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Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland, race 7, Norisring

Two wins for Nicki Thiim: “That was a perfect weekend”

Stuttgart. At the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland weekend on the Norisring, Nicki Thiim (KÜS Team 75 Bernhard) from Denmark won both races at the wheel of his Porsche 911 GT3 Cup. On the 2.3-kilometre Nuremberg city circuit, he was victorious at Saturday’s race six as well as at race seven on Sunday. On Saturday, the Dane was joined on the podium by Porsche Junior Matteo Cairoli (I/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) and Philipp Eng (A/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1). Climbing the podium alongside Thiim after Sunday’s race was Porsche Junior Sven Müller (D/Lechner Racing Middle East) and again Eng. “There’s nothing better than two victories! It’s a fantastic feeling for me and the entire team. They’ve worked really hard for this,” said an emotional Thiim as he crossed the finish line, leapt out of the car and threw his arms in the air.

In the qualifying session on Saturday, Thiim planted his 911 GT3 Cup with the characteristic 3.8-litre flat-six engine on pole position for both races, and with convincing performances he converted them into victories. In race seven, the 19-year-old Porsche Junior Cairoli managed an inspired start from the second grid spot and drove door-to-door with Thiim over the first metres, with the seasoned specialist winning the sprint to the first corner. Cairoli stuck to his bumper until lap eleven only to come under pressure from Müller behind him running in third. Thiim grabbed the chance to pull clear at the lead, while turbulent scenes unfolded behind him. Cairoli left the track in lap 25 and fell down the order to seventh place. Cairoli explained what happened: “I made a slight mistake and found myself on the dirty side of the track.” This

opened the door for Müller and Eng who held on to places two and three over the five remaining laps to the flag. “That was one of the most exciting races I’ve ever contested,” said Müller. “But ultimately it was a fight at the highest level and I’m very pleased with position two.” The defending champion Eng said: “I can look back on a successful weekend. Two podium spots and as a result I’ve extended my points lead. On the Norisring we sometimes come within millimetres of the wall and the main thing is to get your car to the flag in one piece.”

In the field of 24 identical, near-standard sports cars Christian Engelhart (D/TECE MRS-Racing) secured fourth place ahead of the Swiss Jeffrey Schmidt (Lechner Racing Middle East) in fifth. Cairoli was flagged off as sixth, with Michael Ammermüller (D/The Heart of Racing by Lechner) claiming seventh. Christopher Zöchling (A/Konrad Motorsport) took home eighth place. Ninth after 35 laps went to Porsche Junior Connor de Phillippi (USA/Land-Motorsport). “The competition in the German Carrera Cup is extremely tough and things didn’t quite pan out as we’d wanted. Now we’ll do some testing and see where we can make improvements,” analysed de Phillippi. Alex Riberas (The Heart of Racing by Lechner) from Spain rounded off the top ten.

An amendment was made to Saturday’s race result after the technical scrutineers undertook a routine inspection of the top three vehicles on Saturday evening. A non-conforming part was found on Cairoli’s car and he was disqualified from the classification. For Sunday’s race, the team rectified the problem so that Cairoli’s car was again in compliance with the regulations for Sunday’s race. The subsequent disqualification resulted in a reshuffle of the points’ table. After seven of eleven championship races, Eng holds the lead with 114 points. Schmidt sits in position two with 90 points followed by Engelhart with 85 points.

Races eight and nine of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland will be contested from 10 to 12 July in Zandvoort (The Netherlands).

Result race 7:

1. Nicki Thiim (DK/KÜS Team 75 Bernhard)
2. Sven Müller (D/Lechner Racing Middle East)
3. Philipp Eng (A/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1)
4. Christian Engelhart (D/TECE MRS-Racing), 45 Punkte
5. Jeffrey Schmidt (CH/Lechner Racing Middle East)
6. Matteo Cairoli (I/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1)
7. Michael Ammermüller (D/The Heart of Racing by Lechner)
8. Christopher Zöchling (A/Konrad Motorsport)
9. Connor de Phillippi (USA/Land-Motorsport)
10. Alex Riberas (E/The Heart of Racing by Lechner)

Points' standings after 7 of 17 races:

Driver classification

1. Philipp Eng (A/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1), 114 points
2. Jeffrey Schmidt (CH/Lechner Racing Middle East), 90 points
3. Christian Engelhart (D/TECE MRS-Racing), 85 points
4. Nicki Thiim (DK/KÜS Team 75 Bernhard), 78 points
5. Alex Riberas (E/The Heart of Racing by Lechner), 78 points

Rookie classification

1. Richard Charles Goddard (AUS/TECE MRS-Racing), 9 points
2. Pepe Massot (E/KÜS Team 75 Bernhard), 7 points
3. Alexander Toril (E/Market Leader Team by Project 1), 3 points
4. Maximilian Hackl (D/Aust Motorsport), 1 points

Amateur classification

1. Wolf Nathan (NL/Land-Motorsport), 122 points
2. Rolf Ineichen (CH/Konrad Motorsport), 120 points
3. Ralf Bohn (D/Herberth Motorsport), 86 points
4. Ronald van de Laar (NL/Konrad Motorsport), 28 points

Team classification

1. Team Deutsche Post by Project 1, 156 points
2. Lechner Racing Middle East, 156 points
3. The Heart of Racing by Lechner, 153 points

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