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Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland, race 3, Spielberg/Austria

### **First win of the season for Thomas Preining at home race in Spielberg**

**Stuttgart.** Porsche Junior Thomas Preining (BTW Lechner Racing) celebrated a special success at round three of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland on the Red Bull Ring: The Austrian won his home race in Styria at the wheel of his 485 hp Porsche 911 GT3 Cup. Second place at Saturday's race went to Preining's teammate Michael Ammermüller from Germany, with third place going to Larry ten Voorde (Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) from the Netherlands. "I was determined to win this race and I'm thrilled about my home race result. The safety car at the end made things really exciting, but I kept my cool at the restart," said Preining.

In sunny weather and a temperature of 26 degrees Celsius, 35 cars rolled onto the grid for Saturday's race, with Preining at the front. After the lights turned green, the 19-year-old pulled clear of the field. Ammermüller, who had started from third, beat ten Voorde in the sprint to the first corner. Preining had eked out a 2.8-second lead, until the safety car was deployed in lap 14 and the field closed up again. When the race finally went green with just one lap to go, fans were treated to a gripping final sprint. Preining defended his position and swept over the finish line after 17 laps as the winner. The youngster from Linz was also the best driver from the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland Talent Pool, the one-make cup's junior development programme. Ammermüller achieved second place just 0.4-seconds shy of the winner. "Thomas Preining drove a flawless race today. So, I'm happy with second place and for earning important points towards the overall standings," said Ammermüller.

The third podium step was occupied by 21-year-old ten Voorde. "I got away a tad too late at the start and that cost me second place. Still, third is a super result for me," said ten Voorde. One second behind the driver from the Dutch town of Boekelo, Porsche Junior Julien Andlauer (Martinet by ALMERAS) finished fourth. The Frenchman used the race as a rehearsal for the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup round that will be contested in Spielberg at the end of June as support to the Formula One race. "I had an intensive but fair duel with Luca Rettenbacher for fourth place. I waited patiently and managed to overtake him in the twelfth lap," said Andlauer.

Fifth place went to guest driver Florian Latorre (Martinet by ALMERAS) from France ahead of Luca Rettenbacher (A/MSG/HRT Motorsport). Poland's Robert Lukas (Förch Racing) scored seventh on the 4.318-kilometre racetrack. The best rookie driver was Jacob Eidson (Team Project 1) from the USA, with the 23-year-old finishing eighth. In the amateur classification, guest starter Wolfgang Triller (D/Raceunion) held the top spot. Second in this class went to Jörn Schmidt-Staade (D/Cito Pretiosa) followed by Sören Spreng (D/Black Falcon).

With 70 points, Ammermüller holds the overall lead in the one-make cup standings after three races, followed by Lukas in second with 47 points. Dylan Pereira ranks third (L/Lechner Racing) with 41 points. Holding 61 points, Pereira is the best driver in the rookie classification. Schmidt-Staade leads the class for amateur drivers with 75 points.

Fabian Fröhlich presented the trophies on the podium. The winner of "Mister Central Germany 2016/17" also got a look behind the scenes of the one-make cup and shared his impressions on his Instagram account @fabian\_froehlich. The social media producer will be back on Sunday when round four of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland takes off at 11:40 hrs as support to the ADAC GT Masters.

### **Result race 3:**

1. Thomas Preining (A/BWT Lechner Racing)
2. Michael Ammermüller (D/BWT Lechner Racing)

3. Larry ten Voorde (NL/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1)
4. Julien Andlauer (F/Martinet by ALMERAS)
5. Florian Latorre (F/Martinet by ALMERAS)
6. Luca Rettenbacher (A/MSG/HRT Motorsport)
7. Robert Lukas (PL/Förch Racing)
8. Jacob Eidson (USA/Team Project 1)
9. Tim Zimmermann (D/Black Falcon TMD Friction)
10. Jean-Baptiste Simmenauer (F/Lechner Racing)

**Points standings after 3 of 14 races:**

Driver classification

1. Michael Ammermüller (D/BWT Lechner Racing), 70 points
2. Robert Lukas (PL/Förch Racing), 47 points
3. Dylan Pereira (L/Lechner Racing), 41 points

Rookie classification

1. Dylan Pereira (L/Lechner Racing), 61 points
2. Jacob Eidson (USA/Team Project 1), 58 points
3. Tim Zimmermann (D/Black Falcon TMD Friction), 42 points

Amateur classification

1. Jörn Schmidt-Staade (D/Cito Pretiosa), 75 points
2. Kim André Hauschild (D/MSG/HRT Motorsport), 40 points
3. Andreas Sczepansky (D/QA Racing by Kurt Ecke), 39 points

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