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**BMW Team RLL Posts Strong Qualifying Effort at CTMP;  
Bill Auberlen - P2, Martin Tomczyk - P4.**

**Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – July 8, 2017...** For a third consecutive race weekend BMW Team RLL qualified both BMW M6 GTLM racing cars in the first two rows of the uber-competitive IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship GTLM class. Bill Auberlen, qualified the No. 25 M6 outside of the front row for tomorrow's Mobil 1 SportsCar Grand Prix at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, in Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada. His 1:14.103 minute lap was only .018 seconds behind the pole winning No. 911 Porsche. Auberlen and co-driver Alexander Sims will be racing for a second consecutive victory tomorrow. Martin Tomczyk qualified the No. 24 M6 in the fourth spot with a 1:14.294 minute lap. He will co-drive with John Edwards tomorrow as the duo looks to improve on a season's-best third place finish. The entire GTLM field was separated by only .819 seconds.

"We expected to be in contention here," said **Neil Fife, BMW Team RLL Race Engineer**. "The M6 is quick, well-balanced and solid over a long run. Of course we'd like to be on pole, but we are happy with P2 and P4 - only missing P1 and P3 by the blink of an eye.



**Bill Auberlen, driver No. 25 BMW M6 GTLM (P2):** “The team has made the M6 better and better. This session was the best so far. I am pleased with the tire selection and the set-up. We won from P2 at Watkins Glen so we just have to do it again.”

**Martin Tomczyk, driver No. 24 BMW M6 GTLM (P4):** “I am quite happy because I struggled a bit yesterday with my first laps at Mosport. We made the decision that I would run this morning’s practice and qualifying to get more time and I am quite pleased by my recovery and the development we’ve made with the car.”

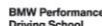
The Mobil 1 SportsCar Grand Prix starts at 12:10 p.m. ET Sunday, July 9 with live coverage on FOX Sports 1 beginning at 12:00 p.m. ET. Follow BMW Team RLL on Twitter at [@BMWUSARacing](https://twitter.com/BMWUSARacing) for “from-the-pit-box” updates all weekend.

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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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