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Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland, race 4, Lausitzring

Austrian Philipp Eng clinches hard-fought victory in the Lausitz

Stuttgart. Philipp Eng (Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) has won Saturday's Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland race on the Lausitzring. At the wheel of his 460 hp Porsche 911 GT3 Cup, the 25-year-old Austrian beat Michael Ammermüller (D/The Heart of Racing by Lechner) and Nicki Thiim (DK/KÜS Team 75 Bernhard) to the flag. This result puts the native of Salzburg at the top of the overall rankings of Porsche's one-make championship. "That was a tough race. I'm extremely pleased to have scored my first win of the season for my team," said Eng after the award ceremony.

Although at first the race looked like a straightforward lights-to-flag victory, spectators were in for a real last-lap treat. After qualifying on pole several hours early, Eng made a cracking start to pull clear of the 23-strong field and hold a convincing lead until the twelfth lap. But Ammermüller suddenly loomed large in Eng's rear vision mirror to sit only 0.3 seconds behind the Austrian. The Bavarian looked ready to snatch the lead. Thiim, however, also closed the gap to the front-runners and put Ammermüller under pressure. This gave Eng the chance he needed to take the flag 0.5 seconds ahead of the field of identical, near-standard sports cars. "Second place is okay," explained Ammermüller. "Unfortunately it wasn't possible to overtake. It would have been easier if I hadn't come under so much pressure from behind." After winning in the Lausitz in 2011, 2012 and 2013, Thiim stated: "We had a great three-way fight. I enjoyed climbing the podium here again. The season can continue like this."

After 18 laps on the 3.478 kilometre circuit, Spaniard Alex Riberas (The Heart of Racing by Lechner) clinched fourth place ahead of Robert Renauer (D/Herberth Motorsport). The previous points' leader, Jeffrey Schmidt (CH/Lechner Racing Middle East), finished on sixth. Jaap van Lagen (NL/Lechner Racing Middle East) crossed the finish line in seventh in front of Christopher Zöchling (A/Konrad Motorsport). Ninth place went to Porsche Junior Connor de Phillippi (USA/Land-Motorsport). "I started on twelfth and managed to make up some places. I still have fresh tyres for Sunday's race so I'm curious to see what happens," said de Phillippi. Securing 13th place, Porsche Junior Matteo Cairoli (I/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) earned all-important points towards the championship. "We still have a few things to tweak on the setup for Sunday's race. I lost two places at the start today but luckily I managed to make up those two positions in the race. Things are not yet running as I would like," explained the 18 year old, for whom this year marks his first season in the German Carrera Cup.

Eng leads the overall rankings with 60 points ahead of Riberas and Schmidt (both on 52 points). The amateur classification is led by Wolf Nathan (NL/Land-Motorsport). Race five of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland starts on Sunday at 10.35 hours.

Race 4 result:

1. Philipp Eng (A/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1)
2. Michael Ammermüller (D/The Heart of Racing by Lechner)
3. Nicki Thiim (DK/KÜS Team 75 Bernhard)
4. Alex Riberas (E/The Heart of Racing by Lechner)
5. Robert Renauer (D/Herberth Motorsport)
6. Jeffrey Schmidt (CH/Lechner Racing Middle East)
7. Jaap van Lagen (NL/Lechner Racing Middle East)
8. Christopher Zöchling (A/Konrad Motorsport)
9. Connor de Phillippi (USA/Land-Motorsport)
10. Mike Halder (D/Aust Motorsport)

Points' standings after 4 of 17 races:

Driver classification

1. Philipp Eng (A/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1), 60 points
2. Alex Riberas (E/The Heart of Racing by Lechner), 52 points
3. Jeffrey Schmidt (CH/Lechner Racing Middle East), 52 points
4. Christian Engelhart (D/TECE MRS-Racing), 45 points
5. Michael Ammermüller (D/The Heart of Racing by Lechner), 41 points

Rookie classification

1. Richard Charles Goddard (AUS/TECE MRS-Racing), 5 points
2. Alexander Toril (E/Market Leader Team by Project 1), 3 points
3. Pepe Massot (E/KÜS Team 75 Bernhard), 3 points

Amateur classification

1. Wolf Nathan (NL/Land-Motorsport), 70 points
2. Rolf Ineichen (CH/Konrad Motorsport), 60 points
3. Ralf Bohn (D/Herberth Motorsport), 36 points

Team classification

1. The Heart of Racing by Lechner, 93 points
2. Team Deutsche Post by Project 1, 92 points
3. Lechner Racing Middle East, 85 points

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