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Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland, Race 12, Sachsenring

Thomas Preining celebrates double victory at the Sachsenring

Stuttgart. In the fight for the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland title, Thomas Preining (A/BWT Lechner Racing) is in an excellent situation heading to the season finale: After finishing Saturday's race in first place, the Porsche Junior went on to secure his eighth win of the season at round twelve on Sunday. "I positioned my car at a slight angle on the grid so that I could grab the inside line as fast as possible. That's where the racetrack goes slightly steeper downhill. Michael Ammermüller attempted to attack right after the start, but I did a good job fending him off. Now I can travel to Hockenheim feeling confident," said Preining. Michael Ammermüller (D/BWT Lechner Racing) finished on second in his 485 hp Porsche 911 GT3 Cup with Larry ten Voorde (NL/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) completing the podium. The championship will be decided between Preining (229 points) and Ammermüller (202 points). At the final two races at the Hockenheimring Baden-Württemberg, 50 points are still up for grabs.

A total of 26 vehicles lined up on the grid for Sunday's race in sunshine and 24-degrees Celsius. With a rocket start from pole position, Preining immediately took the lead. Starting from second on the grid, Ammermüller settled in behind Preining. The German race driver waited for the youngster to make a mistake, however Preining gradually increased the gap over the course of the race. In the 14th lap, the safety car was deployed while a vehicle was recovered from a gravel trap. At the restart two laps later, the cards had been reshuffled. 20-year-old Preining successfully defended his top spot and took the flag in first place after 19 laps. Ammermüller followed him over the line 1.2 seconds later. "I couldn't do better than second place. Thomas

Preining quickly moved to the inside at the start and left me no gap,” said Ammermüller. For the seasoned specialist, this marks the eighth podium finish this season.

Third place on the 3.645-kilometre racetrack was occupied by ten Voorde. The Project 1 driver started from third on the grid, but lost his position to Toni Wolf (D/Car Collection Motorsport) in the first lap. Ten Voorde then stuck to the bumper of the 19-year-old German. In lap 13, the driver from Boekelo in the Netherlands made his move and snatched back third place. “Unfortunately I fell back after the start but I don’t let such things worry me. I then waited for my chance and grabbed it,” said ten Voorde. Toni Wolf competed in front of home crowds this weekend. The driver from Schönbrunn in Saxony concluded the race on fourth place – and achieved his best result of the season so far.

Fifth place on the storied racetrack in Hohenstein-Ernstthal went to Igor Walilko (Raceunion). For the Polish driver, this meant first place in the rookie class. Tim Zimmermann (D/Black Falcon Team TMD Friction) secured sixth, with Marius Nakken (N/MRS GT-Racing) on seventh. Eighth place was taken by Michael de Quesada (USA/Team Project 1). Carlos Rivas (Black Falcon Team TMD Friction) scored victory in the amateur class. This marked the sixth time the Luxembourger has been the best driver in his category. Second in the amateur class went to Jörn Schmidt-Staade (D/Cito Pretiosa), with his compatriot Stefan Rehkopf (Cito Pretiosa) crossing the finish line in third.

Races 13 and 14 make up the final weekend of this year’s Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland. Both races will be contested on the Hockenheimring Baden-Württemberg as part of the ADAC GT Masters weekend from 21-23 September. The national one-make cup series has been contested on the tradition-steeped racetrack in Germany’s Upper Rhine Valley every year since its maiden season in 1990.

Result race 12:

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. Toni Wolf (D/Car Collection Motorsport)
5. Igor Walilko (PL/Raceunion)
6. Tim Zimmermann (D/Black Falcon Team TMD Friction)
7. Marius Nakken (N/MRS GT-Racing)
8. Michael de Quesada (USA/Team Project 1)
9. Gustav Malja (S/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1)
10. Jacob Eidson (USA/Team Project 1)

Points standings after 12 of 14 races:

Drivers' classification

1. Thomas Preining (A/BWT Lechner Racing), 229 points
2. Michael Ammermüller (D/BWT Lechner Racing), 202 points
3. Larry ten Voorde (NL/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1), 149 points

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