



IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge



**MILLER, LOLES TAKE CLASS POLES IN ROAD ATLANTA ROUND
OF IMSA GT3 CUP CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY MICHELIN**

BRASELTON, Ga. (Sept. 28, 2006) – The last time Bryce Miller competed at Road Atlanta was in 2000 in a Formula Ford open-wheel racer. That meant very little in Thursday’s qualifying session for Round 6 of the IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge presented by Michelin at Road Atlanta.

Miller’s time of 1:26.974 was more than enough to put his No. 48 Marquis Jet Farnbacher Loles Racing Porsche GT3 Cup car at the head of the 45-car field for Friday’s 45-minute race. He was 0.42 seconds better than Shawn Price in the No. 40 entry and 0.616 seconds ahead of Kevin Roush in the No. 12 Porsche.

“This is such a bigger and heavier car than the Formula car,” Miller said. “It really has been a learning experience for us, all year actually. So much of this track is high-speed that there isn’t that much of a difference. But in the lower-speed sections the difference is really dramatic.

In the class for Type 996 entries, Dino Loles won his sixth straight class pole with a time of 1:28.977, more than two seconds better than Darrell Carlisle in the No. 22 car. Loles can clinch the class championship by finishing two positions ahead of Carlisle, but he is just as interested as staying as close to the 997s as he can.

“I couldn’t get a clean lap with the traffic. Otherwise, I would have been in the 1:27s easily,” Loles said. “The car felt like there was good grip. I just couldn’t deal with the traffic. We’re still first in class, which is good, but the time just wasn’t impressive.”

While Loles can clinch the 996 championship, the 997 title is still very much wide open. Five drivers – Nathan Swartzbaugh, Dino Steiner, Shawn Price, Kevin Roush and Miller – still are mathematically alive with 40 possible points remaining.

“I just want to win,” Miller said. “It has been a long time coming for us. The last time we qualified on the pole was at Mid-Ohio but we were sent to the back after tech. Now that we’re up front, we’d like to stay there.”

The next round of the IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge presented by Michelin is scheduled for 1:50 p.m. EDT on Friday, September 29 as part of Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta. Live timing & scoring can be found at imsaracing.net.