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Team Hardpoint fields the Audi R8 LMS in the IMSA WeatherTech 240 At Daytona

- ▶ IMSA Returns to Racing at Daytona International Speedway
- ▶ Team Hardpoint represents Audi Sport customer racing in the IMSA WeatherTech 240 At Daytona GTD Class
- ▶ Audi remains in the championship hunt with six races remaining

Columbia, SC, July 6, 2020 – Racing returns to Daytona International Speedway, the same location where we started in January. The WeatherTech 240 At Daytona kicked-off the revised season schedule and the IMSA WeatherTech Sprint Cup Championship. After a short weather delay, IMSA teams proudly lined up on pit row prior to the start of the Fourth of July holiday race.

It was a long road to get racing back on track. There was strong support from IMSA's Return to Racing safety protocols aimed to protect teams, support personnel and fans. For the foreseeable future, only fifteen crew members will be allowed to support the vehicle redefining some roles internally and limited fan access may be the norm. As many as 5,000 race fans were on hand to witness the sights and sounds from the IMSA sportscar entries with a special 4th of July fireworks show at the completion of the race.

Team Hardpoint drivers Rob Ferriol and Spencer Pumpelly quickly adapted to the Audi R8 LMS GT3 race car in an extremely short period of time. After nearly one hour behind the wheel, Ferriol drove his first stint on pace, and handed the car over to co-driver Spencer Pumpelly in perfect condition. Pumpelly drove into the night as lights at Daytona International Speedway illuminated the track. Pumpelly finished the race in 12th but more importantly the team and race car will leave Daytona ready to battle for the podium at Sebring.

"The GT3 was very easy to acclimate to. Coming from the GT4 car, I already had a feel for overall chassis balance of the R8 LMS platforms, and I feel like I found it pretty quickly in the GT3. Within my second stint of practice, I was seventh tenths from Spencer, then I marched it down to three tenths. I think that's a testament to the drivability of this car. The ability to get into it in a real short period of time and get up to speed relative to my pro co-driver," said Rob Ferriol, Team Principle at Team Hardpoint.

It was a tremendous effort by the team to prepare the Audi R8 LMS GT3 for the IMSA WeatherTech 240 At Daytona race weekend. The team worked relentlessly for two weeks and completed their objective of learning a new platform, IMSA multiple class challenges, and collecting valuable championship points. Team Hardpoint has proven that the Audi R8 LMS 5.2L V10 is a robust and reliable race car and we can expect future success as the season unfolds. Their next challenge will be The Grand Prix of Sebring sprint cup race July 16-18.

"An outstanding effort considering the cards stacked against Team Hardpoint stepping up to a new platform within Audi Sport customer racing, tumultuous weather conditions and lack of seat time in the GTD platform, we are overwhelmed with the positive outcome of the race. This was a "dust off" for everyone in our organization and we are looking forward to a strong performance at Sebring," said Tristan Herbert, Audi Sport customer racing Manager.

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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

*WeatherTech Sprint Cup Events

**Michelin Endurance Cup events

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