MAZDA SETS COURSE RECORD, QUALIFIES FIRST AT DAYTONA

OLLY JARVIS QUALIFIES FIRST, JONATHAN BOMARITO FOURTH, FOR ROLEX 24 AT DAYTONA

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (January 24, 2019) – Driven by Olly Jarvis, the No. 77 Mazda RT24-P went around the Daytona International Speedway road course faster than any other car in history in Thursday's qualifying for the Rolex 24 at Daytona. Jarvis not only captured the overall pole position but broke the 26-year-old course record on the 3.56-mile road course.

On his fourth flying lap, Jarvis ran a time of 1:33.685 which officially reset the longstanding record lap of 1:33.875, and the time held to the end of the session. In the No. 55 Castrol Mazda RT24-P, Jonathan Bomarito ran a time of 1:34.212 which would be good for fourth position at the end of the session.

This is Mazda's first overall pole position in its history at the Rolex 24 at Daytona and is the first pole position in IMSA for Jarvis and the Mazda RT24-P. Mazda has captured 22 class victories at the Rolex 24 at Daytona, beginning forty years ago with a 1-2 finish for the Mazda RX-7 in the GTU class.

The Rolex 24 at Daytona will be shown live on NBC Sports and the NBC Sports App starting at 2:00 PM EST on Saturday, January 26.

QUOTES

John Doonan, Director, Mazda Motorsports

"Everyone at Mazda is appreciative of IMSA to give us the chance to showcase our brand here in this championship. It's been a good month. The Roar was good and today was good, but this weekend is what it's all about and we hope that it can be a great end to what has been a good month. Everyone involved with Mazda Team Joest – Multimatic, AER, and these drivers – have been absolutely non-stop and we are very, very proud of the results we are seeing from their effort. All that effort has resulted in Mazda's first pole position at this race. We have been in touch with the Gurney family since we unofficially went under the track record at the Roar Before the 24, and we are really pleased to honor them with this track record."

NO. 55 CASTROL MAZDA RT24-P

Jonathan Bomarito

"It's a great day for the Mazda program. All of the Mazda Team Joest guys have worked so hard since the checkered flag fell at Petit Le Mans last year, and having our cars start first and fourth for the Rolex 24 at Daytona is proof of that. Obviously, the Mazda RT24-P has a lot of pace, but we also know we have a car that will be good for the race and I'm looking forward to taking the green flag on Saturday afternoon."

NO. 77 MAZDA RT24-P

Oliver Jarvis

"The most important thing for us was to get the pole. Since the Roar, I've gotten a better understanding of what it means to have the course record. For that record to stand for 26 years is incredible, and I wasn't sure that we could beat it today because of the rain that we had this morning. I think for us and for Mazda Team Joest, it's the icing on the cake, because we worked so hard. There's been no off-season, and this is the result of all the hard work that's gone in back at the workshop. For me, it's very special to achieve my first pole with Mazda, but also to beat such a longstanding, impressive record is something special."

Mazda Motorsports

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