

Thursday qualifying summary

At the end of the first day of the Nürburgring 24 Hours, the #101 BMW M6 GT3 of Mikkel Jensen, David Pittard, Jordan Pepper and Christian Krognæs was tenth overall and in the top SP9 class after the first two qualifying sessions.

The car's best time of 8:21.467 was set during the earlier Qualifying 1 session, and is just ten seconds off the pace of the leading car.

The second qualifying session took place at night. The set-up strategy analysis for the session was disrupted however. As Mikkel Jensen went out on the soft tyre for the first time with just over 45 minutes to go, it began to rain at parts of the circuit.

The session then ended 30 minutes early following an incident for one of the Mercedes at the Schwedenkreuz corner.

The #100 car of Henry Walkenhorst, Andreas Ziegler, Friedrich von Bohlen and Mario van Bohlen was 36th overall, and 29th in the SP9 class, with a best time of 08:50.868 which the Amateur driver quarter set in the night time session.

In the SP8T class, the two Walkenhorst BMW M4 GT4s were first and second in the category, 33rd and 35th overall.

The #73 car of Daniel Harper, Neil Verhagen and Max Hesse was class-fastest with a time of 8:49.954, with the #74 of Ben Tuck, Jörg Breuer, Dirk-Tobias Wahl and Sami-Matti Trogen just under a second behind.

"I went out when it was starting to rain, and we had the slicks on, so it was very exciting," said Mikkel Jensen.

"There were a couple of moments where we could have ended up like the #2 guys – it was very tricky out there, so we didn't take any risks as we need to keep the car in one piece. If we lost track time or missed a session because we made a mistake, it wouldn't be worth it before the race.

"We know we have a good car, and the cold conditions are quite good for us. We're trying some things on the set-up, but we know we have a good base from what we've done in the NLS to fall back on. I'm pretty confident for the next sessions."