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Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup, Qualifying, round 8, Formula 1 race at Monza/Italy

Ammermüller claims pole position in the Royal Park of Monza

Stuttgart. Michael Ammermüller (BWT Lechner Racing) secured the perfect starting position on Saturday for round eight of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup. During qualifying, the German lapped the Autodromo Nazionale Monza in northern Italy in a time of 1:49.551 minutes to claim pole position. “Because of the rain on Friday, we took very little data from free practice into the qualifying. I’m pleased with pole position, particularly since the first corner is really tight. The further up the field you are, the less risk there is of a collision,” said Ammermüller, the current leader of the championship. Lining up next to him on the front grid row is the 485 hp Porsche 911 GT3 Cup driven by Porsche Junior Thomas Preining (A/BWT Lechner Racing). Italian Mattia Drudi (Dinamic Motorsport) takes up the race on Sunday in front of home crowds from the third grid spot.

After rain fell on the storied racetrack close to Milan in the morning, by the time the qualifying began the sun had come out with temperatures reaching 19 degrees Celsius. Preining drove the fastest lap after five minutes, however local hero Drudi slashed the 20-year-old’s top time twice. For the decisive eight minutes of the half-hour session, all 31 drivers switched to fresh tyres. Spectators on the Formula 1 grandstands were treated to a gripping session, which was only decided in the final minutes of the qualifying. Twenty-year-old Drudi posted another fastest lap but was only at the top of the time sheets for a matter of seconds. In his final flying lap, Ammermüller clocked the best time of the day. Porsche Junior Preining also put in a blistering pace shortly before the end of the session. In a time of 1:49.687 minutes, the race driver from Linz in Austria claimed the second grid spot. “I have nothing to lose in the championship and

I'll put on some serious pressure to get ahead in the race. Second on the grid is a perfect starting position to do this," said Preining.

At his home race, Drudi will tackle the race on Sunday from third on the grid. The 20-year-old set his fastest lap time in 1:49.752 minutes. "Recently I've performed better in the race than in qualifying. That makes me optimistic. To win at Monza would be a dream come true," stated Drudi. Occupying the fourth grid spot on the 5.793-kilometre racetrack is Zaid Ashkanani (MRS GT-Racing) from Kuwait. Nick Yelloly (GB/Fach Auto Tech) starts from position five ahead of Florian Latorre (F/martinet by ALMERAS). Heading into the race on the high-speed circuit in Monza's Royal Park from seventh on the grid is Dutchman Larry ten Voorde (Team Project 1), with the eighth grid spot taken by Jaap van Lagen (NL/Fach Auto Tech). The fastest in the ProAm category was Roar Lindland (Lechner Racing Middle East) from Norway.

Three drivers contest their home race in the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup this weekend. The Italians Drudi (Misano Adriatico), Gianmarco Quaresmini (Castegnato) and Alberto Cerqui (Preseglie) all drive for the Dinamic Motorsport squad. The team is based in the city of Reggio Emilia in northern Italy.

Round eight of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup takes off at 12.10 hrs local time on Sunday. As a service to fans, the race can be watched via live timing and web radio on www.racecam.de. Eurosport broadcasts the race in more than 60 countries. Moreover, the TV channel Sky airs the international one-make cup series live in both the UK and Italy.

Qualifying Monza:

1. Michael Ammermüller (D/BWT Lechner Racing), 1:49.551 minutes
2. Thomas Preining (A/BWT Lechner Racing), 1:49.687 minutes
3. Mattia Drudi (I/Dinamic Motorsport), 1:49.752 minutes
4. Zaid Ashkanani (KWT/MRS GT-Racing), 1:49.882 minutes
5. Nick Yelloly (GB/Fach Auto Tech), 1:50.109 minutes

6. Florian Latorre (F/martinet by ALMERAS), 1:50.120 minutes
7. Larry ten Voorde (NL/Team Project 1), 1:50.165 minutes
8. Jaap van Lagen (NL/Fach Auto Tech), 1:50.219 minutes
9. Mikkel O. Pedersen (DK/MRS GT-Racing), 1:50.241 minutes
10. Al Faisal Al Zubair (OMN/Lechner Racing Middle East), 1:50.324 minutes

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