

Victory and mid-season lead for BWT Lechner local heroes

29/06/2025 French driver Marvin Klein emerged victorious after a dramatic fourth round of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup in Spielberg. His BWT Lechner Racing teammate, Robert de Haan from the Netherlands, secured second place – enough to put him at the top of the championship standings at the halfway mark of the Supercup season. Porsche Junior Alessandro Ghiretti (Schumacher CLRT) completed the podium in third. Misfortune struck former points leader Theo Oeverhaus (Proton Huber Competition), who failed to finish after being shunted out of contention by another competitor.

Just six weeks after the opener in Imola, the 2025 Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup has already reached its halfway point. Round four of the eight-race series, held at Austria's Spielberg circuit, delivered a shake-up in the standings. Thanks to his first win of the season, France's Marvin Klein advanced to fifth overall. His BWT Lechner Racing teammate, Robert de Haan from the Netherlands, fared even better. Finishing second, de Haan now leads the standings and heads into the second half of the season as the provisional Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup champion. Porsche Junior and Barcelona race winner Alessandro Ghiretti (Schumacher CLRT) leaves Styria second overall after finishing third, just two points adrift of de Haan.

Due to track repairs on the 4.3-kilometre Grand Prix circuit, the race was delayed by around 40 minutes and shortened to a 17-minute sprint plus one lap – an excuse the 30 drivers gladly took to turn up the heat in the dash to the flag.

The BWT Lechner Racing drivers dominated the action from the outset. Klein got the jump on polesitter de Haan at the start, seizing the lead into Turn 1. The duo steadily pulled away, benefitting from fierce battles further down the field. "The start made the difference," said a delighted Klein. "I got through Turn 1 cleanly and was in a better position for Turn 3. After that, we executed our plan and got both cars onto the podium. That's exactly what we needed after a rough start to the season." Teammate de Haan admitted fault for losing the lead: "My mistake. I had to let Marvin through at Turn 3. He drove a fantastic race and fully deserved to win. I'm still happy though – leading the championship at the halfway mark puts me in a great position going forward."

Third-placed Ghiretti had mixed feelings: "I'm pleased for the team – they did a superb job again, and my 911 GT3 Cup was excellent. But I didn't make the most of it. I briefly held second place, but then made a small mistake and dropped two spots. Third in the race and second overall in the rankings is a good result, but I know there are a few things I need to work on. We definitely had the potential for more."

It was a disappointing weekend for previous points leader Theo Oeverhaus. After starting from 12th on the grid, the Porsche Junior was forced into the gravel in the opening lap, falling to 17th. Two laps later, the Imola race winner was hit by another driver in Turn 3 and shunted into retirement. "That was not a good day," he said, visibly frustrated. "First I messed up the start, then I got shoved into the gravel. And then another driver took me out – and it wasn't the first time. I won't say much more about it." The incident relegates him to third in the standings, 9.5 points behind de Haan.

Fourth and fifth went to Israel's Ariel Levi (Team GP Elite) and Frenchman Mathys Jaubert (Martinet by Alméras), respectively. Flynt Schuring (Schumacher CLRT) from the Netherlands finished sixth and once again took top rookie honours. Meanwhile, Briton Gus Burton was left bitterly disappointed. After running a strong race in sixth, he was pushed into a spin on the final lap and fell back to 18th. "To make matters worse, it was my experienced teammate who was responsible," said the driver from Proton Huber Competition. "That's incredibly frustrating – it would've been my best Supercup result so far."

"As unfortunate as the shortened race was, the drivers more than made up for it with a spectacular show", commented Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup Project Manager Oliver Schwab. "Up front, Marvin and Robert controlled the race perfectly and delivered a dream result for BWT Lechner Racing at their home event. The standings have been shaken up, and the second half of the season promises to be thrilling."

The fifth round of the 2025 Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup will be contested from 25-27 July at the iconic rollercoaster circuit of Spa-Francorchamps, as part of the Belgian Grand Prix weekend.

Result round 4 Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup, Spielberg (Austria)

1. Marvin Klein (FRA/ BWT Lechner Racing), 12 laps in 18.39.190 min. (= 166.569 kph)
2. Robert de Haan (NLD/BWT Lechner Racing), 1.179 seconds behind.
3. Alessandro Ghiretti (FRA/Schumacher CLRT), 6.534 seconds behind.
4. Ariel Levi (ISR/Team GP Elite), 7.230 seconds behind.
5. Mathys Jaubert (FRA/Martinet by Alméras), 10.129 seconds behind.
6. Flynt Schuring (NLD/Schumacher CLRT), 11.414 seconds behind.

Standings Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup (after 4 of 8 races)

1. Robert de Haan (NLD/BWT Lechner Racing), 52.5 points.
2. Alessandro Ghiretti (FRA/Schumacher CLRT), 50.5 points.
3. Theo Oeverhaus (DEU/Proton Huber Competition), 43 points.

Full result and overall standings on the Porsche Motorsport Hub:
https://racing.porsche.com/de-DE/mobil-1-supercup/results-season-2025

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