EGOR LITVINENKO

17.10.2023: Egor Litvinenko with unlucky hand in tire choice!!!

GTC Race, Final Weekend Nürburgring

Last weekend Egor Litvinenko traveled to the Nürburgring for his final race of the season. This is where the season finale of the GTC Race was held. Before the weekend, Egor looked back on a strong season that has put him in a position where he could theoretically still have fought for 3rd place in the championship at the Nürburgring. You can see that this is quite a lot of subjunctive for a success report. Everything was to turn out differently. The Nürburgring showed itself from its uncomfortable side. Throughout the weekend, the conditions were never clear and the teams were always spoilt for choice as to whether to fit rain tires or slicks.

In the first timed practice Egor was on drying track with slicks on the way in the top 3. The drying track, however, became increasingly faster and just in the so important last lap Egor was held up which threw him back to tenth position. The second timed practice was held under dry conditions but the track was still wet at some points. On Egor's fastest lap he hit such a spot and hit the track barrier with such force that the timed practice had to be stopped and Egor's Cayman was hardly recognizable as a Porsche. All the more astonishing was position 6 in this timed practice, which Egor conjured up on the asphalt in his warm-up lap.

The weather on race Sunday can only be described with the term "Eifel" weather. In the first race, all drivers were on rain tires in the grid when suddenly the sun came out and the weather turned. About half of the drivers, increasingly the drivers from the back rows played poker and started with slicks. Egor stayed on rain tires and had to let one competitor after the other go from the middle of the race. In the second race it was the exact opposite with the same outcome. All cars were in the grid and suddenly the sky darkened! Egor and his team stayed on slicks and were wrong again. After a third of the race the rain was so heavy that Egor had to come into the pits to get rain tires. The lost time could not be made up.

All in all, Egor looks back on a very successful season. Despite his failures in Oschersleben when his gearbox broke down while he was on the podium and the mini points haul from the final race, Egor finished 9th out of 33 drivers in the GT4 standings.

Robin Landgraf who looks after Egor summed up his season on Sunday as follows: "Egor's learning curve showed a steep upward trend over the year and the race wins in the Porsche Sports Cup four weeks ago are impressive proof of that. In the GTC, a podium result would have been possible without the technical retirements at Oschersleben and with a little more luck here at the Nürburgring."

Over the next few weeks, Egor will take it easy before preparing for the new racing season in November. But then in a Porsche GT3 Cup race car. Not least because of his results this year, Egor and his team Allied Racing agreed to take this step together.