

Jaxon Evans to race for Lechner Racing in 2020 Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup

06/03/2020 The two Porsche Juniors Jaxon Evans and Ayhan Güven have signed for their respective teams for the upcoming 2020 Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup season.

Evans (New Zealand) will compete for Lechner Racing (Austria), with Güven (Turkey) driving for the French squad Martini by Alméras.

For both young drivers, this marks their second season in the international one-make cup, which is contested as support to European Formula 1 events. The youngsters receive funding to the value of 225,000 Euros and mentoring from the former Porsche works driver Sascha Maassen as well as media seminars, mental coaching and sports medicine support.

"Anyone who performs well in the top-class field of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup is well prepared for a career as a professional race driver," said Oliver Schwab, project manager of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup.

"Many top international talents took the decisive career step in the Supercup and then went on to become works drivers. We're pleased that the two ambitious racers Jaxon Evans and Ayhan Güven joined our strong grid line-up again this year."

The season kicks off with the first round of the European Formula 1 season at the Circuit Zandvoort (1-3 March).

Evans to race for defending champions, adds Nürburgring

Jaxon Evans joined the Porsche Motorsport Junior Programme at the beginning of last year, following his championship victory in the 2018 Porsche Carrera Cup Australia.

This season, the 23-year-old will race under the supervision of the Austrian team Lechner Racing. The squad from Faistenau won the team championship title for the last six years and also produced the overall winner for the last four years.

"2020 will be an exciting year for me. I'm happy to compete for one of the best teams in Supercup history and fight for the championship with them. I hope our time together will be successful," said Evans.

At the final round of the 2019 Supercup in Mexico, the New Zealander scored a podium result, and concluded the season ranking seventh overall. Over and above his Supercup commitments, the resident of Stuttgart will contest selected rounds of the Porsche Carrera Cup France.

Moreover, he will tackle some of the Nürburgring endurance championship races to gain experience on the legendary Nordschleife.

The new Porsche Junior Ayhancan Güven also made his debut last year in the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup. Right up until the final round in Mexico City, the 22-year-old was a hot contender for the title. Ultimately, he achieved second place overall and took home the rookie championship title. This season, Güven returns to make a renewed bid for the title with the Martinet by Alméras team from France: "We were really successful as a team last year so I'm sure that it's a good decision to keep working in this constellation. I've used the winter break to prepare intensively and I can hardly wait for the season to start." Güven also contests the Porsche Carrera Cup France this season. The highlight of the one-make cup is the joint race with the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland as part of the legendary 24 Hours of Le Mans. Like Evans, Güven will also tackle selected events of the Nürburgring endurance championship.

Traditionally, the successful junior development programme has played an important role at Porsche. Since 1997, the Stuttgart automobile manufacturer has supported talented youngsters on their journey to becoming professional racing drivers. From the current squad of works driver and Young Professionals, Earl Bamber (New Zealand), Matt Campbell (Australia), Michael Christensen (Denmark), Mathieu Jaminet (France), Patrick Long (USA), Sven Müller (Germany), Julien Andlauer (France) and Thomas Preining (Austria) completed their training in the Porsche Motorsport Junior Programme.

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