Challenge Trophy Classification. On Sunday, in the Elite 2 race, DeLorenzi started 5th on the grid moving up to 3rd during the race. Unfortunately, he had to retire due to transmission failure but I am sure we will be seeing more of this expert Italian driver in Nascar racing.

Sunday, September 21, Philipp Leitz, Austrian rookie, went on to win his first race of the season in the Elite 2 division. With Maxime Dumarey (championship leader) and Gianmarco Ercoli, 2nd and 3rd, out of the race due to a collision after a restart, Lietz went on taking the checkered flag.

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