

Larry ten Voorde wins the season finale and claims the championship crown

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08/11/2020 Larry ten Voorde is the new champion of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland. At the Motorsport Arena Oschersleben, the Dutchman won the eleventh and final round of the season and beat Dylan Pereira in the gripping duel for the title.

Round 11

“That was a long road to the title, which makes me all the more pleased with this success! I got off the line really well, and the last metres to the flag were of course particularly emotional,” said an elated ten Voorde. Pereira clinched second place in Sunday's race ahead of Leon Köhler (Germany/T3/HRT

Motorsport). Two other title decisions were made at the last race of the season: Laurin Heinrich (Germany/T3/HRT Motorsport) secured the rookie crown after his maiden Carrera Cup year, and Förch Racing celebrated first place in the team championship.

Heading to the final round, only four points separated the point's leader ten Voorde and his hottest pursuer Pereira in the championship. Taking up the race from second on the grid in his 911 GT3 Cup, ten Voorde got a better start than polesitter Pereira. In the second corner, the Huber driver overtook the 23-year-old – the crucial scene in the race and in the fight for the title. Ten Voorde convincingly defended his lead, maintained his composure in the safety car phase, and was the first over the line after 21 laps. The 24-year-old is just the fifth driver to win both the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland and the international Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup in the same year. The others to manage this feat were Frank Stippler (2003), René Rast (2012), Philipp Eng (2015) and Sven Müller (2016) – for all of them, this was the launching platform into professional motor racing.

Pereira's second place put him out of contention for the title. "All in all, I can look back on a strong season. My starting position was good heading into the finale but I made minor mistakes after the start and unfortunately, that cost me the win and also the championship. It was a close fight that was ultimately decided by details," said Pereira. Thanks to his sixth podium result, Köhler finished third in the overall rankings. "My weekend went well with two third places and, all in all, it was a successful season," said Köhler. His teammate Laurin Heinrich crossed the finish line on the 3.667-kilometre racetrack near Magdeburg in fourth place.

The 19-year-old rookie from the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland Talent Pool was followed over the finish line by Julian Hanses (Germany/Förch Racing), Lukas Ertl (Germany/Overdrive Racing by Huber) and the Australian Joey Mawson (Fach Auto Tech). Diego Bertonelli (Italy/Fach Auto Tech) rounded off the top eight. In the ProAm class, Carlos Rivas (Black Falcon Team Textar) celebrated a successful conclusion to the season: As the ProAm champion, the Luxembourger won his class ahead of Matthias Jeserich (Germany/CarTech Motorsport by Nigrin) and his compatriot Stefan Rehkopf (Nebulus Racing by Huber).

"That was a truly spectacular final weekend. I'm proud that the teams and drivers put in a huge effort to give us a great season, despite the challenging conditions," said Hurui Issak, Project Manager of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland. Following the season finale, the national one-make cup will hold its Experience Day on Monday (9 November). Eleven young up-and-coming drivers get the chance to meet the teams and the organisers of the Carrera Cup and to drive the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup on the racetrack.

Overall result Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland

Result race 11, Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland
1. Larry ten Voorde (Netherlands/Nebulus Racing by Huber)
2. Dylan Pereira (Luxembourg/Förch Racing)

3. Leon Köhler (Germany/T3/HRT Motorsport)
4. Laurin Heinrich (Germany/T3/HRT Motorsport)
5. Julian Hanses (Germany/Förch Racing)
6. Lukas Ertl (Germany/Overdrive Racing by Huber)
7. Joey Mawson (Australia/Fach Auto Tech)
8. Diego Bertonelli (Italy/Fach Auto Tech)
9. Carlos Rivas (Luxembourg/Black Falcon Team Textar)
10. Jukka Honkavuori (Finland/MRS-GT Racing)

Points standings after 11 of 11 races
Drivers' classification
1. Larry ten Voorde (Netherlands/Nebulus Racing by Huber), 236 points
2. Dylan Pereira (Luxembourg/Förch Racing), 227 points
3. Leon Köhler (Germany/T3/HRT Motorsport), 143 points

Rookie class
1. Laurin Heinrich (Germany/T3/HRT Motorsport), 206 points
2. Julian Hanses (Germany/Förch Racing), 206 points
3. Diego Bertonelli (Italy/Fach Auto Tech), 192 points

ProAm class
1. Carlos Rivas (Luxembourg/Black Falcon Team Textar), 270 points
2. Matthias Jeserich (Germany/CarTech Motorsport by Nigrin), 198 points
3. Stefan Rehkopf (Germany/Nebulus Racing by Huber), 188 points

Team classification
1. Förch Racing, 344 points
2. Nebulus Racing by Huber, 304 points
3. T3/HRT Motorsport, 273 points

Round 10

High suspense in the title fight at the season finale of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland: At the Motorsport Arena Oschersleben, Dylan Pereira netted his sixth win of the season. Larry ten Voorde reached the finish line in second place ahead of Leon Köhler. This means that only four points separate the series leader ten Voorde and his hottest pursuer Pereira (Luxembourg/Förch Racing) in the overall standings. At the decisive race on Sunday, a maximum of 25 points are up for grabs. “Thanks to my super start I immediately took the lead. Towards the end, Larry ten Voorde (Netherlands/Nebulus Racing by Huber) was right on my bumper. To be honest, I was a little nervous at that point, but I kept my focus so that everything is still open in the championship,” said Pereira.

In bright sunshine and outside temperatures of 12 degrees Celsius, polesitter Laurin Heinrich

(Germany/T3/HRT Motorsport) led the grid line-up. At the start, Pereira was wide awake and ready to pounce in his 485-hp Porsche 911 GT3 Cup: At the first corner, the 23-year-old swept past the rookie. Ten Voorde also overtook Heinrich in the first lap. Frontrunner Pereira initially managed to pull clear, but the final laps turned into a nail-biter for the win. The Huber driver ten Voorde loomed large in Pereira's rear-view mirror and attempted to rattle the leader. The Förch driver, however, kept his wits about him and beat ten Voorde to the flag by 0.6 seconds. "I did everything I could to win this race, but Dylan defended himself well. I'm the hunted in the championship, and that role feels great. Everything is open and I'm looking forward to the final race," said ten Voorde.

Heinrich's race ended early in the second lap. While running in third place, the 19-year-old drove through coolant that had leaked from a competitor's vehicle and slid off the track into the barriers. As a consequence, the field lined up behind the Porsche Taycan Turbo safety car. Köhler (Germany/T3/HRT Motorsport) profited from his teammate's accident and inherited third place. "Unfortunately, I couldn't match the pace of the leaders but I'm still happy with this result. It'd be great to conclude the season on Sunday with another podium finish," outlined Köhler. With his performance, the 21-year-old was the best driver from the Porsche Carrera Cup Talent Pool, the junior development programme in the one-make cup. Securing fourth place on the 3.667-kilometre racetrack in the southwest of Magdeburg, Joey Mawson (Australia/Fach Auto Tech) achieved his best result so far this season.

Fifth place went to rookie Julian Hanses (Germany/Förch Racing) ahead of Kay van Berlo (Netherlands/Nebulus Racing by Huber) and Diego Bertonelli (Italy/Fach Auto Tech). Lukas Ertl (Germany/Overdrive Racing by Huber) brought his Cup car over the line in eighth place. In the ProAm class, Carlos Rivas (Black Falcon Team Textar) continued his winning streak and celebrated his ninth win of the season. Matthias Jeserich (Germany/CarTech Motorsport by Nigrin) and his compatriot Stefan Rehkopf (Nebulus Racing by Huber) finished behind the Luxembourger.

Three titles will be decided on Sunday: Ten Voorde (211 points) faces Pereira (207 points) in the duel for the overall championship title. Victory in the rookie class goes down to the wire between Hanses (186 points), Heinrich (181 points) and Bertonelli (176 points). In the team classification, Förch Racing (313 points) fights for honours against Nebulus Racing by Huber (275 points). Last weekend at the Lausitzring,
Rivas was crowned 2020 champion of the ProAm class.

The eleventh and final round of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland gets underway at 11:40 a.m. local time on Sunday. Pereira starts from pole position. The event is streamed live on the German TV station Sport1+. Fans can watch the race action via a live stream on the official YouTube and Facebook channel (@CarreraCupDeutschland) and in the Porsche Motorsport Hub.

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Result race 10, Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland
1. Dylan Pereira (Luxemburg/Förch Racing)

2. Larry ten Voorde (Netherlands/Nebulus Racing by Huber)
3. Leon Köhler (Germany /T3/HRT Motorsport)
4. Joey Mawson (Australia/Fach Auto Tech)
5. Julian Hanses (Germany /Förch Racing)
6. Kay van Berlo (Netherlands/Nebulus Racing by Huber)
7. Diego Bertonelli (Italy/Fach Auto Tech)
8. Lukas Ertl (Germany /Overdrive Racing by Huber)
9. Jukka Honkavuori (Finland/MRS-GT Racing)
10. Carlos Rivas (Luxembourg/Black Falcon Team Textar)

Points standings after 10 of 11 races
Drivers' classification
1. Larry ten Voorde (Netherlands/Nebulus Racing by Huber), 211 points
2. Dylan Pereira (Luxembourg/Förch Racing), 207 points
3. Leon Köhler (Germany/T3/HRT Motorsport), 127 points

Rookie class
1. Julian Hanses (Germany /Förch Racing), 186 points
2. Laurin Heinrich (Germany /T3/HRT Motorsport), 181 points
3. Diego Bertonelli (Italy/Fach Auto Tech), 176 points

ProAm class
1. Carlos Rivas (Luxembourg/Black Falcon Team Textar), 245 points
2. Matthias Jeserich (Germany /CarTech Motorsport by Nigrin), 178 points
3. Stefan Rehkopf (Germany /Nebulus Racing by Huber), 172 points

Team classification
1. Förch Racing, 313 points
2. Nebulus Racing by Huber, 275 points
3. T3/HRT Motorsport, 244 points

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