



## **MICHELIN SHINES IN SEBRING RACE IN JULY**

**Sebring, Fla. (July 18, 2020)** – Michelin celebrated the rollout of the [new MICHELIN® Pilot® Sport All Season 4 tire](#) and the next step in IMSA's continued return to racing as Michelin delivered performance for a wide range of cars at the storied Sebring International Raceway.

"This weekend marked a big step forward in IMSA's return to racing as we had both the Michelin Pilot Challenge and IMSA Prototype Challenge races in addition to the WeatherTech Championship which made for a robust race weekend. Through the two days we had a wide range of conditions to prove our capabilities," said Tony Ménard, director of motorsport, Michelin North America.

Cadillac, Chevrolet Corvette, and Lexus claimed the respective class wins in the two-hour, 40 minute Cadillac Grand Prix of Sebring while Porsche, Ferrari and BMW all claimed podiums.

"Having the teams in all the series perform so well is very satisfying. We are excited to start seeing some fans at races and have the opportunity to show the IMSA manufacturers, teams, promoters, fans and our dealers how our on-track technologies are carried into our Michelin Pilot family of tires. It is important for us to be able to connect with all those audiences, while respecting the health and safety protocols in place that allow us to resume the season," said Ménard.

### **Michelin Motorsport Post-Race Notes Package: Sebring International Raceway**

- **Wide Range of Conditions:** The MICHELIN® Pilot® Sport All Season 4 tire, as an all-season tire, must work in a wide range of conditions and climates. The Michelin® Pilot® Sport GT slick tires did that at Sebring this weekend. Track conditions ranged from a low of 81 degrees Fahrenheit on Sebring's concrete surface to a high of 125 degrees on its asphalt portion. Ambient temperatures were in the high 70s to high 80s this weekend.
- **Michelin Tire Tech Tip Minute:** How many G's can the new MICHELIN® Pilot® Sport All Season 4 tire handle? Find out [in this race's NBC Sports' Michelin Tire Tech Tip Minute](#), with NBC reporter Parker Kligerman. This piece connects the Michelin bridge at Sebring International Raceway with Michelin's road car technology.
- **Michelin Closing on its own '100:'** Last year, Michelin set 90 of a possible 114 new qualifying or race lap records in its first year as Official Tire of IMSA. They built on that this weekend by getting closer to within one record of 100 since taking over. After setting four new marks at Daytona in January (GTLM, GTD poles and LMP2, GTLM race laps), competitors set five new marks this weekend to get to 99 in two seasons. New marks set this weekend included a record GTLM pole lap (Jordan Taylor, Corvette) and record race laps in GS (Dylan Murry, Mercedes-AMG), TCR (Gabby Chaves, Hyundai), LMP2 (Gustavo Menezes) and LMP3 (Scott Andrews) classes across three different series.
- **Back-to-Backs:** Corvette (GTLM) and Lexus (GTD) won back-to-back races in Florida. Corvette split its wins between its two C8.R cars, and today's win for Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner came a year to the day of Chevrolet launching the C8 Stingray road car. That car comes with MICHELIN® Pilot® Sport All Season 4 tires as its primary fitment. Lexus' pair of Jack Hawksworth and Aaron Telitz won both races in Daytona and Sebring.

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### **Race Winners: Sebring International Raceway**

Michelin congratulates the winners of this weekend's races held at Sebring International Raceway.

#### **Cadillac Grand Prix of Sebring (WeatherTech Championship)**

- DPi: Felipe Nasr, Pipo Derani, No. 31 Whelen Engineering Cadillac DPi-V.R
- LMP2: Spencer Pigot, Patrick Kelly, No. 52 PR1/Mathiasen ORECA 07
- GTLM: Oliver Gavin, Tommy Milner, No. 4 Corvette C8.R
- GTD: Jack Hawksworth, Aaron Telitz, No. 14 AIM Vasser Sullivan Lexus RC F GT3

#### **Advent Health 120 (MICHELIN Pilot Challenge)**

- GS: Tyler McQuarrie, Jeff Westphal, No. 39 CarBahn by Peregrine Audi R8 LMS GT4
- TCR: Mark Wilkins, Harry Gotsacker, No. 21 Bryan Herta Autosport Hyundai Veloster N TCR

#### **Grand Prix of Sebring (Prototype Challenge)**

- LMP3: Scott Andrews, Gerry Kraut, No. 9 JDC Motorsports Norma M30

### **Next Up:**

IMSA continues its 2020 season at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wis., July 31-August 2, 2020, with each of the three series that raced in Sebring. The WeatherTech Championship race airs Sunday, August 2, 2020 at noon ET on network NBC.

Race coverage airs on NBC Sports and *TrackPass* on NBC Sports Gold. IMSA Radio carries all on-track sessions, live, flag-to-flag and commercial free.

### **About Michelin**

Dedicated to the improvement of sustainable mobility, Michelin designs, manufactures and sells tires for every type of vehicle, including airplanes, automobiles, bicycles, earthmovers, farm equipment, heavy-duty trucks and motorcycles. The Company has earned a long-standing reputation for building innovative premium tires. In addition to tires, the Company also publishes travel guides, hotel and restaurant guides, maps and road atlases. Headquartered in Greenville, S.C., Michelin North America ([www.michelinman.com](http://www.michelinman.com)) employs more than 20,000 people and operates 19 major manufacturing plants. Forbes magazine has ranked Michelin No. 1 on its annual survey of "Best Large Employers in America" for 2018.

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