

Three wins and new points leader – perfect race weekend for Pereira

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18/10/2020 Big celebrations for Dylan Pereira and his Förch Racing squad in the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland: After claiming victory at Saturday's race, the racing driver from Luxembourg went on to win both of Sunday's races held as part of the ADAC GT Masters programme.

Round 6 +7

Thanks to his hat-trick at the Red Bull Ring in Austria, the 23-year-old moves to the top of the leaderboard in the national one-make cup. "We found an excellent setup for all races. At the second race on Sunday, the start proved decisive when I managed to manoeuvre to the front of the field. Leading the championship feels great, but it'll be a tough fight all the way to the finale," concluded Pereira.

In the first race on Sunday, Pereira got off the line better than first-time polesitter Laurin Heinrich (Germany/T3/HRT Motorsport) – with the Förch driver winning the sprint to the first corner in his Porsche 911 GT3 Cup. Pereira then proceeded to pull clear of the field and underlined his title ambitions with a convincing victory. Second place went to Larry ten Voorde (Nebulus Racing by Huber). The Dutchman also overtook Heinrich early on in the race. “My first laps were good, but I couldn’t get past Dylan. With a view to the overall standings, the result is somewhat disappointing, but we’ll take a good look at that as a team,” said ten Voorde. Heinrich reached the flag in third place as the best driver from the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland Talent Pool – the one-make cup’s youth development programme. Jukka Honkavuori (Finland/MRS-GT Racing) and Rudy van Buren (Netherlands/CarTech Motorsport by Nigrin) rounded off the top five.

At the start of the second race on Sunday, Pereira was again poised to pounce: From position three, he made a catapult start to sweep past both ten Voorde and polesitter Heinrich. Even at the restart after a safety car phase, Pereira stayed focussed and was the first to see the chequered flag ahead of Heinrich after 21 laps. “When you start from pole position, you hope to win, of course. But I knew how experienced my pursuers were, so second place is a great result for me,” concluded Heinrich. His teammate Leon Köhler (T3/HRT Motorsport) crossed the finish line third on the 4.318-kilometre racetrack, only to be disqualified after the race due to his vehicle's non-compliance with technical regulations. As a consequence, 24-year-old ten Voorde inherited the third podium step. Fourth and fifth went to Kay van Berlo (Netherlands/Nebulus Racing by Huber) and Honkavuori.

Carlos Rivas (Luxembourg/Black Falcon Team Textar) won both ProAm-category races on Sunday. After the first event, Stefan Rehkopf (Germany/Nebulus Racing by Huber) and Georgi Donchev (Bulgaria/Overdrive Racing by Huber) joined him on the ProAm podium, with Matthias Jeserich (CarTech Motorsport by Nigrin) and Rehkopf scoring second and third in Sunday's second race. Felix Neuhofer (Overdrive Racing by Huber) experienced a special weekend at Spielberg. On home turf, the Austrian earned valuable points for eleventh place in Sunday’s second race.

After seven of eleven races, tension is rising in the championship: Pereira now leads the series with 154 points ahead of ten Voorde (146 points). Heinrich trails the pair with 90 points. “Three entertaining races with lots of fierce yet fair duels – that's exactly what the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland is all about. Everything is still wide open in the championship and I’m curious to see how the title fight will continue,” said Hurui Issak, Project Manager of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland.

For the next two races on the 2020 calendar, the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland travels with the ADAC GT Masters to the Lausitzring (30 October to 1 November). The racetrack in Brandenburg replaces the original venue at the Circuit Zandvoort in the Netherlands on the same date. Due to the increasing number of coronavirus cases in the Netherlands and the restrictions imposed due to the risk level, the ADAC GT Masters made a decision to change the venue.

Overall result Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland

Result race 6, Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland
1. Dylan Pereira (Luxembourg/Förch Racing)
2. Larry ten Voorde (Netherlands/Nebulus Racing by Huber)
3. Laurin Heinrich (Germany/T3/HRT Motorsport)
4. Jukka Honkavuori (Finland/MRS-GT Racing)
5. Rudy van Buren (Netherlands/CarTech Motorsport by Nigrin)

Result race 7, Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland
1. Dylan Pereira (Luxembourg/Förch Racing)
2. Laurin Heinrich (Germany/T3/HRT Motorsport)
3. Larry ten Voorde (Netherlands/Nebulus Racing by Huber)
4. Kay van Berlo (Netherlands/Nebulus Racing by Huber)
5. Jukka Honkavuori (Finland/MRS-GT Racing)

Points standings after 7 of 11 races
Drivers' classification
1. Dylan Pereira (Luxembourg/Förch Racing), 154 points
2. Larry ten Voorde (Netherlands/Nebulus Racing by Huber), 146 points
3. Laurin Heinrich (Germany/T3/HRT Motorsport), 90 points

Round 5

Dylan Pereira continues his winning ways in the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland. At the Red Bull Ring in Austria, the Luxembourger scored his third win of the season at Saturday's race held as part of the ADAC GT Masters programme. "Unfortunately I made some mistakes in the first few laps. However, over the course of the race, I managed to close the gap to Larry ten Voorde. Being able to reward myself with this win makes it all the more wonderful," said Pereira (Förch Racing). Larry ten Voorde (Netherlands/Nebulus Racing by Huber) finished on second place ahead of Laurin Heinrich (Germany/T3/HRT Motorsport).

When the drivers lined up on the grid in their 911 GT3 Cup on Saturday afternoon, the weather conditions were autumnal with overcast skies and an outside temperature of 13 degrees Celsius. After polesitter Leon Köhler (Germany/T3/HRT Motorsport) fluffed his start and fell to the back of the pack, a duel between the leading ten Voorde and the pursuer Pereira unfolded. Lap after lap, Pereira increased the pressure – and in the eleventh lap, the Förch driver squeezed past ten Voorde and beat him to the flag after 30 minutes of racing. "I didn't make any major mistakes over the entire distance. But I didn't have the pace to defend myself against Dylan. Second place is a good result, but of course, I'd like to climb to the top of the podium again on Sunday," concluded the 24-year-old.

Rookie driver Laurin Heinrich was delighted with his second podium finish in the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland: “I’m over the moon with this result. With the weather conditions, I initially had problems getting the tyres up to the optimal temperature. I start both of Sunday's races from pole position, so I’m feeling a little nervous, but today's race underlined that I can match the pace of the frontrunners.” This result also makes the 19-year-old the best driver in the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland Talent Pool – the German racing series' youth support programme. Positions four and five went to Julian Hanses (Germany/Förch Racing) and Köhler. The youngster was rewarded for his inspired charge through the field. “Unfortunately, my start didn’t go at all well. Still, I managed to quickly get over it and come out on top of many duels. That enabled me to achieve fifth place,” said Köhler.

Joey Mawson (Australia/Fach Auto Tech) reached the finish line in sixth place on the 4.318-kilometre rollercoaster circuit in Austria's Styria region. Lukas Ertl (Germany/Overdrive Racing by Huber) brought his Cup car over the line in seventh place ahead of Rudy van Buren (Netherlands/CarTech Motorsport by Nigrin). Carlos Rivas (Black Falcon Team Textar) won the ProAm category – the Luxembourger’s fourth class win so this season. Georgi Donchev (Bulgaria/Overdrive Racing by Huber) and Stefan Rehkopf (Germany/Nebulus Racing by Huber) also finished on the ProAm podium.

Ten Voorde continues to lead the championship standings. The Huber driver has so far earned 110 points. Behind him are Pereira (104 points) and Köhler (71 points). The next two Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland races will be contested on Sunday. Race six gets underway at 10:50 a.m. local time, with the lights turning green for race seven at 5 p.m. Both races are streamed live on the internet. Fans can watch the race action on the official YouTube and Facebook channels (@CarreraCupDeutschland) of the Carrera Cup and in the Porsche Motorsport Hub. Moreover, the second race on Sunday can be seen live on the free-TV station Sport1.

Overall result Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland

Result race 5

1. Dylan Pereira (Luxembourg/Förch Racing)
2. Larry ten Voorde (Netherlands/Nebulus Racing by Huber)
3. Laurin Heinrich (Germany/T3/HRT Motorsport)
4. Julian Hanses (Germany/Förch Racing)
5. Leon Köhler (Germany/T3/HRT Motorsport)
6. Joey Mawson (Australia/Fach Auto Tech)
7. Lukas Ertl (Germany/Overdrive Racing by Huber)
8. Rudy van Buren (Netherlands/CarTech Motorsport by Nigrin)
9. Jesse van Kuijk (Netherlands/Team GP Elite)
10. Jukka Honkavuori (Finland/MRS-GT Racing)

Points standings after 5 of 11 races

Drivers' classification

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2. Dylan Pereira (Luxembourg/Förch Racing), 104 points
3. Leon Köhler (Germany/T3/HRT Motorsport), 71 points

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