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MINI John Cooper Works Team Looking for a Strong Finish to the SRO TC America Season at Indianapolis Motor Speedway

IMS is home track for MINI John Cooper Works Team and team owners Luis Perocarpi and Rob Ridgley

Woodcliff Lake, N.J., October 1, 2020. MINI USA and the MINI John Cooper Works

Team are coming into the 2020 SRO TC America series finale weekend with

confidence, as the season concludes at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the home track
for the Brownsburg, Ind.- based team and LAP Motorsports team owners Luis

Perocarpi and Rob Ridgley. The team will look to maintain their 64-point lead in the

Manufacturers Championship standings and take home the trophy for the second

straight year.

The MINI John Cooper Works race team arrives at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in a solid position but with work to do. The team will field three cars for this weekend, with Tomas Mejia, who sits second in the driver championship standings, piloting the #60, Mark Pombo in the #61, who finished second in Race 3 at Circuit of the Americas after a race-long battle with his brother and race winner Matt Pombo. Clayton Williams will also join the team piloting the #62. The MINI John Cooper Works team is also only one point behind the competition in the team standings.

The team has had a strong season with an outstanding race weekend at <u>Virginia</u> <u>International Raceway</u> in early July, where the team took home six podiums, including two wins by Mark Pombo and a 1 – 2 finish with teammate Tomas Mejia in Race 1 of the weekend. The team then took home five podium spots at <u>Sonoma Raceway</u>. The team also opened the season strong with Pombo taking the checkered flag during the

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10/2020 page 2 first race <u>Circuit of the Americas</u> with Mejia coming in second – completing the 1-2 finish for the MINI John Cooper Works team. Mejia also won the second race of the weekend.

While there will be fans in attendance in the general admission area, all three races will be streamed live at YouTube.com/GTWorld. In addition, MINI John Cooper Works Team owner Luis Perocarpi and driver Mark Pombo will participate in live debriefings each session and also provide timing and scoring across MINI USA social media channels including Facebook and Instagram.

Following the season opener in Austin, the SRO TC America series took a break from the action to adhere to safety regulations put in place in response to the COVID19 pandemic. The series was forced to cancel two race weekends, one in St. Petersburg, Fla., and the other at <u>Lime Rock Park</u> in Lakeville, Conn. The four races were made up by adding a third race to four race weekends at <u>Virginia International Raceway</u>, <u>Sonoma Raceway</u>, <u>Road America</u> and <u>Circuit of the Americas</u>. This championship weekend at <u>Indianapolis Motor Speedway</u> will remain a two-race weekend.

The MINI John Cooper Works team won Manufacturers' title and five total race victories during the successful debut season in TC America in 2019.

About the MINI JCW Team

The MINI JCW Team, operated by LAP Motorsports (<u>@lapmotorsports</u>), drives MINI's most powerful Hardtop ever in the two-door John Cooper Works. The team competes in the fiercely competitive SRO TC America Series. For additional information please visit minijcwteam.com or email <u>luis@minijcwteam.com</u>.

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