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Race, Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup, Round 1, Formula 1 race at Spielberg, Austria

Porsche Junior Jaxon Evans starts the season with a perfect lights-to-flag win

Stuttgart. A commanding performance from Porsche Junior Jaxon Evans (BWT Lechner Racing) at round one of the 2020 Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup. The New Zealander took up the race at the Red Bull Ring from pole position and led the field over the entire 17-lap distance. "A perfect start to the season. The first outing for my new team and the first victory – it can go on like this," grinned Evans, who finished less than a second ahead of his teammate Dylan Pereira. "I changed a couple of details on the suspension setup between the qualifying and the race and that worked really well," said the Luxembourger, who started from fourth on the grid and promptly made up two places in the first lap.

With Leon Köhler taking the flag in third place, the squad of the legendary Austrian team principal Walter Lechner celebrated a triple success at its home race on the 4.318-kilometre Red Bull Ring in Styria: The 20-year-old from Bavaria was also the fastest of the nine rookies. "I really didn't expect this," said Köhler, somewhat surprised by his own performance. "I was easily able to match the pace of my two teammates. Let's see if I can do even better in the next race."

Behind the leading Lechner trio, heated battles for positions developed. While pursuing the frontrunners, Porsche Junior Ayhancan Güven (TR/Martinet by Alméras) allegedly overdid it, according to the steward of the meeting. Because he repeatedly veered from the officially marked track, he was handed a five-second penalty. After crossing the finish line in fourth place, he was subsequently relegated to eighth. As a result, Larry ten Voorde (NL/Team GP Elite) moved up the ranks, just five-tenths of a second ahead

of Florian Latorre (F/CLRT) and rookie Jean-Baptiste Simmenauer (F/Lechner Racing Middle East). Finishing seventh, Marvin Klein (F/Martinet by Alméras) also underlined the talent of the young guns. Rounding off the top ten behind Porsche Junior Ayhancan Güven were Marius Nakken (N/Dinamic Motorsport) and Laurin Heinrich (D/MRS GT-Racing). Mateo Llarena (GT), who at the age of 16 years, four months and ten days is the youngest competitor by now to contest a Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup race, secured position 19.

In the ProAm category, the Austrian Philipp Sager (Dinamic Motorsport) celebrated a home victory. Roar Lindland (N/Pierre Martinet by Alméras), who was forced to call on his mechanics after the formation lap to fix a technical problem and thus had to take up the race from the pit lane, came second. The third podium spot in the ProAm class was occupied by Stéphane Denoual (F/Pierre Martinet by Alméras).

The next round of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup is scheduled for next weekend, as support to the Styrian Grand Prix again held at the Red Bull Ring (10 to 12 July 2020). The race will get underway on Sunday at 12.30 p.m. TV channel Eurosport as well as the streaming service F1 TV, will broadcast the race live.

Result race 1 of 8, Spielberg/Austria, 5 July 2020
1. Jaxon Evans (NZ/BWT Lechner Racing), 26.14.443 minutes
2. Dylan Pereira (L/BWT Lechner Racing), + 0.728 seconds
3. Leon Köhler (D/Lechner Racing Middle East), + 1.721 seconds
4. Larry ten Voorde (NL/Team GP Elite), + 6.609 seconds
5. Florian Latorre (F/CLRT), + 7.129 seconds
6. Jean-Baptiste Simmenauer (F/Lechner Racing Middle East), + 7.316 seconds

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