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BMW Team RLL Scores Double Podium Finish at A Wet Motul 100% Synthetic Grand Prix; Bill Auberlen Serves Up IMSA Win No. 62.

Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – Oct. 11, 2020 . . . BMW Team RLL extended its podium-finishing streak to five IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship races at the October 10th Motul 100% Synthetic Grand Prix, finishing a strong second and third in the GTLM class. John Edwards and Jesse Krohn led a race-high 42 laps in the No. 24 MOTUL BMW M8 GTE before ultimately finishing second. Teammates Connor De Phillippi and Bruno Spengler finished third in the No. 25 MOTUL BMW M8 GTE. Both BMWs completed 62 laps of the Charlotte Motor Speedway Roval circuit in the 100-minute contest, finishing 2.059 seconds behind the winning Corvette C8.R.

BMW Team RLL has scored consecutive podium finishes at Road America (P3), Virginia International Raceway (P2), Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta (P1, P3), Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course (P2), and with tonight's results P2 and P3 at Charlotte. Unofficially, BMW remains in 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.

After disappointing races in the last two rounds, Bill Auberlen and Robby Foley, co-drivers of the No. 96 Turner Motorsport BMW M6 GT3, recorded their second win of the season with the victory in the GTD class. The victory is Auberlen's 62nd IMSA career win.

A short week will see BMW Team RLL turn the cars around for next Saturday's Motul Petit Le Mans at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta. The race is scheduled to take the green flag at 12:40 p.m. and will feature a live broadcast on NBCSN in two segments; 12:30 – 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 – 11:00 p.m. Follow us on Twitter @BMWUSARacing for news from the pit box and get live scoring and in-car camera views at IMSA.com.

John Edwards, Driver No. 24 BMW M8 GTE (P2): "Jesse was super in the opening laps in very sketchy conditions. Obviously, it was bittersweet to finish second after leading for so long, but ultimately, we did not have the pace the Corvette did over a full stint. Racing on such a challenging track in a deluge of rain, we can be pleased to have both cars finish with no scratches"

Jesse Krohn, driver No. 24 BMW M8 GTE (P2): "The race was held under exceedingly difficult conditions, so I am pleased about a P2 result. Having led the majority of the race we showed that we were racing to win, but we just did not have the pace of the Corvette at the end of the stint. A double-podium and not a scratch on either car is momentum we can carry to Petit Le Mans."

Connor De Phillippi, driver No. 25 BMW M8 GTE (P3): "Overall, a fantastic result for BMW. Both cars on the podium following a great team performance. We showed a winning pace, but ultimately it was not quite enough."

Bruno Spengler, driver No. 25 BMW M8 GTE (P3): "P2 and P3 is a particularly good result. Clearly we wanted the victory, but we just did not have quite the pace of the Corvette."



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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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