

Porsche Carrera Cup at the Nürburgring

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17/08/2014 The weekend at the Nürburgring was dominated by the Porsche Carrera Cup: The races 11 and 12 at a glance.

Saturday, Race 11:

Saturday's race on the Nürburgring was filled with thrills and spills with a seven-car pile-up in the first lap stopping the race: A collision at the end of the first lap involved the vehicles of Porsche junior Sven Müller (D/Team Deutsche Post by Project 1), Nicki Thiim (DK/QPOD Walter Lechner Racing), Rolf Ineichen (CH/Konrad Motorsport), Robert Lukas (PL/Förch Racing by Lukas Motorsport), Porsche junior Alex Riberas (E/Attempto Racing by Häring), Tom Dillmann (F/Team 75 Bernhard) and Sean Johnston (USA/Team Deutsche Post/Pole Promotion by Project 1). The race was interrupted with Ineichen and

Lukas undergoing a routine medical examination.

After a 25-minute break, the race restarted behind the safety car, where Ammermüller held his lead at the top. The race ran for another 15 minutes and the front-running pack raced to the flag. “That was pretty wild seeing all the demolished cars. It's great to climb the podium for MRS Racing,” stated van Lagen.

Schothorst's third place was his first podium result this season. “I'm really pleased with my good result and I also take up Sunday's race from third on the grid,” said Schothorst.

Sunday, Race 12:

After a turbulent race in the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland on Saturday, spectators were treated to an enthralling team duel at Sunday's round. Since Nicki Thiim (DK/QPOD Walter Lechner Racing) was unable to compete due to the damage his vehicle sustained the previous day, the first row grid spot next to Müller remained empty.

The 22-year-old Müller from Germany's Rhine region got away well at the start and settled in at the front of the field. In the second lap, however, he made a braking error which saw Pieter Schothorst (Mc Gregor powered by Attempto Racing) sweep into the lead. When Schothorst opened the door slightly in the next lap, Müller grabbed his chance. The two swapped paint, with Schothorst falling back down the order to finish in 24th place.

From lap three Eng stuck close to Müller's bumper. The Project-1 pilots fought wheel to wheel at the front, with Eng finally snatching the lead in lap thirteen and bringing home a safe victory. “At times I was flirting with victory, but the level of competition in the team doesn't allow the slightest mistake. Still, I'm thrilled I've earned some important championship points,” explained Müller. Schmidt was also pleased with his third place: “This gives me new strength and motivation for the rest of the season. We now want to carry on from where we left off.” His teammate Clemens Schmidt (Lechner Racing Academy ME) saw the flag in fourth, however the Austrian was handed a time penalty for gaining an advantage after cutting a chicane.

Hard but fair fight between Engelhart ad Zöchling

A hard but fair fight raged between the Konrad pilots Christian Engelhart (D/Konrad Motorsport) and Christopher Zöchling (A/Konrad Motorsport) for the next positions. Michael Ammermüller (D/Walter Lechner Racing Team) put in a spirited performance, coming from 15th on the grid to finish in sixth.

After receiving a drive-through penalty, Porsche junior Connor de Phillippi (USA/Förch Racing by Lukas Motorsport) was flagged off in 18th. The 460 hp Porsche 911 GT3 Cup of Porsche junior Alex Riberas (E/Attempto Racing by Häring) could not be repaired in time for the race after an accident on Saturday.

“That’s really frustrating, particularly because the crash was not my fault. Now I just have to look ahead,” explained Riberas.

The seventh championship weekend of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland takes place from 12 to 14 September on the Lausitzring. The 3.478 kilometre circuit lies within a high-speed oval – a layout that is unique in Germany. Nicki Thiim (QPOD Walter Lechner Racing) from Denmark has won here three times and heads to races 13 and 14 feeling highly motivated. “I’m very much looking forward to the races as I’ve always performed really well on this circuit in the past. I’m determined to finish on the top of the podium again,” said the 25-year-old.

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