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Nürburgring 24-hour race – Top 30 Qualifying

Fastest Porsche 911 GT3 R on eighth grid spot

Stuttgart. The fastest Porsche 911 GT3 R takes up the long-distance classic in Germany's hilly Eifel region from position eight. In the Top 30 Qualifying, Sven Müller started as 19th and achieved his best time in his second lap clocking a time of 8:18.110 minutes. For Sunday's race, the German from the town Bingen shares the cockpit of his #59 Porsche fielded by Manthey Racing with Hari Prozyk, Randy Walls and Steve Smith.

With a 2.999-second gap to the leaders in the individual time trials, his team colleague Mathieu Jaminet (Matteo Cairoli/Otto Klohs/Robert Renauer) planted his 500 hp #12 nine-eleven on P11. Behind him, Frédéric Makowiecki (also Manthey Racing) posted 16th with the #911 car (Romain Dumas/Patrick Pilet/Richard Lietz) and Martin Ragginger from Falken Motorsports (Jörg Bergmeister/Laurens Vanthoor/Dirk Werner) on position 25 with the number 44 vehicle.

Over 600 drivers in more than 160 cars take up the Nürburgring 24-hour race on Sunday at 15.30 hours. With a record number of 44 vehicles competing, Porsche has the largest contingent at one of the world's largest motorsport events, to which more than 200,000 spectators are expected.

RTL Nitro broadcasts the race live starting from 15.00 hrs on Saturday, 27 May. The entire Eifel marathon can also be watched on the Internet under the link: featured.de/n24h.

Comments on the Top 30 Qualifying

Dr. Frank-Steffen Walliser, Vice President of Motorsport and GT Cars:

“We’re not dissatisfied with the result and we’re now turning our complete focus to preparing ourselves for tomorrow’s race.”

Sven Müller, 911 GT3 R (59), Manthey Racing: “I’m very pleased. The two laps of the Top 30 Qualifying are the best of the entire weekend, because you have a free run and you can really go flat-out. The conditions were difficult because the sun was low. There are two or three corners where you’re virtually blinded by the light. I feel we’re well prepared for the race.”

Mathieu Jaminet, 911 GT3 R (12), Manthey Racing: “I’m happy with my performance. I managed to post my best time in the first lap, which put us on position eleven. The field is very tight and our car feels good. I’m feeling confident for the race.”

Frédéric Makowiecki, 911 GT3 R (911), Manthey Racing: “I came in after one lap because I couldn’t improve on my time with deteriorating tyres. The car seems quite okay, it would have been better to have landed further up the grid, but the race is over 24 hours and we’ve hopefully found a good setup for this.”

Martin Ragginger, 911 GT3 R (44), Falken Motorsports: “We opted for a softer tyre compound and obviously the conditions were too warm. The car was very difficult to drive, particularly on the Nordschleife. P25 is not the best starting position, but our speed looks considerably better for the race and I’m looking forward to tomorrow.”

Result Top 30 Qualifying

1. Westphal/Mailleux/Simonsen/Laser (US/FR/SE/D), SCG003C, 8:15.427 minutes
2. De Phillippi/Mies/Winkelhock/van der Linde (US/D/D/D), Audi R8 LMS, + 0.675 sec.
3. Frijns/Fässler/Müller/Rast (NL/CH/CH/AT), Audi R8 LMS, + 0.747 sec.
8. Müller/Prozcyk/Walls/Smith (D/CH/D/CH), Porsche 911 GT3 R, + 2.683 sec.
11. Jaminet/Cairolì/Klohs/Renauer (FR/IT/D/D), Porsche 911 GT3 R, + 2.999 sec.
16. Makowiecki/Pilet/Dumas/Lietz (FR/FR/FR/AT), Porsche 911 GT3 R, + 3.663 sec.
25. Ragginger/Bergmeister/Werner/Vanthoor (AT/D/D/BE), Porsche 911 GT3 R, + 6,627 sec.

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