



A WEEKEND WITH UPS AND DOWNS

We travelled to the Nürburgring with great optimism, in 2016 we could celebrate our first GT Masters victory there! We knew that we had a better chance at the "Ring" than on the previous tracks in the race calendar, as the track is more suitable for our MONTAPLAST Audi R8. After a test day on Thursday and the free practice sessions on Friday it looked very good, the pace was right and the drivers were very satisfied and looked positively towards qualifying and the races.

Saturday's qualifying did not work out as we expected. We were very satisfied with P4 of the #28, but we had to accept P28 with the #29 with a crying eye. Certainly not what we all dreamed for. The cars were - as always - perfectly prepared. A little too perfect maybe, because Jake couldn't deal with the performance of the new brake discs and pads, because the "bite" of the new material was a bit too aggressive. Nevertheless, we will push in the race to move them forward.

The race was not a positive one for us. After Sheldon dropped back to the last grid position in the first corner after a contact, the VDL Bros. had to park their car prematurely after 40 minutes due to a defect at the suspension. A race with ups and downs even for Miesi and Jake. With a great start Jake could already make up nine places in the first lap. After a very good stint Jake handed over the R8 to Christopher, but his work behind the wheel was also prematurely ended. After a hit on the left front wheel Christopher had to park the car early with a puncture. A race to forget.

In Sunday's qualifying it was a maximum attack for Christopher and Kelvin. The two guys placed the MONTAPLAST Audi R8 in sixth & seventh position. Certainly not the target they had hoped for, but everything was still open for the race.

This time the race went without any big incidents, there was some contact where we certainly had to lose one or another place. At the end of the race the result list was P7 for Christopher & Jake and P10 for Kelvin and Sheldon.

The summary of the weekend: we hoped for more, but it all happened a little different. At the moment the luck in the GT Masters is rather not on our side. But what sets us apart is that we never give up, we win and lose together. We are sure that we will manage this not so easy time with some downsides as a team.

Many thanks to all mechanics, all engineers, drivers, sponsors, friends and fans. We won't give up, we promise!

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