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BMW Team RLL - Lone Star Le Mans - Qualifying
Werner - P7, Edwards - P9

Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – Sept. 16, 2016... A disappointing qualifying session will see BMW Team RLL start from the seventh and ninth GTLM class positions in tomorrow's two-hour-and-forty-minute Lone Star Le Mans race, the penultimate round of the 2016 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship.

Dirk Werner qualified the No. 25 M6 in the seventh position with a 2:05.230 minute lap around the 3.4-mile, 20-turn Circuit of the Americas, in Austin, Texas. Werner and Bill Auberlen, the winners of last year's event, currently stand fifth in GTLM driver points. The No. 100 M6 will start from the ninth position, following a 2:05.738 minute lap by John Edwards. The result is doubly disappointing for the No. 100 machine as the car could not come to terms with the changing conditions after posting a strong practice three performance that saw Edwards post the fourth fastest class time (2:03.570 minutes), only .190 seconds from the GTLM class leader. Edwards and Lucas Luhr stand ninth in GTLM driver points. The GTLM class pole went to Ryan Briscoe in the No. 67 Ford GT.

"It was another hot qualifying session," said **Jay O'Connell, RLL VP Technology**. "Both cars and drivers tried hard, but just don't have the pace right now to get on the pole. I think

we have a reasonable balance for tomorrow. In the heat we are looking for a good consistency and we are looking forward to the race. Last year it was a really strategic battle, which paid off, and certainly we will look at that option for tomorrow and see if we can move one of our cars up onto the podium one way or the other. We will try every trick we have got to get there.”

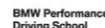
Dirk Werner, driver No. 25 BMW M6 GTLM (7th): “They were difficult track conditions and it was a bit frustrating. It was a bit like VIRginia, where the car doesn’t feel bad at all and you think you should be in a good position, but just the pace is missing. Compared to the fastest cars, it is a big gap. I hope for the race we can be consistent and just hang on in there. Maybe with good pit stops and a clean race we can get some points. We have to sit together and just check out where we can still improve our package.”

John Edwards, driver No. 100 BMW M6 GTLM (9th): “It wasn’t a good session for us obviously. We have to look at the data and see why, because we made changes to help the front a little bit since yesterday afternoon in the heat, and if anything it was worse today. It is quite difficult to know what you are going to get in the heat. The car was much better this morning, even relative to our competitors, but obviously the heat affected us quite a lot more than them.”

The Lone Star Le Mans takes the green flag at 12:35 p.m. ET Saturday, Sept. 17 with the live broadcast beginning at 12:30 p.m. ET on FOX Sports 2 and IMSA.tv. Follow BMW Team RLL on Twitter at [@BMWUSARacing](https://twitter.com/BMWUSARacing) for “from-the-pit-box” updates all weekend.

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