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BMW Team RLL - 54th Rolex 24 At Daytona - 10 Hour Report

Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – January 31, 2016... With 10 hours complete in the Rolex 24 At Daytona BMW Team RLL has moved both BMW M6 GTLM racing cars to the sharp end of the GTLM field, each M6 having spent time in the lead of the race. The No. 100 M6, with John Edwards back behind the wheel, races in first place. Augusto Farfus, in the No. 25 M6 stands 7th, having dropped back from second while battling traffic. All eight drivers have either double or triple stinted in their time behind the wheel.

BMW DTM driver Bruno Spengler, in his second Rolex 24 for BMW Team RLL, drove a strong triple stint as he chased the second of two laps lost hours earlier in the race when a tire was cut on lap 66 during Bill Auberlen's first stint in the car. Augusto Farfus, the last of the No. 25 M6 quartet to drive, was back with the leaders on lap 233. The Brazilian then had the honor being the very first BMW driver to lead a race in the brand new M6 GTLM, taking the GTLM class lead on lap 271.

Following workmanlike stints by co-drivers Lucas Luhr, Graham Rahal and Kuno Wittmer, John Edwards races the No. 100 M6 at the front of the GTLM field after he was able to jump his teammate on a restart.

Augusto Farfus, driver No. 25 BMW M6 GTLM: “I am very happy. The M6 was a lap down and I managed to get the lap back and take the lead. The important thing here is to stay with the lead group. So far the car is good with no problems so I am very optimistic. However, there is a long way to go. Let’s get this night done and then tomorrow afternoon we get back to the business.”

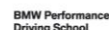
Kuno Wittmer, driver No. 100 BMW M6 GTLM: “Both of my stints went quite well. There was a lot of traffic and a lot of fighting in the GTLM class. At one point I saw two other competitors going side by side and clipping mirrors. It is not the time to do things like that. It is difficult to pass as the other guys seem to have more top end. Even with that I think our package is very strong and we will be there at the end.”

Bruno Spengler, driver No. 25 BMW M6 GTLM: “I enjoyed that, but we were a little bit unlucky with the pass around as we didn’t get one, so we could not get the lap back we are missing, but it is still a long race so we still have a lot of chances to do that. At the moment we are struggling a little bit with the balance of the car, and hopefully through the night it will come to us a little bit. At the moment we are not in the greatest state, but it is a long race, positions will change so we have to keep on pushing and see what the outcome is.”

Graham Rahal, driver No. 100 BMW M6 GTLM: “I had a good couple of stints and just really trying to pound laps. I had a good battle with Rocky (Mike Rockenfeller) and the Corvettes are really fast right now, so that was very difficult. My job is to hand the thing off in the best shape I can. Reliability- wise I would say the car feels really good, the braking is good. If we continue like that we should be fine.”

Lucas Luhr, driver No. 100 BMW M6 GTLM: “Our car is running fine and we have some little and very minor issues with the doors vibrating a little bit by the window. Other than that it is okay. However, I think we make our lives too hard in the pit stops because we have twice brought the cars in at the same time. Other than that it is good and I am having a lot of fun. The traffic is very tricky, especially with the PC cars because they start fighting you and they are quick on the straights and slow on the corners. Sometimes you get lucky and sometimes you get unlucky.”

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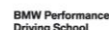
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