

Race report, ADAC Procar, Lausitzring:

Ups and downs for Thomas Krebs at Lausitzring

The third round of the DTC – ADAC Procar took place on Lausitzring. The German weather showed its good side, as the sun was shining throughout the most of the weekend. Thomas already knew the track from last year, and everything was set for a good result.

Thomas started out already Thursday, with a 60 min practice session to make the basic set-up of the car. In the end of the day, new radiators delivered by our sponsor Nissens, were built into the cars of the team. A good cooling system would secure a better performance under the warm weather conditions of the weekend. Friday offered another free practice session of 25 min, and the test results looked very well.



In the qualifying on Saturday morning, Thomas finished on the 2nd place, only 0,1 sec from pole position.

Thomas: *"I am happy that we finally have the possibility to fight for the front positions. However, I was going for the 1st place, but on my fastest lap after changing to new tires, I had to overtake a slower driver. I think I could have got another 0,3 sec out of my lap"*

Starting 2nd in the first race of the weekend, Thomas made a good start. He managed to hold on to the 2nd place, following the leader closely. After a few laps he was overtaken, and the group of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place were lying close together for the rest of the race with a big distance to the followers. Thomas finished on the 3rd place, taking home another podium.

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Thomas: *"I was really hoping to take that win today, but I did not have enough speed on the straights compared with the drivers in front of me. In every lap, I could catch up with them in the tight corners, but lost it again on the straights. In the end a podium is acceptable, but I want to beat them".*



In the second qualifying on Sunday, Thomas had big problems with his engine. An electric or fuel related problems meant, that the engine went off and on by high rpm's. Despite the problems, Thomas was the 3rd fastest driver in the session.

For race 2, the car had been checked through, hoping that the problems with the engine were solved. Thomas made another good start, and after some chaotic first laps, he could take the lead of the race. Unfortunately, the same problems with the engine came again, but this time much worse. Thomas had to let the whole field pass through, with no chance to hold his position. Thomas: *"It was really frustrating to be in the lead, and suddenly all the power of the engine went away at high rpm's. I had to short shift for the rest of the race, hoping that the problem would disappear some time. Unfortunately, it never did, and so were my hopes of a race win taken away. I am already looking forward to the next race, hopefully we will not have problems with the material again"*

The next race for Thomas will be on the Austrian circuit, Red Bull Ring, in the weekend from the 06. – 08. of June.

