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BMW M Team RLL BMW M4 GT3 will start Michelin GT Challenge Fourth in GTD PRO at VIRginia International Raceway. P3 for Paul Miller Racing, P7 for Turner Motorsport in GTD.

Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – Aug. 27, 2022 . . . Connor De Phillippi qualified the No. 25 MOTUL BMW M Team RLL BMW M4 GT3 fourth in the GTD PRO class for tomorrow's two-hour-and-forty-minute Michelin GT Challenge at VIR race. De Phillippi recorded a 1:44.791- minute lap around the 3.27-mile, 18-turn VIRginia International Raceway circuit. The Californian will share the car tomorrow with John Edwards. The pair stands fifth in GTD PRO class driver point standings with a season's-best third place finish at Laguna Seca earlier this year.

In the GTD class, the No. 1 Paul Miller Racing BMW M4 GT3, of Bryan Sellers and Madison Snow, will start third, following Snow's 1:45.801 -minute qualifying lap. Sellers and Snow have already clinched the GTD class Sprint Cup Championship. Robby Foley



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qualified the No. 96 Turner Motorsport BMW M4 GT3 in the seventh starting position with a 1:45.490- minute lap. He will co-drive tomorrow with Bill Auberlen.

Connor De Phillippi (BMW M Team RLL, No. 25 MOTUL BMW M4 GT3 (P4):

“Qualifying did not meet our expectations. The track had less grip than earlier today, and I believe we could have been better on the balance of the car. We didn’t quite have the rotation we needed. We’ll take a hard look at the data and have the car ready for tomorrow.”

The two-hour-and-forty-minute Michelin GT Challenge at VIR race takes the green flag at 2:05 p.m. Sunday, the 28th, and will be streamed live on Peacock beginning at 2:00 p.m. ET. IMSA Radio also provides a flag-to-flag broadcast.

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Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing

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their 31st season of competition in 2022, the team had compiled 54 victories, 66 poles, 222 podium finishes, three series championships (1992, 2010, 2011), claimed two Indianapolis 500 victories (Buddy Rice in 2004, Takuma Sato in 2020) and two Rolex 24 at Daytona victories. 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. From 2014 to 2021, BMW Team RLL competed in the GTLM class of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship with a two-car program and brought their total to 22 wins – including the 2019 and 2020 Rolex 24 at Daytona endurance races, 28 poles and 94 podium finishes prior to the start of the 2022 season. The team earned second-place finishes in the Manufacturer, Team, and Driver championships in 2015 and 2017 and were the 2020 Michelin North American Endurance Champions. For 2022, BMW M Team RLL will compete in the GTD Pro class while simultaneously ramping up for a two-car program in the much-anticipated GTP class of IMSA for 2023.

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