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Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland, race 6, Nürburgring

Thomas Preining scores fourth win of the season at the Nürburgring

Stuttgart. For Porsche Junior Thomas Preining (BWT Lechner Racing), this weekend could not have been better: After clinching a lights-to-flag victory on Saturday, the Austrian went on to score the sixth round of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland from pole position. Preining crossed the finish line first against 43 rivals at Sunday's race on the Nürburgring, which was contested together with the Porsche Carrera Cup Scandinavia. As a result, he slashed the gap to the championship leader Michael Ammermüller (D/BWT Lechner Racing) to just nine points. "I won the sprint to the first corner at the start and that was decisive. Shortly before the flag I had to lap some slower competitors, but I stayed focussed and I didn't let it stress me out," said Preining. Behind the 20-year-old's 485 hp Porsche 911 GT3 Cup, Ammermüller took the flag in second place, with third place going to Jaap van Lagen (Förch Racing) from the Netherlands.

The German and Scandinavian one-make race series lined up on the grid together this weekend. In sunshine and a temperature of 25-degrees Celsius, the 44 drivers from eleven countries treated fans to some gripping race action in the hilly Eifel region. Preining took up the race from pole position and defended his lead to the flag. Over the entire 19-lap distance, the Austrian race driver from Linz refused to relinquish his front spot and crossed the finish line two seconds ahead of Ammermüller. The talented youngster received the trophy for his fourth win of the season from the former WRC champion Stig Blomqvist. Preining's teammate headed into the race from the third grid spot and with a catapult start beat van Lagen in the sprint to the first corner. The German race driver then proceeded to gradually pull clear of his

competitors. “My start was great. Afterwards I tried to keep up with Thomas Preining but he was simply too fast,” said Ammermüller.

Van Lagen reached the flag 4.7 seconds behind the 32-year-old. “Ammermüller drove to the outside after the start and so he was on the better line in the second corner. Still, two podiums in one weekend is a super result,” said van Lagen. Marius Nakken (MRS GT-Racing) celebrated his best result of the 2018 season. The Norwegian secured fourth place on Germany’s tradition-steeped racetrack after successfully fending off ten Voorde (Team Deutsche Post by Project 1). Although the Dutchman put Nakken under increasing pressure in the final laps, the 24-year-old gave him no chance to overtake.

Sixth place on the 3.629-kilometre sprint track of the Nürburgring went to Henric Skoog (Raceunion) from Sweden, with Robert Lukas (PL/Förch Racing) claiming seventh ahead of Toni Wolf (D/Car Collection Motorsport). Gustav Malja (S/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) was the best rookie on ninth place. Igor Walilko (Raceunion) from Poland rounded off the top ten. The best driver in the amateur class was Carlos Rivas (Black Falcon Team TMD Friction) from Luxembourg. Behind him came the two German drivers from the Cito Pretiosa team, Stefan Rehkopf and Jörn Schmidt-Staade.

After two wins from six races, Ammermüller still holds first place in the championship with 123 points. Preining lies second nine points behind. Ten Voorde ranks third with 80 points. The best driver in the rookie category is Dylan Pereira (L/Lechner Racing) with 109 points. Schmidt-Staade leads the amateur classification after earning 136 points.

The next two rounds of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland will also be contested on the Nürburgring. The national one-make cup will compete for the first time in its history as support to the AvD Oldtimer Grand Prix from 10-12 August. The classic car festival is one of the world’s most popular events for historic vehicles.

Result race 6 of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland:

1. Thomas Preining (A/BWT Lechner Racing)
2. Michael Ammermüller (D/BWT Lechner Racing)
3. Jaap van Lagen (NL/Förch Racing)
4. Marius Nakken (N/MRS GT-Racing)
5. Larry ten Voorde (NL/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1)
6. Henric Skoog (S/Raceunion)
7. Robert Lukas (PL/Förch Racing)
8. Toni Wolf (D/Car Collection Motorsport)
9. Gustav Malja (S/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1)
10. Igor Walilko (PL/Raceunion)

Points standings after 6 of 14 races:

Driver classification

1. Michael Ammermüller (D/BWT Lechner Racing), 123 points
2. Thomas Preining (A/BWT Lechner Racing), 114 points
3. Larry ten Voorde (NL/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1), 80 points

Rookie classification

1. Dylan Pereira (L/Lechner Racing), 109 points
2. Gustav Malja (S/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1), 83 points
3. Tim Zimmermann (D/Black Falcon Team TMD Friction), 79 points

Amateur classification

1. Jörn Schmidt-Staade (D/Cito Pretiosa), 136 points
2. Stefan Rehkopf (D/Cito Pretiosa), 82 points
3. Andreas Sczepansky (D/QA Racing by Kurt Ecke), 74 points

Team classification

1. BWT Lechner Racing, 237 points
2. Team Deutsche Post by Project 1, 114 points
3. Förch Racing, 89 points

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