



Alexander Prinz

Hofor-Racing (#11)

When was you first race together?

Which series and team were you competing with?

A "So the first race we did together was 2017. It was the last race of the NLS season, and it was with Hofor-Racing by Kueperracing."

C "We were racing an SP6-class BMW M3."

What would you say is your best moment in the 24H SERIES whilst you have been teammates?

C "Right after our wedding, in Imola [in 2018], my father surprised us with the sticker 'Just Married' on our AMG [racecar]. They also put, without me knowing, some empty cans on the back of the racecar before I went out for Free Practice. The team showed me the video back in the garage. I think it looked really good! "My father also gave us, as a present, a model of the car, in... 1/16 [scale], I think..."

A "1/12."

C "1/12, with the 'Just Married' sticker and everything. That was really cool. In fact, that whole Imola race after the wedding was so much fun."

A "That weekend, Roland [Eggimann] was still in the car. So we weren't technically teammates then."

C "No, but we had been teammates in the NLS by then."

Any moments stand out for you after you started in the 24H SERIES, Alex?

A "Our first podium at Spa. So that would have been... 2019?..."

C "I was pregnant then."

A "Ah yes, so not 2019! Then it must have been 2018, because Roland couldn't be there, so I was in the car."

C "That was also our first GT3 race together with CREVENTIC."

**Although the Imola 'wedding' race weekend didn't quite go to plan for Hofor-Racing's GT3 Mercedes – a gearbox change meant Chantal, her father Michael, Roland Eggimann, Kenneth Heyer and Christiaan Frankenout finished 6th in-class – the sister 'Hofor Racing by Bonk Motorsport' BMWs secured an impressive 1-2 in CUP1. On top of that, the Mercedes qualified on the overall front row for the second event in succession, one month after securing outright pole position at Navarra.*

Chantal which is Alexander's favourite track?

C "I would say 'the Green Hell!'"

A "Yes. Nürburgring, absolutely!"

And Alexander, which is Chantal's favourite track?

A "Barcelona. She loves Barcelona!"

C "I do love Barcelona. We've done quite well there in the past!"

Which circuit haven't you visited together, but would like to?

A [Long pause] "I would love to go to the Circuit of the Americas. Hofor-Racing did go to Austin with CREVENTIC [in 2017], but I was not driving. It would be nice to do a race there together at some point because I just love that racetrack."

head to head



C "I think going to Austin could be fun! And maybe Bathurst..."

A "Ooooooooh, Bathurst! That would be a dream!"

Chantal, what is Alexander's best quality as a driver?

C "As a driver, he's really quick. Faster than us. Now that we don't have any [PRO] drivers racing with us, Alex does most of the setup work and explains to our mechanics what we need. He's very caring like that: he tends to think about my driving and my father's driving, rather than his own."

And Alexander, what is Chantal's best quality?

A "Chantal is always the calm point in the team. She really holds

everything together. She cares about everything. "Also, as a driver, she's very consistent. We never need to worry about if she's doing something stupid in the car, or taking too many risks. She is still fast but consistent, which is perfect for [the 24H SERIES]. I love to race with her."

Chantal, what is the most embarrassing thing Alexander has done during your time as teammates? And Alex, what's the most embarrassing thing Chantal has done?

C [Long pause] "I know how this sounds! But there is nothing really embarrassing I can really think of..."

A "For me, taking sleeping pictures of my wife!"



Chantal Prinz

Hofor-Racing (#11)
2017 Overall GT Drivers' 'Europe' champion
three-time GT Ladies Cup winner

C "That's not embarrassing, I look cute when I sleep!" [Both laugh] "Sometimes, Alex can get frustrated on-track if he has a problem with another car. If that happens, when he gets back to the pits, he's quite angry when he jumps out of the car. Often he'll walk straight out of the garage – we're all thinking, 'oh, oh, who is he going to? Should we stop him?' – but then he'll calm down really quickly, and talks decently to the other driver!"

Quick fire round! (Answer for each other)

12 Hours, or 24 Hours?

Both together – "24!"

Coffee, tea or Red Bull?

A "Coffee for me, definitely." **C** "And for me...?" **A** "Tea!"

Petrol or electric?

C "Petrol." **A** "Petrol."

Pineapple on pizza: yes or no?

A "No!" **C** "For me, yes."

A "PINEapple?!" [Words can't really do justice to Alex' look of horror here...] "Wrong answer!"

C "I enjoy a Hawaiian pizza. But I don't make them too often at home because I know you don't like it."

Max or Lewis?!

A "Max." **C** "Max."

Chantal, describe Alexander in one word.

C "Perfect!"

A "Bah! Forget that!"

C [Laughs] "Okay, well, 'perfect for me' then, if a sentence is allowed."

And Alexander, describe Chantal in one word. No pressure!

A [Pause] "Is there one word for 'completing you'...?"

CREVENTIC – "Soulmate?"

A "Soulmate! Yes, soulmate!"

C "Oh, I thought you meant 'better half!' " [Laughs]

A "Actually, that's more fun! 'Better half.'"

And finally, which one of you is fastest?!

C "That's easy. It's him!"

CREVENTIC, to Alex – "Do you agree?"

A [After a diplomatic pause] "Well, we could say, er..."

C "No. In the racecar, it's you."

A "Okay, yes, it's me!"

Despite rain spoiling play during qualifying, an incident early on with Willi Motorsport by Ebimotors, and some rear bodywork damage costing them time, Chantal, Alex and Hofor-Racing fightback at the Hankook 24H BARCELONA to finish 3rd in GT3-Am. The #11 Mercedes-AMG GT3 even secured the podium spot, in grandstand fashion, on the very final lap!