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KASEMETS DOMINATES ROUND FOUR TO WIN HIS FIRST RACE IN THE IMSA LITES PRESENTED BY HANKOOK PERFORMANCE TIRES SERIES

Tooele, Utah. – May 19 – Race four of the IMSA Lites Presented by Hankook Tires would break a streak for three drivers. Former Champ Car driver Tonis Kasemets driving the #6 Koli Construction/Team Mechanical Pabst/Parallax racing Elan DP02 entry, would finally break the streak of finishing second in every race this season. Tonis would dominate the race and finish 6.641 over his next closest competitor.

Streaks are made to be broken and race four of the IMSA Lites Presented By Hankook Tires would see the end of three. Tonis Kasemets from Mundelien, IL. broke his streak of finishing in the second position behind Gerardo Bonilla in the #9 BK Motorsports DP02 entry for the first three races of the 2007 season. Bonilla would have his winning streak come to an end with a mechanical issue in lap two. Lites three competitor Chris Funk driver of the #5 K.C. Racing DP06 would share the same fate as Bonilla with his podium appearance streak ending with a mechanical issue.

Lites One would see a battle between Tonis Kasemets and new-comer Jay Cochran in the #8 790 The Ticket/Prime Time Racing DP02 at the start of the race.
Tonis commented, "We got a good start and Jay (Cochran) and I went into turn one, side by side. He took the lead into the hairpin and I passed him back in the next turn. It was really clean racing and I just controlled the pace from that point. I'm just glad to get the win for the team and look forward to the next race. Jay Cochran from Palm Beach, FL finished second after a third place in race one of the weekend. We couldn't be more pleased with the weekend, it's great to be back in the car after a six year absence and I look forward to the next race, stated Cochran. Another new-comer to the series, Matt Downs driving the #17 Hormel Bacon Bits Eurosport Racing DP02 would finish in the third spot. Kerry "Cougar" Jacobsen in #38 Hankook Tire/Enspire Motorsports entry stormed through the field coming from the last starting position to end up in the fourth position.

The Lites Two class would be a competition between teammates. Robby Card driver of the #45 PVM racing West WR 1000 entry would finish in the top spot over teammate Eric Vassian driver of the #24 PVM Racing entry. Robby commented, "In race one I had an L:1 car go deep into turn one so I had to avoid him and spun the car. We had a mechanical issue after that so I brought the car into the pits and ended up being a lap down. Race two was great, we got a good start and I got a good lead so we just drove a conservative race to bring it home for the win." Eric Vassian would return to the podium in the second spot after finishing in first for the first race. Mark White would have back to back third place finishes driving the #02 Accumoto Motorsport/Throttle Threads.com West WR1000 for the weekend.

Lites Three competition was dominated by the veterans and would let driver Richard Spicer in the #65 Hagerman RacEngineering Spicer Racing Engines/Team SpiceHagerman salvage what began as disastrous weekend. Richard stated, “It was a tough weekend and the hardest fight we had was with the car. We lost the engine in practice on Thursday and had to miss the qualifying session the next morning. The car was ready for the race and we rolled it onto the grid and the engine quit and we couldn’t get it started. We finally found the problem as the checkered flag came out for the end of race one. For race two we guessed at the setup and it was good. I noticed Chris (Funk) brake early in turn one and I new I could catch him so I was patient and we brought it home for the win. Chris Funk in the #5 K.C. Racing DP06 would have his three race podium finish streak come to an end and would retire with a mechanical issue. Chris’s teammate Kelly Toombs driver of the #36 K.C Racing DP06 would finish in the second position after a flawless race. Last years Champion in the Lites Three class Robert Mumm driving the #10 Wilton-Jet Tools Mumm Brothers Racing captured the third place finish for both races for the weekend.

The next round of competition for IMSA Lites Presented by Hankook Performance Tires will be July 6th and 7th at the New England Grand Prix in Lakeville, Connecticut as support for the American Le Mans Series.

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