

Earl Bamber is the new Porsche champion

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03/11/2014 At the very last round of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup season he added another jewel to his crown: New Zealander Earl Bamber became champion at the race in Austin, Texas.

The 24 year old scored second place at round ten which earned him the points he needed to take home the trophy. The Porsche International Cup Scholarship driver pumped his fist on the way to celebrating his triumph. “I'm the happiest guy on earth right now. It was a fantastic Supercup year topped off with a nerve-racking race at the end. This title means so much to me," explained the ecstatic Bamber. At the wheel of his 460 hp Porsche 911 GT3 Cup, which is based on the seventh generation of the 911, Michael Ammermüller (D/Walter Lechner Racing Team) was the actual winner of the action-packed tenth round ahead of Bamber and Philipp Eng (A/Team Project 1).

Spectacular manoeuvres of the front-runners

Bamber took up the race from pole position, but in the second of 14 laps had to relinquish the lead to Austria's Eng. The tension in the trailing pack was almost palpable with the front-runners constantly swapping positions with spectacular manoeuvres. Ammermüller got off the mark from second but became caught in a tussle with his Lechner teammate Nicki Thiim starting from third. Thiim spun on the track and had to slot back in down the field.

In the meantime Bamber had fallen back to third. All eyes, however, were not glued on Bamber but on his hottest rival for the championship title Kuba Giermaziak (PL/VERVA Lechner Racing Team). Giermaziak was unable to hang on to his fifth starting position and was at times down to eighth to ultimately take the flag in seventh. This was not enough for the title. "Of course I would rather have won the championship, but at least it's enough for the team title. I'll be back next year," said the somewhat crestfallen Giermaziak.

Bamber wins the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup

After ten rounds, the victorious Bamber earned 155 points ahead of Giermaziak on 132 points. Bamber is the first race driver from New Zealand to pocket the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup title. Never before has a rookie as a newcomer clinched the series title. After just seven of the ten races, he had already moved out of reach in the rookie classification. Moreover, Bamber was crowned champion of this year's Porsche Carrera Cup Asia. Position three in the championship standings is occupied by Ammermüller with 114 points. Sunday's victory was Ammermüller's first win in the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup.

At Saturday Nicki Thiim (DK/Walter Lechner Racing Team) clinched victory on the Circuit of the Americas in Austin/USA in round nine of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup. Michael Ammermüller (D/Walter Lechner Racing Team) and Porsche junior Klaus Bachler (A/Konrad Motorsport) finished on second and third. Earl Bamber (NZ/Fach Auto Tech) came fourth, with his hottest rival Kuba Giermaziak (PL/VERVA Lechner Racing Team) on position eleven. More information on the 9th round are available in the corresponding press release (Download, left column).

„ Great maiden season" for Porsche junior Sven Müller

Porsche junior Sven Müller (Team Project 1) secured seventh in the overall standings. At the last race of the season he finished on tenth. "The other races this year ran better than the season finale. But all in all I can look back on a great maiden season in the Supercup. As a rookie I even won at Monza," the 22-year-old German summed up his Supercup campaign.

The team title in the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup turned out to be a family affair.
The trophy went to VERVA Lechner Racing under the direction of Robert Lechner

and Walter Lechner Jnr with a nine-point advantage over the Walter Lechner Racing squad managed by Walter Lechner Snr (232 points). Project 1 with owner Hans- Bernd Kamps and team principal Paul Schlotmann came third.

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