

Great progress

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05/08/2014 Porsche supports again four young race drivers as Porsche juniors in the company's one-make race series in the 2014 motorsport season.

In addition to Sven Müller, all current Porsche juniors will continue to receive support. Austrian Klaus Bachler (22) contests his second season in the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup, with Spain's Alex Riberas (19) and American Connor de Phillippi (20) returning to compete in the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland. Porsche provides its juniors with a large proportion of the season's budget and coaches the youngsters off the race track, as well.

Klaus Bachler, who has received support as a junior since 2012, put in a strong performance in the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup. In a particularly strong second half of the season, he clinched his first victory at the race in Belgium's Spa-Francorchamps. He ranked seventh overall in the 2013 Supercup standings, making him the second-best newcomer after his junior colleague Michael Christensen (23, Denmark), who represents Porsche as a works driver in 2014. Klaus Bachler receives a budget of

200,000 Euro from Porsche for his second season in the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup.

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“I’ve learned a lot over the course of the 2013 season,” says Klaus Bachler. “In 2014 I’d like to be a regular visitor to the podium. I feel good in the car, I know the circuits where we are competing. I’d like to thank Porsche for the trust they have placed in me and I look forward to my third year as a Porsche junior.”

Alex Riberas and Connor de Phillippi receive support for another year in the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland, with each getting funding of 150,000 Euro. Running in 2014 is the new Porsche 911 GT3 Cup which was raced exclusively in the 2013 Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup. Connor De Phillippi concluded his first season in the GT vehicle as the best newcomer and finished ninth overall. Alex Riberas scored third place in the rookie classification and achieved eleventh overall. At round ten on the Nürburgring, he even planted his 450 hp Porsche 911 GT3 Cup on pole position.

In addition to financial backing, all Porsche juniors receive assistance similar to the internationally successful Porsche factory pilots. Fitness tests with regularly adapted training plans as well as media coaching and sponsor obligations are part of the programme.

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“My dream is now entering phase two,” says Alex Riberas. “I’ve worked hard over the entire season and even managed to secure a podium result at the last round of 2013. I looking forward to my second season and to all the experiences I’ll have over the year.” Connor de Phillippi also has plans for his second season in the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland. “I now know how important it is to achieve a good qualifying result if you want to do well in a Carrera Cup sprint race,” says the young Californian. “Winning the rookie classification was a good start. But now I’ll be aiming for the podium. I’m up against some tough opposition, but my dream is to climb to the very top step.”

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