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Amàlia Vinyes undisputed leader of CER 2011 after Alcañiz.

Joan and Amàlia Vinyes, behind the wheel of a Seat Leon prepared by Baporo Motorsport, have vindicated in the Motorland premises the idiom 'all's well that ends well'. After a very complicated start and a 6th place on the first race that made them sweat, they managed to climb to the top of the podium at the end of the second race. This way Amàlia moves even closer to winning the title of the Spanish Endurance Cup (CER), both in the D4 category and class 1.
The heat endured by the teams in Alcañiz reached 40ºC. The conditions were so tough for the drivers and the cars that, during the weekend, there were many retirements for no specific reasons.

The stress appeared right from the start for the Vinyes brother and sister. In the **free practice sessions**, Joan's only priority was to regain the feeling of driving the Leon two months after the last race. The Andorran driver was only able to drive four laps before an opponent threw him against the protective wall of the Motorland circuit.
The mechanics of Baporo Motorsport had to compete against the clock to repair the vehicle, so Amàlia could drive for the last half of the second free practice session. She was able to check that the major damages had been repaired, but there were still some minor problems, especially with the steering, which needed to be solved in order to be able to stand amongst the fastest drivers.

The **timed sessions** went better for the Andorran drivers. Amàlia drove in the first session and achieved a time of 2'16"416, which placed her fifth in her session. Despite the good result, she was a bit disappointed since she thought she could have improve by some tenths of a second, these were her words: ***During my best lap I entered one of the turns too fast. Such a pity, I could have been higher in the classification.***
Joan was up for the second session and his goal was no less than pole position. He was really close but Marc Carol was 76 hundredths faster than him and he had to cope with being second, which was also quite disappointing. This was his comment: ***I lacked a bit of confidence in my braking; I lost some tenths. Anyway I think the position is good to try and win the second race, the one where we'll be free of handicaps.***

In the **first race**, both Amàlia and Joan hit a really good pace, making sure they were up in the top positions, but without adding seconds to their handicap. They did a great job; however, they were really close to ending up out of the race on a weird last lap. Joan explained what happened as follows: ***At the beginning of the last lap the gearbox got stuck on neutral, so I was stopped in the middle of the track. Three of my opponents overtook me and, at that point, I decided to kill the engine and switch it back on. Luckily for me it worked and we could salvage sixth place, also because some of the drivers in front had problems at the end of the race.***

Blaming the heat for the problem of the day before, Joan started the second race with victory as his goal. This time his expectations were met, although not everything went smoothly, especially towards the end of the race. Joan manage to keep Marc Carol at a distance during the first half of the race, but after the pit-lane stop Amàlia was only 2" in front of Sicart. The Andorran driver coped with the pressure and despite losing some tenths, she stayed in first place until the end of the race, which was 1' early because the race director put out the red flag. So, at the end, Baporo's pit was completely satisfied; here's how Joan expressed his joy after climbing the podium: ***We have managed to save a weekend that went wrong at the very beginning of the free practice sessions. We leave Alcañiz happy to have been able to increase Amàlia's advantage at the front of the CER 2011 classifications.***

The next event of the Spanish Endurance Cup will take place at the Circuit de Catalunya the second weekend of September (9th and 10th). As usual in the Catalan track, the event will only have a two-hour race so, as the classification of what would be the first race, they use the result of the first racing hour.

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Results category D4 - Alcañiz meeting (Spanish Endurance Cup)

Pos	1a. Carrera		Pos	2a. Carrera	
1	Arruabarrena-Aristi(Seat Leon)	48'+1v	1	**Amalia Vinyes**-Joan Vinyes(Seat Leon)	48'+1v
2	Michael Lepoudre (Seat Leon)	a 7"031	2	Sicart-Carol(Seat Leon)	a 0"906
3	Arruabarrena-Vigiola(Seat Leon)	a 18"590	3	Miguel Toril(Seat Leon)	a 9"981
4	Miguel Toril(Seat Leon)	a 25"596	4	Jordi Oriola (Seat Leon)	a 24"705
5	Carlos Ezpeleta(Seat Leon)	a 31"562	5	Jorge Lopez(Seat Leon)	a 26"061
6	Vinyes-Vinyes(Seat Leon)	a 32"207	..		

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