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BMW Team RLL to Start Second and Third in Mobil 1 SportsCar Grand Prix.

Werner P2, Luhr P3 in Qualifying at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park

Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – July 11, 2015... BMW Team RLL will start from the outside of the GTLM class front row and inside of the second row in tomorrow's two-hour-and-forty-minute Mobil 1 SportsCar Grand Prix at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, in Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada.

Dirk Werner, driving the No. 25 BMW Z4 he shares with Bill Auberlen, qualified second with a 1:14.857 minute lap around the 2.4-mile, 10-turn circuit during the 15-minute session. His time was only .028 seconds slower than the pole winner Nick Tandy in the No. 911 Porsche.

Teammate Lucas Luhr qualified the No. 24 BMW Z4 third with a 1:14.984 minute lap, .127 seconds behind Werner. Luhr will co-drive with John Edwards.

The first half of 2015 has seen both BMW Z4 racing cars take a victory. Bill Auberlen and Dirk Werner won on the streets of Long Beach, Calif. in the No. 25 car and John Edwards and Lucas Luhr took the victory at Mazda Laguna Seca Raceway in the No. 24 machine. With podium finishes in every event except the 12 Hours of Sebring Auberlen and Werner are tied for the lead in the driver points standings. Edwards and Luhr stand in a tie for



second place. The No. 25 Z4 and No. 24 Z4 are second and third in team points standings respectively. BMW holds a four point lead in the manufacturer points standings.

Bobby Rahal (Team Principal, BMW Team RLL): "I suspected we would be good here. We made changes to the cars overnight and made them much better today. I think there can still be some improvements, just from listening to the drivers, but I think we have still got some ideas what to do. It seems it is going to be difficult to pass here, so a good position in qualifying can be meaningful. If we get a good start and use some of the traffic to our advantage, like John did at Laguna Seca, that is going to help the cars. It is going to be a hard race, it is going to be fast and it is going to be warm."

Dirk Werner, driver (No. 25 BMW Z4 GTLM, P2): "The session was a little bit difficult because the track conditions were changing compared to the morning practice, so we tried to anticipate that. I think it worked well when you see how some of our competitors struggled a little bit. I think we are right there performance wise. We did good set up work through all the practice sessions, made the right steps and are now in a good position for the race. To have a good finish here it is important to start up the front because overtaking is quite difficult. It looks good for now and I am happy."

Lucas Luhr, driver (No. 24 BMW Z4 GTLM, P3): "It was a very good session, and I think second and third is not a bad place to start the race. As always, it is very, very tight with just more than a tenth between me and Dirk. I struggled a little bit with the balance. The front tires came up to temperature quicker than the rears. By the time the rear tires were there the fronts had degraded a little bit. I am optimistic for the race. I think we have a very good race car."

The Mobil 1 SportsCar Grand Prix takes the green flag at 12:05 p.m. ET tomorrow and will be broadcast live on FOX Sports 1 from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET. Follow BMW Team RLL on Twitter at [@BMWUSARacing](https://twitter.com/BMWUSARacing) for "from-the-pit-box" updates all weekend.

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