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PMSC: Porsche Junior Thomas Preining celebrates second win of season in Budapest

Porsche Junior Thomas Preining has won round six of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup. On the Hungaroring northeast of Budapest, the Austrian secured his second win of the season in the international one-make cup.



Race

"Pole position was particularly important on Hungaroring because it's difficult to overtake here. My start was great and I didn't make any mistakes during the race," said Preining (BTW Lechner Racing). Second place went to Porsche Junior Julien Andlauer (F/martinet by ALMERAS). Jaap van Lagen (Fach Auto Tech) from the Netherlands crossed the finish line in his Porsche 911 GT3 Cup in third place.

In sunshine and outside temperatures of 32 degrees Celsius, the race on the Hungarian circuit literally turned into a heated battle. At the head of the 27-strong field was Preining. The 20-year-old defended his lead after the start, however in the very first lap the safety car had to be deployed. Preining, however, maintained his lead after the restart in lap two. Taking up the race from the second grid spot, Andlauer stuck close to the Austrian's bumper. In the final laps, the young Frenchman put Preining under pressure, but the Lechner driver gave no chance for Andlauer to squeeze past and concluded the race after 14 laps in first place. For the second time this season, the reigning champion of the Porsche Carrera Cup France took the flag in second place 11.7-seconds shy of van Lagen. "This is a great result, and unfortunately I couldn't do better. The heat was particularly challenging because you couldn't really risk too much with the tyres," said Andlauer.

Van Lagen on third place

Third place on the storied racetrack on the outskirts of Budapest was occupied by van Lagen. The seasoned Porsche specialist took up the race from fifth on the grid and managed to sweep past two vehicles in the sprint to the first corner. "It feels great to stand on the podium again. I was fast over the entire weekend and I'm thrilled that we were rewarded for this in the race," stated van Lagen. Behind the 41-year-old, Zaid Ashkanani (MRS GT-Racing) took the flag in fourth place. This is the best result so far this season for the race

driver from Kuwait. Fifth place on the 4.381-kilometre circuit went to Nick Yelloly (Fach Auto Tech).

The British driver and Michael Ammermüller (BWT Lechner Racing) treated spectators to an exciting duel. The German, however, couldn't find a way past his closest rival in the championship. Seventh place was occupied by Christopher Zöchling (A/MRS GT-Racing), with the Dutchman Larry ten Voorde (Team Project 1) crossing the finish line in eighth as the best rookie. Roar Lindland (Lechner Racing Middle East) once again celebrated first place in the ProAm-class. For the Norwegian, this marked his fifth win in this category. Ammermüller continues to lead

Ammermüller continues to lead the championship with 91 points, Yelloly, however, is closing the gap. Only three points separate the drivers after the race on the Hungaroring. 19-year-old Andlauer ranks third after earning 65 points from six races.

The Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup now heads into a four-week summer break. Round seven of the international one-make cup series will be contested in Spa-Francorchamps from 24-26 August. Lining up to contest this round is the Formula E driver Felix Rosenqvist. The 26-year-old Swede will pilot the VIP vehicle with the starting number 911 on the tradition-steeped racetrack in the Ardennes.



Result

1. Thomas Preining (A/BWT Lechner Racing), 1:46.786 minutes
2. Julien Andlauer (F/martinet by ALMERAS), 1:47.105 minutes
3. Zaid Ashkanani (KWT/MRS GT-Racing), 1:47.405 minutes
4. Christopher Zöchling (A/MRS GT-Racing), 1:47.472 minutes
5. Jaap van Lagen (NL/Fach Auto Tech), 1:47.541 minutes
6. Florian Latorre (F/martinet by ALMERAS), 1:47.579 minutes
7. Michael Ammermüller (D/BWT Lechner Racing), 1:47.635 minutes
8. Nick Yelloly (GB/Fach Auto Tech), 1:47.670 minutes
9. Al Faisal Al Zubair (OMN/Lechner Racing Middle East), 1:47.732 minutes
10. Mikkel O. Pedersen (DK/MRS GT-Racing), 1:47.811 minutes

Review: Qualifying

Porsche Junior Thomas Preining takes up the race on the Hungaroring from pole position: At round six of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup on the racetrack just outside Budapest, the Austrian turned the fastest qualifying lap on Saturday in a time of 1:46.786 minutes. This is Preining's second pole position so far this season. "Overtaking is particularly difficult on the Hungaroring, so I'm very pleased about this perfect starting position. With these hot temperatures you have to take it very easy on the tyres, and I managed to do this well," said Preining. Lining up alongside the 19-year-old on the second grid spot with his 485 hp Porsche 911 GT3 Cup is Porsche Junior Julien Andlauer (F/martinet by ALMERAS). Starting position number three is occupied by Zaid Ashkanani (MRS GT-Racing) from Kuwait.

The qualifying for the 28-strong field was held in sweltering temperatures of 31 degrees Celsius, with the surface of the Hungarian racetrack measured at 62 degrees Celsius. Preining underlined his claim to pole position ten minutes into the session when he planted his Porsche at the top of the time sheets after his first fast lap. On fresh tyres, however, the cards were reshuffled for the second half of the 30-minute qualifying. With three minutes left on the clock, Andlauer set the fastest lap. Preining then immediately trumped the 19-year old in the last minute to snatch P1, with Andlauer clinching second with a time of 1:47.105 minutes. This marks the third time the reigning champion of the Porsche Carrera Cup France takes up a race from the first grid row this season. "I'm very satisfied with P2. Unfortunately I lost a little time in the first sector, otherwise I could possibly have done even better," said Andlauer.

"The start on Sunday will be critical"

The third fastest lap on the storied racetrack northeast of Budapest was turned by Ashkanani in 1:47.405 minutes. The MRS driver also posted his best time in the last minute of the qualifying. "This is a great result. With such heat, the conditions were special. The tyres deteriorate comparatively quickly, so you don't have a lot of time to turn a flying lap. The start on Sunday will be critical," said Askanani. Lining up alongside the 24-year-old is his teammate Christopher Zöchling from Austria, with Jaap van Lagen (NL/Fach Auto Tech) occupying the fifth grid spot.

Sixth in qualifying went to Florian Latorre (martinet by ALMERAS), making the Frenchman the best rookie. The current leader of the championship, Michael Ammermüller (D/BWT Lechner Racing), planted his nine-eleven on P7. Nick Yelloly (Fach Auto Tech) from Great Britain drove the eighth best time on the 4.381-kilometre circuit. The best driver in the ProAm category was Norwegian Roar Lindland driving for Lechner Racing Middle East.

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