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### **MILLER TAKES FIRST CAREER WIN, LOLES WRAPS UP 996 TITLE AT ROAD ATLANTA ROUND OF IMSA GT3 CUP CHALLENGE**

BRASELTON, Ga. (Sept. 30, 2006) – One class championship in the IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge presented by Michelin has been decided. The other is going right down to the wire.

Dino Loles won his sixth race in the series' Type 996 class, clinching the 996 championship with a flag-to-flag victory Friday at Road Atlanta as part of the Petit Le Mans weekend. It capped off a dominating season for the young Farnbacher Loles driver, who didn't just win every pole and every race but also led every lap of 996 competition this year.

"Looking back on it, we didn't know how all of this would happen," said Loles, driver of the No. 47 Porsche GT3 Cup entry that was liveried with the colors of the Children's Tumor Foundation. "For me, it was about getting the racing experience and going against faster and better competition."

Loles also said he may also switch to a Porsche Type 997 for the season-finale at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

Meanwhile in the class for Type 997 cars, Bryce Miller took his first career win in the series, also leading wire-to-wire in the No. 48 Marquis Jet entry. The youngster earned his first career pole Thursday and ended with a .526-second margin over runner-up Kevin Roush, a two-time winner this year.

"We had such a great car," Miller said afterward. "It was solid the whole time. I could put down a lap anytime I wanted to. These cars are a lot of fun, and they're designed to race like this. It was nice to have a clear track for most of the race under green."

With a third-place finish Friday in the No. 17 North-South Machinery entry, Nathan Swartzbaugh retained the lead in the 997 championship, now an 8-point cushion over Dino Steiner. Steiner, driving the Steiner-NGT No. 15 car, needs to

finish five positions ahead of Roush to claim the championship. Swartzbaugh, who won the Mosport round, has finished in the top-five in each race this year.

The field now heads to Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca and Monterey, Calif., for the final round of the seven-race 2006 championship. The 45-minute event is scheduled for 11:40 a.m. PDT on Sunday, October 22. Live timing & scoring is available at [imsaracing.net](http://imsaracing.net).