

## Nürburgring 24 Hours 2020

### Friday qualifying

**M6 GT3**

SP9 CLASS

<b>PRO</b>	Mikkel Jensen	<b>PRO-AM</b>	Henry Walkenhorst
<b>101</b>	Christian Krognnes	<b>100</b>	Andreas Ziegler
<b>P9</b>	Jordan Pepper	<b>P16</b>	Freidrich von Buhlen
	David Pittard		Marlo von Buhlen

The Walkenhorst Motorsport BMW M6 GT3s have qualified in ninth and 16<sup>th</sup> positions for tomorrow's Nürburgring 24 Hour race after an intense Top-Qualifying 2 session, which took place in mixed conditions, with rain and wind hitting the track in the Eifel Mountains of Germany.

The two GT3 class cars had already pre-qualified to go straight into the second part of qualifying, based on their performances in the Nürburgring Langstrecken Serie (NLS) already this year.

Making a late call, the team opted to fit the #101 car, which would be driven by Norwegian driver Christian Krognnes with a set of cut-slick tyres, while Henry Walkenhorst would drive the #100, and opted for what seemed like the safer option of wet tyres.

A few competitors decided to gamble on slick tyres, but instantly regretted their decision and came back into change after their out laps.

Krognnes set a safe banker for his first lap, before setting a time of 9:20.566 on his second run and put the M6 GT3 in ninth overall, just missing out on eighth place by two-tenths of a second.

Walkenhorst's best time was set on his second run, even though the track was drying at this point. His time of 10:03.538 was good enough to put the Pro-Am driver 16<sup>th</sup> on the grid.

#### **Christian Krognnes (NOR), #101 BMW M6 GT3:**

*Some parts of the track were completely dry, but most of it was really wet. I was quite surprised to see how wet it was. I honestly thought it would be a little bit drier, and if it was that would definitely have played into our hands. So I spent the first lap trying to find where the dry lines were, and then tried to maximise the second lap. It was a hard day at work, but it was a lot of fun when you've got through it.*

### Henry Walkenhorst (GER), #100 BMW M6 GT3

It was wonderful qualifying. It was a great lap. On the first lap I thought oh no, as other drivers had opted for slicks and I had wets, but then on the second lap I thought on no, I have wet tyres and now it's time for slicks.

For us team, with the Pro-Am car, we're all about the experience, but even then, we've qualified in 16<sup>th</sup>, which is not bad for the SP9 class which has 33 drivers.

### M4 GT4

### SP8T CLASS



In the SP8T class, the two Walkenhorst Motorsport BMW M4 GT4s managed to qualify first and second, 33<sup>rd</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> overall. Neither car was able to improve on the times set in Thursday's two qualifying sessions, with the one-hour session held almost entirely in the wet.

This means the BMW Junior Team #73 car of Harper, Verhagen and Hesse will start from the class pole, ahead of the #74 driven by team-mates Tuck, Breuer, Wahl and Trogen.