Australian wins inaugural Porsche Asia Pacific Forza Cup

31/10/2020 After three rounds of intensely close Rival Qualifying Races, and an action-packed Grand Final that was neck-and-neck down to the last seconds, Taylor Smith, also known by his gamer tag LagALot IG, from Australia triumphed as the first titleholder of the Porsche Asia Pacific Forza Cup.

The first regional Esports tournament presented by Porsche Asia Pacific and Porsche Australia, in partnership with Forza Motorsport 7, saw nearly 400 virtual drivers from 14 countries putting their racing skills to the test, taking three iconic Porsche race cars, the 918 Spyder, 919 Hybrid, and 911 GT3 RS, onto three of the world's most challenging tracks at Bathurst, the Nürburgring, and Le Mans.

Claire Jedrek and Yuey Tan, two of the most prolific racers in Asia, shared their expert analysis as commentators for the Porsche Asia Pacific Forza Cup – Grand Finals, broadcasted live from Singapore on 31 October. 16 of the region's best virtual racers from Australia, Brunei, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand came together in the ultimate battle for glory in a Cayman GT4 Clubsport on two legendary racing circuits at Silverstone and the Hockenheimring. LagALot IG/ Taylor Smith eventually emerged as the first champion in the nail-biting finals, beating out the runner-up with just one point.

"The Porsche Asia Pacific Forza Cup has been relentlessly action-packed right from the start, and the two races from the Grand Finals were even more intense than I'd imagined! Not only is it an incredible honour to be the first titleholder of the tournament, it's also particularly meaningful as it's my very first win as well. I can't wait to test myself in an actual Porsche cockpit soon – it'll be my first trip out of Australia, and I'm thrilled that it will take me straight to such an iconic racing circuit," said LagALot IG/ Taylor Smith, from Australia.

After conquering five virtual tracks, LagALot IG/ Taylor Smith also won the coveted opportunity to race on the iconic Hockenheimring in real life. LagALot IG/ Taylor Smith will enjoy an all-expenses-paid driving programme at the newest Porsche Experience Centre in Germany in 2021, to further master his racing skills.

All 16 finalists and the three podium winners received prizes from the Porsche Driver's Selection and HUGO BOSS, the official sponsor of the Porsche Asia Pacific Forza Cup.

To watch the Porsche Asia Pacific Forza Cup – Grand Finals, and view the final standings, please visit https://porscheapforzacup.com.

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