



Media Information

IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship

9th July 2018

Seventh and eighth for BMW Team RLL in Canada.

- **Another seventh-place GTLM finish for the #25 BMW M8 GTE in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship.**
- **#24 car is classified eighth at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park after it was hit by a competitor.**
- **Turner Motorsport #96 BMW M6 GT3 also involved in an accident.**

Munich. BMW Team RLL finished the sixth GTLM round of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park in Bowmanville (CAN) in seventh and eighth, after both BMW M8 GTE cars had led parts of the race.

The #25 BMW M8 GTE crossed the line in seventh, 13.7 seconds from the class winning #67 Ford, with Connor De Phillippi (USA) and Alexander Sims (GBR) sharing the driving duties. The #24 BMW M8 GTE of John Edwards (USA) and Jesse Krohn (FIN) was forced to retire from the lead of the race on lap 61 after contact damaged the car.

BMW Customer Racing Team Turner Motorsport did not enjoy a second consecutive winning weekend. Contact with the #58 Porsche forced the #96 BMW M6 GT3 to retire on lap 63 after strong drives by co-drivers Bill Auberlen and Robby Foley (both USA).

Reactions to IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship race at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park:

Connor De Phillippi (#25 BMW M8 GTE, 7th place): “We were a bit out of sequence in the last hour of the race due to our strategy choice. On one of the last restarts we were able to get past one of the Porsche’s, but while battling with a GTD car when we were lapping him we lost the position. It felt great to be in the mix and battling in the last twenty minutes of the race, but we need to continue to work hard.”





Alexander Sims (#25 BMW M8 GTE, 7th place): “If the safety cars worked out a little bit differently we could have been in position for a better result. Unfortunately nothing really played into the strategy. At the end we were in seventh before anyone pitted and finished seventh. Shame for the #24. They seemed to have the strategy figured out and it looked as though it was working out for them until the contact with the Porsche. Overall it was a good effort from the team.”

Jesse Krohn (#24 BMW M8 GTE, 8th place): “The team made a good strategy call splitting the cars on the first yellow. Ultimately I think we had a shot at a podium but we got driven off the road and that ended our race.”

John Edwards (#24 BMW M8 GTE, 8th place): “The car felt good, we were close and had a good strategy going on but unfortunately we weren’t given the chance to finish it out and had to retire.”

Next for the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship is the race at Lime Rock Park (USA) on 21st July.

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