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First pole position for Audi RS 6

SPEED GT: Team Champion Racing continues to make progress with the new Audi RS 6 Competition in the North American SPEED World Challenge GT class. The touring car with almost 500 hp occupied pole position for the first time. During the wet qualifying session, Randy Pobst and Michael Galati fully exploited the advantages of quattro drive, planting both RS 6's on the front row. During the initial stages of the race – now on a dry track – the Audi drivers occupied first and second positions, before Galati slid into the tyre wall after being nudged by a competitor. Despite damage to the RS 6's front end, the defending champion continued, finishing the race in tenth position. After battling hard for position, Randy Pobst finished 3rd for the third time in succession. As a result, the American reduced the points deficit to Phil McClure, the championship leader, to five. The next round is held at Lime Rock on Monday. "Maybe it will be raining," said Rod Bymaster, Motorsport Manager of Audi Sport North America hopefully.

Lime Rock (USA), Round 3 of the SPEED GT World Challenge, 25 May

1 Bill Auberlen (BMW), 42 laps

2 Boris Said (BMW), + 15.014s

3 Randy Pobst (Audi), + 17.167s

4 Phil McClure (Chevrolet), + 21.064s

5 Justin Marks (BMW), + 24.229s

Positions after 3 of 10 races: 1 McClure, 88 points; 2 Pobst, 83; 3 Auberlen, 78; 4 Culver, 54; 5 Fitzgerald, 53.

Next races: Lime Rock (USA), 26 May, Road Atlanta (USA), 29 June.

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