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Saleen S7R Breaks Corvette Win Streak at Laguna Seca

LAGUNA SECA, Calif., Sept. 9, 2001 – Coming into today's Monterey Sports Car Championships at legendary Laguna Seca, Konrad/Team Saleen had every motivation to prove that their stunning Saleen S7R was every bit the measure of their primary GTS-class competition. By the end of the 2 hour, 45-minute American Le Mans (ALMS) event, the #26 Saleen driven by Terry Borcheller and team owner Franz Konrad simply dominated the factory Corvette team to post the team's second 2001 ALMS victory.

Considering the tough luck that had plagued the team on many recent outings, today's decisive victory was long deserved and especially sweet considering that Saleen unveiled their new S7R exactly one year ago at this very historic circuit.

Taking advantage of his dramatic last lap run for the GTS-class pole, Borcheller added another brilliant chapter to his growing sports car legacy by running a nearly perfect 2-hour stint – a run made more demanding thanks to fact that the team "double stinted" its set of Dunlop tires. The unique, but admittedly risky, strategy resulted in a considerable time savings during pits stops and the lead for Borcheller. Teammate Konrad fended off a late-race charge from Corvette's Johnny O'Connell, whose run at the front ended when he was forced into the pits for fuel.

Today's victory was the 16th win this year in four separate series (ALMS, ELMS, Grand-Am, Spanish GT) for the S7R, and first ALMS win since the car's stunning GTS win at the 12 Hours of Sebring.

"You know, Saleen is really starting to feel like Laguna Seca is our new home," said an enthusiastic Steve Saleen. "To come back here on the first anniversary of the S7R and win like this is really satisfying. We've had a tough go of it over the past few ALMS races, and we were really motivated to beat the Corvette guys here. It just proves that nice guys can finish first."

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