



## **PRESS INFORMATION**

# **MICHELIN TEAMS PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS FOR SUCCESS at CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK**

**BOWMANVILLE, CANADA, July 8, 2018** —Michelin and its IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship technical partner teams pulled out all the stops in an exciting battle at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park.

Track temperatures peaked at 118 degrees on a warm, sunny day under a picturesque, light blue sky at the season's sole Canadian event.

Richard Westbrook and Ryan Briscoe took their second win of the year in the GT Le Mans class, driving the No. 67 Ford GT for Chip Ganassi Racing. They become the first driver pairing to win for a second time this season in GTLM.

Using what Michelin North America's motorsport director, Chris Baker, described as a "diabolically creative, perfectly executed strategy," the CGR team parlayed pit strategy to its advantage.

The Ford stayed on track while its competitors made their final pit stops, then ran deep into the final hour of the race to make a perfectly timed fuel and two-tire stop and emerge still in the class lead for the final 20 minutes of the two-hour, 40-minute race.

Corvette Racing's Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen finished second, and teammates Tommy Milner and Oliver Gavin followed just behind them in third.

### **Wide range of strategy, variety**

"Our technical partner teams from BMW Team RLL, Corvette Racing, Ford Chip Ganassi Racing and Porsche GT Team combined to use all three of our Michelin optional compounds today as they had an incredibly wide range of race and tire strategies," said Ken Payne, technical director, motorsport, Michelin North America.

Seven of the eight Michelin GTLM class entries led at various times in Sunday's race.

On Saturday, Porsche GT Team's Nick Tandy scored the pole, and broke the previous GTLM class qualifying record by 0.568 of a second. The top five qualifiers all topped the previous GTLM mark.

### **Westbrook reflects**

"Here you are working to choose the right compound," said winner Richard Westbrook. "We found the Michelin compound that suited us and stuck to it. We had to put on used tires at the end because of the way the yellows fell. But we're delighted the Michelin tires held on. It is tough on the car, tough on the tires around here, and they held up for us."

### **CTMP character intact**



With undulations, elevation changes, and unforgiving off-camber, high commitment corners, the fast, flowing 2.54 mile, 10-turn circuit is considered one of the world's most classic old school race circuits.

“Although the cars are quicker, the character of CTMP remains. If anything, it becomes even more challenging as the speeds increase,” Payne said.

The next stop for the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar championship is the Northeast Grand Prix at Lime Rock Park, CT, Saturday, July 21.

### **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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