



Media Information

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BMW Team RLL carrying two-win streak to Petit Le Mans.

- **BMW Team RLL aiming to carry its momentum to the IMSA season finale.**
- **Inaugural season for the BMW M8 GTE in North America is coming to an end at Road Atlanta.**
- **Bill Auberlen returns to the team, Chaz Mostert is added to the driver lineup.**

Munich. BMW Team RLL will look to close the 2018 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and the inaugural season for the BMW M8 GTE with a third consecutive GTLM class victory, this time at the 21st annual Motul Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta (USA).

Following a win and double-podium finish at Virginia International Raceway (USA) in August and a second victory at the WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca (USA) last month the team is fully prepared for Petit Le Mans – an event they won last year in the final race for the BMW M6 GTLM. Bill Auberlen (USA) rejoins Alexander Sims (GBR) and Connor De Phillippi (USA) in the #25 BMW M8 GTE for the fourth time this season. Chaz Mostert (AUS) will co-drive with John Edwards (USA) and Jesse Krohn (FIN) in the #24 BMW M8 GTE. This weekend will also see BMW Team RLL complete its 10th season of racing with BMW.

Statements on the race at Road Atlanta:

Bobby Rahal (BMW Team RLL, Team Principal): “The last two wins have come from really careful fuel management and a great job by the drivers. I don't see why we can't be in the thick of it at Petit Le Mans and go for three in a row. We tested there and the car ran well but of course it is a tough race. Winning the race last year was a tremendous achievement for ourselves and for BMW. Just like any race, we will have to stay out of trouble and be smart. If we can do that, I think we have a shot at getting back-to-back wins there as well as winning the third in a row for the BMW M8 GTE.”





Connor De Phillippi (#25 BMW M8 GTE): “Carrying a two race victory streak into the last race event of 2018 gives us that much more confidence as a team. We’ve certainly proven our BMW M8 GTE is capable of winning and the past history at Petit Le Mans has also proven that Road Atlanta is a track that suits our BMW race cars. This year we have grown exponentially as a team, and I believe we are all very happy with what we’ve achieved in our debut season with our BMW M8 GTE programme.”

Alexander Sims (#25 BMW M8 GTE): “On the back of two excellent wins in our BMW M8 GTE it feels like we are getting our head around the car in its first season. I am really looking forward to getting to Petit Le Mans and seeing how our car works there. It’s a tough and long race into the night which will mean we have to be at the top of our game, however it’s the only circuit left where I have a 100% win streak so I’m beyond motivated to keep that going! It’s been a thoroughly satisfying year so far; we have really improved our knowledge of how the car works best and now all our focus is on finishing the season on a high.”

Bill Auberlen (#25 BMW M8 GTE): “I can’t wait to climb back into the BMW M8 GTE. BMW Team RLL has made great progress this season and are on a two race winning streak. We’ll try to make it three in a row. Petit Le Mans is always a tough race and a win there is something every driver wants on their resume.”

John Edwards (#24 BMW M8 GTE): “Road Atlanta is an impressive track that takes real commitment to get a quick lap time. I’ve been in the car to finish second a couple of times over the years, but have never won the race. I think this year might be the year. We’re looking forward to having Chaz in our car. I first watched him on TV earlier this year when I was glued to the online streaming from Bathurst. After watching him there, I’m sure he’s going to adapt to Road Atlanta just fine.”

Jesse Krohn (#24 BMW M8 GTE): “I am really looking forward to one of the highlight races of the year. Petit Le Mans is one my favorites and certainly one I would like to win. The team has done an amazing job developing the car throughout the year and it is starting to show with two wins in the last two rounds. The beginning of the year wasn't easy but overall the year has been positive and I have personally learned a lot and have enjoyed every moment driving the BMW M8 GTE for BMW Team RLL.”





Chaz Mostert (#24 BMW M8 GTE): “I’m super excited to get the opportunity to race Petit Le Mans for BMW. Although it will all be new, I know I can contribute.”

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