



24h Nürburgring

**Farfus puts the BMW M6 GT3 on the front row at the Nürburgring 24 Hours – Three BMWs make it into the top-ten.**

Nürburgring (DE), 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The stage is set for a gripping 24-hour race at the Nürburgring (DE): In the Top-30 qualifying for the endurance classic, teams and drivers competed for the best grid positions in tricky weather conditions. At the wheel of the number 18 BMW M6 GT3, Augusto Farfus (BR) was the quickest BMW driver in the single-lap competition, setting a personal best time of 8:16.146 minutes. Farfus, Jesse Krohn (FI), Jörg Müller (DE) and Marco Wittmann (DE) will start from second on the grid for the Schubert Motorsport team on Saturday. Farfus just missed pole position by a gap of 1.631 seconds to the first-placed Mercedes.

Walkenhorst Motorsport's number 999 BMW M6 GT3 clocked the second-fastest lap time for BMW: Victor Bouveng (SE), Tom Blomqvist (GB), Michele di Martino (DE) and Christian Krohn (NO), who was at the wheel during the session, finished sixth. ROWE Racing also brought one BMW M6 GT3, the number 22 car, into the top-ten. Nick Catsburg (NL) clocked the seventh-fastest time, before having to stop following an accident on his second timed lap. The BMW M6 GT3 cars number 100 and number 23 came 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> respectively.

**Driver quotes after top-30 qualifying:**

**Augusto Farfus (Schubert Motorsport, number 18 BMW M6 GT3, 2<sup>nd</sup> place):**

"Conditions were far from easy today, but P2 is obviously a great result. The track was still damp in some areas, so you had to be extremely careful. It's nice that the long phase of preparations is over and that the race is now almost here. We are ready, and there's not much more we could have done. A long 24 hours await us, and the weather will surely be a challenging factor. However, we have a strong squad and will be fully focussed."

**Christian Krohn (Walkenhorst Motorsport powered by Dunlop, number 999 BMW M6 GT3, 6<sup>th</sup> place):**

"This is a great result for us – although it wasn't easy out there during the session. Our team managed to put together a fantastic package. It will be a long race. For the first time I'm contesting the 24 hours in a GT3 car. This makes me even happier with this qualifying result."

**Jens Klingmann (Schubert Motorsport, number 100 BMW M6 GT3, 13<sup>th</sup> place):**

"The basis of our preparation is really good, we are heading in the right direction. However, the weather conditions will be the tricky factor in this race. This will definitely be a major challenge on Saturday and Sunday. Only in the race itself will we see how strong the competition really is. That's why we only focus on ourselves. The first goal is to make it through the race without any major incidents. This alone will be a difficult task."



**Maxime Martin (ROWE Racing, number 23 BMW M6 GT3, 15<sup>th</sup> place):**

“Unfortunately I lost some time behind another car, so a better result wasn’t possible. We didn’t take any risks. Now I’m really happy that the race is finally drawing closer, especially because our package seems to be competitive here. Where this will take us in the very first year of the BMW M6 GT3, we will see. In any case we have a strong team, and we are really confident. Let the 24-hour race begin.”

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**The driver line-ups for the six BMW M6 GT3s for the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring:**

**Number 18 BMW M6 GT3, Schubert Motorsport**

Augusto Farfus (BR), Jesse Krohn (FI), Jörg Müller (DE), Marco Wittmann (DE)

**Number 22 BMW M6 GT3, ROWE Racing**

Klaus Graf (DE), Richard Westbrook (GB), Nicky Catsburg (NL), Markus Palttala (FI)

**Number 23 BMW M6 GT3, ROWE Racing**

Alexander Sims (GB), Philipp Eng (AT), Maxime Martin (BE), Dirk Werner (DE)

**Number 100 BMW M6 GT3, Schubert Motorsport**

John Edwards (US), Jens Klingmann (DE), Lucas Luhr (DE), Martin Tomczyk (DE)

**Number 101 Walkenhorst Motorsport powered by Dunlop**

Matias Henkola (FI), Kazunori Yamauchi (JP), Max Sandritter (DE), George Richardson (GB)

**Number 999 Walkenhorst Motorsport powered by Dunlop**

Victor Bouveng (SE), Tom Blomqvist (GB), Christian Krognæs (NO), Michele di Martino (DE)

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