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Wild Race Leads to Fourth Place Finish for CarBahn with Peregrine Racing

WATKINS GLEN, NY. (July 3, 2021) – CarBahn with Peregrine Racing capped off its Watkins Glen International stay with a fourth-place finish.

The No. 39 Audi R8 GT3 LMS began its weekend on a high note with a third-place qualifying lap by driver Richard Heistand. With limited track time for this event Engineer and Strategist Steve Dinan was required to work his magic to provide the drivers with a perfectly balanced car. As always, Dinan delivered, presenting the drivers with a fast car in all conditions, even in the erratic rain.

Heistand had a stellar start in the No. 39, moving into second position almost immediately. He maintained the position for the entirety of his stint, constantly putting pressure on the No. 12 ahead of him. With 95-minutes remaining a red flag was thrown due to inclement weather, leaving the clock counting down.

With 50-minutes remaining cars rolled back onto the track to resume the WeatherTech 240. With Westphal at the helm, the No. 39 retained its second-place position. However, as the sun set and temps dropped faster car were able to pass the tactful Westphal. After a wild race the No. 39 finished in fourth place.

Next up for the No. 39 Audi R8 GT3 LMS is the Northeast Grand Prix, July 16-17 at Lime Rock Park. This will be the first GT-only weekend of the season promising intense battles across the board. Ticket sales and schedule details can be found at https://www.imsa.com/events/2021-northeast-grand-prix/.

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Steve Dinan, Engineer and Strategist of the No. 39 Audi R8 GT3 LMS
“The car was fast, and the drivers were fast,” Dinan said. “We’ll just need to be a bit faster next time. This car is always fast at Lime Rock so we’ll be ready for the next one”

Richard Heistand, Driver of the No. 39 Audi R8 GT3 LMS
“I was really close to grabbing first at the start,” Heistand said. “Looking back on the start I think we could have locked in first. We were feeling pretty confident but unfortunately, there was a weather delay and dampness in the air which really favors the front-engine cars. It’s tough to watch the car drop back from that. The car was handling pretty good I think we really just need more straight-line speed to compete with these guys.”

Jeff Westphal, Driver of the No. 39 Audi R8 GT3 LMS
“It’s always great to drive a beautiful Audi R8 prepped by CarBahn,” Westphal said. “I don’t have huge complaints, the car was handling very, very well. The only place we seemed to lack was off the punch in the corner. The Lexus and Aston Martin were really able to pull away from us there even when I was drafting them. Watkins Glen definitely favored their package but where we ended up was still good. Losing positions on track will be a tough one for us to swallow until the next one but under the circumstance, I think the car was strong and we did the best we could.”

About Carbahn Autoworks:

CARBAHN Autoworks is led by Steve Dinan, a luxury car enthusiast just like you. Steve Dinan sold Dinan in 2013 and started his new company CarBahn. Steve’s new company makes High Performance products for BMW, Mercedes and Porsche Audi. Steve has always raced and continues to do so in IMSA with an Audi R8 in Michelin Pilot challenge.

As an automotive and race engineer Steve’s passion for these superior vehicles translates into a deep understanding of, and intense commitment to how they perform.

In 1979, he started the largest company in North America dedicated to BMW high performance (Dinan Engineering). He was acting CEO and Technical Director for 36 years. Dinan secured a contract with BMWNA in 1997 and is the only company that has approval to sell their product out of BMW dealers. Sixteen years as a racing driver retiring from driving in 1996. A racing chassis engineer for 10 years. A racing engine supplier for 10 years. Steve Dinan has won 11 championships including two 24 hours of Daytona!

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