

Five class victories for Porsche customer teams

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29/05/2016 At the 24-hour race on Nürburgring, Porsche customers have once again performed strongly. The best Porsche team in the overall classification was Falken Motorsport. The Eifel classic at a glance.

Despite rain, fog and hail, which at times caused extreme track conditions at Germany's largest motorsport event, the squads celebrated five class victories witnessed by more than 200,000 fans. With the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup, the Black Falcon Team TMD Friction won the SP7 class with Rent2Drive-racing winning the SP6 class. Manthey Racing (SP-X) and Raceunion Teichmann Racing (Cup3) also clinched class victories with the Porsche Cayman GT4 Clubsport, with the Black Falcon Team TMD Friction squad proving unbeatable in the V6 class with the Porsche 911 Carrera.

However, the charge of the 911 GT3 R fielded by the Porsche works team Manthey Racing came to an

abrupt end on Sunday morning. With almost five hours left to the 44th running of the Eifel classic, the racer from Weissach came to a standstill in its 100th lap. At this point, Michael Christensen from Denmark had been running in fifth place with the number 912 vehicle. His teammates Richard Lietz (Austria), Frédéric Makowiecki (France) and Jörg Bergmeister (Germany) experienced the retirement from the pits. With rain just setting in, they had hoped to improve their position in the closing stages of the race. On Saturday, when the race was restarted after a three-hour break due to storm over the wet racetrack, Jörg Bergmeister had managed to overtake no less than eight competitors.

Falken Motorsport best Porsche team in the overall classification

The Porsche factory squad faced adversity right from the start, with Nick Tandy hitting a barrier with the #911 Porsche 911 GT3 R in just the second lap. The Manthey Racing mechanics had already put in a nightshift to repair the vehicle after an accident in the Top 30 Qualifying and had managed to get it back on its wheels shortly before the warm-up on Saturday morning. The best Porsche team in the overall classification was Falken Motorsport, with drivers Wolf Henzler (Germany), Martin Ragginger (Austria), Peter Dumbreck (Great Britain) and Alexandre Imperatori (Switzerland) planting the 911 GT3 R on ninth place.

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