

# Lexus RC F GT3s to Race at Road America

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**ELKHART LAKE, Wisc. (August 3, 2017)** – Lexus and 3GT Racing are set to compete at Wisconsin's Road America this weekend in the ninth-of-12 events on the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship schedule. The Lexus RC F GT3 will make its Road America debut in Sunday's race at the historic 14-turn Wisconsin road

course.

3GT Racing driver Scott Pruett is no stranger to Road America, having raced there in both sports cars and CART. Pruett won back-to-back races at Road America in 2011 and 2012, and has also earned two pole positions and led more than 50 laps around the Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin circuit. He also made eight career starts in CART at Road America with a best finish of fifth-place in 1997.

Pruett's 3GT Racing teammate Sage Karam swept back-to-back USF2000 races in 2010 at the age of 15 at the 4.058-mile track. Robert Alon, who co-drives the No. 15 Lexus, was victorious in last year's race at Road America in the Prototype Challenge class, while co-driver Jack Hawksworth competed in the IndyCar race at Road America last year and finished 11th.

The No. 15 Lexus RC F GT3 is coming off a seventh-place finish in the most recent IMSA race at Lime Rock Park a few weeks ago. Hawksworth led the GTD class field for 29 laps to earn the third top-10 finish in the last four races. Karam and Pruett finished 12th in class at Lime Rock driving the No. 14 Lexus RC F GT3 after a right-front tire issue during the race's second stint forced Pruett to pit. With the race remaining caution free, the No. 14 Lexus was not able to get back on the lead lap and took 12th.

The two-hour and 40 minute IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship race at Road America will be broadcast live Sunday, August 6 on FoxSports 1 beginning at 2:30 p.m. ET.

### Lexus Racing Quotes

SCOTT PRUETT, No. 14 Lexus RC F GT3

#### **What is your outlook for racing at Road America this weekend?**

"Road America is a truly fantastic track. It is fast, flowing and downright fun to drive. It will be the longest track and most refined track we race all season. Our Lexus' performance has been strong and we continually make forward progress and have made huge gains with the Lexus RC F GT3 since the start of the season. When we raced in Daytona just a short six months ago we were happy with a top-10 finish and now we are knocking on the door of a win. We've already achieved our first pole, now it's time for a victory."

SAGE KARAM, No. 14 Lexus RC F GT3

#### **What makes Lime Rock such a unique track?**

"I'm excited to get to Road America because it's always been a fun track to drive in any car I've driven there. I don't think our Lexus was the best that it was this year at Lime Rock, but I feel like Road America will be much better. Road America is a great track and everybody loves it and hopefully that track suits our car a bit better and we'll be quicker right out of the box."

JACK HAWKSWORTH, No. 15 Lexus RC F GT3

#### **What is your outlook for Road America?**

"We are confident heading into racing at Road America with the Lexus RC F GT3 because it's a bigger track. I think we'll be quite strong there. I think it will be a good track for us, and also it's one of my favorites personally so hopefully I can get a little more out of the car and get a good result. I always really like the longer, technical circuits with more corners where you have to think about it a little bit more and put all of the pieces together and figure it out."

ROBERT ALON, No. 15 Lexus RC F GT3

#### **Is Road America a track you enjoy racing at?**

"I like the track and I'm looking forward to it. I think we're going to be quick. We won't know until we get there, but I know that we've been pretty quick, so I can only assume we'll be quick there. Everything has to go

right, no mistakes. Longest track of the year, and a really fast track. I can guarantee it's going to be fun and be a good race. The track always provides for good racing. To put together a good lap, you have to be on point, especially for qualifying you have to put together a good lap. It's a big track and after that it's the kind of race that you have to be quick at every corner. You can't be quick at some and not at others.”