

Porsche 911 GT3 R wins the long distance thriller in the Eifel

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13/05/2018 After an enthralling final phase, Nick Tandy, Frederic Makowiecki, Richard Lietz and Patrick Pilet have won the 24-hour race in the Eifel with their nine-eleven fielded by the Manthey-Racing team.

#n24h What a phantastic race by @FredMako1 @PatrickPilet @RichardLietz @NickTandyR on #911GT3R @manthey_racing Well deserved win at Nuerburgring Nordschleife ☒ pic.twitter.com/6g2lGCnzqJ

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At the long distance classic in Germany's Eifel region, the Porsche 911 GT3 R racers have made a good

start. Start driver Kévin Estre in the Porsche 911 GT3 R (No. 911) fielded by Manthey-Racing managed to defend the pole and now leads the field after three hours. The #44 sister car campaigned by Falken Motorsports, which took up the marathon from the second grid spot, also held its position and is currently making the one-two lead for Porsche perfect. The 911 GT3 R (No. 17) of KÜS Team75 Bernhard is also running in the top ten in sixth.

With more than 200,000 spectators, the Nürburgring 24-hour race is one of the largest motorsport events in the world. At the Eifel classic, more than 500 drivers in 148 cars are competing. With 43 vehicles, Porsche is the most strongly represented marque at the Nürburgring 24 Hours.

Dr Frank-Steffen Walliser (President Motorsport and GT Cars): "We experienced a hectic start and we're seeing a very fast race under good conditions with the #911 and #44 cars locking out the first two places. The #912 vehicle had bad luck and suffered a slow puncture right at the beginning. But now the pursuit begins. All cars are running well without any technical problems, however the heavy traffic requires a great deal of concentration from all drivers."

Kévin Estre (Porsche 911 GT3 R #911), Manthey-Racing: "My start was good and I managed to maintain the lead. We're still in front. The balance of the car is great and therefore it's very fast. I'm optimistic that we can fight for the top no matter what the conditions."

Dirk Werner (Porsche 911 GT3 R #44), Falken Motorsports: "It was a fantastic experience to start the race, especially with so many fans around the racetrack. Now we need to find our rhythm and drive clean laps. The race, however, is very fast, which is why we have to drive rather aggressively."

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