



Group C action will return to La Sarthe

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Historic series gets 2012 24 Hours support slot as new teams look to run cars

THE GROUP C/GTP RACING SERIES

will provide the historic support for the Le Mans 24 Hours next year.

The resurgent series will take one of the two support-race slots scheduled for Saturday morning prior to the start of the French enduro. It will be the third time in five editions that Group C/GTP has been chosen to join the bill.

Group C/GTP series manager Zoe Copas said: "It is always an honour to be asked to take our cars back to their spiritual home and we are sure that our

members will respond. The grid at Le Mans is limited by paddock space to 30 cars and we are expecting to be oversubscribed."

Copas explained that interest in the series is continuing to grow.

"We're expecting an upsurge in entries next year," she said. "A total of 22 new people are talking to us about next year and 12 have already bought cars."

New entries are expected to include the March-Chevrolet 84G recently purchased by Rollcentre boss Martin

Short (see AUTOSPORT, September 22) and two cars - a Ford C100 and Ford Probe GTP - from Zakspeed. Another team planning to join the series is British GT Championship race winner Scuderia Vittoria.

Vittoria team manager Piers Masarati said: "Group C/GTP looks to be in good health and it is something we would like to get involved in. We have a customer who has a car and is very interested in doing the series, especially now Le Mans is back."