

Nurburgring 24 Hours 2020

Friday qualifying

M6 GT3

SP9 CLASS

PRO 101 P9	Mikkel Jensen Christian Krognnes Jordan Pepper David Pittard	PRO-AM 100 P16	Henry Walkenhorst Andreas Ziegler Freidrich von Buhlen Marlo von Buhlen
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The Walkenhorst Motorsport BMW M6 GT3s have qualified in ninth and 16th 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 16th 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 16th, 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, 33rd and 35th 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.