



Media Information

IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship

10<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**One week, two countries, two wins: BMW M6 GTLM finishes first and second in Canada.**

- **Bill Auberlen and Alexander Sims claim their second win in a row.**
- **Martin Tomczyk and John Edwards make it a one-two at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park by finishing second.**
- **First one-two finish for BMW Team RLL since 2013.**

**Munich. After reaching the top of the podium at Watkins Glen (USA) last Sunday, Bill Auberlen (USA) and Alexander Sims (GBR) raced the number 25 BMW Team RLL BMW M6 GTLM to a second consecutive IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship (IWSC) GTLM class victory this Sunday at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park in Bowmanville (CAN). Teammates John Edwards (USA) and Martin Tomczyk (GER) finished second in the number 24 BMW M6 GTLM for the first BMW Team RLL one-two finish since Long Beach (USA) 2013. The win was the 15<sup>th</sup> in team history since 2009.**

Auberlen, starting the number 25 BMW M6 GTLM from second, and Tomczyk, starting the number 24 from fourth, wasted no time in racing to the front of the GTLM field as the green flag waved to start the two-hour-and-forty-minute race. The two crews in the BMW Team RLL cars withstood all challenges of the race, including three full-course yellow periods and partly heavy rain. At the chequered flag it was Sims P1 in the number 25 BMW M6 GTLM for a second consecutive win and Edwards P2 for a season's-best finish in the number 24 BMW M6 GTLM.

In the GTD class, Jens Klingmann (GER) and Justin Marks (USA) finished fourth with the number 96 Turner Motorsport BMW M6 GT3.

**Bill Auberlen (No. 25 BMW M6 GTLM):** "Today is as good as it gets. Alex did a great job today no matter what the weather. I am proud to share my 57<sup>th</sup> win with him."





**Alexander Sims (No. 25 BMW M6 GTLM):** “That was an awesome race! There was quite a bit of ducking and diving, but even when the rain fell and we were still on slicks I believe we were the strongest car. Honestly, my first five or six laps were spent still getting comfortable with this track, but once I found the groove I really started to love this place.”

**John Edwards (No. 24 BMW M6 GTLM):** “That was a stressful, but enjoyable race. I had a great battle with Pilet in the Porsche. The rain made for a lot of close calls, but we came away with a one-two for the BMW M6 GTLM.”

**Martin Tomczyk (No. 24 BMW M6 GTLM):** “What an exciting race! We have all worked very hard to get to this point and a one-two is a fabulous result for BMW.”

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