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Good and Bad Luck Are Never Very Far Apart in Motorsport

Twelve hours into the race, car Number 42 is rewarded with fifth place after hunting down the opposition, but retires shortly afterwards

The chances of a good result for Team BMW Motorsport didn't look promising at the start of the race. However, during the first six hours, the car improved by 30 places. Shortly after car number 42 took fifth place, its hunt for better positions came to a halt due to a collision. Boris Said was driving the car at 3:18 AM and crashed at the exit of Fuchsröhre. The uninjured driver said; "As I came out of the curve I saw a car indicating. I don't know exactly what happened, but the marshals reported two cars had already crashed there."

For the drivers Jörg Müller (GER), Dirk Müller (GER), Claudia Hürtgen (GER) and Marc Duez (BEL) it was possible to make up an amazing 140 places after 70 laps to be in 21st place.

As dawn breaks over the Eifel mountains, car number 43 is being driven by Marc Duez, but car number 42 is definitely out.

Charly Lamm, Team Manager Team BMW Motorsport: "Boris needed to go a long distance with the damaged M3 GTR to reach the pits. This obviously had an adverse affect on parts of the car. For safety reasons we decided to retire car number 42 from the race. All our hopes now lay with number 43."

Boris Said: "I am very sorry that this collision happened to me. We were going in the right direction to catch the field."

Car Number 42 – BMW M3 GTR

Hans-Joachim Stuck (GER)/Boris Said (USA)/John Nielsen (DNK)/Marc Duez (BEL)

Car Number 43 – BMW M3 GTR

Jörg Müller (GER)/Dirk Müller (GER)/Claudia Hürtgen (GER)/Marc Duez (BEL)

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