



CARBahn MOTORSPORTS EARNS LONG OVERDUE WIN AT THE MICHELIN PILOT CHALLENGE AT SEBRING

- **FIRST WIN FOR THE AUDI R8 LMS GT4 IN IMSA COMPETITION**

CarBahn Motorsports' drivers Jeff Westphal and Tyler McQuarrie conquered the proceedings Friday at Sebring International Raceway to claim the long overdue victory in the Alan Jay Automotive Network 120. The duo won the GS category by a margin of 7.75 seconds over the second-place team of Devin Jones and James Clay in the No. 82 Bimmerworld BMW. Although both drivers have previous victories in the Michelin Pilot Challenge, this will indeed be the first win in the series for CarBahn Motorsport's legendary No. 39 Audi R8 LMS GT4.

Starting 3rd on the grid, McQuarrie soared past the cars on the front row on the very first lap. CarBahn Motorsports and Team TGM pitting 1-2 on the same lap. As Jeff Westphal took handle of the GT4, the CarBahn crew outshined on the stop, allowing the R8 to maintain the lead over the No. 46 Mercedes-AMG straight out of the pits and right back on the track. Even with the tires running hot on a warm Friday afternoon CarBahn Motorsports lead 42 of the 49 laps straight to victory.

"We worked really hard with the boys and Tyler and everyone the first couple days. It all came together, it was a team effort. Tyler drove an amazing opening stint and I can't thank him enough," said Westphal.

In the final 30 minutes of the race Westphal was feeling the pressure once again from McLaren of Motorsport in Action's Jesse Lazare. Just like Carbahn's mishap at Daytona causing the car to run out of fuel on the last lap, things started to fall apart on the final lap, but this time, the brakes ran low on stopping power for the McLaren. Lazare fell back, and Westphal took the win home.



"I want to be able to go to every track and have good practice sessions, have good qualifying sessions, good races. But the results are really what are the best way for me and Jeff to thank the team, to thank the owners. Just giving them the trophies is the best way to thank them," said Westphal.

And of course, the trophy came this year indeed. Team principal Steve Dinan couldn't be prouder of his drivers, his team and his car. Owing Dinan Engineering, an aftermarket BMW tuner, Dinan was an engine supplier to BMW race teams around the world with many class victories and several championships, including partnering with BMW and Chip Ganassi Racing, where they won the Rolex 24 in 2011 and 2013, along with Daytona Prototype driver's championships in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

"I'm excited about having a team again and we're happy to be campaigning an Audi," said Dinan.

Steve Dinan is the owner of CarBahn, a company specializing in high-performance modifications on Audi, BMW, Mercedes and Porsche. For more information on CarBahn Autoworks and its services visit www.carbahnautoworks.com.

With a well-deserved win at Sebring, we will see what awaits CarBahn Motorsports at the next race at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course on Saturday, May 4. See you all there!

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