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Early each week, Porsche Cars North America will provide a weekend summary or pre-race event notes package, covering the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, SRO Blancpain GT World Challenge America, the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) or other areas of interest from the world of Porsche Motorsport. Please utilize this resource as needed, and do not hesitate to contact us for additional information.

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#### **Grand Opening. Porsche Factory and Customer Teams Have Successful Daytona Test.**

The 2020 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship season got off to a successful start for Porsche Motorsport factory and customer programs with the annual ROAR Before the Rolex 24 at Daytona International Speedway, January 3 – 5. At the end of three days of testing and qualifying sessions for both the factory-entered Porsche 911



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RSR-19 and customer-prepared Porsche 911 GT3 R race cars, all left the Florida test with a positive outlook for the upcoming Rolex 24 At Daytona on January 25 – 26.

The focus of the weekend – which featured seven test sessions and a 15-minute qualifying session for both the GTLM factory cars and GTD Pro-Am style customer class – was twofold with the Porsche 911 RSR-19 making its North American competition debut and the sophomore 911 GT3 R race car entered with new team and driver combinations. While learning was paramount, qualifying – held Saturday for the GTD class and Sunday for GTLM – helped to lock-in pit lane location for the race itself. A good spot on pit lane can help maximize efficiency during green flag stops – which come approximately every hour under green flag conditions. While an all-out sprint for two trips around the clock, pit strategy plays a vital role in the success of any Daytona-winning program.

By virtue of a qualifying time of one-minute, 42.686-seconds set by Nick Tandy (Great Britain), he and co-drivers Frédéric Makowiecki (France) and Matt Campbell (Australia), will have second-choice of pit stalls in the GTLM class for the Porsche GT Team. Tandy was a narrow 1,000th of a second off the fastest time of the session in the No. 911 Porsche GT Team Porsche 911 RSR-19. Defending series' champion Laurens Vanthoor (Belgium) qualified the No. 912 he shares with fellow champion Earl Bamber (New Zealand) and Mathieu Jaminet (France), fifth-place in class with a 1:42.903. This was the North American competition debut for the 510-hp Porsche race car that features an evolutionary update to its revolutionary predecessor, which captured the IMSA GTLM Manufacturer, Team and Driver Championships in 2019. The entire GTLM field was separated by less than 0.5-seconds over the 3.56 mile (5.73 km), 12-turn sports car layout.



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Adding to the “to-do” list for the Porsche factory program was a new Michelin tire introduced to IMSA in 2020. The new tire, being run by all GTLM programs, has proven to be an improvement to the already strong Michelin Pilot racing slick used in previous seasons. However, the change has been great enough to create a significant learning curve to match it to the Porsche 911 RSR-19 in North America, particularly at Daytona.

Three Porsche 911 GT3 R customer teams were in an intense battle of their own in the GTD class. The No. 54 Black Swan Racing Porsche with Tim Pappas (Boston, Massachusetts), Trenton Estep (San Antonio, Texas), Jeroen Bleekemolen (The Netherlands) and Porsche factory driver Sven Müller (Germany) were quickest of the German machines. Following the Black Swan race car was the No. 9 Pfaff Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 R of Porsche works driver Patrick Pilet (France), Porsche Test and Development Driver Lars Kern (Germany), Dennis Olsen and 2019 IMSA WeatherTech Sprint Cup Champion Zacharie Robichon (Canada). Wright Motorsports made its fulltime return to the WeatherTech Championship with Manhattan Beach, California’s Porsche factory ace Patrick Long, Ryan Hardwick (Atlanta, Georgia), Anthony Imperato (Brooklyn, New York) and Klaus Bachler (Austria).

The combination oval and infield road course is a unicorn on the schedule with the high-banks of the NASCAR oval and the tight, flat road course that winds through the Daytona Beach, Florida-facility. The challenge each year is to prepare a fast and reliable race car that can conquer 24-hours around the track at nearly qualifying times. As no other track can replicate the unique combination, the ROAR test is a vital opportunity for teams, drivers and Porsche to ready for the 58th Running of the Rolex 24 At Daytona.



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**Steffen Höllwarth, Head of Operations, IMSA Championship.**

“After three days of testing here at Daytona, this is the conclusion of a really successful test for us. It is always special having the first official outing with a new car. This is especially true since, here in IMSA, the season starts out with the biggest highlight of the season: the 24 Hours of Daytona. The track is unique. You have to find the right compromise of downforce and drag levels. Track time during race week is very limited so this is why we had a long list of things to try this weekend. We successfully went through that list. We still have some homework to do before we come back here in two weeks’ time. We feel well-prepared to take-on the first race of the new car in its first official race in North America.”

**Frédéric Makowiecki, Driver, No. 911 Porsche GT Team Porsche 911 RSR.**

“I think this was a good test for us. It was important to come here in conditions closer to what they will be in the race. I think we are closer to what we will see then so we now start to have a better picture of what we will experience during the race weekend. We have some work to do to understand the new tire but I am very happy with the preparation by the team. I can say, since my first time in the USA in 2015, that the team is at the highest level I have seen it. I am really happy to spend time with my two teammates. We are here to learn the car and prepare for the 24-Hour but we are also here to strengthen our new relationship as teammates.”

**Nick Tandy, Driver, No. 911 Porsche GT Team Porsche 911 RSR.**

“The qualifying session was a good session, it was an interesting session. The track was a lot cooler in the morning than we had experienced in the first two days so it was difficult to get a read on the setup, especially with the new Michelin tires. But I am sure



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it was the same for all the manufacturers with the new tire. We are happy with the behavior of the car. We are pleased to have a decent pit allocation for the race, which is important. It was nice to drive the car on low fuel weight and new tires in this configuration. It is something we don't get to do often."

**Matt Campbell, Driver, No. 911 Porsche GT Team Porsche 911 RSR.**

"It is a brand new car and it's the first time for it here. Everyone is getting experience with it. For me, I have a little bit more to learn being that this is my first time joining the team in IMSA with the factory effort. Joining Nick and Fred is a fantastic opportunity for myself and something I am really excited for it. I have two great guys around me and I am really looking forward to competing here in the endurance races with them."

**Earl Bamber, Driver, No. 912 Porsche GT Team Porsche 911 RSR.**

"It is nice to debut the new 911 RSR in America. I think we did some really good testing and we are well prepared for the 24."

**Laurens Vanthoor, Driver, No. 912 Porsche GT Team Porsche 911 RSR.**

"We are still learning the new car. We are continuing to improve each session, to learn the new systems. This was the first qualifying with this car and overall it was not too bad. There is still room for improvement but I am quite happy."

**Mathieu Jaminet, Driver, No. 912 Porsche GT Team Porsche 911 RSR.**

"I am pleased to be back with the guys on the American team, Earl and Laurens. The car worked pretty well. We made some good progress and we learned our tools for this brand new car. I think we are well prepared for this race and I look forward to being back in two weeks."



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**Patrick Long, Driver, No. 16 Wright Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 R.**

“An uneventful Roar Before the 24 is what we wanted, and we were able to achieve our objectives. Our main objective was to treat this like a race weekend, using the minimal running time leading into the race to fine-tune. I’m proud of the group. Everyone gelled quickly and worked efficiently. Competition will be tight, as always. That’s modern GT racing. We executed the plan and look forward to the race.”

**Ryan Hardwick, Driver, No. 16 Wright Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 R.**

“I really enjoyed the Roar Before the 24. I made a large improvement from where we started. Where we’re leaving off, I feel my pace in the car is where it needs to be for the race. I feel like I accomplished my goals. For the team, I think we had a really good test. We finished up a lot further down the road than where we started. We’re in a good spot. The feeling is really positive in the Wright Motorsports camp, and I personally am really looking forward to the race. We have as good of a shot as anyone to have a great result. I can’t wait to get after it.”

**Anthony Imperato, Driver, No. 16 Wright Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 R.**

“It was a cool experience to take part in my first Roar Before the 24. It went really well for us, and the team did a great job. We made a lot of progress over the three days. Our car is quick and I feel confident going into the race.”

**Klaus Bachler, Driver, No. 16 Wright Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 R.**

“I am really happy with how the Roar Before the 24 test went for us. Our main goal was to focus on our race set-up and optimizing race procedures. John Wright and his crew did a perfect job and we tried a lot of different things. I enjoyed working together with



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my teammates Ryan, Anthony and Patrick, and I'm really looking forward to come back in two weeks to the Rolex At Daytona."

**Porsche Pilot. Two Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 Clubsport Test for Four-Hours of Daytona.**

Two Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 Clubsport entries tested over the ROAR Before the Rolex 24 weekend at Daytona International Speedway for the January 24 BMW Endurance Challenge. The GT4-spec machines – based on the Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 road car – ran six sessions to prepare for the four-hour Michelin Pilot Challenge race.

The No. 7 Archangel Motorsports Porsche was second overall for the weekend to ready for the longest race on the schedule. It was redemption for the Archangel team, which was resurrected in the off-season after a 15-year hiatus. Archangel, flying the familiar neon yellow VOLT Lighting colors, campaigned 2019 Porsche Cup winner Alan Brynjolfsson (Tampa, Florida) and Porsche Young Driver Academy graduate Trent Hindman (Wayside, New Jersey). The pairing raced a 718 Cayman GT4 Clubsport in the same colors for another Porsche team last season.

BGB Motorsports returned to start a full season of Michelin Pilot Challenge in the No. 38 Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 Clubsport. Shared by Porsche specialist Jan Heylen (Dunedin, Florida), Thomas Collinwood (Canada) and John Tecce (Daytona Beach, Florida). The Ormond Beach, Florida-based team ran in the top-five for three of the six Pilot Challenge test sessions.



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**Mike Johnson, Team Principal, Archangel Motorsports.**

“I’m very happy with how the team performed. It was definitely a highlight to finish second overall for the weekend. The cold air really helps the Cayman, so when the temperature dropped this morning, it really brought the car to life.

It’s also pretty exciting for me to have the Archangel Motorsports name back in IMSA for the first time in sixteen years and see everything go so well. I’m fortunate to be surrounded by great people and a really strong team, so it was a very good first couple of days for Archangel Motorsports 2.0.”

**Alan Brynjolfsson, Driver, No. 7 Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 Clubsport.**

“We had a very successful test this week and the car ran really solid. We have to love the cold weather Cayman. It just seems to run really well in the cold, as we saw earlier today. We’re very happy with how things went and excited to get back here in a few weeks.”

**Trent Hindman, Driver, No. 7 Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 Clubsport.**

“We’re in a much better spot compared to last year and the transition into Archangel Motorsports was definitely seamless. We have a lot of the same crew on board so there really wasn’t much to coordinate. We got through an entire test plan this week, which is pretty impressive, so kudos to Chris, Mike, Alan and the rest of the team for making that happen. I’m excited to get back here in two weeks. We were having a good run here last year and I made a mistake that put us out of the running, so we’ll be looking for some redemption.”





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**Scholarship Player. Dickinson Awarded IMSA Hurley Haywood Scholarship for Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA.**

Seventeen-year-old driver Riley Dickinson has been named the 2020 recipient of the IMSA Hurley Haywood GT3 Cup Scholarship. The award, presented during the ROAR Before the Rolex 24 weekend at Daytona International Speedway, goes toward a full season of Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA by Yokohama racing. The scholarship is designed to promote young North American talent in the one-make championship and honors American sports car and Porsche living legend Hurley Haywood. Haywood is the most successful American endurance racer of all time with five Rolex 24 at Daytona, three 24 Hours of Le Mans and two 12-Hours Sebring wins in his unrivaled career.

Dickinson (New Braunfels, Texas) finished in third-place as a rookie in the 2019 GT3 Cup Challenge USA Platinum Cup championship standings for current-generation Porsche 911 GT3 Cup race cars. He claimed his first victory in the series in the penultimate round of the season at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta in October and had seven podium results from the 16-race season during the season.

He will return to the cockpit of the No. 53 Moorespeed Porsche in 2020 with the substantial assistance provided by the IMSA Hurley Haywood GT3 Cup Scholarship. Dickinson earned the scholarship after participating in the North American Porsche Young Driver Academy at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Alabama last November.

Dickinson was selected as the scholarship recipient as one of four participants in the eighth North American Porsche Young Driver Academy. Dickinson, 21-year-old Britt



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Casey, Jeff Kingsley (21) and Hanna Zellers (22) all participated in the two-day program that included one day of classroom activity and another of on-track sessions that helped determine the scholarship recipient.

Dickinson is the fourth recipient of the IMSA Hurley Haywood GT3 Cup Scholarship, joining Sean McAlister (2019), Max Root (2018) and Jake Eidson (2017). The scholarship was expanded in 2017 from an initial program started by IMSA, Porsche and Yokohama in 2014. Previous IMSA Scholarship recipients include Victor Gomez IV (2016), Elliott Skeer (2015) and Michael Lewis (2014).

The scholarship provides more than \$85,000 in value for Dickinson and includes the following benefits:

- Full-season, premium entry for the 2020 GT3 Cup Challenge USA season provided by IMSA
- One free set of race tires per event provided by Yokohama
- \$20,000 in parts credit provided by Porsche Motorsport North America
- A custom driver suit and other safety products provided by OMP
- Two full sets of brakes provided by PFC Brakes
- Promotional consideration by RACER Magazine

Dickinson will compete in the full, 16-race GT3 Cup Challenge season that runs from March in St. Petersburg through the weekend of Oct. 7-10 at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta. The series, which enters its 16th season, is one of Porsche's 24 one-make series in the world.



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In 2020, Yokohama is entering its 12th season of support for the series, which produces intense competition for semi-professional and aspiring professional drivers.

**Hurley Haywood, Porsche Legend.**

“I’ve been impressed with the quality of the attendees during each of the eight iterations, and this past November’s Porsche Young Driver Academy was no different. The young drivers come from increasingly diverse backgrounds and are sharper, more media savvy and confident every year.

“I enjoy giving back to talented young drivers, so I see it as a natural, next step combining IMSA and Porsche Motorsport’s efforts together for the scholarship, and I am proud to see it grow. With Riley Dickinson already having national, and international experience in a 911 GT3 Cup race car, I am confident his natural talent in and out of the race car will only continue to flourish.”

**Riley Dickinson, Driver, Moorespeed Porsche 911 GT3 Cup / 2020 Hurley Haywood Scholarship Winner.**

“Having been selected as the recipient for the 2020 IMSA Hurley Haywood GT3 Cup Scholarship is a huge honor and especially meaningful to me for several reasons. Being able to represent an American racing icon like Hurley Haywood is something that I’m going to be extremely proud of throughout the entire year and will look back on with great memories. I can’t thank everyone enough involved with the Porsche Young Drivers Academy and the scholarship for making it a professional grade learning experience for me and the other contenders.”

**Dr. Daniel Armbruster, President/CEO, Porsche Motorsport North America.**



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“We are pleased to be aligning two significant Porsche development driver programs; the North American Porsche Young Driver Academy and the IMSA Hurley Haywood Scholarship, in 2020. In the past, these efforts have run parallel to one-another benefitting dozens of drivers and now, working closely with IMSA, Yokohama, Porsche Cars North America and all of the partners of the scholarship, we have combined them.

“This will give a most deserving young driver better tools to make concrete career advancements. Congratulations to Riley who proved himself on track last year in the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup race car and in all aspects of the eighth annual Porsche Young Driver Academy. Teamed again with Moorespeed, we are confident Riley will make a mark on the 2020 IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge USA by Yokohama advancing his own career and further establishing a clear path for other drivers on the Porsche Motorsport Pyramid here in North America.”

**John Doonan, President, IMSA.**

“Riley Dickinson is a rising star in sports car racing and a worthy recipient of the 2020 IMSA Hurley Haywood GT3 Cup Scholarship. He was outstanding as a rookie in the 2019 Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA by Yokohama season and will be a championship contender in his second year with Moorespeed in 2020. We’re grateful to our partners, Porsche, Yokohama, OMP, PFC Brakes and RACER magazine, for their continued support and to the legendary Hurley Haywood for lending his name to this most-prestigious scholarship.”

**David Moore, President, Moorespeed.**

“Our team is really happy for Riley and honored he was selected for the Hurley Haywood Scholarship. To be chosen over the other top young drivers invited to the



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Porsche Young Drivers Academy is an honor he earned. He learned a lot and was truly humbled getting to work directly with Hurley himself along with Pat Long, David Brown, Jamie Howe, Drew Dayton and other top professionals assembled by PMNA. There is no doubt getting their nod of approval means an awful lot to Riley and I can't think of a more deserving young man."

**Drew Dayton, Motorsports Manager, Yokohama Tire.**

"Yokohama is honored to be associated with a legend like Hurley Haywood, and supporting this scholarship is the perfect way to show our commitment to the development of racing talent in North America. We are excited to help support Riley in his second year of GT3 Cup Challenge racing, his performance in 2019 showed consistent improvement throughout the year and his ability to take on all of the challenges thrown at him during PYDA make him an excellent choice for the scholarship."

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Panamera; and Taycan. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, since 1998, PCNA is also home to the first Porsche Experience Center in North America featuring a module-based 1.6 mile driver development track, business center, and fine dining restaurant, 356. The company operates a second Porsche Experience Center near Los Angeles. That 53-acre complex features a driver development track with eight educational modules totaling 4.1 miles, a business center, and Restaurant 917. PCNA supports 191 independently owned and operated Porsche dealerships in the U.S., including supplying parts, service, marketing, and training. They, in turn, work to provide Porsche customers with a best-in-class experience that is in keeping with the Porsche brand's 70-year history of leadership in the advancement of vehicle performance, safety, and efficiency. PCNA is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Porsche AG, which is headquartered in Stuttgart, Germany.

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