



BMW TEAM RLL QUALIFY 1-2 AT MID-OHIO



Lexington, Ohio – August, 5, 2011... BMW Team RLL will start 1-2 in tomorrow's American Le Mans Series Mid-Ohio Sports Car Challenge following the team's third consecutive GT class front row qualifying effort. Joey Hand drove the No. 56 BMW M3 GT to his third pole of the year (four total: Hand: Long Beach, Lime Rock Park, Mid-Ohio. Müller: Mosport) with a lap of 1:20.539 minutes around the 2.25-mile, 13-turn road course. Only 0.116 seconds slower, Dirk Werner qualified the No. 55 M3 GT with a 1:20.655 minute lap to sew up the third 1-2 BMW Team RLL start. The duo of Werner and

Auberlen has qualified second to teammates Hand and Müller in the last three races. Hand along with co-drivers Dirk Müller and Andy Priaulx, won the opening round of the 2011 ALMS season, leading a 1-2 BMW Team RLL GT class finish at the 12 Hours of Sebring. Hand and Müller scored a second and third consecutive victory at Long Beach and Lime Rock Park. The duo finished fourth at Mosport to extend their lead in the driver point standings. Auberlen and Werner stand third in GT driver points with two podium finishes this season (Sebring – second, Mosport – third). The two-hour-and-forty-five-minute Mid-Ohio Sports Car Challenge is scheduled to take the green flag at 3:30 p.m. ET Saturday. The race will be broadcast live on ESPN3.com and rebroadcast on ESPN2 from 10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. ET on Sunday, August 7.

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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, Mi-Jack co-owner Mike Lanigan and CBS LATE SHOW host David Letterman, has been competing for nearly two decades, compiling 22 victories, 31 poles and two series championships (1992, 2010) as well as claiming an Indianapolis 500 victory (Buddy Rice Parts in 2004). In 2009 the team joined BMW of North America to campaign the new BMW M3 in the American Le Mans Series, and in 2010 won both the Manufacturer and Team Championships in the GT category.

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