



Media Information
BMW M Motorsport
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24h Nürburgring: Augusto Farfus puts the ROWE Racing BMW M4 GT3 on the front row of the grid in Top Qualifying.

- **Augusto Farfus produced a personal best of 8:10.640 minutes to claim second place in the individual time trials.**
- **Dan Harper and Christian Krognnes secure sixth and seventh positions for the BMW Junior Team and Walkenhorst Motorsport.**
- **A total of five BMW M4 GT3s reach the decisive second round of Top Qualifying.**

Nürburgring. After last year's pole position with the BMW M6 GT3, ROWE Racing has now marked the debut of the BMW M4 GT3 by making it to the front row of the grid in the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring (GER). Augusto Farfus (BRA) posted the second-fastest time of 8:10.640 minutes. In the #72 BMW M4 GT3, Dan Harper (GBR) claimed sixth spot for the BMW Junior Team – directly ahead of Christian Krognnes (NOR) from the Walkenhorst Motorsport team in seventh position. Nick Catsburg (NED) drove the second ROWE Racing car to 13th on the grid, after his team-mate Sheldon van der Linde (RSA) set a spectacular best time in Top Qualifying 1. Ben Tuck (GBR) reached 18th place in the #102 BMW M4 GT3 from Walkenhorst Motorsport. The 50th edition of the 24h Nürburgring starts on Saturday at 16:00 CEST.

The #20 BMW M4 GT3 from Schubert Motorsport, with Jesse Krohn (FIN) at the wheel, just missed out on progressing from the first section of Top Qualifying. He will start from 21st position. The #100 Walkenhorst Motorsport car will start from behind the starting group.

In qualifying for the BMW M Race of Legends, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday just before the grid lines up for the 24-hour race, Bill Auberlen (USA) secured pole position on the Grand Prix circuit in his BMW M2 CS Racing ahead of Johnny Cecotto (VEN) and Eric van de Poele (BEL). The race will feature a total of twelve cars.



Reactions after Top Qualifying.

Augusto Farfus (#99 BMW M4 GT3, ROWE Racing, starting position 2): "I'm very happy to be up there in P2; that's a great result. The car has been strong here all season and it felt like I expected in qualifying. Well done to BMW M Motorsport, it's a strong performance overall."

Dan Harper (#72 BMW M4 GT3, BMW Junior Team, starting position 6): "Very happy with my qualifying. The lap times are very close, but P6 is a great starting position for the 24-hour race. I was excited to be out there fighting on such a high level. Thank you to BMW M Team RMG for putting together a great car; I'm very much looking forward to the race."

Christian Krognès (#101 BMW M4 GT3, Walkenhorst Motorsport, starting position 7): "I'm a little bit disappointed to be honest, as I expected a bit more than P7. I didn't get the perfect temperature into the tyres in the first lap where it had its peak. But anyway, we take P7 and aim for a good race. I know we have a very strong car."

Nick Catsburg (#98 BMW M4 GT3, ROWE Racing, starting position 13): "Unfortunately, I had a few mistakes in my first lap. That was a bit of a shame. Sheldon did a great job in Q1 to get us into the second shoot-out but I wasn't able to finish what he began. Hopefully P13 isn't an unlucky number for us. It's a long race and everything is possible."

Ben Tuck (#102 BMW M4 GT3, Walkenhorst Motorsport, starting position 18): "It's amazing driving the Nordschleife without any traffic. That alone makes this session a special occasion. We are just really happy to have made it into Q2 and into the top 20. We are fighting in the Pro-Am category, so we are really happy with where we are."

Jesse Krohn (#20 BMW M4 GT3, Schubert Motorsport, starting position 21): "The first lap was fine and I felt that also on the second lap the tyre was still very good but I just hit a Code 60 zone, so clearly the qualifying was done. You lose ten seconds and there is no way of catching it so it was just bad luck. I truly believe that we could have improved on the second lap, especially on the Nordschleife. It's a pity to be out as the first car but sometimes that happens."



But it's a long race, we have a good race car, we have been focusing a lot on the race set-up. I have high expectations and I think that we still have a good race."

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