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P Zeros Conquer Heat Wave and Slippery Road Course Conditions In Sahlen's Six Hours Of The Glen Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series Endurance Race

WATKINS GLEN, NY—Drivers competing in Grand Am's second endurance race of the season relied on the consistency and durability of Pirelli's P Zero race tire as they raced in some of the harshest conditions experienced so far this year at Saturday's Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen. Temperatures in the mid-nineties caused hot and slippery track conditions at Watkins Glen, considered by many to be one of the nation's premier road courses.

This year's Sahlen's Six Hour race confirmed the exceptional capabilities of the new Pirelli P Zero racing tire, showcasing their handling in high-heat situations. Drivers in both the Daytona Prototype and GT classes had high praise for the Pirellis after their first experience with the new P Zeros at the Watkins Glen track.

"The Pirellis hung in great," said race winner and 2004 Rolex Series Champion Scott Pruett, who scored a series-leading fourth Daytona Prototype victory of the year with teammate Memo Rojas in the No. 01 TELMEX/Chip Ganassi Racing Lexus Riley. "The tires have really been working very well for us the last couple of races."

Another former Rolex Series Champion, 2005 titlist Max Angelelli, won the Daytona Prototype pole on Friday in the No. 10 SunTrust Pontiac Riley. He overcame a spin in the race to finish third with teammate Michael Valiante.

"The Pirellis give us such freedom," Angelelli said. "You can adapt and change strategies; you can stay out with the same set of tires and do so many things because the tires will always be there. For us as drivers and teams, it is so much more comfortable and easier. I even spun today and we had no flat spots at all. I was amazed."

Reigning Grand-Am KONI Challenge Series Co-Champion Jeff Segal won his first Rolex Series pole in the No. 69 SpeedSource FXDD Mazda RX8 and went on to win the Sahlen's Six Hour in the GT class with teammates Emil Assentato and Nick Longhi.

"The Pirellis were awesome, the grip was really good," Segal said. "We have got the car figured out and the tires held up really well today. They were consistent throughout the stint. I ran some really fast laps there at the end, so that was good to see."

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Next up for Pirelli and the Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series presented by Crown Royal Cask No. 16 is the EMCO Gears Classic at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Saturday, June 21. The race can be seen live on SPEED at 5 p.m. ET.

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