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Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland, race 14, Nürburgring

Champion Philipp Eng celebrates eighth win of the season

Stuttgart. Austria's Philipp Eng (Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) scored victory at Saturday's race of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland on the Nürburgring. The 25-year-old was in top form for both the qualifying and the race at the wheel of his 460 hp 911 GT3 Cup and beat Porsche Junior Sven Müller (D/Lechner Racing Middle East) and Michael Ammermüller (D/The Heart of Racing by Lechner) to the flag. After clinching the championship title early at Oschersleben, Eng is maintaining his winning form. "Despite winning the overall classification recently, I'm still a race driver and I want to win no matter what. So I'm thrilled with my eighth victory," said Eng.

Twenty-two pilots contested round 14 of 17 on the 3.629-kilometre Nürburgring race track. Eng took up the race from pole position and got off the line cleanly to settle in at the front. Behind him were Porsche Junior Müller and his Lechner teammate Ammermüller. Alex Riberas (E/The Heart of Racing by Lechner) was unable to defend his fourth grid spot and had to let Christian Engelhart (D/TECE MRS-Racing) pass. Nevertheless, Riberas had reason to celebrate after the race: With a time of 1:30.600 minutes, he set a new lap record in the Porsche Carrera Cup on the Nürburgring.

Over the 17 laps, Eng and Müller managed to pull clear of the rest of the field. "I put Philipp under pressure but just couldn't get past. I'm starting from the first grid row for tomorrow's race as well so I'll try again," declared Müller, who followed Eng over the line just four-tenths of a second down.

Trailing the top five in sixth place was Jeffrey Schmidt (CH/Lechner Racing Middle East). Rank seven went to Nicki Thiim (DK/Küs Team75 Bernhard) ahead of Christopher Zöchling (A/Konrad Motorsport). Porsche Junior Matteo Cairoli (Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) saw the flag as ninth. "Unfortunately it didn't go so well today but ultimately every point counts. I plan to really attack in the next race," said the 19-year-old Italian. Porsche Junior Connor de Phillippi (USA/Land Motorsport) rounded off the top ten: "At the start I got stuck in traffic and couldn't get up to speed, but towards the end I managed to overtake Chris van der Drift. Hopefully I can finish further up the field in Sunday's race." The New Zealander van der Drift (Küs Team75 Bernhard) usually contests the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia in which he currently leads the overall standings. This weekend he stands in for the injured Pepe Massot and finished on eleventh. The most impressive performance of the day went to Ben Barker (GB/Land-Motorsport). He headed into the race from 22nd after a problematic qualifying to ultimately cross the finish line in twelfth place.

In the overall rankings, Eng is now far out of reach at the head of the field with 250 points and three races left on the calendar. The fight for second overall is still open, with Engelhart on 157 points and Schmidt holding 151. Ammermüller sits in fourth with 142 points ahead of Riberas (138). Rolf Ineichen (CH/Konrad Motorsport) ranks first in the classification for the best rookie driver. And the team classification is also wide open, with the Deutsche Post by Project 1 squad currently holding the lead. As far as Philipp Eng is concerned, it can stay like this. "My goal is to win all remaining races and to earn the team the title with Matteo."

Round 15 of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland is contested on Sunday at the Nürburgring. The 23-lap race heads off at 15.25 hours.

Result race 14:

- 1. Philipp Eng (A/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1)
- 2. Sven Müller (D/Lechner Racing Middle East)
- 3. Michael Ammermüller (D/The Heart of Racing by Lechner)

- 4. Christian Engelhart (D/TECE MRS-Racing)
- 5. Alex Riberas (E/The Heart of Racing by Lechner)
- 6. Jeffrey Schmidt (CH/Lechner Racing Middle East)
- 7. Nicki Thiim (DK/Küs Team75 Bernhard)
- 8. Christopher Zöchling (A/Konrad Motorsport)
- 9. Matteo Cairoli (I/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1)
- 10. Connor de Phillippi (USA/Land-Motorsport)

Points standings after 14 of 17 races:

Drivers' classification

- 1. Philipp Eng (A/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1), 250 points
- 2. Christian Engelhart (D/TECE MRS-Racing), 157 points
- 3. Jeffrey Schmidt (CH/Lechner Racing Middle East), 151 points
- 4. Michael Ammermüller (D/The Heart of Racing by Lechner), 142 points
- 5. Alex Riberas (E/The Heart of Racing by Lechner), 138 points

Rookie classification

- 1. Alexander Toril (E/Market Leader Team by Project 1), 44 points
- 2. Richard Charles Goddard (AUS/TECE MRS-Racing), 22 points
- 3. Luca Rettenbacher (A/Konrad Motorsport), 9 points

Amateur classification

- 1. Rolf Ineichen (CH/Konrad Motorsport), 256 points
- 2. Wolf Nathan (NL/Land-Motorsport), 240 points
- 3. Ralf Bohn (D/Herberth Motorsport), 208 points

Team classification

- 1. Team Deutsche Post by Project 1, 348 points
- 2. The Heart of Racing by Lechner, 281 points
- 3. Lechner Racing Middle East, 280 points

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