

Norwegian Olsen wins at the Nürburgring

10/09/2017 Half a dozen victories: Dennis Olsen extends his lead in the championship. At round ten of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland, the Norwegian notched up his sixth victory of the season on Sunday.

Behind Olsen's Porsche 911 GT3 Cup, Nick Yelloly (Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) from Great Britain claimed second, with Austria's Christopher Zöchling (MRS GT-Racing) achieving third at the Nürburgring. "It was important to beat Nick Yelloly to the flag and extend my advantage in the championship. The duel between us was intense, but we treated each other very fairly," said Olsen (Konrad Motorsport).

Zöchling secured the pole position as the fastest in the qualifying session, however, Yelloly put in a catapult start and beat the 29-year-old in the sprint to the first corner. Olsen took up the race from fourth on the grid and also managed to improve his position in the first lap. The 21-year-old overtook Christian Engelhart (D/MRS GT-Racing), who had started from third, and Zöchling. Over the rest of the 23-lap race, Yelloly, Olsen and Zöchling treated spectators to some gripping action for the lead. In lap

six, Olsen managed to squeeze past Yelloly, but during this manoeuvre Zöchling overtook both of his rivals to snatch the lead. In the very next lap, however, the MRS pilot made a braking error. Olsen and Yelloly grabbed the chance to pull ahead of Zöchling and defended their positions to the flag. “These are important points towards the championship. Obviously I wanted to win, but Dennis Olsen drove a flawless race,” said Yelloly.

Zöchling was flagged off in third place

Zöchling was flagged off in third place behind the driver from the Norwegian town of Våler and 26-year-old Yelloly. “That race was like a rollercoaster. Unfortunately I couldn't maintain the right tyre pressure on the front wheels and so towards the end I couldn't match their pace. Still, I'm happy with third place,” explained Zöchling. Fourth position on the 3.629-kilometre circuit in Germany's Eifel region went to Michael Ammermüller (raceunion Huber Racing) from Germany. As the best rookie, Larry Ten Voorde (Team Deutsche Post by Project 1) from the Netherlands crossed the finish line in position five.

Among the 25-strong field, it was Porsche Junior Thomas Preining (Konrad Motorsport) who succeeded in making up the most places. Taking up the race from the eighteenth grid spot, the Austrian ploughed through the field to cross the finish line in sixth. “I'm very pleased with my lap times. Perhaps if I'd had a better grid position I would've been able to do even better,” said Preining. Wolfgang Triller (D/Huber Racing by TriSpa) concluded his race as the best driver in the amateur category. His teammate from the Netherlands, Wolf Nathan, came second in the B-class. Jörn Schmidt-Staade (D/Cito Pretiosa) saw the flag in third.

German actor Richy Müller drove a 911

As a VIP guest starter, Richy Müller contested the Nürburgring race. The commissioner in the German TV show “Tatort” drove a 911 for the Team Deutsche Post by Project 1. The avid Porsche driver finished eighth in the amateur category. “This race weekend was huge fun. My team provided me with incredibly professional support, and I'm very grateful for this,” said Müller.

Thanks to his victory at round ten, Olsen extends his lead in the overall championship. After six wins so far this season, the 21-year-old leads the standings with 206 points. On second place behind Olsen sits Yelloly with 175 points. Zöchling ranks third with 134 points. The rookie category is led by Ten Voorde (201 points), with Triller as the best driver in the amateur classification on 126 points. Leading the team category is the Team Deutsche Post by Project 1 squad with 292 points.

Also at the Nürburgring for Sunday's race was the German model Daniel Fuchs as well as the YouTuber Simon Teichmann. The pair was given a glimpse behind the scenes of the national racing series and followed the action live from the pits. The next two rounds of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland will be held as support to the ADAC GT Masters. The national one-make race series is contested from 15 to 17 September on the Sachsenring.

The race for Porsche Junior Thomas Preining (Konrad Motorsport) was marked by misfortune. The 19-year-old from Linz in Austria started from the 15th grid spot and had to retire in lap seven after making contact with another vehicle. “That’s really upsetting because, of course, I’d expected much more. We’ll have another look at what happened and then I’ll turn my attention to Sunday’s race,” said Preining. The best driver in the amateur classification was Wolfgang Triller (D/Huber Racing by TriSpa) ahead of his compatriots Stefan Rehkopf (Cito Pretiosa) and Jörn Schmidt-Staade (Cito Pretiosa).

Joining the 25-strong field was the German television actor Richy Müller. As a prominent guest starter, the “Tatort” commissioner contested the Nürburgring race for Team Deutsche Post by Project 1 and finished eighth in the amateur category. “That was my first time competing in rain and so it was a very new experience for me. My start wasn’t great, but I gradually improved as I got used to the car. Driving the new Porsche 911 GT3 Cup was tremendous,” said Müller. The avid Porsche driver will race again on Sunday at round ten of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland.

Dennis Olsen leads the overall standings

After nine races, Dennis Olsen leads the overall standings with 181 points after securing five wins. Behind him on second is Yelloly with 155 points. Third place is occupied by Zöchling with 119 points. The Team Deutsche Post by Project 1 squad leads the team classification with 260 points. Ten Voorde ranks first in the rookie classification with 167 points, with Triller leading the amateur category with 111 points.

YouTubers Luca (ConCrafter) and Tobias Wolf (TheDailyWolfs) as well as blogger Florian Junk (Funkjunge.com) witnessed the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland race on Saturday. The popular social media producers got a glimpse behind the scenes of a race day and had the chance to show what they could do behind the wheel of a 911 in the Porsche race simulator.

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