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Crash through no Fault of the Team costs anew Victory

“Due to the incidents I’m fairly satisfied with the outcome”, after the climax of the BFGoodrich-Long-Distance-Touring-Car-Championship – the 6-Hours-Race –

Andre Ibron, head of the team „Racing Event Motorsport“, wasn’t quite happy. Though the weekend set off perfectly. After the free practice on Friday and the consultation with Yokohama the setup was adapted far into the night. “We got new tire-compounds from Yokohama, which improved the road performance considerably.”

Guido Wirtz, alias Bugs Bunny, was once again responsible for the fastest training’s lap. With 9:35.424 he set a point of reference, that couldn’t be underbid by any of the class competitors. Nevertheless Bugs Bunny railed via radio: “That could have been even faster, I had no clear lap.” This radiogram was answered with a smile by the team members.

That he was able to push forward, the polesitter demonstrated right away at the race. Not only did he stand up for the lead but also drove to position 26 in the main classification. Until the crash during lap five. Bugs Bunny overtook a considerably slower competitor, decelerated for the next bend and was ruggedly bowled off the track. The slow-going car had crashed undampedly into the rear of the BMW and precisely hit the right back wheel. The white DEGUSSA-BMW hobbled into the pit, where the team changed the transverse control arm and shortened the tie rod in 40 minutes. The team lost four laps through the incident.

Bugs Bunny was accordingly fuming: “The vehicle in front of me didn’t want to make away. Not until he was shown the blue flag for the third time, he finally pulled over. And while decelerating for the next bend, he drove into the rear of our car undampedly.” Only through assistance and cajoling of the team Bugs Bunny was kept from venting his anger by the use of force towards the driver with the number 196.

With a defective rear-axle support Franz Groß got on his way to make up for the lost time. “The road performance of our DEGUSSA-BMW needed getting used to after the accident. I started skidding several times, left bends didn’t work at all and when the car went light it pulled seriously to the left”, Franz Groß said after his stint. Nevertheless Franz Groß was able to overhaul one lap before Andre Ibron took over the cockpit. He also pushed forward and caught up further. The last stint took Bugs Bunny again. He converted his anger into speed and after all gained position four in the class.

Andre Ibron fumed at the accident that happened through no fault of their own: “At the crash the rear-axle supports, the transverse control arms and the differential got seriously damaged. Nevertheless I’m glad that we managed to take our DEGUSSA-BMW home without any further incidents. Due to the accident and the following downtime we indeed gave another class-victory away, but anyway we are satisfied with position four as well.”

Because of the positioning at this race the team dropped from rank 19 back to rank 22 in the main classification. Within their class however the team „Racing Event Motorsport“ is still comfortably in the lead with a clear margin of 12,49 points to the runner-up team “Dieselspeed”.

An innovation is already set for the next heat: In line with the concern merge the DEGUSSA LLC notified the entity change to the new name “Evonic Industries” on last week’s Thursday. Hence the labelling on the “DEGUSSA BMW” of the team „Racing Event Motorsport“ changes into “Evonic Industries” for the 8th heat of the BFGoodrich-Long-Distance-Touring-Car-Championship at the Nurburgring. However the white BMW one will set the pace at the class with its new name as well.