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Qualifying, Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup, Round 5, Formula 1 race at Spa-Francorchamps (Belgium)

### **Defending champion Larry ten Voorde secures pole position in the rain**

**Stuttgart.** Larry ten Voorde set the fastest qualifying time for the 300th race of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup at Spa-Francorchamps in Belgium. At round five of the international one-make cup, the reigning champion from the Netherlands planted his Porsche 911 GT3 Cup on pole position in pouring rain. The GP Elite driver's gap to Dylan Pereira (BWT Lechner Racing) from Luxembourg was 0.568-seconds – an impressive margin by Supercup standards.

“With the green light for qualifying it began to pour – and the conditions became extremely difficult. I also bumped into a fellow competitor during my first flying lap. But I remained calm and managed to achieve another really good lap,” said a thrilled Ten Voorde, the current points leader. Dylan Pereira, for whom the Formula 1 circuit at Spa-Francorchamps is almost a home track, first had to familiarise himself with the new Porsche 911 GT3 Cup in the rain. “Sections of the racetrack such as Eau Rouge or Blanchimont are hugely challenging even in sunny conditions. The adrenaline rush is even greater in the rain,” states the Luxembourger.

Setting the third-fastest time, Frenchman Florian Latorre (CLRT) managed to beat the Martinet by Alméras driver Jaxon Evans from New Zealand, who currently ranks second in the overall standings. Behind Max van Splunteren (NL), the second driver of the Team GP Elite squad, his 16-year-old compatriot Morris Schuring turned the sixth quickest lap. The youngest competitor of the weekend receives coaching from Larry ten Voorde. Position seven was achieved by Ayhancan Güven. “My car was set up for

a dry track,” admitted the Porsche Junior from Turkey, who competes for the BWT Lechner Racing squad. “To be honest, I didn’t expect such heavy rain.”

Rain is also predicted for Sunday’s race. In addition to the obvious – fitting grooved tyres – the teams also have to adapt other details of their Porsche 911 GT3 Cup racers to wet conditions. “We adjust the rear spoiler with a steeper angle of attack to create downforce at the rear axle and lend the rear wheels better traction,” describes polesetter Ten Voorde. This effect requires an adjustment of the brake balance towards the rear axle. “What you definitely need to avoid is having the front wheels lock up under braking, because then the car will not turn in,” the reigning champion explains.

For additional grip, a softer set-up of the anti-roll bars is needed. “On a wet track, I also take the kerbs more aggressively to get a more direct racing line,” reveals Porsche Junior Güven. “So that the front splitter is not damaged, I raise the ride height of my car.” Another effective measure would be to select a rain setting for the shock absorbers. This, however, is excluded in the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup to keep costs for the teams within reasonable limits. “That’s not a problem because we all compete with the same shock absorber settings anyway,” adds Güven.

Round five of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup, consisting of eleven laps on the Spa-Francorchamps Formula One track, starts on Sunday (29 August 2021) at 12:05 pm CEST. The TV channels Eurosport and Sky Sport and the streaming service f1tv.formula1.com provide a live broadcast. Fans can also follow the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup at any time on Twitter (@PorscheSupercup / @PorscheRaces), Instagram (@PorscheSupercup) and Facebook (@PorscheSupercup). Full results and the overall championship standings can be found on the following link: <https://motorsports.porsche.com/usa/en/article/2021/03/12/pmsc-2021-results>

**Result Qualifying, round 5 Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup, Spa-Francorchamps (B)**

1. Larry ten Voorde (NL/Team GP Elite), 2:38.665 minutes
2. Dylan Pereira (L/BWT Lechner Racing), + 0.568 seconds
3. Florian Latorre (F/CLRT), + 0.661 seconds
4. Jaxon Evans (NZ/Martinet by Alméras), + 0.798 seconds
5. Max van Splunteren (NL/Team GP Elite), + 0.798 seconds
6. Morris Schuring (NL/GP Elite), + 0.893 seconds

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