

## Another VLN race win for Thomas Krebs and PROsport Performance

This Saturday Thomas Krebs took part in the VLN 10 race on Nürburgring Nordschleife, the last VLN race of the season. After a great result for the PROsport Performance team in VLN 9 two weeks earlier, hopes were high to continue the great success with the Porsche Cayman V5 car. Once again, Thomas was set to race together with the South African Audi factory driver, Kelvin Van Der Linde. The driver line-up for the 4-hour race was completed with newcomer, Carsten Palluth, from Germany.

The 90 minutes qualifying session on Saturday morning was supposed to start at 8:20, but was delayed three hours due to heavy fog over the Nürburgring circuit. When the weather finally cleared up to a reasonable level of visibility, the qualifying began, but with a shortened time window of 60 min. This would give each of the three drivers' two qualifying laps on the 25 km long circuit. One complete warm-up lap and one lap to set a fast time.

As second driver in the car, Thomas showed his great abilities and set the fastest time of 9:29,218 min. on an almost dry track. Even though the track conditions improved until the last part of the qualifying, no other driver could match Thomas' time. This meant a strong pole position for PROsport Performance in the V5 class, 2.3 seconds ahead of the nearest follower.



As the whole time schedule for the day was postponed, the race distance was cut down to 3 hours. The original plan was that Thomas should make a double stint of 2 x 1 hour in the car, but with the shortened race distance the plan was changed to 1 hour per driver.

The race started at 14:00 o'clock, with a stunning 145 racecars on the grid. Kelvin was the first driver in the car, and made a fantastic start. He managed to overtake a few of the other cars in different categories, and made a larger gap to the followers in the V5 class every single lap. After 6 laps he went in to the pit for a quick drivers change, wherefrom Thomas overtook the seat. With a strong performance and good lap times, Thomas could continue to outpace the competitors, leaving just over 3 minutes down to the second place. With a last pit stop, Thomas jumped out of the car and Carsten in. Unfortunately, Carsten lost a big part of the lead on his first laps. He was unlucky with a few "code 60" periods, where double waved yellow flags are used to signalize to the drivers to slow down to 60 km/h, and avoid dangerous situations with

other crashed cars. At the same time, the nearest competitor made a later pit stop, gaining some time. Slowly but surely, the weather conditions started to become an issue for the drivers once again, as the fog came back over the circuit. After 2,5 hours race distance, the race was stopped with red flag for safety reasons. The race would not be continued, which meant a victory for Thomas and his teammates, finishing just 8.618 seconds in front the second place.



Thomas: *"I am so happy with my second VLN race win. All the way from qualifying, the car felt amazing to drive, and our pace was incredible. To race at a high level on the Nürburgring Nordschleife takes a lot of skills and experience, and I felt like I became better every lap. I would have liked to complete even more laps today, but it wasn't possible due to the difficult weather conditions. This type of weather is typical for the Nürburgring, and another reason why this is the most challenging racetrack in the world. I would like to thank my teammates and PROsport Performance for the great work, as well and my sponsors for making this victory possible. To fight for the win is the only reason I race in the first place. Achieving this great success in my first two races on the Nürburgring makes me proud, and gives me a lot of confidence for the future. I can't wait to race here again next year, let's see what the future holds!"*

