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BMW Team RLL Qualify Fifth and Sixth for Six Hours at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta.

Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – Sept. 4, 2020 . . . In a razor-sharp GTLM class qualifying session that saw the six entries separated by a scant .192 seconds, BMW Team RLL will line up fifth and sixth for tomorrow's IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship six-hour Tiresack.com Grand Prix at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta, in Braselton Ga.

Connor De Phillippi, who was the quickest driver in the today's final practice, qualified the No. 25 BMW M8 GTE fifth with a 1:16.254-minute lap – only .086 seconds from the polesitting Porsche. De Phillippi and co-driver Bruno Spengler celebrated their first podium of the season (second) at VIR two weeks ago and now stand sixth in GTLM class driver points. Jesse Krohn qualified the No. 24 BMW M8 GTE sixth with a 1:16.359-minute lap. Krohn and co-driver John Edwards stand fifth in GTLM driver points.

With consecutive podium finishes (P3 – Road America and P2 – VIR) in the last two 2020 races BMW Team RLL has now amassed a total of 80 podium finishes since beginning its BMW racing program in 2009. BMW currently stands second in GTLM manufacturer points.

Bill Auberlen and Robby Foley will add Dillon Machavern to the No. 96 Turner Motorsport BMW M6 GT3 lineup this weekend. Just prior to the GTLM qualifying session, Foley qualified the car in the seventh GTD class starting position with a lap time of 1:20.469 minutes, only .712 seconds from the polesitter.

The Tiresack.com Grand Prix is scheduled to take the green flag at 11:35 a.m. tomorrow and will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 – 6:00 p.m. ET. 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 (P5): “Today’s qualifying was extremely close, but we did not have quite enough to take pole. Overall, the M8’s balance feels great and I have high expectations for tomorrow’s race pace. Thanks to the team for their super work so far.”

Jesse Krohn, driver No. 24 BMW M8 GTE (P6): “A super tight qualifying session today. We made a number of changes after the second practice and the M8 was much better. A few mistakes put me P6, but it is a long race and we have a good car.”

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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 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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