

## VLN premiere for Thomas Krebs

October 25<sup>th</sup>, Thomas Krebs took part in the 10<sup>th</sup> round of the VLN championship on Nürburgring. The VLN is an endurance race over 4 hours, with many different racecars in various classes. For the 10<sup>th</sup> and last round of the season, 171 cars and 448 drivers were at start. For this event, the Nürburgring Grand Prix course is combined with the Nordschleife, which makes the racetrack 25,378 km long, counting 170 corners.

After the successful previous test, the team chef from Prosport Performance, wanted Thomas to drive the race in an even faster Porsche Cayman, in the SP6 class. The car produces 380 bhp and weighs only 1200 kg. Experienced team mates, Andreas Patzelt and Thomas Koll, completed the driver line-up for the weekend.



The qualifying started Saturday morning at 8:30 – 10:00 o'clock, and Thomas drove in the new Porsche for the first time. The session proved to be a tough challenge, as tricky weather conditions had surrounded the Nürburgring. Rain, freezing cold temperatures and low visibility due to fog, made the qualifying extremely difficult for all drivers. Despite the challenge, the three drivers achieved the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest time of the cars in the SP6 class.



The race was set to start at 12:00 and end at 16:00 o'clock. Andreas was the first driver in the car, and did a great job on the opening laps, taking the lead of the SP6 class. Heavy fog continued to surround the circuit, and after approx. 30 minutes, the race was stopped with red flag because of the dangerously low visibility. All cars went into the pits, waiting to see if the conditions would improve.

The fog slowly disappeared and the track started to dry up. Around 14:30, the race was restarted. The team had changed to slicks, which proved to be the right choice, as Andreas could build up a gap with more than one minute to the following car on 2<sup>nd</sup> place. After one hour, Thomas was getting ready to drive his stint in the car. Only a half lap before the pit stop and first driver change, a technical defect hit the Porsche. A broken drive shaft forced the car to stop on the track, with no possibility to return to the pits.



*Thomas: "I was very disappointed when I heard that the car had stopped on the track. I was waiting with my helmet on, ready to go in the car and fight for the victory. The retirement of the car means a lost opportunity for me to experience this fantastic race and prove myself as a driver. Unfortunately there is nothing we can do in a case like this, that's racing. I hope to be back on this amazing race track very soon. No matter what, I have learned a lot during the weekend, and I am ready for new challenges in the future. Hopefully with better luck"*

Krebs Racing would like to thank our sponsors for making the participation possible. We will continue to work hard on a large race program in an international series for 2015. Further tests are planned for November.

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