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Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland, race 4, Spielberg/Austria

Lights-to-flag victory for Thomas Preining in Styria

Stuttgart. The Carrera Cup weekend at the Red Bull Ring could not have gone better for Thomas Preining (BWT Lechner Racing). After clinching his first win of the season on Saturday, the Austrian again crossed the finish line first at Spielberg on Sunday. “That was a perfect weekend. Michael Ammermüller put me under pressure at the start, but I stayed calm and I didn’t give him a chance to overtake,” said Preining. Michael Ammermüller (BWT Lechner Racing) from Germany scored second place in his 485 hp Porsche 911 GT3 Cup. Third place at round four of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland went to Larry ten Voorde (Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) from the Netherlands.

Preining took off into the race from pole position in the 35-strong field in sunshine and a temperature of 29 degrees Celsius. The 19-year-old managed to defend his lead off the line. Starting from the second grid spot, Ammermüller stuck close to his teammate’s bumper. Additional suspense was provided by the safety car, which was deployed in lap five. Although the field bunched up, Preining refused to relinquish his lead over the entire distance. After 17 laps, the youngster from Linz took the flag as the winner with a 1.1-second advantage over Ammermüller. This also made him the best driver in the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland Talent Pool, the junior development programme of the one-make cup. “In the first lap I stuck close to Thomas Preining, but I couldn’t find a way past him. On top of that I had to keep an eye on the tyre temperature, as it increases in the slipstream,” said Ammermüller.

On the rollercoaster circuit in Styria, ten Voorde achieved third. “I’m really pleased to be on the podium in such a large field. The gaps between us were small and the race was great fun,” said ten Voorde. One second behind the 21-year-old, the French guest driver Florian Latorre (Martinet by ALMERAS) crossed the finish line in fourth. Fifth place went to Igor Walilko (Raceunion). The Polish driver ended the race on the 4.318-kilometre racetrack as the best rookie. Glenn van Parijs (MRS GT-Racing) from Belgium came sixth. Dylan Pereira (Lechner Racing) treated spectators to a spirited pursuit through the field: The Luxembourger, who celebrated his 21st birthday, ploughed from 31st at the start to seventh, only to be thrown out of contention by a puncture in the ninth lap.

Taking up the race from fourth on the grid, the Porsche Junior Julien Andlauer (Martinet by ALMERAS) had to retire early from the race in lap five. “Unfortunately a stone put a hole in the radiator causing my car to lose fluid. It’s a pity, because I wanted to get to know the track better in the two races. Still, I was fast in the first laps,” explained Andlauer. The Frenchman used the race as preparation 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. The best driver in the amateur class was Jörn Schmidt-Staade (D/Cito Pretiosa) followed by his German teammate Stefan Rehkopf and guest driver Wolfgang Triller (D/Raceunion).

After four rounds, Ammermüller continues to lead the championship. With 90 points, the 32-year-old lies first ahead of Preining who has earned 64 points. Third place in the series is occupied by ten Voorde with 53 points. Pereira ranks first in the rookie classification with 71 points. The best driver in the class for amateur drivers is Schmidt-Staade. The racer from Düsseldorf has earned 100 points.

As special guests, “Mister Central Germany 2016/17”, Fabian Fröhlich, and “Mister Austria 2013”, Philipp Knefz, visited the paddock of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland. The two social media producers followed the race on Sunday live from the racetrack and shared their impressions on their Instagram accounts

@fabian_froehlich and @philippknefz.

The Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland now heads into the summer break. The next doubleheader will be run from 3 to 5 August as support to the ADAC GT Masters at the Nürburgring. The national one-make cup will be joined for the two races by the Porsche Carrera Cup Scandinavia. Including the guest starters from the Scandinavian racing series, 44 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup will line up on the grid.

Result race 4:

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. Florian Latorre (F/Martinet by ALMERAS)
5. Igor Walilko (PL/Raceunion)
6. Glenn van Parijs (B/MRS GT-Racing)
7. Marius Nakken (N/MRS GT-Racing)
8. Henric Skoog (S/Raceunion)
9. Tim Zimmermann (D/Black Falcon TMD Friction)
10. Jean-Baptiste Simmenauer (F/Lechner Racing)

Points standings after 4 of 14 races:

Driver classification

1. Michael Ammermüller (D/BWT Lechner Racing), 90 points
2. Thomas Preining (A/BWT Lechner Racing), 64 points
3. Larry ten Voorde (NL/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1), 53 points

Rookie classification

1. Dylan Pereira (L/Lechner Racing), 71 points
2. Tim Zimmermann (D/Black Falcon TMD Friction), 63 points
3. Jacob Eidson (USA/Team Project 1), 51 points

Amateur classification

1. Jörn Schmidt-Staade (D/Cito Pretiosa), 100 points
2. Andreas Sczepansky (D/QA Racing by Kurt Ecke), 50 points
3. Sören Spreng (D/Black Falcon), 47 points

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