



26th & 27th June 2026

Round 3, Races 5 & 6

Spa, Belgium

The Spa round marked the end of the first half of the exciting GT4 championship for Ford Racing's Development Drivers in Europe. Grids of over 40 cars from 11 different makes (4 British, 4 German, and one each from France, Japan and United States) are evenly matched by a dynamic 'balance of performance' formula which keeps the gaps as small as possible.

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Venue: Spa, Belgium

7.004 km road circuit, 19 turns

Weather: Race 1 wet, 25.4°C / 40.9°C, Race 2 dry, 32.5°C / 41.9°C

45 entries, 21 Silver, 21 Pro-Am, 3 Am

Mustang GT4 Entries:

#61, Academy Motorsport - Nathan Vanspringel (BE) & Erik Evans (USA), Blue / Silver, Ford Racing, Liqui-Moly / ADV Automotive / e-Rock Marketing / Emerald Coast Motor Club

#68, TeamFloral - Michiel Haverans (BE) & Sam Paley (USA), Blue / White, Ford Racing, Grid Seat, Ironwood / The Braxx Collection

Qualifying for Race 1, Saturday afternoon

61, Nathan Vanspringel, 2:29.327, qualified 13th

68, Sam Paley, 2:29.173, qualified 10th

Race 1, 23 Laps, Saturday night

61, Nathan Vanspringel & Erik Evans, finished 7th

68, Michiel Haverans & Sam Paley, finished 4th

Light rain at the start of the first race had teams wondering about a change of tyres to 'wets' but for Spa lap times need to be 14 secs. slower with visible spray for that to be of benefit. With only 5 sec. slower laps and without spray the teams elected to stay out and rely on their drivers' skills. Both Mustangs scored points with Erik Evans bringing the #61 Mustang back up to 7th position after a collision and Team Floral claiming 4th position.

Race 2, 22 Laps, Sunday morning

61, Nathan Vanspringel & Erik Evans finished 35th

68, Michiel Haverans & Sam Paley finished 3rd



Academy Team Principal, Matt Nicoll-Jones said,

"Our pace was good but luck wasn't with Academy for the second race. Spa is very hard on brakes and keeping them cool is key. The Mustang has particularly strong low-end power which makes it a good Spa all-rounder. Unfortunately, Erik suffered a terminal 'off' and was only able to complete 17 of the 22 race laps."

Team Floral's #68 Mustang drivers brought home a 3rd place podium finish which took them up the points table at the mid-season.

2026 European GT4 Silver Drivers Championship after 4 races:

Michiel Haverans & Sam Paley 6th

Marco Signoretti 9th

Cameron McLeod 12th

Nathan Vanspringel & Erik Evans 14th

Jenson Alzman 20th

2026 European GT4 Silver Teams Championship:

Academy Motorsport 7th

TeamFloral 8th



Qualifying for Race 2, Saturday afternoon

61, Erik Evans, 2:29.579, qualified 6th

68, Michiel Haverans, 2:29.499, qualified 4th

2026 European GT4 season upcoming rounds:

Misano, Italy, 18th-19th July

Zandvoort, Netherlands, 19th-20th September

Portimao, Portugal, 17th-18th October

