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## ADAC GT4 Germany: Challenging season debut for Dörr Motorsport in Oschersleben

Danish racer, Thomas Krebs, took part in the first round of the ADAC GT4 Germany series 2019.



**Oschersleben, Germany, 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019** - The Danish racing driver took part in the opening round of the ADAC GT4 Germany, together with his new team, Dörr Motorsport. The German team were set to start with their two McLaren 570S GT4 racecars, with the driver pairings Thomas Krebs (DK) / Fred Martin-Dye (UK) start number #59 - and Phil Dörr (DE) / Dennis Trebing (USA) start number #69.

Shortly before the race weekend, Thomas could proudly announce a new partnership with Artya Watches. The Swiss watchmaker who creates unique and luxurious timepieces, known for their distinctive and artistic designs, will be featured on the McLaren racecar this year.

**Thomas:** *"I am very proud to represent ArtyA in the future. We share many of the same values regarding passion, timing and precision, and I am looking forward to our cooperation. Huge thanks to Yvan Arpa and the team behind for their trust!"*



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With 24 racecars from 7 different car manufactures on the grid, the competition was set high. On Thursday and Friday before the race, Thomas and his team were able to collect valuable experience in the official test sessions, learning the circuit and trying different set-up's on the car. The format of the race weekend are two 1-hour races, each with a qualifying session to determine the starting positions. Mid-through the races a pitstop with driver change will add to the action.

In the first race of the weekend on Saturday, British team mate Fred Martin-Dye took the start from 13<sup>th</sup> on the grid. With good performance he was able to climb up the order, and hand over the car to Thomas on 10<sup>th</sup> place. Unfortunately, Thomas had to serve a drive-through penalty already on his first lap, due to a pitstop infringement, undercutting the minimum pitstop time. Now far behind the field, Thomas did his best to catch up the lost time. A late safety-car period collected the field in the last minutes of the race. With some great overtaking maneuvers, Thomas was able to put the car back up on 15<sup>th</sup> place, before the checkered flag.

**Thomas:** *"The drive-through penalty cost us all chances of a good result today. Looking at the cars we were fighting with, a 6<sup>th</sup> place would have been realistic today. It is very unfortunate, but we just have to learn from our mistakes"*



In the second race on Sunday, the McLaren with start number #59 had to start from the back of the grid, after some trouble with the car in the rainy qualifying session. For the race, the sunny weather had returned to the circuit, setting a great spirit among the thousands of race fans in Oschersleben.



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With eminent driving from both Thomas and Fred during the 1-hour race, the pair finished on a respectable 13<sup>th</sup> place, after many hard battles on the track.

**Thomas:** *“The first race weekend in the ADAC GT4 Germany didn’t quite turn out the way we wanted. Battling through penalties, tire failures and a general lack of pace of all McLaren cars in Oschersleben, we were not able to fulfill our expectations. I am already looking ahead to the next race at Red Bull Ring. This circuit should fit our car much better, and I am confident that we will be on a completely other competitive level, fighting for podium positions”*

Next race for Thomas will be when the ADAC GT4 Germany visits Red Bull Ring in Spielberg, Austria, from the 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> of June.



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