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**Konrad/Team Saleen Splits Corvettes on Mosport Podium**

BOWMANVILLE, Ontario, August 19, 2001 – When three of the top prototypes, including the pole-sitting #1 Audi, slid off the course at Moss Corner on the race's first lap, most of the teams felt that they were in for a long rainy day at the **GT3 Grand Prix of Mosport**, the fifth round of the American Le Mans Series (ALMS). This was especially true for the **#26 BASF S7R of Konrad/Team Saleen** that was on the GTS pole courtesy of Terry Borcheller's qualifying time of 1:17.091.

Because of the rain, though, Franz Konrad had to start the race on Goodyear "wets" and dropped from first to third in class in less than nine minutes. Fortunately, the rain went away quickly and when Konrad converted to the Dunlop "drys" he started picking off the factory Corvettes, taking the lead back at the 50-minute mark and lapping the #4 Corvette. No one could quite remember, though, when the last time was that a race team had to run tires from two different manufacturers in one race!

Konrad was eventually sandwiched by the two Corvettes allowing the #3 Corvette of Ron Fellows to take the lead while the #4 Corvette blocked the efforts of Konrad resulting in NASCAR-style racing between the two GTS competitors. After a stern warning from the sanctioning body, Konrad lapped the #4 Corvette again and gave chase to the #3 lead Corvette. With less than one hour to go and driver's changes complete, Borcheller's Saleen S7R was 26 seconds behind the #3 Corvette of Johnny O'Connell and lapping at least one second a lap quicker. Then with only 15 minutes left and the hard-charging Borcheller only ten seconds behind O'Connell, lady luck hurt Konrad/Team Saleen for the third straight race. The second-place Champion Audi crashed chasing the leading Audi bringing out a full-course yellow and allowing the #3 Corvette to gain a full lap on Borcheller resulting in a second-place podium finish for the #26 BASF Saleen S7R. The team hopes to get the 15 minutes back at this weekend's ALMS race at Mid-Ohio.

In other action, **Fordahl/Team Saleen** won their sixth race of the Grand American Rolex Series at Watkins Glen last week. Co-drivers Chris Bingham and Ron Johnson are currently first and second in GTS class with one race to go in the Grand Am season.

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