

Harry King wins both races at the season opener in Italy

21/04/2024 Double victory for Harry King at the season opener of the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland: Following Saturday's race, the Briton from the Allied-Racing team also won the second race on Sunday at the Formula 1 circuit in Imola. Defending champion Larry ten Voorde rounded off his first outing for Proton Huber Competition with second place.

Race 2

A double premiere in third place: Frenchman Marvin Klein and his Italian team Target Competition are newcomers to the German one-make cup with the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup.

Taking up the race from the second grid spot, Harry King made a decisive overtaking manoeuvre after just a few metres. In the first chicane, he overtook Theo Oeverhaus (Bonk Motorsport), the fastest driver in qualifying. He then kept Larry ten Voorde at bay with seemingly little effort.

“The race on Saturday was already good. But together with my race engineer, I was able to make my car

even faster for today. Two victories without starting from pole position – what a perfect weekend," said King, praising his team's efforts.

The duel in the first chicane was less fortunate for Theo Oeverhaus. It was the 19-year-old from Osnabrück's first pole position in the Carrera Cup Deutschland. A tie rod on his Porsche 911 GT3 Cup was bent out of shape after a slight contact in the battle for position with King – Oeverhaus was forced to retire.

Larry ten Voorde started the hunt for his fourth title in the German Carrera Cup with two second places. "In contrast to yesterday, I had a great start – the detailed work with the team paid off. After that, I stayed out of any shuffles for positions and concentrated fully on my race," summarised the record-holding champion.

Third place went to Robert de Haan (Team75 Bernhard). However, the 17-year-old Dutchman was subsequently handed a time penalty, which relegated him to 14th place. As a result, French rookie Marvin Klein inherited third. Fourth to sixth place went to Ariel Levi (Team GP Elite) from Israel, Austrian Horst Felix Felbermayr (Proton Huber Competition) and Dutchman Huub van Eijndhoven (Team GP Elite).

Flynt Schuring rounded off Proton Huber Competition's strong team performance with a victory in the Rookies category. Like on Saturday, Sören Spreng (GP Elite) secured first place in the ProAm classification. "I was in a duel with my ProAm colleague Michael Essmann. Fortunately, I managed to defend my position," reported the German race driver.

"Together with our new partner SIXT, we've had a successful start to the new season. We've seen two exhilarating races and I fully support the decisions of the stewards. I'm particularly pleased by Theo Oeverhaus' pole position and the podium finish from Robert de Haan, two drivers from our Talent Pool. I think we'll see a host of good results this season from the eight young Talent Pool drivers," commented Hurui Issak, Project Manager Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland.

Round 2 already next weekend in Oschersleben

The Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland teams will travel from Emilia-Romagna directly to the Magdeburger Börde. The third and fourth races of the season are scheduled for the Motorsport Arena Oschersleben next weekend (26-28 April 2024) as part of the DTM season opener.

The Porsche 911 GT3 Cup last made a guest appearance on the 3.696-kilometre race track in 2021, when Larry ten Voorde finished on the podium twice. Victories in both races were secured by the Porsche Juniors Laurin Heinrich and Ayhancan Güven. Former Carrera Cup driver Güven, who has since gone pro, also hits the Oschersleben track this weekend – at the wheel of a Porsche 911 GT3 R in the DTM team Manthey.

Result Season Race 2, Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland, Imola (I)

1. Harry King (UK/Allied-Racing), 33:24.71 minutes
2. Larry ten Voorde (NL/Proton Huber Competition), +0.776 seconds
3. Marvin Klein (F/Target Competition), +2.167 seconds
4. Ariel Levi (IL//Team GP Elite), +2.693 seconds
5. Horst Felix Felbermayr (A/Proton Huber Competition), +3.871 seconds
6. Huub van Eijndhoven (NL/Team GP Elite), +4.448 seconds

Complete results and standings on the Porsche Motorsport Hub:
https://motorsports.porsche.com/germany/de/category/carreracup/psccd-2024-results

Schedule Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland

Round 2, Motorsport Arena Oschersleben

Friday, 26 April
12:40 – 13:40 hrs Practice
17:35 – 18:10 hrs Qualifying

Saturday, 27 April
11:20 – 11:50 hrs Season Race 3

Sunday, 28 April
11:20 – 11:50 hrs Season Race 4

Full results and championship standings:
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Race 1

Larry ten Voorde crosses the finish line first on the Formula 1 circuit in Imola, but is ultimately classified second due to a time penalty. Ariel Levi loses second place due to an infringement of the technical regulations of the one-make cup with the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup. Robert de Haan finishes the first race of the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland as rookie winner, Sören Spreng becomes best ProAm.

Tension hung in the air at the season opener of the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland. Huub van Eijndhoven (Team GP Elite) initially led the field. The 24-year-old Dutchman had started the one-make cup race from pole position for the first time. However, his Porsche 911 GT3 Cup had jumped the line a

fraction of a second too early at the start and the race organisers imposed a penalty for this: Thus, the new “penalty lap” was used right at the start of the season. Eijndhoven had to reduce his speed to 60 km/h for 50 metres. As a result of the short crawl, he dropped back to sixth place.

Subsequently, Ariel Levi (Team GP Elite) took the lead, also for the first time in his career. For seven laps, the racing driver from Israel kept Dutchman Larry ten Voorde (Proton Huber Competition) at bay. The reigning Carrera Cup champion then launched a successful overtaking manoeuvre, slightly nudging Ariel Levi’s Porsche in the process. Ten Voorde crossed the finish line in first place, only to later receive a four-second time penalty. “The penalty is absolutely fair,” said Ten Voorde, proving himself to be a fair sportsman. “I saw a gap that wasn’t as big as I expected. I sincerely apologise to Ariel that my overtaking manoeuvre went so wrong.”

Shortly after, Harry King (Allied-Racing) also squeezed past Levi, but in this case, by the rulebook. The Briton could only take partial satisfaction in his victory: “I would’ve preferred to have beaten Larry on the track,” he admitted. “I approached the race tactically and waited a long time for my chance to overtake Ariel. In any case, the points for the win are the perfect start to the new season.”

Ariel Levi’s joy was short-lived. During the post-race inspection, the technical stewards discovered that the tank contained less than the prescribed two litres of fuel needed for a fuel sample. Levi was subsequently disqualified.

As a result, Larry ten Voorde was classified as second, while Robert de Haan moved up to third place. The 17-year-old from the Netherlands also secured victory in the Rookies classification in his first outing for Team75 Bernhard. “I’ll start from third position on Sunday and hopefully make it onto the podium,” he said, looking ahead to the second race of the weekend. The best-placed ProAm driver was Sören Spreng (GP Elite). “I had a few nice duels with some rookies who are about half my age,” smiled the German driver.

Exciting season opener

“We witnessed an exciting season opener of the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland with a thrilling three-way battle for victory. All the drivers brilliantly showcased our one-make cup as part of the FIA World Endurance Championship,” commented Alexander Pollich, Managing Director Porsche Deutschland GmbH. “Respect to the race organisers and the stewards, who made two consistent and understandable decisions even in this difficult situation. I’m particularly pleased about Robert de Haan’s podium finish. He is one of the youngest drivers in the Talent Pool that we support.”

Together with Alexander Pollich, Vinzenz Pflanz, Chief Business Officer (CBO) SIXT SE, which has been the title partner of the one-make cup since the start of this season, presented the winners’ trophies across the various classifications. “With dynamism, passion and emotion set to the impressive backdrop of Imola, the first race of the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland provided a gripping experience for the fans,” he commented. “Congratulations to Harry King on his opening success on this prestigious

circuit and we're delighted that we can offer our customers in Germany the Porsche driving experience with the new vehicles in our hire car fleet."

The second race of the Porsche Deutschland one-make cup season will take place on Sunday (21 April 2024, 8:45 a.m. CEST), also as part of the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) race in Imola.

Result Race 1, Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland, Imola (I)

1. Harry King (UK/Allied-Racing)
2. Larry ten Voorde (NL/Proton Huber Competition)
3. Robert de Haan (NL/Team75 Bernhard)
4. Marvin Klein (F/Target Competition)
5. Huub van Eijndhoven (NL/Team GP Elite)
6. Theo Oeverhaus (D/Bonk Motorsport)

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Preview

Three-time Carrera Cup title winner Larry ten Voorde travels to Imola as the defending champion. The 27-year-old Dutchman has switched teams and now competes for the German squad Proton Huber Competition. Appropriately, his Porsche 911 GT3 Cup will don the starting number 1. Ten Voorde won the last Carrera Cup Deutschland race in Imola two years ago and is once again amongst the favourites this weekend.

In addition to Ten Voorde, Briton Harry King (Allied-Racing), Frenchman Marvin Klein (Target Competition) and ten Voorde's compatriot Huub van Eijndhoven (Team GP Elite) are among the experienced drivers in the 26-strong field. Theo Oeverhaus (Bonk Motorsport) from Germany starts the season as the reigning Rookie champion and overall winner of the Porsche Carrera Cup Middle East. Sören Spreng (GP Elite) from Germany is determined to defend his ProAm title. The youngest in the field is Austrian Kiano Blum. The ID Racing driver starts his first Carrera Cup season as a 16-year-old.

Among the victory-driven and podium-hungry rookies are Dutchman Robert de Haan (Team75 Bernhard) – 2023 champion in the Porsche Carrera Cup Benelux – and Gian Luca Tüccaroglu from Germany. He advances as champion of the 2022 Porsche Sports Cup Deutschland to the Carrera Cup and drives for Team HP Racing [a-workx]. Like Theo Oeverhaus, both are members of the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland Talent Pool, in which Porsche Deutschland provides exclusive support for eight young drivers.

"It's finally time to get things underway again. I'm looking forward to an action-packed season and I'm

particularly excited to see how the rookies fare against the veterans. I also expect a lot from the drivers in the Talent Pool, which shows a very strong entry with champions from other one-make cups," says Hurui Issak, Project Manager Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland.

Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari, Imola (Italy)

Opened in 1953, the racetrack on the outskirts of Imola is a traditional Formula 1 circuit, which has been used again since 2020 following a 13-year hiatus. The 4.909-kilometre circuit follows the natural rolling landscape of the Emilia-Romagna region with its crests and compressions. The Carrera Cup Deutschland last raced on the circuit named after the Ferrari founder and his son in 2022. At that time, Larry ten Voorde won one race and the second victory went to Bastian Buus, who went on to become a Porsche Junior.

The Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland on TV and the Internet

Fans can follow all races of the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland live with English commentary on the internet, including the Porsche Motorsport Hub, YouTube and Facebook.
Aside from the race weekends, fans and media representatives can also stay up-to-date on the one-make cup via the social networks Instagram and X.

Schedule Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland

Friday, 19 April
16:00 -17:00 hrs: Practice

Saturday, 20 April
9:05 – 9:40 hrs: Qualifying
16:30 – 17:00 hrs: Season Race #1

Sunday, 21 April
8:45 – 9:15 hrs: Season Race #2

Full results and championship standings can be found here.

2024 Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland calendar

19 – 21 April: Imola (I), FIA World Endurance Championship WEC
26 – 28 April: Oschersleben (D), DTM
7 – 9 June: Zandvoort (NL), DTM

21 – 23 June: Budapest (HU), International GT Open Championship
16 – 18 August: Nürburgring (D), DTM
6 – 8 September: Sachsenring (D), DTM
27 – 29 September: Red-Bull-Ring, Spielberg (A), DTM
18 – 20 October: Hockenheimring (D), DTM

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