



Media Information

IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship

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Successful weekend for BMW Team RLL and Turner Motorsport at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park.

- **Pole position and podium finish for BMW Team RLL and the BMW M8 GTE in the GTLM class.**
- **After a BMW front row lockout in qualifying, Jesse Krohn and John Edwards finish the race in second place.**
- **Turner Motorsport wins the GTD class race with the BMW M6 GT3 from pole position.**

Munich. BMW Team RLL finished second and fourth in the GTLM class at the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship race at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (CAN). The GTD class win went to the #96 Turner Motorsport BMW M6 GT3 driven by Bill Auberlen and Robby Foley (both USA).

John Edwards (USA) and Jesse Krohn (FIN) took the runner-up finish in GTLM class after starting from the pole position, finishing 1.778 seconds behind the winning Porsche. The result was the first podium of the season for the #24 BMW M8 GTE and moves BMW back to second place in GTLM class manufacturer points standings. Tom Blomqvist (GBR) and Connor De Phillippi (USA) finished fourth in the #25 BMW M8 GTE, less than nine seconds behind their teammates. The two BMW M8 GTEs had locked out the front row of the grid, finishing P1 and P2 in qualifying on Saturday.

With the momentum of the team's second place finish last Sunday at Watkins Glen International (USA), Turner Motorsport scored its first GTD class victory of the season with Bill Auberlen and Robby Foley driving the #96 BMW M6 GT3 to the win from pole. The victory was Auberlen's 59th career North American sports car racing victory moving the BMW driver to within one win of a tie with Scott Pruett (USA) for the lead in all-time wins.





Brandon Fry (Technical Director BMW Team RLL): “This was a good bounce back after a tough weekend at the Glen. Both of our BMWs were competitive, but we just did not have quite enough for the Porsches at the end. We will regroup and come back after them at Lime Rock. Congratulations to our BMW brothers at Turner Motorsport for their first win of the season and to Bill Auberlen for his 59th all-time victory.”

John Edwards (#24 BMW M8 GTE, 2nd place): “It is great to be back on the podium, but the result is bitter-sweet as we had the car to beat for quite a bit of the race.”

Jesse Krohn (#24 BMW M8 GTE, 2nd place): “A driver always expects a win after starting on the pole, but today just was not our day. We had all the ingredients, but could not get the mix right. Anyway, P2 is still a very good result.”

Tom Blomqvist (#25 BMW M8 GTE 4th place): “I am disappointed with myself for losing three positions at the start. Ultimately, we had to make some strategy changes to try to make it up, but unfortunately the podium was just out of reach.”

Connor De Phillippi (#25 BMW M8 GTE, 4th place): “We expected more from ourselves today than fourth, but we lost some performance compared with yesterday. It’s great that the team is back on the podium. Hopefully, that will give us some momentum heading to the next rounds of the championship.”

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