Maiden victory for Carrera Cup rookie Kas Haverkort

23/06/2024 The first half of the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland season ended at the Hungaroring with another newcomer at the top of the podium. After Frenchman Marvin Klein (Target Competition) celebrated his maiden victory in Saturday's race, Kas Haverkort enjoyed the champagne shower from the top step of the podium for the first time on Sunday.

The Dutchman from the Uniserver by GP Elite team switched from single-seater racing to the German one-make cup with the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup at the start of the season. On the Grand Prix circuit on the outskirts of Budapest, Haverkort beat German Theo Oeverhaus (Bonk Motorsport) and Robert de Haan (Team75 Bernhard), a fellow Dutch compatriot.

“I pushed a lot to eke out a small lead,” reported Haverkort, who easily pulled clear of the field by almost three seconds after starting the race from pole position. He only had one close call during the 18-lap race. “I touched a white line in one of the braking zones, which caused the left wheels to lock up momentarily,” recalled Haverkort. The ensuing slide into the emergency exit did not yield any lasting consequences for him: The Dutchman recovered his Porsche 911 GT3 Cup and returned to the track

still ahead of the pursuing pack.

“I had a better start than Kas. Unfortunately, I couldn’t capitalise on it and overtake him. After that, I didn’t stand a chance,” admitted Theo Oeverhaus, who celebrated his best result to date in the German Carrera Cup with second place. The German driver managed to keep Robert de Haan, his teammate in the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland Talent Pool, at bay. “What counts for me most is the victory in the Rookie classification,” emphasised de Haan, who had celebrated his 18th birthday the day prior.

Behind Haverkort’s Israeli teammate Ariel Levi and Marvin Klein, Dutchman Larry ten Voorde crossed the finish line in sixth place. This means that the reigning champion from the Proton Huber Competition team goes into the almost two-month-long summer break as the leader of the standings. After eight of 16 races so far this season, ten Voorde ranks first in the overall standings ahead of Britain's Harry King (Allied-Racing) and Theo Oeverhaus.

The Rookie classification is led by Kas Haverkort

In the ProAm, Sören Spreng extended his lead with his fifth win of the season. “I managed to fend off my closest rivals in the first half of the race,” said the businessman from Germany, who drives for Team GP Elite. “I made a few mistakes in the second half of the race, which is why things got tight again.”

With the end of the eighth race of the season, the championship also farewells Hurui Issak, who leaves the position of Project Manager Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland after five years. His successor is Thorsten Rückert, previously responsible for the Porsche Sports Cup Deutschland. “I’m very much looking forward to this new, exciting task and the future co-operation with the drivers and teams. The doubleheader event at the Hungaroring was a great start for me. The first half of the season concluded with two new winners, one of whom even is a rookie. The foundations have been laid for a thrilling second half of the year,” commented Thorsten Rückert after his first days as the new Project Manager Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland. The next two races of the one-make cup will take place on 17 and 18 August 2024 at the Nürburgring.

Results race 8, Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland, Budapest (HU)

1. Kas Haverkort (NL/Uniserver by Team GP Elite), 18 laps
2. Theo Oeverhaus (D/Bonk Motorsport), +2.074 seconds
3. Robert de Haan (NL/Team75 Bernhard), +3.520 seconds
4. Ariel Levi (IL/Uniserver by Team GP Elite), +3.990 seconds
5. Marvin Klein (F/Target Competition), +4.706 seconds
6. Larry ten Voorde (NL/Proton Huber Competition), +6.432 seconds

Drivers' standings (after 8 of 16 races)

1. Larry ten Voorde (NL/Proton Huber Competition), 153 points
2. Harry King (UK/Allied-Racing), 131 points
3. Theo Oeverhaus (D/Bonk Motorsport), 101 points
4. Robert de Haan (NL/Team75 Bernhard), 95 points
5. Marvin Klein (F/Target Competition), 79 points
6. Kas Haverkort (NL/Uniserver by Team GP Elite), 79 points

Race 7

Just one day after his 25th birthday, Marvin Klein celebrated his first victory in the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland. Like his team, Target Competition, the two-time champion of the Porsche Carrera Cup France is a newcomer to the German one-make cup with the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup. At the Hungaroring, Klein outpaced the championship leader Larry ten Voorde (Proton Huber Competition) and Robert de Haan (Team75 Bernhard).

Marvin Klein had started the race from pole position, with Larry ten Voorde lining up alongside him. “I had a bad start and tried to defend my position against Larry,” recapped Klein, recalling the decisive start to the 17-lap race. Ten Voorde pulled alongside Klein in the opening sprint and overtook him on the first corner. However, according to the race director's analysis, he nudged Klein off the track. The decision was made swiftly: Ten Voorde was radioed to let Klein, who had come away from the scuffle unscathed, overtake him.

The Frenchman refused to let this chance slip away from him a second time. Back in the lead, he immediately gained ground on the chasing pack and eventually won the race 2.6 seconds ahead of ten Voorde. “It looked easier than it was. I gave everything at the start. It was only when the gap started to increase that I was able to relax a little,” summarised Klein. “I'm proud to give Target Competition this victory.”

Second place was also valuable for ten Voorde: the championship leader from the Netherlands scored nine championship points more than his direct rival Harry King, who finished fifth. “I accept the race organisers' decision. Marvin was anyway faster than me today,” conceded ten Voord.

Robert de Haan climbed the podium in third place. On his 18th birthday, the Dutchman also celebrated victory in the Rookie classification. “My strategy was not to ruin the tyres in the high temperatures. I managed to do that – and the points for the Rookie victory are another fantastic birthday present,” grinned the Team75 Bernhard driver. De Haan was also the fastest driver from the Talent Pool, Porsche Deutschland's young talent development programme.

German Theo Oeverhaus (Bonk Motorsport), Great Britain's Harry King and Ariel Levi from Israel

(Uniserver by Team GP Elite) followed the leading three over the line. Ahmad Alshehab took the flag as the winner of the ProAm classification. “At the start of the race, I lost the position as best-placed ProAm. It was hard work to get back to the top of our class,” reported the racing driver from Kuwait, who drives for the German team CarTech Motorsport.

The Hungaroring will also host the eighth race of the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland season on Sunday (23 June 2024). Dutch rookie Kas Haverkort (Uniserver by Team GP Elite) and Theo Oeverhaus will start from the front row at 12:00 noon.

Result race 7, Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland, Budapest (HU)
1. Marvin Klein (F/Target Competition), 17 laps
2. Larry ten Voorde (NL/Proton Huber Competition), +2.593 seconds
3. Robert de Haan (NL/Team75 Bernhard), +3.304 seconds
4. Theo Oeverhaus (D/Bonk Motorsport), +5.568 seconds
5. Harry King (UK/Allied-Racing), +7.043 seconds
6. Ariel Levi (IL/Uniserver by Team GP Elite), +7.721 seconds

Drivers' standings (after 7 of 16 races)
1. Larry ten Voorde (NL/Proton Huber Competition), 143 points
2. Harry King (UK/Allied-Racing), 124 points
3. Theo Oeverhaus (D/Bonk Motorsport), 81 points

Full results and championship standings:
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Preview

The coming weekend (21 to 23 June 2024) will see the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland compete on a circuit that was last on the one-make cup calendar in 2014: The Porsche 911 GT3 Cup will tackle the seventh and eighth races of the season at the Hungaroring near Budapest. For many of the 25 drivers, the Formula 1 circuit near the Hungarian capital is uncharted territory: None of them were on the grid when the Carrera Cup Deutschland made a sole appearance there ten years ago. Some, however, are familiar with the twisty Hungaroring circuit from the international Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup, which regularly features on the Hungarian Grand Prix support programme. “Given that overtaking is very difficult, your starting position is critical,” explains defending champion Larry ten Voorde, who is one of the few drivers with experience on the circuit. Competing for the Bavarian Proton Huber Competition team, the Dutchman took the lead in the standings at the previous round in Zandvoort.

Ten Voorde's assessment of the Hungaroring is wholly confirmed by Harry King, the current runner-up in the rankings. At the Supercup race in Budapest last year, the Englishman drove a commanding pole-to-victory race. “The track suits my driving style. We also tested there before the race weekend. So, I'm

confident that I'll be among the front runners again," states King, who drives for the German team Allied-Racing.

After the six races so far this season, ten Voorde and King have already built a slight advantage over their pursuers in the overall standings. Dutchman Robert de Haan leads the hunting pack. The 17-year-old from Porsche brand ambassador Timo Bernhard's team is also the best-placed rookie in the drivers' standings. Like Bonk Motorsport's Theo Oeverhaus from Germany, who currently lies fourth in the standings, De Haan enjoys the special support available from the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland's Talent Pool program. Dutch driver Kas Haverkort (Uniserver by Team GP Elite) leads the rookie standings coming into the doubleheader event in Hungary. Sören Spreng (GP Elite) from Germany ranks first in the ProAm standings.

"The Budapest weekend is a very special event for me. After five years as Project Manager of the Carrera Cup Deutschland, I'm ready to take the next step professionally and take on a different role within Porsche Germany. I'd like to thank the teams, the drivers and of course the fans from the bottom of my heart for their trust and support over the past few years. But first, I'm looking forward to two exciting races on a track that is new to many of us," says Hurui Issak, who takes on the role of Project Manager Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland for the last time this weekend. He will be succeeded by Thorsten Rückert, most recently responsible for the Porsche Sports Cup Deutschland.

The Hungaroring

The racetrack on the outskirts of Budapest is the result of Formula 1's endeavours to expand into Eastern Europe. The first Grand Prix behind the so-called "Iron Curtain" took place here in 1986. The 4.381-kilometre circuit is located in a valley, with large parts of the track clearly visible from almost all spectator seats. The twisty Hungaroring course, which has been described as "like Monaco, only without crash barriers", offers few overtaking opportunities. Germany's Christian Engelhart and American Connor De Phillippi each secured a victory at the last appearance of the Carrera Cup Deutschland in the 2014 season.

The Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland on the internet

Fans can follow all the races live on YouTube. The Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland channel (https://www.youtube.com/@PorscheCarreraCupDeutschland) provides English commentary. 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 (@CarreraCupDe) and X (@CarreraCupDe).

Schedule Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland

Round 4, Hungaroring, Budapest (HU)

Friday, 21 June
13:30 – 14:30 hrs Practice

Saturday, 22 June
10:55 – 11:30 hrs Qualifying
17:10 hrs Race 7 (30 minutes plus 1 lap)

Sunday, 23 June
12:00 noon Race 8 (30 minutes plus 1 lap)

Overall standings Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland (after 6 of 16 races)

1. Larry ten Voorde (NL, Proton Huber Competition), 123 points
2. Harry King (UK, Allied-Racing), 113 points
3. Robert de Haan (NL, Team75 Bernhard), 68 points
4. Theo Oeverhaus (D, Bonk Motorsport), 63 points
5. Huub van Eijndhoven (NL, Uniserver by Team GP Elite), 48 points

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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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