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**BMW Team RLL Finishes Fourth and Fifth at Cadillac Grand Prix of Sebring;
Turner Motorsport M6 GT3 Scores P3 Finish in GTD.**

Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – July 18, 2020 . . . BMW Team RLL finished fourth and fifth in today's IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Cadillac Grand Prix of Sebring. Connor De Phillippi and Bruno Spengler equaled their fourth-place finish two weeks ago at Daytona in the No. 25 BMW M8 GTE, finishing just over one minute behind the winning No. 4 Corvette C8.R. John Edwards and Jesse Krohn finished fifth in the No. 24 BMW M8 GTE.

Today's finish was the second consecutive disappointing result for the team that won the Rolex 24 At Daytona in January. A combination of fuel saving and overall lack of pace compromised the team's performance.

BMW falls to third in the GTLM class Manufacturer points standings. John Edwards and Jesse Krohn stand third in GTLM Driver points and Connor De Phillippi and Bruno Spengler stand sixth.

In the GTD class, Bill Auberlen and Robby Foley scored their first podium of the season, finishing third in the No. 96 Turner Motorsport BMW M6 GT3, only 9.699 seconds behind the winning Lexus RC F GT3.

Round Four of the 2020 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship will be held at Road America, in Elkhart Lake, Wis., on August 2. The two-hour-and-forty-minute race will take the green flag at 12:05 p.m. CT and will be broadcast on NBC. Follow us on Twitter @BMWUSARacing for news from the pit box and get live scoring and in-car camera views at IMSA.com.

Connor De Phillippi, driver No. 25 BMW M8 GTE (P4): “We knew we would not have of the speed of our competitors, but we battled hard. We maximized what we had, but we fell short.”

Bruno Spengler, driver No. 25 BMW M8 GTE (P4): “With our lack of pace compared with our competitors finishing P4 after starting sixth is a testament to how hard we all worked. I am looking forward to Road America and an all-new circuit for me.”

John Edwards, Driver No. 24 BMW M8 GTE (P5): “It was a tough day for us as we struggled for pace. The yellow helped our strategy, but it was not enough. We’ll put our heads down and look to rebound in two weeks at Road America, one of my favorite circuits in North America.”

Jesse Krohn, driver No. 24 BMW M8 GTE (P5): “Everyone tried their hardest today, but whatever we did was not enough to get a good result. I don’t think we could have done anything different.”



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Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing

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 almost three decades. Prior to the start of their 29th season of competition in 2020, the team had compiled 51 victories, 62 poles, 189 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. Since 2014, BMW Team RLL has competed in the GTLM class of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship with a two-car program and has brought their total to 21 wins – including the 2019 and 2020 Rolex 24 At Daytona endurance races, 28 poles and 79 podium finishes as well as a second place finish in the Manufacturer, Team and Driver championships in 2015 and 2017.



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