



Media Information
FIA World Endurance Championship
3rd May 2019

BMW Team MTEK qualifies in third and fourth for the WEC 6 Hours of Spa.

- **BMW Team MTEK qualifies both BMW M8 GTEs inside the top-four.**
- **Augusto Farfus and António Félix da Costa go third fastest with Nick Catsburg and Martin Tomczyk in fourth.**
- **Félix da Costa: “On the new tyres, the combination of the car and the Spa track is great”.**

Spa-Francorchamps. BMW Team MTEK has qualified in third and fourth positions for the FIA World Endurance Championship’s 6 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps (BEL), with its pair of BMW M8 GTEs.

In the #82 BMW M8 GTE, António Félix da Costa (POR) and Augusto Farfus (BRA) held the top-spot for much of qualifying before settling for third place in the GTE Pro class. In the #81 sister-car, Martin Tomczyk (GER) and Nick Catsburg (NED) set the fourth fastest aggregate lap time during the 25-minute session.

Comments on qualifying for the 6 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps:

António Félix da Costa (#82 BMW M8 GTE, 3rd grid position):

“The BMW M8 GTE felt really nice. On the new tyres, the combination of the car and the Spa track is great. I set the fastest overall lap time of the session and Augusto did a mega job to secure a second row start for us. We have good tyre strategy, so that could help, but the weather looks wet so who knows what will happen?”

Augusto Farfus (#82 BMW M8 GTE, 3rd grid position):

“It was a good session and a shame we missed pole by just a little. The car was fast on new tyres and it felt really good. It could be a gambling race with the weather that is predicted but qualifying third is a good start to our weekend.”





Martin Tomczyk (#81 BMW M8 GTE, 4th grid position):

“The second row is a good achievement. It was very tight at the end and our sister-car was close to pole. The race looks unpredictable because of the mixed conditions that we are expecting. However, I think we are well-prepared and we are in a good position for a podium.”

Nick Catsburg (#81 BMW M8 GTE, 4th grid position):

“Qualifying was good for us. We have a very strong car and I’m happy with the result but we all know that it’s tomorrow that counts.”

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