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BMW Team RLL Scores First and Second Row GTLM Class Starting Positions for Sahlen's Six Hours of The Glen; Alexander Sims - P2, Martin Tomczyk - P3.

Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – July 1, 2017... BMW Team RLL continued the excellent performance shown in the last round of the 2017 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship by qualifying second and third for tomorrow's Sahlen's Six Hours of The Glen. BMW Motorsport drivers Alexander Sims and Martin Tomczyk made the best of their first race weekend at the classic 3.4-mile, 11-turn Watkins Glen International to qualify in the first and second rows of the very competitive GTLM class. Sims drove the No. 25 M6 he shares with Bill Auberlen to his season's-best second place qualifying effort with a lap time of 1:42.813 minutes. Just .068 seconds behind, Martin Tomczyk qualified the No. 24 M6 in the third spot with a 1:42.881 minute lap. He will co-drive with John Edwards, the Round Four pole winner at the Circuit of the Americas. The



class pole went to Joey Hand in the No. 66 Ford GT with a 1:42.507 minute lap. The entire GTLM class was separated by only .736 seconds.

"I'm very pleased we have continued to see the competitiveness we showed at COTA," said **Bobby Rahal, Team Principal**. "Our M6 likes long, fast and flowing corners and Watkins Glen is exactly that. It is always a tough race, but we're starting from a good place and look forward to a positive day."

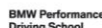
Alexander Sims, driver No. 25 BMW M6 GTLM (P2): "We ran a strong session and was only topped by Joey (Hand) at the very end. Where you start a six-hour race is not absolutely critical, but I am pleased for my first GTLM front row start and look forward to a good race tomorrow. Watkins Glen is an awesome place. It seems to suit the M6 nicely."

Martin Tomczyk, driver No. 24 BMW M6 GTLM (P3): "Both of our BMWs performed quite well today, posting strong efforts. I am looking forward to six hours at Watkins Glen. I like the circuit more and more with each lap."

The Sahlen's Six Hours of The Glen takes the green flag at 10:10 a.m. ET Sunday, July 2. FOX Sports 1 will broadcast the race live beginning at 10:00 a.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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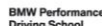
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BMW's partner, Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing, based in Hilliard, Ohio and co-owned by three-time IndyCar Champion and 1986 Indianapolis 500 winner Bobby Rahal, former CBS Late Show host David Letterman and Mi-Jack co-owner Mike Lanigan, has been competing for over two decades. Prior to the start of their 26th season of competition in 2017, the team had compiled 38 victories, 51 poles, 151 podium finishes, three series championships (1992, 2010, 2011) and claimed an Indianapolis 500 victory (Buddy Rice in 2004). In 2009 the team joined BMW of North America to campaign the new BMW M3 in the American Le Mans Series. The following year the team won both the Manufacturer and Team Championships in the GT category and swept all three GT titles - Manufacturer, Team and Driver – in 2011. In 2012 the team finished second in the Team Championship and third in the Manufacturer Championship and in 2013, the team finished second in the Driver, Team and Manufacturer Championship. The 2014 season brought a new challenge with the creation of the IMSA United SportsCar Championship and the team finished on the podium six times including four second-



place finishes. In 2015, the team earned three wins, two poles and a total of eight podium finishes to finish second in the Manufacturer, Team and Driver championships and added two poles and three podiums in 2016. Prior to the start of the 2017 season, BMW Team RLL had won 13 races, 22 poles and 60 podium finishes.

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