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TWO OUT OF THREE WASN'T ENOUGH TODAY **Konrad/Team Saleen Black Flagged While Leading Grand Prix of Portland**

PORTLAND, Oregon, August 5, 2001 – There were smiles all around as Terry Borcheller set the race's fastest lap (again) and took the lead with almost one hour to go in the Grand Prix of Portland. If Borcheller could beat the Corvettes to the finish it would mean **three victories in three countries** on the same day for the new Saleen S7R.

Ray Mallock's British-based Saleen S7R placed first in class and fourth overall at the fourth round of the European Le Mans Series (ELMS) race at Most, Czech Republic, earlier today. This is the same team that scored the first overall victory for Saleen at Estoril last month and currently leads the GTS Championship by a wide margin over Konrad/Team Saleen. Later in the day, **Fordahl/Team Saleen** won their fifth race of the Grand American Rolex Series at Trois Rivieres in Quebec finishing first in class and tenth overall. Co-drivers Chris Bingham and Ron Johnson are currently first and second in GTS class with two races to go in the Grand Am season.

But the smiles were short lived in Portland today as the **Konrad/Team Saleen** started smoking at the one hour and forty minute mark of the race. Tires were supposed to be the question mark of the day as the team opted for untested Dunlops over the Goodyears that failed them at Estoril and Sears Point. Borcheller unofficially broke the lap record in Thursday's test session, but the reliability of the Dunlops was unknown. Franz Konrad took the lead 25 minutes into the race when both Corvettes pitted during a yellow and held the position until his pit stop on Lap #53. Getting in the car, Borcheller set the fastest lap and caught the Corvettes in only twenty minutes of racing before a mechanical failure caused the car to finish the race in the pits. Literally!

The team eventually finished fourth in class and 19th overall leaving Saleen unsatisfied with two out of three victories for this Sunday. However, the team was very satisfied with the performance of its Dunlop tires and hopes to return to its winning ways in the next round of the ALMS at Mosport near Toronto in two weeks.

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