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Audi Sport customer racing teams find success at the Advent Health 120 at Sebring International Raceway

- ▶ Carbahn Motorsports qualified 1st capturing pole position in the GS class
- ▶ McQuarrie and Westphal win the GS class Advent Health 120 at Sebring International Raceway
- ▶ Audi remains on top in GS and TCR categories Manufacturers Championship

Columbia, SC, July 17, 2020 – An excellent start for Audi teams during the return of the Michelin Pilot Challenge competition. The Advent Health 120 at Sebring International raceway proved Audi is a strong competitor in both the GS and TCR classes. Teams and drivers continue to gain valuable championship points through the second race of the season.

The Audi R8 LMS returned to the Michelin Pilot Challenge with Carbahn Motorsports qualifying on pole position for the start of the two-hour Advent Health 120. The GS class defending champions bested the 2nd place qualifier by .523 seconds with a formidable performance from McQuarrie behind the wheel of the 5.2l V10 mid-engine race car.

McQuarrie started the Advent Health 120 at Sebring International Raceway and pushed hard to hold the lead for a major portion of his first stint. After a long weather delay, the #39 car slipped to third place prior to handing the car over to co-driver Jeff Westphal. Without the customary pre-race warm-up, Westphal was driving the car for the first time on Friday but this did not deter the 2019 Driver Champion and last year's Sebring winner. As the heat began to warm the tires, Westphal started to gain ground against the competitive GS field. The long pit strategy and a flawless pit stop quickly put the driver into first place. With poor weather surrounding the track, the team pushed the Audi R8 LMS GT4 for the remainder of the race finishing 1st, under yellow conditions, continuing Carbahn Motorsports with Peregrine Racing's defending championship season. The win now places Audi in the lead for the GS Manufacturers Championship heading into the Road America 120 on August 2.

"The Carbahn Audi R8 LMS GT4 really likes Sebring International Raceway", said Steve Dinan, Carbahn Motorsport team Principle. "My crew, drivers, and the Audi Sport customer racing support team did a fantastic job."

Ferriol started the race in the #31 Team Hardpoint Audi R8 LMS GT4. Once again, Ferriol stayed focused during his first stint keeping the race car in perfect condition when Pumpelly took over. Shortly after the pit stop and driver change, a yellow flag was waved due to the potential threat of severe weather removing any opportunity for Team Hardpoint to advance in the field.

Two Audi RS 3 LMS race cars from Fast MD with Speed Syndicate finished 4th and 5th providing crucial manufactures points. Audi remains on top, although tied for first place, in the TCR Manufacturers Championship. The #23 car driven by Faulkner and Vance bested their teammates Mikey Taylor and Michael McCarthy by one position. TCR class point leaders Gavin Ernstone and Jon Morley from Road Shagger Racing finish 8th. The #54 JDC-Miller MotorSports Audi RS 3 LMS with driver pairing Michael Johnson and Stephen Simpson crossed the finish line in 9th place.

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ROLEX 24 AT DAYTONA **	JANUARY 24-26
DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY *	JULY 3-4
SEBRING INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY *	JULY 16-18
ROAD AMERICA *	JULY 31 - AUGUST 2
VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY *	AUGUST 21-23
WATKINS GLEN INTERNATIONAL	SEPTEMBER 4-6
LIME ROCK PARK *	SEPTEMBER 11-12
MID-OHIO SPORTS CAR COURSE *	SEPTEMBER 25-27
MICHELIN RACEWAY ROAD ATLANTA **	OCTOBER 14-17
WEATHERTECH RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA *	OCTOBER 30-31
SEBRING INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY **	NOVEMBER 11-14

*Weather Tech Sprint Cup Events

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