

= Greaves Motorsport =

Greaves Motorsport is a British racing team , currently competing in the European Le Mans Series and the 24 Hours of Le Mans .

In 2006 , Greaves Motorsport , founded and run by Tim Greaves , entered the Le Mans Series ( LMS ) for the first time , running a Radical SR9 in conjunction with Radical , and competing under the Bruichladdich Radical banner . After four years of running Radicals in both the LMS and the 24 Hours of Le Mans , the team , now known as Team Bruichladdich , purchased a Ginetta @-@ Zytec GZ09S / 2 in 2010 to replace the old Radical SR9 . In 2011 , the team became known as Greaves Motorsport , and they switched to the new Zytec Z11SN , winning the LMP2 category of both the 24 Hours of Le Mans and the Le Mans Series . For 2012 , they entered the new European Le Mans Series ( ELMS ) and FIA World Endurance Championship ( WEC ) , finishing third in the LMP2 category of the ELMS , and fifth in the WEC .

= = History = =

= = = 2006 ? 2007 = = =

In 2006 , it was announced that Greaves Motorsport would be running the works Radical team in the Le Mans Series ( LMS ) , with Tim Greaves and Stuart Moseley driving a LMP2 @-@ class Radical SR9 @-@ AER under the Bruichladdich Radical banner . The team entered the 1000 km of Nürburgring , and finished fifteenth overall , fifth in class . Ben Devlin joined the team for the following round , the 1000 km of Donington , but the team retired after 151 laps . Following this race , the team entered Greaves , Moseley , Ben Devlin and Colin McRae in the inaugural round of the Radical World Cup . McRae 's weekend proved unsuccessful , as he retired from the first race , and finished eleventh in the second . Having returned to the LMS , the team retired from the season 's final race , the 1000 km of Jarama , after 27 laps . Following this , Moseley and Michael Vergers were entered in the American Le Mans Series season finale at Laguna Seca , where they finished 22nd , and fifth in class .

In 2007 , Bruichladdich Radical competed in the entire LMS season . Having retired at the opening event , the 1000 km of Monza , the team took a ninth place overall finish and third in class at the 1000 km of Valencia ; in the latter race , Greaves and Moseley were joined by Robin Liddell . Following this event , the team participated in the 24 Hours of Le Mans for the first time , however , Tim Greaves crashed out after 90 minutes , forcing the team to withdraw . The following LMS race , which was the 1000 km of Nürburgring , was little more successful ; Greaves and Moseley finished 35th , and ninth in class , after a starter motor problem had cost the team around 30 minutes . A retirement at the 1000 km of Spa followed , due to engine failure after 81 laps , before the season finale , the 1000 km of Silverstone saw the team take 14th overall and seventh in class ; Jacob Greaves filling the third driver 's slot for the team . The team finished joint @-@ eighth in the LMP2 team 's standings ; level with Team LNT and Kruse Motorsport on eight points .

= = = 2008 ? 2009 = = =

Bruichladdich Radical remained in the Le Mans Series in 2008 , but had an all @-@ new driver line @-@ up of Jens Petersen , Jan @-@ Dirk Leuders and Marc Rostan . The season opener , which was the 1000 km of Catalunya , saw the team finish 15th overall , and seventh in class . However , the rest of the season was unsuccessful , as the team did not finish above 30th overall in any of the remaining LMS races , or the 24 Hours of Le Mans ; although 30th at the 1000 km of Spa equated to seventh in class , due to attrition . As a result , the team slipped to joint @-@ eleventh in class , with four points .

For 2009 , Pierre Bruneau joined the team , and as a result , the team became known as the Bruichladdich @-@ Bruneau Team , with the team continuing to use the AER @-@ engined Radical

SR9 . The opening round of the season , which was the 1000 km of Catalunya , saw Bruneau , partnered by Moseley and Nigel Greensall , finishing tenth overall , and fourth in the LM P2 category . At the 1000 km of Spa , Tim Greaves and Jonathon Coleman replaced Moseley and Greensall , but the team were disqualified from the event for an unspecified technical infringement . Rostan partnered Greaves and Bruneau at the 24 Hours of Le Mans , but retired from the race after just over fourteen and a half hours , having completed 91 laps . At the 1000 km of Algarve , Greaves and Bruneau were partnered by Francesco Sini , but could only finish 25th overall , and tenth in class . Michael Vergers replaced Greaves at the 1000 km of Nürburgring , but the team retired after 114 laps . Greaves returned for the 1000 km of Silverstone , the season finale ; the team finished 16th overall , and sixth in class . The team were classified seventh in the LM P2 standings , with eight points .

== 2010 ? 2011 ==

In 2010 , the team ended their association with Radical , and replaced the SR9 with a LM P2 class Ginetta @-@ Zytec GZ09S / 2 ; Tim Greaves , Karim Ojeh and Thor @-@ Christian Ebbesvik were named as the team 's regular drivers , resulting in the team being known as Team Bruichladdich . The team 's first race with the car came at the LMS opener , the 8 Hours of Castellet , and they finished twelfth overall , fifth in class . The 1000 km of Spa proved to be less successful ; the team suffered a blown engine during qualifying , and Ebbesvik crashed out of the race after 15 laps . For the 24 Hours of Le Mans , Gary Chalandon replaced Ebbesvik , and the team finished tenth overall , fifth in the LM P2 class . Next up was the 1000 km of Algarve , and Ebbesvik returned to the team ; fifth overall , and second in class , for their first class podium of the season . The 1000 km of Hungaroring saw another fifth place overall , although mechanical difficulties with the LM P1 @-@ class cars meant that this also equated to fifth in class . The season finale , which was the 1000 km of Silverstone , saw the team end the season with a 19th overall , and eighth in class . The team finished the season ranked fifth in the LMP2 Team 's Championship , with 46 points .

In 2011 , the team changed their name to Greaves Motorsport , and were the first team to use the new LM P2 @-@ class Zytec Z11SN @-@ Nissan . With Ojeh , Chalandon and Tom Kimber @-@ Smith driving the car , the team won the LM P2 class and came third overall at the 6 Hours of Castellet , which was the first round of the season . Although the team struggled at the 1000 km of Spa , finishing 37th overall , and eighth in class , the team won the LM P2 category of the 24 Hours of Le Mans for the first time , and finished eighth overall ; Chalandon was replaced by Olivier Lombard from this event onwards . Another eighth place overall , and class victory followed , at the 6 Hours of Imola ; the team then won the LM P2 class for the third race in a row at the 6 Hours of Silverstone , this time finishing tenth overall . The team finished the season with a fourth overall , and second in class , at the 6 Hours of Estoril ; this meant that the team won the LM P2 Championship , with Kimber @-@ Smith and Ojeh being crowned as the LM P2 Driver 's Champions .

== 2012 ? 2013 ==

In 2012 , Greaves Motorsport entered both the European Le Mans Series ( ELMS ) and the new FIA World Endurance Championship ( WEC ) . Kimber @-@ Smith , Alex Brundle and Lucas Ordóñez were hired for the ELMS , whilst Elton Julian , Christian Zügel and Ricardo González were hired for the WEC . The team 's first event of the season came at the 12 Hours of Sebring , which formed part of the WEC and the American Le Mans Series ( ALMS ) ; the team finished seventh of the WEC runners , and fourth in the LMP2 category . The team then entered the opening round of the ELMS , which was the 6 Hours of Castellet ; the team finished fourth overall , and in the LM P2 class . The next event the team entered was the 6 Hours of Spa @-@ Francorchamps , part of the WEC ; the team finished 16th overall , and seventh in the LM P2 class . For the 24 Hours of Le Mans , Greaves Motorsport entered two cars ; Zügel , Julian and González in the No. 41 car , and Alex Brundle , Martin Brundle and Ordóñez in the No. 42 car . The No. 41 car finished 12th overall ,

and fifth in class , whilst the No. 42 car finished 15th overall , and eighth in class . Next , the team returned to the ELMS , competing in the 6 Hours of Donington , finishing seventh overall and in the LM P2 class . The team then entered both cars in the 6 Hours of Silverstone , with the same drivers that had competed in the 24 Hours of Le Mans ; the No. 42 car finished 12th overall , and fifth in the LM P2 category , whilst the No. 41 car finished 20th overall , and 13th in class . Greaves Motorsport reverted to a single @-@ car entry for the 6 Hours of São Paulo round of the WEC , with Roberto González replacing his brother Ricardo ( whom had been selected to drive for Level 5 Motorsports instead ) ; the team finished eleventh overall , and fourth in the LM P2 class . Ricardo González returned to the team for the 6 Hours of Bahrain , and the team finished twelfth overall , seventh in the LMP2 category . The 6 Hours of Fuji was the team 's next race , and they finished 14th overall , and seventh in class . Greaves Motorsport then entered the final race of the ELMS season , which was the Petit Le Mans ( also part of the ALMS ) ; Alex Brundle , Kimber @-@ Smith and Alex Buncombe were selected to drive , and they finished 32nd overall , fifth in the P2 class . The team finished the 2012 season by competing in the 6 Hours of Shanghai , which was part of the WEC ; they finished 15th overall , and eighth in class . In the WEC , Greaves Motorsport were classified fifth in the LM P2 trophy , with 99 points ; whilst in the ELMS , they were classified third in the LM P2 standings , with 48 points .

In 2013 , Greaves Motorsport once again entered both the ELMS and the WEC . Chris Dyson and Michael Marsal were hired for the first round of the ELMS , whilst Dyson and Marsal were joined by Kimber @-@ Smith for the WEC . The team started the 2013 season by entering the opening round of the ELMS , which was the 3 Hours of Silverstone on 13 April ; the team retired after 23 laps . They then entered the 6 Hours of Silverstone , which was part of the WEC and held the following day ; this time , the team finished eleventh overall , and fifth in class . The next event the team entered was the 6 Hours of Spa @-@ Francorchamps , which was part of the WEC ; however , the team withdrew from the event after Dyson crashed heavily in qualifying , leaving the car too damaged to race . The team then returned to the ELMS , and entered the 3 Hours of Imola ; Kimber @-@ Smith and David Heinemeier Hansson were selected to drive , and they finished fifth overall , and in class . For the 24 Hours of Le Mans , Greaves Motorsport once again entered two cars ; Kimber @-@ Smith , Alexander Rossi and Eric Lux in the No. 41 car , whilst Ordóñez , Michael Krumm and Jann Mardenborough drove the No. 42 car . As Greaves Motorsport had signed a deal with Caterham , the No. 41 car was entered under the Caterham Motorsport banner . In the race , the No. 42 car proved to be the quicker of the two ; Krumm , Mardenborough and Ordóñez finished ninth overall , and third in the LM P2 class , whilst the Caterham Motorsport car finished 23rd overall , and tenth in the LM P2 class . Although the team initially entered the Caterham @-@ backed car in the 3 Hours of Red Bull Ring , part of the ELMS , they were forced to withdraw after they were unable to find any drivers to run ; this was the first time the team had withdrawn from an ELMS event since their first race in the series , back in 2006 . Zugel and Jeannette were partnered by Björn Wirdheim for the 6 Hours of São Paulo , which was part of the WEC ; although they were running third at one point of the race , they eventually finished seventh overall , and fourth in the LM P2 category . The team then attempted to return to the ELMS , by entering the 3 Hours of Hungaroring , but did not register any drivers or attend the event . Zugel , Dyson and Kimber @-@ Smith drove in the 6 Hours of Circuit of the Americas , part of the WEC , and took fifth in the LM P2 category , and ninth overall . For the 6 Hours of Fuji , Greaves Motorsport announced a partnership with local Super GT team Gainer , which resulted in Gainer 's Katsuyuki Hiranaka partnering Björn Wirdheim and Masayuki Ueda ; the combined effort was entered under the " Gainer International " banner . The race was halted at around the three @-@ hour mark due to torrential rain , and the team were classified sixth overall , and third in class . The 6 Hours of Shanghai saw Greaves Motorsport hand Mark Shulzhitskiy his WEC debut , driving alongside Lux and Wirdheim ; the trio took another fifth place in class for the team , and ninth overall . The final round of the WEC season , which was the 6 Hours of Bahrain , saw Wolfgang Reip make his debut in the series with Greaves Motorsport ; he was partnered by fellow debutant Jon Lancaster and Wirdheim . Despite the team 's inexperience , they were able to finish third in the LM P2 class , and fifth overall . The team finished the year classified fifth in the LM P2 category of the WEC , with 81 points , and ninth in the ELMS ,

with ten points .

== 2014 ? 2015 ==

In 2014 , Greaves Motorsport returned to the ELMS , once again campaigning two Zytek Z11SNs . After the team 's failure to secure a guaranteed spot at the 2014 24 Hours of Le Mans , Caterham withdrew their backing of Greaves Motorsport . At the 4 Hours of Silverstone , the team fielded three ELMS and LM P2 category débutantes ; Matt McMurry , James Littlejohn , and Tony Wells . It was to be a successful début for all three drivers ; McMurry , partnered by Dyson and Kimber @-@ Smith , finished fourth , whilst Littlejohn and Wells were partnered by James Walker and finished sixth . Littlejohn had actually lead the race at one point , and both he and McMurry were nominated for " Driver of the Day " by Radio Le Mans . For the 4 Hours of Imola , Greaves entered one car , driven by Kimber @-@ Smith and McMurry ; for the second race in succession , they finished fourth . Greaves Motorsport had two entries at the 24 Hours of Le Mans ; the # 41 car , which was driven by James Winslow , Alessandro Latif and Michael Munemann under their own name , and the # 42 car , which was driven by McMurry ( who became the youngest ever competitor at the event ) , Dyson and Kimber @-@ Smith under the Caterham Racing banner . Although the # 41 car was forced to retire due to suspension damage after Munemann crashed , the # 42 car was able to finish tenth in class , and 25th overall . Greaves Motorsport then returned to the ELMS for the 4 Hours of Red Bull Ring , where Luciano Bacheta and Mark Shulzhitskiy drove one car , and Kimber @-@ Smith , Mark Patterson and McMurry drove the other ; the two entries finished fourth and sixth respectively . The next race , which was the 4 Hours of Castellet , proved to be a mixed bag ; whilst Shulzhitskiy and Bacheta were able to challenge for the lead before eventually finishing fifth , the car of McMurry and Johnny Mowlem crashed out of the race at the first corner . At the final race of the season , which was the 4 Hours of Estoril , the team had another mixed race ; Shulzhitskiy and Bacheta were running third before an incident whilst lapping GT cars led to their eventual retirement , whilst McMurry , Miguel Faisca and James Fletcher took seventh place . Greaves Motorsport finished the season fourth in the LM P2 Team 's standings , tied with Morand Racing on 68 points .

On 16 December 2014 , it was announced that Greaves Motorsport would be competing in the LM P2 class of both the ELMS and the FIA WEC for the 2015 season , subject to their application 's approval , with Gibson Technology 's updated version of the Zytek Z11SN , renamed as the Gibson 015S .