

Wild Weather Hurts Courtney/Roberts Road America Run Saturday; Pair Takes PF Racing/JCR Motorsports Ford Mustang to 16th in GS Class

Weather hampers No. 41 Mustang chances with unusual track conditions

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. (Aug. 5, 2019) – It was a case of “Murphy’s Law” Saturday Road America for the driving duo of Jeff Courtney and Fred Roberts when the four-mile road circuit began to dry in the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge 120 event.

After qualifying 14th in the overall in the 32-car field at the legendary Wisconsin track, Roberts had to survive some wild weather that hit the Road America racing surface and all cars were forced to begin the scheduled two-hour race on rain tires. Roberts, the Toronto, Ont., Canada racer, started the Grand Sport event in the rain with the No. 41 PF Racing/JCR Motorsports Ford Mustang GT4.



The Road America track began to dry at the 40-minute mark and Roberts pitted the RecStuff.com/KENDA machine and handed off the driving chores to Courtney, the Road America regular from Milwaukee. The PF Racing/JCR Motorsports crew changed to slick tires on the Ford Mustang GT4 for Courtney to begin his assault on improving the team’s position.

“Murphy’s Law” hit the PF Racing/JCR Motorsports team again as after just a lap and a half with dry tires, rain hit the Road America circuit again as well as another caution period. Courtney had to soldier around the four-mile circuit on slick tires for several laps in the wet conditions. Finally, Jeff pitted his Ford Mustang for rain tires.

However, Courtney’s charge to improve his position was short-lived after just one lap, as IMSA officials made the call to throw the checkered flag at the one hour, 15-minute mark of the two-hour race.

The Roberts/Courtney pair placed 16th in the Grand Sport class Saturday.



“It was very frustrating that I had to drive in the rain on the slick tires due to the close pit,” said Courtney, the 2018 World Challenge GTSA champion. “The crew did a great job preparing for the driver and tire changes, but they were left to wait until the pits were open. Then, IMSA shortened the race by 45 minutes due to the rain and unusual conditions. A tough way to wrap up the day for the RecStuff.com/KENDA team. But we felt the Ford Mustang was competitive and it was a shame we didn’t get more time.”

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