

## Werks II Motorsport/P7 Racing Scores First Victory in the IMSA GT3 Season Finale!

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A determined Bob Rodriguez, recovering from a bout with the flu, showed his pluck and persistence throughout a race peppered with yellow flag situations by steadily piloting his 996 Cup car to the top of the podium at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca for his first ever win in the IMSA GT3 Cup Series.

Under the guidance of coach Allen Berg, Bob progressively improved his position from 4<sup>th</sup> in practice to 3<sup>rd</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> in Qualifying. Bob was the only 996 driver, other than Dino Loles, to win an IMSA GT3 Cup race in 2006. Starting off-pole in the 996 class, #25 - Rodriguez immediately took the lead when the series leader Dino Loles suffered a mechanical failure in the corkscrew on the outlap - Bob led the 996 class pole-to-pole. Consistently trailing Rodriguez was #7- Mark Webber, the series third place contender, and Darrell Carlyle, the series second place contender, in the #22 car. With a mere ten minutes left in the race, #22 - Carlyle spun in turn #3. At the four minute marker, Webber went off course in #11. For a nail-biting two last laps, Rodriguez kept it together and made no mistakes. Ben McCrackin piloted his GAS Motorsports/Wheel Enhancement ride to second and Mark Webber, supported by AASCO Motorsports, brought it home for third. "I can't believe it happened, I'm just happy to have survived!" said Bob - post race.



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Over the past two seasons, P7 Racing, owned by Bob Rodriguez, has looked to Galen Bieker of Werks II Motorsport in Burbank, CA for race preparation and Crew Chief Tony Callas of Callas Rennsport for on-track support for both the #69 997 car driven by Galen Bieker and the #25 996 car driven by Bob Rodriguez. Next year, both drivers look forward to competing once again in the IMSA GT3 Cup Series.

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