



G-Force Racing:
Le Mans Endurance Series – Nürburgring 1000 km

“Our first podium spot was within reach....” were the words spoken by Frank Hahn as the G-Force Courage was pushed into the box. The team had a great weekend until then and Hart, Leroch and Hahn were on their way to a first great performance for G-Force in the LMES-series. Finally a 4th spot in LMP2 and a 16th overall was still a fine achievement.

Dutchman David Hart felt immediately at home within the Belgian team. *“The team is warm and familiar, and what’s more I get appreciation from the complete crew for my job: Not only, I did qualifying of the car, I will also start the Courage tomorrow afternoon.”*

“My first laps in the Courage were really satisfying, throughout the three free practice sessions, I bettered my lap times by 2 seconds per session. By doing so, I wasn’t too far away from the regular prototype drivers in qualifying.”

David put the Radiator Factory Courage in 18th position on the grid. *“I was close to the better drivers and this makes me feel confident. But my respect for the regular drivers of these open prototypes is really growing. It’s a very special experience. The car is also very different from the GT-cars I normally drive. The down force is really amazing.”*

The first half of the race went smoothly. David Hart took the start, as mentioned before, and climbed up the rankings till he made a somewhat anticipated pit stop. *“I picked up some dirt with my tires and this caused vibrations. It felt like I had a puncture and so I made my first stop a few laps earlier as expected.”* After two hours, Jean-François Leroch, his French teammate took over the car. *“My stint was one without any problem. What’s more, I managed to get within the top-3 of our class and even 10th overall. This is a good result for our squad.”*

A broken cable between the starter button and the starter motor made a temporary end to the performance of the Belgian Courage. Frank Hahn, who was behind the wheel of the car, explains: *“This is really disappointing, this incident made us lose 18 minutes or about 9 or 10 laps. Our excellent position is now gone but David and Jean-François will do everything possible to get the #35 Courage back in a good position.”* Finally, a top-3 was still within reach but the team finished on a 4th place in LMP2.

Germain Liebens, team manager of G-Force, remains optimistic after the Nürburgring adventure. *“We make progression at each meeting; without the technical failure, we could have been 3rd or even 2nd in class. But with ‘if’ you will never win a race... We know that there still is a lot to do and we will continue this way. We go to Turkey and will try to do one or two places better.”*

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