



RML  **AD**

Le Mans 24 Hours 2011

Thomas Erdos

Date of Birth: 30th October 1963

Nationality: Brazilian (Born Rio de Janeiro)

Status: Married with 3 Children

Helmet: Blue with yellow and blue chevrons

Like so many of his countrymen, Thomas Erdos was inspired to pursue a career in motorsport by two Brazilian heroes; Emerson Fittipaldi and Ayrton Senna. As a child Tommy had been particularly influenced by Fittipaldi, and was fortunate in having understanding parents who not only encouraged their son's interest, but also bought him his first car and helped him forge a future. Unable to speak a word of English, Tommy went initially to America, where he trained as a mechanical engineer, but simultaneously saved up enough money to be able to fly over to the UK in 1985 and enrol at the Jim Russell Racing School.



Although he'd never driven on a race circuit before Tommy made an excellent impression. Recognising his raw talent, the School encouraged him to persevere and to seek sponsorship. Working as a race engineer, Tommy polished his English, saved money, and found some modest funding. He made his season debut in 1988 in British Formula First and finished second, despite missing a quarter of the races. He then went on to win his first major title in 1990. The British Formula Renault Championship is still one of the main feeder series for Formula 1, but it had an even higher profile then. Tommy swept the board and was declared a "champion for the future" by none other than Nigel Mansell.

An injury sustained in testing put Tommy out of action for several months and cost him a promising drive in Formula 3. The sponsorship dried up, and Tommy had to look elsewhere for his career in motorsport. By chance – and with no GT experience at all – Tommy was invited to race for Team Marcos in 1995 in the Le Mans 24 Hours. The rest, as they say, is history.

With twelve appearances at Le Mans, including two class wins, as well as countless podiums, pole positions and lap records in endurance racing worldwide, Thomas



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Erdos is now widely recognised as one of the quickest drivers in the sport. He won the British GT title in 2002 and the Le Mans Series LMP2 drivers' title in both 2007 and 2010. He has been runner-up twice, in 2005 and 2006. This is his ninth season with RML AD Group.

Tommy is married with three young children and lives in Buckinghamshire. Further information and details of Tommy's career portfolio can be viewed on the RML AD Group team website.

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Since its formation in 1984 RML has achieved success in a diverse range of motorsport categories including GT/sportscars, touring cars, rally cars, single seaters and oval speedway cars. RML currently holds the LMP2 team and drivers titles in the Le Mans Series with Mike Newton and Thomas Erdos. RML also secured the 2010 British Touring Car Championship drivers title with Chevrolet and Jason Plato and the World Touring Car Championship manufacturers and drivers titles with Chevrolet and Yvan Muller.

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