



Frikadelli Racing preparing for VLN leg four with proven driver quartet in the Porsche 911 GT3 R's cockpit

- Team principal Klaus Abbelen: "As always, we will do our very best to give the strong competitors a run for their money"
- Frikadelli-Porsche 911 GT3 R ready to race after damages from 24-hour race have been repaired

Nürburgring/Barweiler (June 24, 2016). It's "back to business" for Frikadelli Racing in the Endurance Championship Nürburgring (VLN). Four weeks after the season's highlight – the 24-hour race in the "green hell" – the Eifel-based racing team is looking forward to the fourth leg of the VLN series. Next Sunday the experienced line-up of "meatball matadors" will take turns at the wheel of the freshly repaired Porsche 911 GT3 R. Team principal Klaus Abbelen, Sabine Schmitz (both from Barweiler), Patrick Huisman (NL) and Norbert Siedler (A) will race the 500PS sports car.

"We are aiming for the best possible result. That is what we owe our fans", says Abbelen. "We will see where this takes us relative to our competitors. There will again be a whole bunch of very strong GT3 cars from Audi, BMW and Mercedes. We on the other hand can't do very much to improve due to the recent classification in the Balance of Performance. Anyway, we will certainly fight them as best as we can."

At the coming race weekend, Frikadelli Racing will be entering three customer cars beside the "big" SP9-Porsche. In the SP7 category Frank Kräling (Winterberg) and Christopher Brück (Köln) will share a 911 GT3 R MR, in the CUP2 category the US duo Janine Hill and John Shoffner will race their Porsche 911 GT3 Cup together with Arno Klasen (Karlshausen). In the BMW M235i Racing Cup, Thomas Leyherr (Dillingen) and Herbert von Danwitz (Tönisvorst) will be driving their Frikadelli-prepared M235i.

In 2016, the Langstreckenmeisterschaft Nürburgring (German for "long-distance endurance championship") again consists of ten legs. The 4-hour races are held on Saturdays on the Nürburgring-Nordschleife plus the Grand Prix track's short circuit that together form a 24.358 kilometre lap. The seventh leg on



September, 3 will be this year's only six-hour event. The season will end on October 22. The undisputed highlight of the season was the 24-hour race on May 28 and 29 which is not part of the VLN. Competitors had to tackle a lap of 25.378 kilometres that consist of the Nordschleife plus the Grand Prix circuit without the stadium section.

After the test sessions on Friday, competitive action will start on Saturday morning. The 90-minute practice starts will commence at 8.30 a.m. The race starts at 12.00 a.m., the chequered flag will drop shortly after 4.00 p.m. Awards ceremony is scheduled for 6.00 p.m.

Important info for media: News about Frikadelli Racing are available on Twitter @Frikadelli_R. Free picture material can be downloaded on www.frikadelli-racingteam.de. More photos will be published on Instagram (@frikadelli_r).

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Ready to go in the VLN: Frikadelli-Porsche 911 GT3 R with driver quartet Klaus Abbelen, Sabine Schmitz, Patrick Huisman and Norbert Siedler. Fotocredit: Porsche



Sharing a Frikadelli-Porsche 911 GT3 MR in the SP7 category: Frank Kräling und Christopher Brück. Fotocredit: Frikadelli/ BRfoto



Front runner in the CUP2 class: The J2-Porsche 911 GT3 of Janine Hill, John Shoffner and Arno Klasen. Fotocredit: Frikadelli/ BRfoto



Facing strong opposition in the one-make BMW M235i Racing Cup: Thomas Leyherr and Herbert von Danwitz. Fotocredit: Frikadelli/BRfoto