

IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge presented by Michelin

GAS MOTORSPORT PUTS TWO IN TOP FIVE

Braselton, Ga (Set.28, 2006) - GAS Motorsport of Upland, California had their entire line-up of drivers in the top five at Road Atlanta Friday for the IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge presented by Michelin.

Kevin Roush, who started third on the grid in The Wheel Enhancement #12 997, pushed past Shawn Price for second place while GAS teammate Patrick Kelly in the Shock Doctor # 90 997 grabbed fifth, in a race where tire preservation was as important as speed.

"It was apparent on the grid that some cars were likely to suffer from being overly aggressive on alignment settings despite the advice from Michelin," said Roush in a post race interview. "We were crossing our fingers that the race would run green the whole time." Two full course yellows proved this hope futile. "I tried to work the restart but a lapped car got stuck between Bryce and myself killing that opportunity... I do want to say congratulations to Bryce Miller on his 1st win."

Ben McCrackin, another GAS team member piloting the Magnus Energy Marketing #81 996, finished a strong fourth, placing him squarely in the mix for 3rd for the 996 Season Championship." I owe a thank you to Spencer Pumpelly for coming out and working with me at Road Atlanta his home track" Ben noted.

"All the GAS cars were great on set-up today. We would have qualified even better but both Roush and I got held up by another car on it's outlap " stated Kelly. " I'm pretty happy with the result but I intend to race harder at Laguna."

Nathan Swartzbagh filled the final podium spot to stay atop the 997 Class points sheet with a gap too large for Roush to close in the single remaining race. "Bad luck killed us this year for the Championship. We had that surprise overheating issue at Miller and then a flat at Mosport took me out while running top 4 on the next to last lap. We were on the podium every other race and considering we've only raced at 1 of these tracks prior, this tells me we've got the set-up of these cars pretty well handled" .

Roush and Kelly arrived Tuesday having never raced at Road Atlanta. With the invaluable input of Timo Bernhard and Sascha Maassen, they were able to get up to speed quickly. "Timo and Sasha are really good with the data and explaining the nuances of this place and we owe them a huge Thank you" noted Kelly. "Also, thanks to the GAS Motorsport Team who really juggled the ultimate speed vs finishing dilemma we were faced with at this long-loading and fast Road Atlanta circuit ".

Laguna Seca will be a blast with many friends and family coming to cheer us on," stated Roush . This will be the final round for the 2006 IMSA GT3 Cup season (Oct. 22nd). Laguna is something of a home track for the California based team and all look forward to returning in hopes of a repeat GAS Motorsport victory.