



Norma Driver Trophy Benelux – Round 3: Spa-Francorchamps

Bert Longin and Christoff Corten win at Spa-Francorchamps

- Second win for Krafft Racing this season
- Three hour race before the 24 Hours of Zolder
- Sam Dejonghe leads the Championship

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS - Bert Longin and Christoff Corten took revenge after the bad luck at the previous race in Zolder. The only Norma Driver Trophy Benelux race in Spa-Francorchamps was won by the Flemish Brabant duo on the Norma M20 FC of the French Krafft Racing outfit. Deldiche Racing by JTB saw their two cars end up on the podium, the #111 car of Luc De Cock/Tim Joosen/Tim Verbergt in front of the #110 of Sam Dejonghe/Tom Boonen/Thomas Piessens.

Deldiche Racing had a superb start of the race and Tom Boonen managed to retain first place after starting from pole. During the driver change of the #110 a small fire started at the back of the car. Thomas Piessens, who had taken the wheel, lost some time as a result and also the pitstop of the sister car #111 did not go entirely as planned. As a result, the Krafft Racing Norma M20 FC of Bert Longin and Christoff Corten took the lead after a battle with the Russell Racing by PK Carsport Norma M20 FC of Hans Thiers/Frank Thiers/Jeffrey Van Hooydonk. The #2 car received a drive-through penalty for not respecting the reference time, which ultimately promoted both of the Deldiche Racing Normas to the podium. As a result, Sam Dejonghe also took over the Championship Lead from Jeffrey Van Hooydonk.

Already before the start of this 180 minute race, Bert Longin made clear he was only interested in the victory. *"We really wanted to win this race to prove to ourselves and the world we are ready for the 24 Hours of Zolder. It wasn't easy though. We fought like hell to win and I spent a lot of time in the car, waiting for a safety car that never came. I double-stinted and Christoff took over for the final stint. He managed to keep up the pace which gave us the win in the end."*

Norma Benelux Promotor Vincent Desschans was a very happy man after the race. *"It was not an easy race with a lot of incidents, some of them causing damage to a couple of our cars. The reliability of all of the Norma cars was again perfect and Krafft Racing took a well-deserved win. All of the drivers were happy to race on this Francorchamps track, which suits the Norma M20 FC perfectly."*





We now are ready for the 24 Hours of Zolder. On Wednesday 7 August there's the parade from the track to City Hall in Heusden-Zolder, followed by the practices and Super Pole on Thursday. See you in Zolder!

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Calendar 2019

May 17-19 : DTM (Circuit Zolder – 2 races)

May 31-June 1-2: Superprix (Circuit Zolder)

July 12-13 : 25H VW Fun Cup (Spa-Francorchamps)

August 8-11 : 24H Zolder (Circuit Zolder)

October 5-6 : American Festival NASCAR Finals (Circuit Zolder)

October 19-20 : Finale races (TT Circuit Assen)

