



BMW Team RLL Finishes Third and Fourth at the Grand Prix of Mosport



Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada – July 24, 2011... Despite a stop-and-go penalty for contact served by each BMW Team RLL M3 GT during today's American Le Mans Series Grand Prix of Mosport the team still finished the two-hour-and-forty-five-minute race third and fourth in the 14-car GT class to retain the lead in manufacturer, driver and team championship standings. Starting from the class pole for a third consecutive time the No. 56 M3 GT of Joey Hand led the first 30 laps of the race with the No.

55 M3 GT of Bill Auberlen running third, less than three seconds behind. The races only caution period brought both M3s to the pits on lap 31 for fuel and tires, but a slow stop for the No. 56 crew put Hand out behind Auberlen and then a touch with a competitor exiting the pits brought Hand back to serve a stop-and-go penalty for "avoidable contact". As Auberlen moved up to second, Hand fell back to eighth. Auberlen held second through the fuel load and Hand moved up to seventh before both drivers pitted one hour later. Dirk Werner took over the No. 55 machine and moved into the lead just before the two-hour mark. Unfortunately, Werner made contact with a slower class car with 20 minutes remaining in the race and the officials called him to the pits for an "avoidable contact" stop-and-go penalty. He returned to the race losing two positions to finish third and score the second podium finish for the No. 55 M3 GT this season. Dirk Müller took over for Hand, moving the No. 56 M3 GT as high as third before falling back to fourth in the closing stages of the race. Round Five of the American Le Mans Series will be held at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course on August 6.

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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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