

SIXTH STRAIGHT FOR CADILLAC AT THE SAHLEN'S SIX HOURS AT THE GLEN

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Cadillac won its sixth consecutive IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship with a victory at the Sahlen's Six Hours of The Glen.

Joao Barbosa, Christian Fittipaldi and Filipe Albuquerque were dominate in the No. 5 Mustang Sampling Cadillac DPi-V.R, taking their first victory of the season and end the streak of five consecutive victories by No. 10 Konica Minolta Cadillac DPi co-drivers Ricky and Jordan Taylor.

For the Taylor brothers, their quest for a sixth consecutive victory was over on the opening lap of the race. Ricky Taylor started the race for the team but the # 10 car was damaged when contact with the #52 happened in turn one. # 10 loss six laps as a result of the damage but the team battled back to finish sixth, three laps down to the winners.

Simpson and the No. 85 ORECA with Misha, Goikhberg were in the top five through the second half of the race. It appeared that the No. 85 might become the first new LM P2 car to win in the WeatherTech Championship when Simpson took the lead from Barbosa on a restart with less than a half an hour remaining before Barbosa came back with a pass to win.

Finishing third – and securing the third

podium result for the Mazda DPi program – were No. 55 Mazda RT24-P co-drivers Tristan Nunez, Jonathan Bomarito and Spencer Pigot.

BMW returned to victory lane! Alexander Sims held off the Ford GT of Richard Westbrook in the final shootout to win in the No. 25 BMW Team RLL BMW M6 alongside co-driver Bill Auberlen by 4.416 seconds.

It was BMW's first win in the GT Le Mans (GTLM) class since Circuit of The Americas in 2015 and the first win for the M6 GTLM in IMSA competition.

The runner-up finish for the No. 67 Ford Chip Ganassi Racing Ford GT of Westbrook and co-driver Ryan Briscoe tied the team's best result of the season.

As is often the case in the GTLM class, the race was wide open with seven of the eight cars in the class leading at least one lap. Three different manufacturers finished on the podium with the No. 3 Corvette Racing Corvette C7.R of Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen rounding out the top-three to extend its points lead in the class.

Andy Lally held off Alessandro Balzan in the final laps to pick up the second consecutive GT Daytona (GTD) class victory for Acura and co-driver Katherine Legge in the No. 93 Michael Shank Racing w/ Curb-Agajanian Acura NSX GT3.

Five races into the final WeatherTech Championship season for the Prototype Challenge (PC) class, the No. 38 Performance Tech Motorsport ORECA FLM09 team has yet to be beaten. The team and, co-drivers James French, Pato O'Ward and Kyle Masson again cruised to victory, finishing three laps ahead.

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#5 OVERALL WINNER



#10



#85 ORECA LM P2



#38 TEAM STILL UNBEATEN



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