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BMW Customer Racing Teams Provide a Strong Undercard to 12 Hours of Sebring Weekend.

Woodcliff Lake, N.J. --- March 13, 2023 --- 24 years after the BMW V12 LMR won the 1999 12 Hours of Sebring, and 23 years after the revolutionary prototype last turned a wheel at the classic road racing circuit, BMW M Motorsport returns to the 3.74-mile, 17-turn circuit with two BMW M Hybrid V8 racing cars in new for 2023 Grand Touring Prototype class.

After a middling debut in January's Rolex 24 At Daytona where BMW M Team RLL finished sixth and eighth in class, all eyes are on Sebring to see if history can repeat itself. In 1975, BMW of North America's inaugural IMSA season saw BMW Motorsport's two BMW 3.0 CSL machines start the season at Daytona and leave Sebring with the company's very first major sports car victory in North America.

"The Sebring International Raceway has been instrumental in beginning and continuing BMW of North America's sports car racing success," stated **Dan Lubin, BMW NA**

Motorsport Manager. “While we are delighted to be back in IMSA’s top category, BMW Customer Racing teams are well-represented in the GT Daytona class with the BMW M3 GT3 and Michelin Pilot Challenge Grand Sport class, as well as the VP Racing Challenge series with the BMW M4 GT4.”

IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar entries

No. 95 BMW M4 GT3	Turner Motorsport GTD PRO	Bill Auberlen, Chandler Hull, John Edwards
No. 96 BMW M4 GT3	Turner Motorsport GTD	Robby Foley, Patrick Gallagher, Michael Dinan
No. 1 BMW M4 GT3	Paul Miller Racing GTD	Bryan Sellers, Madison Snow

IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge entries

No. 25 BMW M4 GT4	Auto Technic Racing	John Capestro-Dubets, Bill Auberlen
No. 26 BMW M4 GT4	Fast Track Racing	Garrett Adams, Toby Grahovec
No. 43 BMW M4 GT4	Stephen Cameron Racing	Sean Quinlan, Gregory Liefoghe
No. 92 BMW M4 GT4	Random Vandals Racing	Kenton Koch, Paul Sparta
No. 95 BMW M4 GT4	Turner Motorsport	Robert Megennis, Cameron Lawrence
No. 96 BMW M4 GT4	Turner Motorsport	Robby Foley, Vincent Barletta

VP Racing Challenge entries

No. 19 BMW M4 GT4	Stephen Cameron Racing	Sean Quinlan
No. 25 BMW M4 GT4	Auto Technic Racing	Rob Walker
No. 43 BMW M4 GT4	Stephen Cameron Racing	Gregory Liefoghe
No. 88 BMW M4 GT4	Split Decision Motorsports	Patrick Wilmot
No. 95 BMW M4 GT4	Turner Motorsports	Francis Selldorf
No. 96 BMW M4 GT4	Turner Motorsports	Vin Barletta

The 2023 12 Hours of Sebring weekend action begins on track Wednesday, March 15 with the Michelin Pilot Challenge race scheduled to take the green flag Thursday at 1:20 pm ET. The 12 Hours of Sebring race gets underway at 10:10 am ET on Saturday. All 12 hours will be streamed live on Peacock.



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Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing

BMW's partner, Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing, based in Zionsville, Indiana 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 over three decades. Prior to the start of their 32nd season of competition in 2023 and their 15th with BMW, the team had compiled 54 victories, 67 poles, 225 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. In 2022, BMW M Team RLL competed in the GTD PRO class in IMSA while simultaneously ramping up for a two-car program in the much-anticipated GTP class in IMSA for 2023. In total, the team has earned 22 wins – including the 2019 and 2020 Rolex 24 at Daytona endurance races, 30 poles and 96 podium finishes prior to the start of the 2023 season. BMW M Team RLL highlights also include second-



place finishes in the Manufacturer, Team, and Driver championships in 2015 and 2017 and being named the 2020 Michelin North American Endurance Champions.

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