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## **IMSA: BMW M Team RLL driver line-up confirmed for the 2024 GTP season – Jesse Krohn is the new regular driver.**

- **BMW M Motorsport announces the drivers for the two BMW M Hybrid V8 cars run by BMW M Team RLL in the 2024 IMSA season.**
- **Connor De Phillippi and Nick Yelloly remain regular drivers in the #25 BMW M Hybrid V8; Philipp Eng shares the cockpit of the #24 car with Jesse Krohn for the new season.**
- **Augusto Farfus, Maxime Martin, Dries Vanthoor and René Rast will join the team for endurance races.**

**Munich.** The driver line-up for BMW M Team RLL's start to the second GTP season of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship (IMSA series) in 2024 has been confirmed. Like last season, Connor De Phillippi (USA) and Nick Yelloly (GBR) are the regular pairing in the #25 BMW M Hybrid V8. Jesse Krohn (FIN) joins Philipp Eng (AUT) in the #24 BMW M Hybrid V8. Augusto Farfus (BRA) and Maxime Martin (BEL) will support the two crews at the Daytona, Sebring and Road Atlanta (all USA) endurance races. Dries Vanthoor (BEL) and René Rast (GER) will also strengthen the team at the 24h Daytona.

De Phillippi and Yelloly are back for another crack at the IMSA title, having picked up one win and a total of five podiums in their successful first GTP season in 2023. Krohn, who spent three full seasons at the wheel of the BMW M8 GTE from 2018 to 2020, returns to the IMSA series as a regular driver alongside Eng. Krohn's biggest successes to date came in 2020, when he won the 24h Daytona and the title in the GTLM class of the Michelin Endurance Cup.

Farfus will also be back in the cockpit of the #24 BMW M Hybrid V8. He will support Eng and Krohn in three races of the IMSA Michelin Endurance Cup that comprises five rounds next season. These are the long-distance races at Daytona, Sebring, Watkins Glen, Road Atlanta and, for the first time, Indianapolis. This former 2 hour 40 minute sprint is being extended to a six-





hour endurance race in 2024. Martin will contest the three classics at Daytona, Sebring and Road Atlanta together with De Phillippi and Yelloly in the #25 BMW M Hybrid V8. Vanthoor and Rast will also join BMW M Team RLL for the 24 Hours of Daytona in January 2024.

In addition, BMW M works drivers Neil Verhagen (USA), Sheldon van der Linde (RSA), Jens Klingmann (GER), Madison Snow (USA) and Robby Foley (USA) will compete in the GTD classes with the BMW M4 GT3 at the Daytona season opener. Verhagen and van der Linde will join reigning champions Paul Miller Racing with regular drivers Snow and Bryan Sellers (USA). Klingmann will once again compete with Turner Motorsport in the squad with regular driver Foley as well as Patrick Gallagher and Jake Walker (both USA).

### Reactions to the driver line-up:

**Andreas Roos (Head of BMW M Motorsport):** "We were happy with the first season with the BMW M Hybrid V8 in the GTP class of the IMSA series – particularly given the difficult preparations. Despite that, there is obviously plenty of room for improvement when we take the next important step towards our goal to be constantly in contention for race wins and fight for the title in our second season. Our drivers will play a big role in this, and we believe we have found a good balance, with a mix of continuity and fresh impulses. Jesse Krohn is the only newcomer among the regular drivers. He has a wealth of experience in the IMSA series and impressed us in his test outings in the BMW M Hybrid V8. We are convinced that he and Philipp Eng will complement each other nicely. In the #25 car, Connor De Phillippi and Nick Yelloly have proved to be a strong and successful duo. Augusto Farfus, Maxime Martin, Dries Vanthoor and René Rast have all gained experience in our LMDh car and are very strong additions in races for the Michelin Endurance Cup, the profile of which has been raised once again."

**Jesse Krohn (#24 BMW M Hybrid V8):** "I've never waited for any season as much as I have for the 2024 one. This is truly a special opportunity for me and I can't be more grateful to BMW M Motorsport for putting their trust in me. This is basically what I've worked my whole life for, driving at the pinnacle of sports car racing in the top class, being the fastest car out on track. I think it's also good that I have the IMSA experience from the past from the GT cars because I can





put myself on both sides and know what to expect from the GT drivers as we pass them in traffic. There is a lot I can bring in from the past and going back to racing with BMW M Team RLL is super fun. I always enjoyed racing in the US and everybody at BMW M Team RLL is like my second family there so it's really exciting to go back there and team up with Philipp for the full IMSA season. I can't wait to get started; it's going to be an awesome season."

**Philipp Eng (#24 BMW M Hybrid V8):** "I am very excited about the trust from BMW M Motorsport to be able to compete in IMSA again. It's an extremely cool race series, and it was a lot of fun to race with our new BMW M Hybrid V8 there last year. It hasn't been an easy season, but we are heading into the right direction, and this year there can only be one goal: to challenge for wins and the title. That's the stated objective, and I hope we can achieve it. I'm really looking forward to it."

**Connor De Phillippi (#25 BMW M Hybrid V8):** "I am very excited to return with BMW M Motorsport in the IMSA GTP category. Also having Nick continuing to be my team-mate I think allows us to build on our great season we had in 2023 and have an even better season in 2024. This is actually my first year having the same team-mate two years in a row so I am excited to continue our relationship together and execute a hopefully perfect season and continue fighting for another championship in 2024."

**Nick Yelloly (#25 BMW M Hybrid V8):** "I'm obviously really looking forward to keeping the continuation with both myself and Connor in the car for a second year together in IMSA. For me, it will be quite a lot easier knowing all the tracks now, having seen and done the weekends at all these different circuits in the BMW M Hybrid V8 for a year now, so I am really looking forward to capitalising on that. We already had a great season in 2023 with a lot of podiums and a race win at Watkins Glen, so we are definitely looking to build on that further. I am sure that the hard work over the winter will put us in an even better position to fight for the title as we did this year already and we have one clear aim, which is the title in 2024 and to try to win as many races as possible."

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