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# Encouraging signs of life from Emil Frey GT3 Jaguar

**The Emil Frey GT3 Jaguar made a successful race debut in the season finale of the Blancpain Endurance Series at Nürburgring 6hrs.**

After months of hard work redeveloping and building the car, the Emil Frey Racing Team finished the first race with encouraging results. Just a few days before the season finale of the Blancpain Endurance Series, it was unclear whether the completely revised car would even be ready for the drivers and project leaders, Fredy Barth and Lorenz Frey. About a week before the race, the Emil Frey Racing Team wheeled the new car out onto the tarmac of Dijon circuit for its first shakedown test. Following the test the car was stripped down and rebuilt under extreme time pressure ahead of the weekend's racing. At that point, the team was really up against it in ensuring the car would be ready.

Project leader Fredy Barth: *"We didn't want to shout about what the expectations were, but then somehow everything overtook us: getting the car ready, having 60 guests at the track. It was all a little crazy!"*

The Blancpain Endurance Series has evolved over its life, with vehicles from ten manufacturers and around 60 teams participating in the world's toughest GT3 Championship. For the Emil Frey Racing Team and the newly developed Emil Frey GT3 Jaguar this was a baptism of fire. And one the Swiss were able to pass with flying colours. From the beginning, the Swiss team with the drivers Lorenz Frey, Fredy Barth and Gabriele Gardel posted good times. The free practice and qualifying session passed without any technical hitches for the 3 drivers. In the race it was Fredy Barth who took the wheel and made an encouraging start, battling hard in the very fast first phase of the race amid plenty of traffic. Unfortunately, in the second stint, with Lorenz Frey onboard, a violent collision by an opponent into the front right wheel of the Emil Frey GT3 Jaguar brought the team's race to an abrupt end – as the car limped out with a broken steering box.

Lorenz Frey: *"He crashed uncontrollably into my front wheel. I could not do much. A failure is always annoying. Nevertheless, the whole operation at the Nürburgring was a very positive debut at the right moment and a huge bonus for the team that has worked so hard."*

Project manager and driver Fredy Barth was also satisfied with the debut: *"We had no technical problems, which is absolutely sensational. You can only take your hat off to the team and the technology partners. Unfortunately, we failed to finish due to a crash, but that's the risk of racing."*

*At least we have managed to gain some valuable information about the new car and can now begin preparing for next season. Onwards and upwards!"*

Ticinese experienced GT driver Gabriele Gardel was also impressed by his brief stint in the Emil Frey GT3 Jaguar: *"The car feels completely different than its predecessor. You can feel there's real potential. I am looking forward to the testing and hopefully a successful 2014 season!"*