



Media Information

VLN Endurance Championship Nürburgring

7th April 2018

First victory of the season for the BMW M6 GT3 at the Nürburgring-Nordschleife.

- **Jesse Krohn and Connor De Phillippi win the second race of the season with ROWE Racing.**
- **Overall victory and seven class wins crown successful outing for the BMW teams.**
- **Pixum Team Adrenalin Motorsport takes another win in the BMW M235i Racing Cup class.**

Nürburg. Second race of the season in the VLN Endurance Championship Nürburgring, first victory of the season for the BMW M6 GT3 at the Nürburgring-Nordschleife (GER): Jesse Krohn (FIN) and Connor De Phillippi (USA) won the “43rd DMV 4-Stunden-Rennen”. After 27 laps, they had an advantage of around nine seconds in the #99 ROWE Racing BMW M6 GT3. At the same time, it was ROWE Racing’s first win with the BMW M6 GT3 at the Nürburgring.

De Phillippi started the race from seventh place on the grid. In perfect conditions, with sun and spring-like temperatures, he and team-mate Krohn drove a trouble-free race. In the final hour, Krohn took the lead and brought the BMW M6 GT3 home in first place.

The Walkenhorst Motorsport team also secured a top-ten result. Jonathan Hirschi (SUI), Hunter Abbott (GBR) and Christian Kroghes (NOR) finished tenth overall in the #35 BMW M6 GT3. In addition, their team-mates Henry Walkenhorst, Rudi Adams and Andreas Ziegler (all GER) were first in the SP9 Masters standings. A class win also went to Heiko Eichenberg (GER) and Yannick Mettler (SUI) in the Team 828 Racing by Sorg Rennsport BMW M4 GT4 in the SP10 class. In the V4 class, Christopher Rink, Danny Brink and Phillipp Leisen (all GER) were victorious in the Pixum Team Adrenalin Motorsport BMW 325i. Victory in the SP6 class went to Martin Kroll, Michael Kroll, Chantal Kroll and Roland Eggimann (all SUI) in the Hofer-Racing BMW M3 GTR. Marco Petry, Michael Mönch and Jan von Kiedrowski (all GER) secured the class win in the SP5 category in their BMW 325i. A further class win was achieved by BMW 325 drivers Olli Kangas (FIN) and Robert Pentén (SWE) in the SP4 class.



In the BMW M235i Racing Cup class David Griessner (AUT) and Yannick Fübrih (GER) celebrated the win, repeating their feat of two weeks ago at the season opener. The pairing took to the track in the #650 car by Pixum Team Adrenalin Motorsport. Second place went to Tristan Viidas (EST) of team Securtal Sorg Rennsport. Third place was secured by Tobias Müller, Nico Otto and Lars Peucker (all GER) in the Scheid – Honert Motorsport team's #666 BMW M235i Racing.

Reactions on the "43rd DMV 4-Stunden-Rennen".

Jesse Krohn (#99 ROWE Racing BMW M6 GT3): "It's mega racing here in this weather, with so many people watching and the team working so fantastically. It's great preparation for the 24h race and this victory motivates the team even more. I'm really happy for the entire crew; they worked really hard this weekend. It wasn't easy but the team did a great job with the strategy and it was a superb drive by Connor."

Connor De Phillippi (#99 ROWE Racing BMW M6 GT3): "It was my second race in the BMW M6 GT3 here at the Nordschleife and my first win with my new family at BMW. It feels really great. I'm very happy for the team because they worked very hard. We didn't get the result we wanted in the first VLN race but we bounced back – with a win."

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