



Media Information

IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship

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### **BMW M Team RLL and Turner Motorsport score first podiums with the BMW M4 GT3 at Laguna Seca.**

- John Edwards and Connor De Phillippi finish third in GTD PRO class in the BMW M Team RLL MOTUL BMW M4 GT3.
- Following two fourth-place finishes at Sebring and Long Beach, Turner Motorsport steps on the GTD podium for the first time.
- Bobby Rahal: "We can be very pleased with our effort today and our first podium finish of the season."

**Munich. BMW M Team RLL scored the team's first podium of the 2022 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship season, finishing third in the GTD PRO class at Laguna Seca (USA). Connor De Phillippi and John Edwards (both USA) co-drove the #25 MOTUL BMW M4 GT3, completing 107 laps of the classic Californian circuit. The podium finish was the 95<sup>th</sup> since 2009 for BMW M Team RLL. In the GTD class, the #96 Turner Motorsport BMW M4 GT3, of Bill Auberlen and Robby Foley (both USA), also took the team's first podium of the season with a third-place finish in the GTD class.**

The #25 MOTUL BMW M4 GT3 started the race from P4 on the GTD PRO grid and made up one position following the driver change from Edwards to De Phillippi in the second half of the race. In the GTD class, Foley started from P3 and quickly took the lead. The #1 Paul Miller Racing BMW M4 GT3 made up ground as well and joined the Turner Motorsport car in a fight for the class lead. In the final stages of the race, both BMW M4 GT3s started to struggle with their pace a little bit and in the end settled for P3 and P4 in the GTD class. Combined with Paul Miller Racing's win at Long Beach (USA), each BMW M Motorsport team has placed the new BMW M4 GT3 on the IMSA podium.

BMW M Team RLL will be back in IMSA action at Watkins Glen International (USA) from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June for the 'Sahlen's Six Hours of The Glen'. The next



IMSA race for the GTD teams will be from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course (USA).

### Quotes after the race:

**Bobby Rahal (Team principal BMW M Team RLL):** "We can be very pleased with our effort today and our first podium finish of the season. Connor and John put up a good fight. Our strategy and pit stops were right there. I am very proud of the team."

**Connor De Phillippi (#25 MOTUL BMW M4 GT3, BMW M Team RLL):** "It's great to have made the podium with the new BMW M4 GT3. The entire team made the best of what we had today so I believe we can be proud of the effort."

**John Edwards (#25 MOTUL BMW M4 GT3, BMW M Team RLL):** "We were fighting hard today. I certainly think we had second in our sights but could have just as easily missed the podium. It was close. We can be proud of everyone's effort today."

**Bill Auberlen (#96 BMW M4 GT3, Turner Motorsport):** "We have only been looking at the podium so far this season so to finally to be able to stand on it is very rewarding. We did not quite have the winning setup today, but we definitely showed we have a contender."

**Robby Foley (#96 BMW M4 GT3, Turner Motorsport):** "We led a lot of the race and managed the gap for the first three-quarters. The competition seemed to have a bit more over the long run. We learned a lot today and we should be very happy with our first podium of the season."

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