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Good start for Porsche 911 GT3 R

Stuttgart. The Porsche 911 GT3 R (#117) fielded by KÜS Team75 Bernhard made a good start into the 69th running of the long-distance classic in Belgium. After almost three hours of racing, the 500 hp 911 driven by Kévin Estre (France), Michael Christensen (Denmark) and Laurens Vanthoor (Belgium) lies in the top ten and remains within striking distance of the lead.

Bad luck struck Daniel Allemann from the Team Herberth Motorsport in the #912 Porsche 911 GT3 R. While running in the top 20, the Swiss racer was shunted from the racetrack by a rival but was able to continue and is still looking promising in the Pro-Am category. And the second Herberth Motorsport Porsche 911 GT3 R also has good prospects for a top position in the Pro-Am category of the 24 Hours of Spa.

This year's 24 Hours of Spa, with 215 pilots and 63 vehicles competing, can be viewed live on <http://www.24hoursofspa.com/live>.

Timo Bernhard, team owner KÜS Team75 Bernhard: "We got away well off the line, but we were then held up by drivers who didn't observe the blue flags. It's still early in the race; so far everything is running to plan and our pace is good."

Kévin Estre (911 GT3 R #117): "The car felt good, but it was difficult with the tyres towards the end of my stint. We need to see how they perform when it gets cooler."

Alfred Renauer, team owner and driver Herberth Motorsport (911 GT3 R #911): “The number 912 car was shunted from the track but could continue and didn’t have to come into the pits. Our 911 is running well, we have to ration our tyres better because they’re deteriorating a lot at the end of a stint. But we still have a long race ahead of us.”

Sven Müller (911 GT3 R #912): “It’s a great felling for me to contest my first Spa 24-hour race. I had tough but fair fights with my rivals. The standard is incredibly high. Unfortunately, our car was pushed off the track after the driver change, but we were able to carry on. We still have a long way to go and anything is possible.”

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