

Campbell and Preining are the new Porsche juniors

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22/11/2016 The 21-year-old Australian Matt Campbell and 18-year-old Thomas Preining from Austria will receive comprehensive support from Porsche for their 2017 motorsport season.

Campbell contests the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup – the international Porsche one-make series run as support to Formula 1 – and receives funding totalling 200,000 Euros. Preining tackles the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland, run as support to the DTM, and is given 150,000 Euros towards his campaign. The funding from Porsche encompasses not only support and training in fitness, mental preparation as well as media matters but also includes a driver mentoring at every race weekend. Both Porsche juniors take up their respective race series in the new 485 hp Porsche 911 GT3 Cup.

Matt Campbell won the 2016 title in the Porsche Carrera Cup Australia and beat eight other candidates from China, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Canada, Sweden and Singapore at an international shoot-

out. Campbell grew up in Warwick (Queensland), a small town with around 15,000 inhabitants. His grandfather used to be the chairman of the local karting club and his parent's house was just a few hundred metres away from Morgan Park Raceway. Over the years, the small race-track was lengthened to three kilometres and after several seasons racing single-seaters and in the national Porsche one-make race series, Campbell had the opportunity to work as an instructor alongside his racing commitments. Matt Campbell very much enjoys keeping fit on his bike, his favourite meal is spaghetti Bolognese and he names Earl Bamber as his role model.

Thomas Preining took part in a two-stage selection programme for the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland, for which more than one hundred drivers had applied. Preining comes from Linz in Austria and began his motorsport career in karting. In the 2016 season he contested his first full year in single-seaters. He competed in the ADAC Formula 4, secured two victories in the fiercely-contested junior series, and finished his season fourth overall. The fitness fanatic inherited his speed from his father, Andreas, who raced a 250cc motorbike in the Motorcycle World Championship in the nineties. If young Preining is not at the gym or out running, he likes to sit in front of a simulator at his parent's home.

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