



Media Information

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### **BMW Team RLL looking forward to home outing in Mid-Ohio.**

- **Two BMW M8 GTEs in action at BMW Team RLL's home race at the "Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course".**
- **Circuit should suit the BMW M8 GTE.**
- **Bobby Rahal: "We are looking to improve on our excellent race there last season".**

**Munich. BMW Team RLL returns to the historic "Mid-Ohio SportsCar Course" (USA) this weekend for the fourth round of the 2019 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship (IMSA series). After a mediocre race three weeks ago at Long Beach (USA), the team is looking to bounce back in style at its home race.**

As shown last season, the 3.86-kilometre circuit proved much more to the BMW M8 GTE's liking than Long Beach's temporary street track. In the GTLM class, John Edwards (USA) secured pole position in the #24 BMW M8 GTE, before Connor De Phillippi (USA) and Alexander Sims (GBR) ended the race in second place in the #25 sister car.

The #25 BMW M8 GTE will be driven by De Phillippi and Tom Blomqvist (GBR), while John Edwards and Jesse Krohn (FIN) pair up in the #24 car. De Phillippi, in fifth place, is the top-standing BMW driver in GTLM Driver points. After three races, BMW stands second in GTLM manufacturer points.

The race gets underway at 1:40 p.m. local time (7:40 p.m. CEST) on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Quotes ahead of the race at Mid-Ohio.**

**Bobby Rahal (Team Principal BMW Team RLL):** "Mid-Ohio is one of the classic, technical road courses in North America and always brings out the best in teams and drivers. Because it is our home track the entire team feels that little extra





push from the folks around the track and we are looking to improve on our excellent race there last season.”

**Tom Blomqvist (#25 BMW M8 GTE):** “After some disappointments, I think it’s safe to say everyone is extremely motivated to get a result at Mid-Ohio. This was one of my favourite tracks when I was a kid messing about on the simulator so I’m pumped to try it for real. It should suit our package more than previous races so I’m confident and extremely motivated to get my first podium of the year.”

**Connor De Phillippi (#25 BMW M8 GTE):** “Mid-Ohio is a special event for our crew with it being our home event and I’m excited to get back to this circuit! We’re all ready to get back into our podium form and try to do one step better than our result last year.”

**John Edwards (#24 BMW M8 GTE):** “Mid-Ohio is a really fun track, with some good elevation in key places to make it challenging. It’s also the site of the team’s home race so there’s some added pressure to get a good result for the guys and keep Bob happy! Jesse and I are still looking for our first win together and Mid-Ohio would be a special place to get it done.”

**Jesse Krohn (#24 BMW M8 GTE):** “Mid-Ohio is the teams home race and an important one not only for the team but for the championship. We didn't have the best of weekends at Long Beach so it is important to get a strong result. Mid-Ohio was a new track for me last year so I had to learn the track quickly in the free practice. This year will be much easier as we can go straight into fine tuning the car for the weekend instead of having to learn the track in free practice. All in all I like the track and it suits our car well so I am expecting a strong weekend.”

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