Maxson, Jeansonne split Porsche Carrera Cup North America round at Indy as title fight continues

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. Tyler Maxson (TOPP Racing) and Aaron Jeansonne (Kellymoss) each took a swing in the championship fight during the Porsche Carrera Cup North America Round 6 doubleheader at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Maxson leaves the weekend leading the Mobil Pro class championship by 11 points with two rounds to go in the season.

ACI Motorsports clinched one championship when Patrick Mulcahy secured enough points to earn the Solairus Aviation Pro-Am title. They remain in the lead of a second after Marco Cirone split the Solairus Aviation Masters class races with Ruckus Racing's Scott Blind.

Race 1. Saturday, Sept. 19

Just 18 points separated Maxson from Aaron Jeansonne (Kellymoss) after Maxson's No. 77 Porsche 911 Cup secured the Race Brew Pole for Saturday's 40-minute contest.

With the two championship leaders starting on the front row, Maxson got the jump on the Jeansonne and brought third-starting Janne Stiak's No. 40 ACI Motorsports Porsche 911 along with him.

The trio ran in that order for the entirety of the race – Maxson followed by fellow Porsche Junior Program member 19-year-old Stiak and Jeansonne's No. 24 Kellymoss Porsche. In the middle third, Stiak was able to close to the rear of Maxson but couldn't find a way past; over the closing laps, Jeansonne closed on Stiak through lapped traffic but remained in third.

Maxson knocked off the quickest lap of the race for an additional, valuable bonus point with a lap of 1:25.642 (102.524 mph) and to help stay in the race lead.

"It's great," Maxson said. "It was a good points day for us and another win on the belt. All props to the TOPP team, these guys kill it every single week."

Patrick Mulcahy's remarkable season showed few signs of slowing despite a dramatic opening lap. The ACI Motorsports driver spun early in the race but recovered to secure maximum points in the Solairus Aviation Pro-Am class, extending his undefeated streak to 11 consecutive victories in 2026.

Early drama transformed the Solairus Aviation Masters race, creating an opportunity for Richard Edge to score his first Porsche Carrera Cup North America victory since Road Atlanta in 2024 while championship contender Scott Blind gained valuable points in the title fight.

Championship leader and Race Brew polesitter Marco Cirone (ACI Motorsports) lost the lead at the start to both Blind and Edge before contact from teammate Matt Smith (ACI Motorsports) sent him off track on lap three, forcing the points leader into recovery mode for the remainder of the race. Smith received a drive-through penalty for the incident while Cirone dropped to the rear of the field.

That left Edge and Blind out front to battle for the class victory. Blind, fresh off his win in the Miami make-up race at Road America, was focused on reducing his championship deficit, while Edge was chasing his first Carrera Cup victory in nearly two seasons.

Edge moved his No. 18 ACI Motorsports Porsche 911 Cup into the lead on lap three and remained there despite pressure behind and incidents throughout the field.

"It feels pretty good," Edge said. "The car was dialed in. The track conditions were a bit hot but overall ACI gave me a really good car. I got a bit lucky at the start and avoided some chaos, and then Scott made a little bobble through the chicane later, and I was able to get by him. I just tried to keep my head

down and avoid making any mistakes and move forward, so it worked out in the end."

Blind briefly lost second position to JTR Motorsports Engineering driver Rob Walker before reclaiming the spot on the final lap in his No. 45 Ruckus Racing Porsche 911 Cup. Walker completed the podium in third, while Cirone recovered to fourth in class to limit the championship damage.

Race 2. Sunday, Sept. 20

Aaron Jeansonne sent a message on Sunday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway that he and his Kellymoss team aren't giving up on the Porsche Carrera Cup North America championship.

Jeansonne took Mobil Pro class victory in a flag-to-flag effort, with Patrick Mulcahy scoring the win in the Solairus Aviation Pro-Am class and his ACI Motorsports teammate Marco Cirone joining him with victory in the Solairus Aviation Masters class.

Jeansonne started his No. 24 Kellymoss Porsche 911 Cup on the Race Brew pole and got away from the field early, utilizing that breathing room for an eventual 1.651-second win. In the clear, he also earned the bonus point for fastest race lap to go with the two points for pole position.

"The team gave me the best car this weekend," Jeansonne said. "We showed it out of the gate in practice and I'm so happy to be able to bring them a win and get us back in this championship fight. All credit to the team. They gave me the best car and all I did was drive it. I drove at 99 percent race pace and got the job done. I'm so proud of what everybody did."

Those points proved extra valuable in relation to championship leader Tyler Maxson. Maxson started second in his No. 77 TOPP Racing Porsche 911 Cup, but a bump from behind as he made his turn-in to Turn 1 allowed Janne Stiak (ACI Motorsports), Callum Hedge (JDX Racing) and Jared Thomas (JTR Motorsports Engineering) to get by.

Maxson had closed to the rear of Thomas and, with 22 minutes to go, ran side by side for several corners in the infield section of the Speedway road course. Thomas impressively held off Maxson to the checkered flag, holding fourth and leaving the Championship leader in fifth.

Ahead of them, Stiak and Hedge ran essentially uncontested. Stiak finished second for his fifth podium in six races. Hedge finished 16 seconds behind Jeansonne and more than seven seconds in front of Thomas in third.

Maxson leaves Indianapolis with an 11-point lead in the championship and doubleheaders at Road Atlanta and Circuit of the Americas remaining.

Patrick Mulcahy extended his winning streak to 12 races in the Solairus Aviation Pro-Am class, sweeping the Indianapolis round and clinching the championship with two rounds remaining.

Mulcahy's point total has now put him out of reach for the Pro-Am class competitors regardless of the outcome at Road Atlanta and Circuit of the Americas.

Cirone and his No. 88 ACI Motorsports Porsche 911 Cup were aiming for a rebound on Sunday following a fourth-place finish in Saturday's race.

Scott Blind's Ruckus Racing Porsche 911 Cup led the Masters class through the opening corners, but Cirone found his way around early in the 40-minute race. In front, Cirone stayed clear of any trouble and crossed the finish line 2.345-seconds in front of Blind.

Despite 10 career Porsche Carrera Cup North America class wins, including five this year, it was Cirone's first at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"I woke up this morning and I really wanted it," Cirone said. "I woke up in a different mindset. I felt so bad for the crew because they worked all night long, but they fixed the car fantastically. This was an exhausting race because I had the guys behind me, Scott especially, and I couldn't make any mistakes because he was right there. I'm glad the team gave me such a great car. Everything turned out well today."

Both Blind and third-place Rob Walker of JTR Motorsports Engineering landed on the podium for the second time this weekend on the track, but Blind was penalized following the race for a non-compliant race car in technical inspection and scored at the rear of the field. That penalty elevated Walker to second and Richard Edge to third. With four races remaining, Cirone leads Blind by 52 points in the Masters Class title chase.

Pro class winners

Race 1. Tyler Maxson, No. 77 TOPP Racing.
Race 2. Aaron Jeansonne, No. 24 Kellymoss.

Pro-Am class winners

Race 1 & 2. Patrick Mulcahy, No. 54 ACI Motorsports.

Masters class winners

Race 1. Scott Blind, No. 45 Ruckus Racing.
Race 2. Marco Cirone, No. 88 ACI Motorsports.

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Masters class. Marco Cirone, No. 88 ACI Motorsports.
Entrant. Topp Racing.

Highlights

▪ **Throttle blips.** Jeansonne's victory was the second of his career and the first since race two at Indianapolis a year ago… Maxson's eighth career victory moves him to a tie for third all-time in Porsche Carrera Cup North America with Parker Thompson, trailing only Riley Dickinson (17) and Kay van Berlo (13)… the win was the first for Kellymoss since Indianapolis of last year. As a team, Kellymoss now has 98 career victories… Scott Blind's 30th career Porsche Carrera Cup North America podium places him just three behind Mark Kwamme for most in the Masters class

▪ **Petit Le Mans.** Round seven of Porsche Carrera Cup North America will take place at Road Atlanta during the Petit Le Mans weekend, September 30 through October 2. The Porsche 911 Cup cars will race on Thursday and Friday in advance of the IMSA WeatherTech Championship 10-hour race on Saturday.

▪ **Broadcast.**All races can be seen live and are archived on the IMSA and Porsche Motorsport North America YouTube Channels, IMSA TV, Peacock, and the Porsche Motorsport North America social channels on Facebook, LinkedIn, and X. The Porsche Motorsport North America YouTube page can be found at https://www.youtube.com/c/PorscheMotorsportNorthAmerica.

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