

Pietro Fittipaldi (Lotus) is the new World Series Champion

The Brazilian driver Pietro Fittipaldi (Lotus) is the 2017 World Series Formula V8 3.5 Champion, thanks to the second place gained in race 1 in Bahrain. Pietro, grandson of two times Formula 1 Champion Emerson, puts his name besides great champions like Kevin Magnussen, Carlos Sainz Jr, and more recently Oliver Rowland e Tom Dillmann. The rookie Henrique Chaves (AVF) is the winner of race.

One of the most thrilling race in World Series Formula V8 3.5 history gave the title to Fittipaldi and maiden win to Chaves. For the first time the series promoted by RPM-MKTG took place in night time too, in the last round of 2017 season Fittipaldi under the podium was welcomed by many friends among which Nelsinho Piquet, the former F.1 driver who's racing in WEC.

At the beginning of the installation lap, the unexpected drama: Matevos Isaakyan stalls on the grid and he's forced to enter the pit-lane. At the start, Chaves takes the leadership, while Binder loses positions. Fittipaldi is in second position, followed by RP Motorsport trio, led by Roy Nissany. Binder gets back to 4th as he passes Yu Kanamaru during lap 4. Alfonso Celis Jr. and Konstantin Tereschenko battle for P7 during lap 6. Meanwhile Isaakyan gets out of the box.

The race ends without any other change on top, except a puncture at Binder's rear left tyre during lap 20, due to a contact with Kanamaru's front wing in turn 2. The final stage of 2017 World Series Formula V8 3.5 will take place tomorrow, Sunday 18th. The last race will decide the second and third place: the two drivers will be awarded with a WEC Rookie Test.

Henrique Chaves (AVF)

“It’s amazing to be here, writing a piece of history. The feeling with the car and the team was great, I found myself in the front of the grid for both races, which means we have a great car, as my teammates results can confirm. The night drive was amazing, something I can’t describe, but I’ll try to do it again tomorrow”

Pietro Fittipaldi (Lotus) “I’m ecstatic for this title! When I realized Matevos stalled on the grid I knew I had a chance to be crowned champion today. I tried to attack Henrique in the first laps, and then I decided just to keep going until the end. It has been an amazing season with the team, they are like a family for me and I wanna thank everybody for the support, not only the Lotus team but Escuderia Telmex as well”

Roy Nissany (RP Motorsports)

“Being here is already a miracle. Even if we’re experiencing few problems we are not jet able to handle in the right way I had a great start, and I could manage to follow closely Pietro and Henrique. Well done to him and to team Lotus for the title: they deserved it. We suspect to have a damaged chassis, to reach the podium is the maximum result we can aim to, so today I’m really happy”.