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BMW Team RLL Qualifies Third and Fourth for Motul 100% Synthetic Grand Prix.

Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – Oct. 10, 2020 . . . BMW Team RLL qualified in the third and fourth starting positions for tonight's Motul 100% Synthetic Grand Prix looking to extend the team's podium finishing streak to five races. The 100-minute race is the second GT class-only race of the 2020 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship season and is being held on Charlotte Motor Speedway's 2.32-mile, 10-turn "roval" circuit.

In a qualifying session that was cut short and only allowed the BMW drivers four laps, Bruno Spengler put the No. 25 MOTUL BMW M8 GTE in the third starting spot with a 1:14.730-minute lap. Jesse Krohn lined up the No 24 MOTUL BMW M8 GTE next door, in fourth, with a 1:14.824-minute lap.

BMW Team RLL has scored consecutive podium finishes at Road America (P3), Virginia International Raceway (P2), Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta (P1, P3) and Mid-Ohio

Sports Car Course (P2) – placing BMW a strong second in GTLM class manufacturer points standings. No. 25 MOTUL BMW M8 GTE co-drivers Connor De Phillippi and Bruno Spengler stand third in driver points with teammates John Edwards and Jesse Krohn, co-drivers of the No. 24 MOTUL BMW M8 GTE, stand fourth.

With a lap of 1:18.077-minutes, Robby Foley qualified the No. 96 Turner Motorsport BMW M6 GT3 he co-drives with Bill Auberlen on the outside of the GTD class front row. The winners at Virginia International Raceway three rounds ago have had two difficult races at Road Atlanta and Mid-Ohio and are looking to rebound at Charlotte.

The Motul 100% Synthetic Grand Prix is scheduled to take the green flag at 8:05 p.m. tonight and will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 8:00 to 10:00 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.

Bruno Spengler, driver No. 25 BMW M8 GTE (P3): “We did not have a lot of laps, but P3 is a good starting position. We believe the conditions will be quite tricky, but Connor and I will push hard.”

Jesse Krohn, driver No. 24 BMW M8 GTE (P4): “We don’t have the fastest cars here as yet, but I think we may just have the cars to win. We will certainly bring a challenge.”

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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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