

Michael Ammermüller scores double victory at the Sachsenring

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17/09/2017 Michael Ammermüller (D/raceunion Huber Racing) enjoyed a perfect weekend in the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland: After winning Saturday's race, he followed up with a second victory on Sunday at the Sachsenring.

"That was a brilliant weekend. I'm thrilled for my team that we could finally be rewarded with victories. My start was fantastic and decisive for first place," said Ammermüller. At round twelve of Porsche's national one-make race series, Nick Yelloly (Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) from Great Britain secured second, with his teammate Larry Ten Voorde from the Netherlands achieving third place.

As the fastest in qualifying, Ammermüller secured pole position for the race. After the start, the 31-year-old settled in at the front of the field. Porsche Junior Thomas Preining (Konrad Motorsport) took up the race from second alongside Ammermüller. The Austrian treated spectators to a gripping duel with

Yelloly. Although Preining managed to shake off of the 26-year-old over the course of the race, he wasn't able to retain his position. In lap 19, he slid into the gravel with his 911, and that was the end of his race. When the safety car was deployed, Yelloly inherited second place from the junior driver. After the restart in lap 23, the final lap, Yelloly defended his position to flag. “I waited patiently for Thomas Preining to make a mistake and was rewarded. It was unfortunate for Thomas, he drove a strong race," said Yelloly.

Third place for Ten Voorde

Third place on the 3.645-kilometre circuit went to Ten Voorde. Taking up the round twelve from fifth on the grid, he overtook Toni Wolf (D/ Huber Racing by TriSpa) and Dennis Olsen (Konrad Motorsport) in the very first lap. Afterwards, Ten Voorde enjoyed a gripping fight with the Norwegian. “I'm happy with third place. My duel with Dennis Olsen was really intense, but we always left each other plenty of room," said Ten Voorde. The 20-year-old currently leads the category for series newcomers with 251 points.

Behind Ten Voorde, Olsen crossed the finish line in fourth place at the wheel of his Porsche 911 GT3 Cup. “My start wasn't so great. Afterwards I tried everything to get past Larry Ten Voorde, but it simply didn't work. Still, I'll travel to the season finale at Hockenheim feeling confident," said Olsen. The local Saxon driver Toni Wolf (Huber Racing by TriSpa) clinched fifth place, with the German David Kolkmann (Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) claiming sixth on the storied rollercoaster racetrack. Wolf Nathan (Huber Racing by TriSpa) concluded his race as the best driver in the amateur classification. The Dutchman relegated Tom Kieffer (L/BLACK FALCON) and Philipp Sager (A/Zele-Racing) to second and third in the B-classification.

Bad luck hampered Porsche Junior Preining. “I got away well off the line and managed to defend my position from Nick Yelloly. Towards the end of the race I unfortunately lost the rear of my car as I accelerated out of a corner and that was the end of my race. I feel sorry for the team because we had the speed," said Preining. Since the 19-year-old had completed over 75 percent of the race distance, he was ranked as fourth in the rookie classification. With 205 points, Preining retains his second place in the rookie classification.

Olsen travels to the season finale in Hockenheim as the leader of the overall classification. The junior race driver from the Norwegian town Våler leads the series with six wins and 230 points. Behind Olsen, Yelloly ranks second with 215 points. Ammermüller currently lies third in the championship with 176 points. The final race weekend of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland season will be contested at the Hockenheimring from 13 to 15 October, where rounds 13 and 14 will be held as part of the DTM race weekend.

The third podium spot went to Larry Ten Voorde (Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) from the Netherlands. “Fastest in practice, qualifying and the race – it's a perfect weekend so far. Nick Yelloly managed to trail me over the entire race today, so I knew I couldn't afford to make the slightest mistake," said Ammermu□ller.

During qualifying, Ammermu□ller snatched pole position on the 3.645-kilometre Sachsenring circuit. The 31-year-old got off the line well at the start and settled in at the front of the 20-strong field. Yelloly took up the race from the third grid position and promptly overtook Porsche Junior Thomas Preining (A/Konrad Motorsport) with a catapult start in the first lap. Over the course of the race, the 26-year-old and Ammermu□ller pulled clear of the rest of the pack. Yelloly stuck close to the bumper of the seasoned Porsche specialist, who couldn't shake off the Briton. After 17 laps, Yelloly crossed the finish line just one second shy of Ammermu□ller. "It wasn't a perfect race for me, but my vehicle had an excellent setup. Everything is wide open in the championship, and that was precisely my goal," stated Yelloly.

"That was an action-packed race."

Dutchman Ten Voorde (Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) took the flag in third place. Starting from fifth on the grid, the 20-year-old lost his position to Dennis Olsen (Konrad Motorsport) right at the beginning. Ten Voorde stuck close to the Norwegian and was rewarded in lap eleven: At the end of the 780-metre finish straight, Ten Voorde used the slipstream to sweep past both Olsen and Preining. This meant that Ten Voorde finished the race in his 485 hp Porsche 911 GT3 Cup as the best rookie. "That was an action-packed race. I spontaneously recognised the chance to overtake, then things got very close again but I kept a cool head," said Ten Voorde.

Porsche Junior Preining tackled the race from the third grid spot and saw the flag in fourth. "It was a very intense race. Unfortunately my tyres only really reached their optimal temperature in the second half of the race, otherwise I could've done better," said Preining. Behind the youngster from Linz in Austria, his teammate Olsen finished on fifth. "My start was really good, but unfortunately I still didn't managed to get past Thomas Preining. I take up Sunday's race from third and, of course, I'd like to win," admitted Olsen. Sixth place on the rollercoaster racetrack went to David Kolkmann (Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) from Germany.

Olsen continues to lead the series

Wolfgang Triller (Huber Racing by TriSpa) had plenty of reason to celebrate on the Sachsenring. The German concluded Saturday's race as the best driver in the amateur category and thus secured an early B-classification title with 141 points. "It's a fantastic feeling! Thanks to my decent lead in the amateur classification I didn't have to risk everything. That was my big advantage. I'm absolutely over the moon for the team – we've all contributed to this success," said Triller.

The current situation in the overall standings: Olsen from the Norwegian town of Va□ler continues to lead the series after eleven races with six victories and 217 points to his credit. Yelloly from Solihull in England ranks second with 195 points. Ammermu□ller has earned 151 points and sits third. The best driver in the rookie category is Ten Voorde, with the young racer holding 226 points.

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