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Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup, Qualifying Round 5, Formula 1 race at Silverstone/Great Britain

Porsche Junior Olsen posts pole position at Silverstone

Stuttgart. The qualifying of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup in Britain's Silverstone turned into a game of poker after rain was predicted for the end of the session. Fuelled by adrenaline, Porsche Junior Dennis Olsen (N/Walter Lechner Racing Team) headed into the qualifying session and promptly planted his Porsche on the first grid spot in his second fast lap. "I'm totally thrilled with my first pole position in the Supercup. I still had another faster time up my sleeve, but shortly before the end of the session it began to drizzle and I didn't want to fly off the track," explained Olsen. Taking up the race from second for the first time alongside the Norwegian is Dylan Pereira (Lechner Racing Middle East) from Luxembourg. Josh Webster (GB/Fach Auto Tech) and Michael Ammermüller (D/Lechner MSG Racing Team) occupy the second grid row in positions three and four.

With an outside temperature of 15 degrees Celsius, low clouds hung over the storied British racetrack. After the torrential downpour drama of last year, the 32 drivers went out in search of fast lap times with their new 485 hp Porsche 911 GT3 Cup racers shod with the first set of fresh tyres. Olsen clocked a top time of 2:04.842 minutes after seven minutes, which none of the other pilots managed to beat by the end of the 30-minute qualifying. Ammermüller, who set the second quickest time early in the session, made another attempt on the 5.891-kilometre circuit with nearly six minutes left to the qualifying.

However, two minutes before the end of the session, 20-year-old Pereira edged out the seasoned Porsche rival and snatched position two with a time of 2:04.951

minutes. Webster, who has a great deal of experience at Silverstone, made a successful last-ditch effort to clinch the spot directly behind in a time of 2:05.015 minutes. "I saw raindrops on my windscreen, but still I managed to get a free run at my final attempt. If I could bring home a podium result on home turf tomorrow, well that would of course be fantastic. I'll do my very best!" Ammermüller ultimately had to settle for position four.

The fifth quickest time went to Porsche Junior Matt Campbell (Fach Auto Tech). "Starting from fifth on the grid at Silverstone makes my job somewhat harder, because overtaking is always difficult in a strong field. The circuit was a little slippery, but the conditions were the same for us all, of course. I've never competed here before so we'll see how things pan out in the race," said the 22-year-old Australian. Sweden's Philip Morin (S/Martinet by Almeras) occupied position six. The amateur driver Roar Lindland turned heads with his result. In the 32-strong field, the 40-year-old businessman, who competes for MRS Cup Racing, qualified on seventh. "That's the best qualifying result that I've achieved so far in the Supercup. Obviously I'm proud that I could produce such a good time as an amateur driver," said Lindland.

Race five on Sunday gets underway at 11.30 hrs (CEST). As a service for the fans, live timing is now available on www.racecam.de. Eurosport broadcasts the race in 60 countries. Viewers in Germany, Great Britain and Italy can witness the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup live on Sky TV.

Qualifying Silverstone*

1. Dennis Olsen (N/Walter Lechner Racing Team), 2:04.842 minutes
2. Dylan Pereira (L/Lechner Racing Middle East), 2:04.951
3. Josh Webster (GB/Fach Auto Tech), 2:05.015
4. Michael Ammermüller (D/Lechner MSG Racing Team), 2:05.078
5. Matt Campbell (AUS/Fach Auto Tech), 2:05.248
6. Philip Morin (S/Martinet by Almeras), 2:05.295
7. Roar Lindland (S/MRS Cup-Racing), 2:05.358

8. Mattia Drudi (I/Dinamic Motorsport), 2:05.363
9. Daniel Cammish (GB/Lechner MSG Racing Team), 2:05.393
10. Charlie Eastwood (GB/Porsche Cars GB), 2:05.400

*Provisional result

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