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**BMW Team RLL tests the BMW M6 GTLM in Sebring – BMW on the cusp of its racing comeback in Australia.**

Whether in the DTM, the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, or countless other championships: week after week BMW teams and drivers around the world do battle for points, victories and titles. Away from the track too, members of the large BMW Motorsport family around the world are also creating headlines. The “BMW Motorsport News” allows us to regularly summarise all the action for you in a compact and informative manner. This way, you are always up to speed.

**IWSC: BMW M6 GTLM completes dress rehearsal in Sebring.**

BMW Team RLL spent three test days at the Sebring International Raceway preparing the BMW M6 GTLM for the second race of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship (IWSC), the iconic 12 Hours of Sebring (US). BMW drivers Bill Auberlen (US), John Edwards (US), Lucas Luhr (DE), Dirk Werner (DE) and Kuno Wittmer (CA) shared the driving duties at the 5.955-kilometre circuit. Turner Motorsport was also in action, testing the BMW M6 GT3, with which the team competes in the GTD class of the IWSC. The 12 Hours of Sebring will take place on 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March.

**Three questions for ... Bill Auberlen.**

**Bill, what areas of the new car have you worked on during testing?**

Bill Auberlen: “We worked on several areas. We fine-tuned the overall package in order to further improve the BMW M6 GTLM and to make it as reliable as possible. In addition, the test served us drivers to further get acquainted with the size of the car and the central seat position. You try to understand how many millimetres are left before you hit the curb or leave the track. As a driver, you are always fine-tuning on that.”

**What do you specifically like about Sebring?**

Auberlen: “Sebring is my most favourite circuit next to Long Beach. For me, the 12-hour race is the best endurance event in the world and it is the most historical sports car race in the United States. The best of the best from the world come here to compete. Our class is so competitive, so if you are within the top three you are doing great.”

**What do you expect from the 12-hour race?**

Auberlen: “We have won this race quite a few times and have often been on the podium. If we take what we learned from Daytona and improve on it, then we can aim for a top result in Sebring.”

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**Australian GT: BMW returns to Australia after 20-year absence.**



Next weekend, the waiting is over: the Australian GT Championship begins with the Clipsal 500 in Adelaide (AU). BMW Team SRM will make its race debut with the BMW M6 GT3, marking the racing return of BMW to the Australian continent after 20 years. Back in the 1990s, the BMW 318i and BMW 320i won numerous races in the Australian Super Touring Championship. BMW competed in this series with a works presence between 1994 and 1997, winning eight of a possible 12 titles during this period. Now team principal Steve Richards (NZ), a motor racing legend in Australia, will compete together with Max Twigg (AU) and looks to continue BMW's success story with the BMW M6 GT3. "I have never been that excited before," said Richards. "I have raced many new race cars before, but the BMW M6 GT3 is the absolute highlight of my career." The final livery of the car will be revealed this coming week in Adelaide.

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