



## Germany's tennis women guests of Porsche

**02/02/2016** For Porsche Team Germany, the Fed Cup week in Leipzig began on Monday with a visit to the Porsche plant. This Saturday and Sunday the players are aiming to reach the semi-final against the strong Swiss team.

The players, who are captained by Barbara Rittner, first tested the power of other top performers. Fully concentrated, they got behind the steering wheel of various Porsche models, did some hot laps around the plant's own on-road circuit and off-road track and experienced at first hand the fascination of Porsche. To crown their day, they took the opportunity to sit in the passenger seat beside an experienced pilot in a 911 GT3 racing car.

"Visiting Porsche was a fantastic diversion within our Fed Cup preparation," said a thrilled Andrea Petkovic. "We all had a whole lot of fun. But from now on, we'll be concentrating one hundred per cent on the matches against Switzerland." Naturally the top topic of conversation in Leipzig was Angelique Kerber's magnificent triumph at the Australian Open. Over the weekend, the Porsche Brand Ambassador performed brilliantly to beat the American Serena Williams 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 in Melbourne and

become the first German to win a Grand Slam final in 17 years.

“What Angie achieved in Australia was unbelievable and it'll give women's tennis in Germany a major boost,” said a delighted Barbara Rittner, “If we can take the euphoria with us into the tough tie against Switzerland then I'm confident we'll reach the next round.”

Kerber, who after the win is the new world number two, is expected to join Porsche Team Germany in Leipzig today, Tuesday. Alongside Angelique Kerber and Andrea Petkovic, the other team members are Annika Beck and Anna-Lena Grönefeld. Tasting the Fed Cup atmosphere for the first time will be the reserve Anna-Lena Friedsam, who reached the last 16 in Australia, from the Porsche Talent Team Germany.

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