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Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland, race 5, Lausitzring

### **Philipp Eng bolsters his overall lead**

**Stuttgart.** With a double victory under his belt, Philipp Eng (A/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) travels home from the Lausitzring. The 25 year old won race four on Saturday and the fifth round on Sunday. “My good preparation paid off. I’m very fit, I’m totally focused on my driving and I’m thrilled with these two victories,” said Eng. On the race track situated about 60 kilometres from Dresden, Eng beat Michael Ammermüller (D/The Heart of Racing by Lechner) and Nicki Thiim (DK/KÜS Team 75 Bernhard) to the flag on Saturday in his 460 hp Porsche 911 GT3 Cup, and on Sunday outpaced Robert Renauer (D/Herberth Motorsport) and Ammermüller.

In the race over 83.472 kilometres, the 23-strong field treated spectators to gripping duels and exciting overtaking manoeuvres. Taking off into the race from second on the grid, 30-year-old Renauer made an attempt for the lead spot, only to have his attack foiled by Eng. “I’m totally happy with second place. This is also a great result for the boys from my team,” said Renauer after the award ceremony. Ammermüller overtook his Lechner teammate Jeffrey Schmidt (CH/Lechner Racing Middle East) in the first few metres and safely brought home third place, with Schmidt following him over the finish line in fourth. “Two podium results and precious points are a great weekend balance. The lead guys were all driving a similar pace, hence I couldn’t do anything more,” explained Ammermüller.

A fierce battle for points ensued for the following positions. Paint-swapping and bumper-to-bumper duels kept the Porsche Carrera Cup fans out of their seats. With the front of his car demolished, Christian Engelhart (D/TECE MRS-Racing) saw the flag in fifth. Alex Riberas (E/The Heart of Racing by Lechner) managed to salvage position six, despite falling back to ninth place in the first race third. Nicki Thiim (DK/KÜS Team 75 Bernhard) finished on seventh place. Ben Barker (GB/Land-Motorsport), Jaap van Lagen (NL/Lechner Racing Middle East) and Christopher Zöchling (A/Konrad Motorsport) sprinted to the finish line side-by-side in their 911 GT3 Cup racers mounted with the characteristic 3.8-litre flat-six rear engine, with Barker a nose ahead at the flag in eighth, followed by van Lagen on ninth and Zöchling in tenth.

The two Porsche Juniors Connor de Phillippi (USA/Land-Motorsport) and Porsche Junior Matteo Cairoli (I/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) battled with problems already during qualifying. In race five, de Phillippi came from the 13<sup>th</sup> grid spot to finish on eleventh. "It doesn't help to complain. We need to do our homework in qualifying. Everything depends on this. We'll work on it," analysed de Phillippi. Cairoli slid from the track in lap 13, ploughed through the gravel and had to park his damaged vehicle in the pits. "I can write this weekend off. Now I need to look ahead to the next race. I'm curious to see how it is at the Norisring," said the Italian.

With 80 points, Eng pushes out his lead in the overall standings. On second sits Schmidt with 66 points ahead of Riberas (62 points). Wolf Nathan (NL/Land-Motorsport) leads the amateur classification with 86 points.

Races six and seven of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland are contested from 26 to 28 June on the Norisring in Nuremberg.

### **Race 5 result:**

1. Philipp Eng (A/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1)
2. Robert Renauer (D/Herberth Motorsport)

3. Michael Ammermüller (D/The Heart of Racing by Lechner)
4. Jeffrey Schmidt (CH/Lechner Racing Middle East)
5. Christian Engelhart (D/TECE MRS-Racing)
6. Alex Riberas (E/The Heart of Racing by Lechner)
7. Nicki Thiim (DK/KÜS Team 75 Bernhard)
8. Ben Barker (GB/Land-Motorsport)
9. Jaap van Lagen (NL/Lechner Racing Middle East)
10. Christopher Zöchling (A/Konrad Motorsport)

**Points' standings after 5 of 17 races:**

Driver classification

1. Philipp Eng (A/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1), 80 points
2. Jeffrey Schmidt (CH/Lechner Racing Middle East), 66 points
3. Alex Riberas (E/The Heart of Racing by Lechner), 62 points
4. Christian Engelhart (D/TECE MRS-Racing), 57 points
5. Michael Ammermüller (D/The Heart of Racing by Lechner), 57 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), 86 points
2. Rolf Ineichen (CH/Konrad Motorsport), 80 points
3. Ralf Bohn (D/Herberth Motorsport), 54 points

Team classification

1. The Heart of Racing by Lechner, 119 points
2. Team Deutsche Post by Project 1, 112 points
3. Lechner Racing Middle East, 106 points

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