

Back to the VLN and Nurburgring Nordschleife

Thomas Krebs took part of the second-last round of the VLN Endurance Championship, on the world famous, German racetrack, the Nurburgring.



Nurburgring, Germany, 11th - 12th of October, 2019 - Having stood on the sideline since his last race in the ADAC GT4 Germany series in August, Thomas was given a last-minute opportunity by a new team, to race in the VLN Endurance Series. Teaming up with Adrenalin Motorsport and their BMW M4 GT4 racecar, Thomas was set as one of the three drivers on the #161 car this weekend.

Practice & Qualifying

Having previously raced in many 4-hour VLN races on the challenging Nurburgring, Thomas had good knowledge of what to expect. In the practice sessions on Friday, Thomas were able to collect some valuable experience in the BMW M4 GT4 racecar. After some good testing in both wet and dry conditions, he felt confident in the new racecar, and ready for the race.

On Saturday morning, the qualifying began with a damp, but slowly drying circuit. The team decided to wait until the end of the qualifying session to set a fast time, where track conditions would be most optimal. With one lap in the end, Thomas team mate were able to put the car on 6th place in the SP10 / GT4 class.

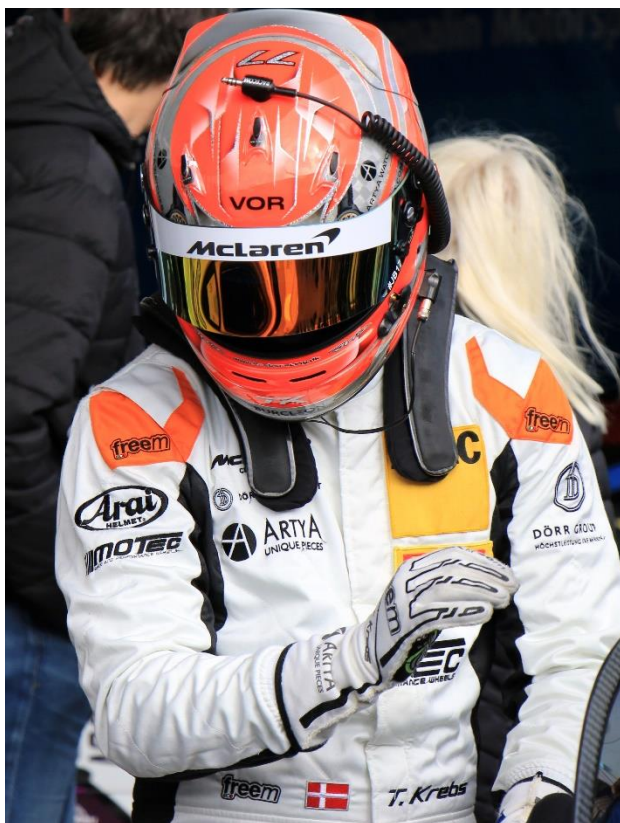


The race

The team decided to put Thomas in the car for the start of the 4-hour race. As the lights went out and the first starting field of over 50 cars began the race, three separate crashes quickly brought out the red flags, stopping the race.

Over one hour went by, before the race could be resumed with a new start. Thomas managed to gain a few positions in the start, slipping by both direct competitors and cars competing in other classes. In his 1,5-hour stint, Thomas showed great pace and consistency, handing the car over to his teammate on 4th position, close behind the leading group.

In the pitstop, the team unfortunately lost valuable time, due to a fuel hose problem. Thomas two German teammates tried to catch up the time towards the end of the race, but it wasn't enough. After four hours of intense racing, the #161 BMW crossed the finish line on 4th position, a fairly good result considering the obstacles.



Thomas; *"It was great fun to race in the new BMW M4 GT4 this weekend, thanks to Adrenalin Motorsport for the opportunity! We were close to the podium in the end, but it wasn't quite enough. We have learned a lot this weekend and I am sure we can do better next time"*

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