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40th Porsche Tennis Grand Prix

Laura Siegemund fulfils her dream

Stuttgart. It was a thrilling final full of drama, and Laura Siegemund has fulfilled her dream. In beating Kristina Mladenovic 6-1, 2-6, 7-6(5), the Porsche Team Germany player won the 40th Porsche Tennis Grand Prix in front of a capacity crowd in the Porsche Arena on Sunday. Following on from Angelique Kerber's successes in 2015 and 2016, a German player has now claimed the long-standing tournament for a third time in succession. Her biggest career achievement to date will catapult the local hero into the world Top 30. "Winning here is an unbelievable feeling," she said, "The Porsche Tennis Grand Prix is the nicest tournament on the tour."

Before wrapping up the victory, Laura Siegemund had to dig very deep. The match was two hours 30 minutes old when last year's runner-up converted her first match point. A short while later gold confetti rained down on her in the Porsche 911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet, the main prize for the winner of the anniversary tournament. Going into the final, Laura Siegemund, who was given a wild card entry, already had four long and hard matches in her legs and had beaten three Top 10 players en-route. Awaiting her in the final was the season's in-form player Kristina Mladenovic, who has won 22 matches on the tour this year and bagged the tournament in St. Petersburg.

Laura Siegemund was not going to be overawed and took the first set 6-1 in just 28 minutes. The Frenchwoman who lives in Dubai, the doubles winner in the Porsche Arena in 2016, came back impressively in the second set – 6-2 for the world No. 19. The third set then lasted one hour 21 minutes and served up everything that the

enthralled spectators had hoped for from the final. There were thrills a minute. It came down in the end to a tie-break which the Stuttgart-resident managed to close out on her first match point.

It meant that Laura Siegemund had achieved her goal – a win at her home tournament. Dr Wolfgang Porsche, Supervisory Board Chairman, Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG presented her with the winner's trophy. The key to the 911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet was handed over by Oliver Blume, the Chairman of the Executive Board of Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG. Standing a little to the side, Kristina Mladenovic was a fair loser when congratulating Laura Siegemund. With a wry smile on her face she said, "After beating Angelique Kerber, a second win against a German here in Stuttgart would have been a little bit too much."

"Laura really has played some outstanding tennis this week," praised Tournament Director Markus Günthardt. "The way she plays, she gets the spectators right behind her and she deserves the win." Praise for the tournament also came from Steve Simon, CEO and Chairman of the WTA, who said, "The Porsche Tennis Grand Prix has been a highlight on the WTA Tour for many years now. The anniversary tournament has however topped everything and set new standards."

The doubles title has gone to Raquel Atawo (USA) and Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia). They beat the No. 1 seeds Abigail Spears (USA) and Katarina Srebotnik (Slovenia) and were presented with a Porsche mountain bike in addition to the prize money.

40,000 euro for children in need

In its anniversary year, the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix once again supported charitable organisations promoting children's welfare all over the world. For every ace hit during the week, Porsche donated 200 euro as a part of the "Aces for Charity" campaign. Up to the final, 179 aces were hit during the tournament week – and Porsche immediately rounded the 35,800 euro sum up to 40,000 euro. The donation was split equally between the Agapedia foundation and Plan International – the charity partners of the

Porsche Tennis Grand Prix. The checks were handed over by Lutz Meschke, Deputy Chairman of the Executive Board and Member of the Executive Board, Finance and IT, on Sunday ahead of the final in the Porsche Arena.

Images and videos of the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix in the Porsche Newsroom (<http://newsroom.porsche.com>) and for journalists in the Porsche press database (<https://presse.porsche.de>)

Porsche 911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet: fuel consumption combined: 9.4 – 8.4 l/100 km; CO₂ emissions: 214-190 g/km.