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Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup, round 3, Formula 1 race in Spielberg/Austria

Porsche Junior Thomas Preining celebrates maiden Supercup win

Stuttgart. A perfect weekend for Porsche Junior Thomas Preining (BWT Lechner Racing): Taking up Sunday's race from pole position, the 19-year-old Austrian scored his first victory in the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup. "That was one of the most intense races I've ever driven. Julien Andlauer and I fought hard for victory to the very last lap. It's simply fantastic to wind up the weekend with a victory at my home race," said Preining. In summery conditions, Porsche Junior Julien Andlauer (martinet by ALMERAS) finished in second place on the Red Bull Ring. Behind the Frenchman's 485 hp Porsche 911 GT3 Cup, Florian Latorre (F/martinet by ALMERAS) took the flag in third.

Preining's victory, however, was definitely not handed to him on a plate: Andlauer put in a catapult start from third on the grid to snatch the lead in the first lap. In lap two the safety car came out, which kept the field tight. 19-year-old Andlauer managed to retain his lead position after the restart, however Preining stuck close to his bumper. The two junior drivers treated spectators on the packed Formula One grandstands to a gripping duel for the lead. Right up until the penultimate lap, Andlauer defended his top spot, until Preining found a gap and overtook him. The local hero gave his rival no chance for a counterattack and swept over the finish line in first. "The race gave fans some great entertainment. Of course I would have preferred to win, but Thomas Preining was simply faster. I'm thrilled to have earned important points towards the championship," said Andlauer. The reigning champion of the Porsche Carrera Cup France was presented with the trophy on the podium by Porsche's ambassador Mark Webber.

Clinching third place, Andlauer's teammate Latorre was the best rookie on the 4.318

kilometre rollercoaster racetrack. “This is my first podium result in the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup and I’m thrilled. The race was extremely tough but completely fair,” said the 21-year-old Latorre. Behind the driver from Bordeaux, Dylan Pereira (Momo Megatron Lechner Racing) from Luxembourg finished on fourth place. Nick Yelloly (GB/Fach Auto Tech) crossed the finish line in fifth ahead of Zaid Ashkanani (KWT/MRS GT-Racing). Seventh place went to Michael Ammermüller (BWT Lechner Racing) from Germany, with Larry ten Voorde (NL/Team Project 1) earning points for eighth place. The best driver in the ProAm class was the Austrian Philipp Sager (MRS Cup-Racing).

The Spielberg race marked the first outing of the VIP vehicle in this year’s Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup. At the wheel of the vehicle run by Porsche AG sat the reigning Dakar Rally champion Matthias Walkner. For the motorbike star from Austria, this was his first race in a Porsche 911 GT3 Cup. After taking up the race from 30th on the grid, 31-year-old Walkner ultimately saw the flag in 29th. “That was a really cool experience with a lot of action. I had a great duel out on the track. It was fun,” said Walkner.

A total of 32 drivers from 15 countries contested the race on the Red Bull Ring. Amongst them were four Austrians: Porsche Junior Thomas Preining (Linz), VIP-driver Matthias Walkner (Salzburg), Philipp Sager (Peggau) and Luca Rettenbacher (Eugendorf).

First in the championship after three rounds is Ammermüller from Germany with 47 points. Second place is occupied by Pereira with 46 points. Ranking third, 27-year-old Yelloly has 44 points to his credit.

The Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup now travels to the UK to contest round four at Silverstone from 6-8 July. The VIP vehicle with the starting number 911 will again run on the tradition-steeped racetrack north of London. Taking the wheel of Porsche AG’s race car is Chris Harris, a show host for the British motoring magazine Top Gear. Harris also has the YouTube channel “Chris Harris on Cars” with over 400,000 subscribers.

The race in rural Northamptonshire is also the home race for four British drivers contesting the international one-make cup series: Josh Webster from Stowmarket, and Nick Yelloly from Solihull as well as Tom Sharp (Surrey) and Mark Radcliffe from Rufford, both competing for the Surrey-based IDL Racing squad. Guest drivers from the Porsche Carrera Cup Great Britain will bolster the grid at the race on the storied Silverstone Circuit.

Results

Spielberg, round 3 of 10

1. Thomas Preining (A/BWT Lechner Racing)
2. Julien Andlauer (F/martinet by ALMERAS)
3. Florian Latorre (F/martinet by ALMERAS)
4. Dylan Pereira (L/Momo Megatron Lechner Racing)
5. Nick Yelloly (GB/Fach Auto Tech)
6. Zaid Ashkanani (KWT/MRS GT-Racing)
7. Michael Ammermüller (D/BWT Lechner Racing)
8. Larry ten Voorde (NL/Team Project 1)
9. Mattia Drudi (I/Dinamic Motorsport)
10. Alberto Cerqui (I/Dinamic Motorsport)

Points standings after 3 of 10 races:

Driver classification

1. Michael Ammermüller (D/BWT Lechner Racing), 47 points
2. Dylan Pereira (L/Momo Megatron Lechner Racing), 46 points
3. Nick Yelloly (GB/Fach Auto Tech), 44 points

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