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BMW Team RLL Racing Returns to its Home Track at Lime Rock Park Northeast Grand Prix.

Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – July 18, 2017... Lime Rock Park, in Lakeville, Conn., has long been considered BMW of North America's home track. Only ninety miles from the Woodcliff Lake, NJ headquarters, the short, fast circuit has been the site of numerous BMW victories since 1975 and possibly a third consecutive IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship win this weekend at the Northeast Grand Prix.

BMW Team RLL has amassed five podium finishes with the BMW M6 GTLM, including two wins by Bill Auberlen and Alexander Sims, in the last three races moving BMW to third in GTLM class manufacturer points standings, Auberlen and Sims and the No. 25 BMW M6 GTLM to second in driver and team points respectively. Teammates John Edwards and Martin Tomczyk have moved up to seventh in driver points after two podium finishes in the last three races in the No. 24 M6 GTLM.

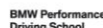


The Northeast Grand Prix will see a confident BMW Team RLL arrive with a reduction in turbocharger boost among other fueling adjustments as mandated by the series Balance of Performance rules. IMSA continues to strive for parity in the GTLM class and while these BoP adjustments are negative, BMW Team RLL has made significant progress in the handling performance of the M6 in recent tests, which have contributed greatly to the results of the past few race weekends. The team expects to continue to compete on the strengths of the BMW M6, pushing for every spot, podium position, and ultimately the race win.

"Obviously we are pleased with the level of success that we have had so far this year," said **Bobby Rahal, Team Principal**. "The cars are now competitive compared to where we were last year and the early part of this year. The BoP update has certainly narrowed the gap between us and others and therefore we can put forth a competitive effort. I'm really pleased and very appreciative of all the work that BMW Motorsport and our team has done in improving the handling of the car. We have found some real gains recently that have really made the car quite good in these long, fast corners. Lime Rock is not Watkins Glen or Mosport in terms of length and overall speed perhaps but it does have a fair number of reasonably quick corners and, once again, that tends to play to our strength. BMW has had a long relationship with Lime Rock and it's our home track so, needless to say, doing well there is very important to us and would be a great place to continue our success. Our drivers are doing a really good job in terms of getting the most out of the car and our pit stops have been good. With all of that in mind, you have to go into the race weekend feeling optimistic."

Bill Auberlen, driver No. 25 BMW M6 GTLM: "Wow, what a run we have going in our No. 25 BMW M6 GTLM. In the last three races we've finished 2nd, 1st and 1st. That has put us second in the championship, just three points behind. The only thing on my mind is podium after podium that will lead to the championship at the end of the year."

Alexander Sims, driver No. 25 BMW M6 GTLM: "I am looking forward to getting to another new track and learning all I can before the race. Mosport went well under similar conditions so I can only hope we can recreate that sort of pace and fight for the podium positions again."



John Edwards, driver No. 24 BMW M6 GTLM: “It’s been a great few races for us and I’m excited to carry the momentum into Lime Rock. This is the track where I had my first win as a BMW driver back in 2013 so I have some great memories here. The race is as close as we’ll get to a home race for BMW so it would be special to win here again. Although we don’t have the prototypes with us this race, Lime Rock is still one of the most challenging tracks to get through traffic so it is definitely going to be a frantic race!”

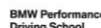
Martin Tomczyk, driver No. 24 BMW M6 GTLM: “It will be a great feeling coming to Lime Rock after the 1-2 at Mosport. The team is highly motivated and we will try to use this momentum for Lime Rock. For me the track is again a new one. So far it has never been a problem to adapt quickly to any new tracks in the US.”

The Northeast Grand Prix takes the green flag at 3:05 p.m. ET Saturday, July 22. FOX Sports 2 will broadcast the race live beginning at 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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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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