

00:00 Opener Porsche Carrera Cup

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This is the big showdown – at the Hockenheimring.

The young shooting star against the old hand.

Thomas Preining against Michael Ammermüller.

One aims to wrap up the title.

The other hopes for another last-minute coup.

Who will win the 2018 Porsche Carrera Cup?

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Two races. Three titles on the line.

The championship has yet to be decided, for the rookies and the amateurs too.

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Thrilling action guaranteed! The grand finale in the Porsche Carrera Cup: it is on!

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The Hockenheimring. 17 turns and 6 straights. The championship will be decided over these five tradition-steeped kilometres. Tim Zimmermann introduces the circuit.

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Track Description Tim Zimmermann (ENG)

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Crunch time for Thomas Preining. Aged 20. Porsche Junior. The title is a must for him!

He has a 27-point cushion over his rival Michael Ammermüller.

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But HE is much more experienced.

The former Formula 1 test driver and reigning Porsche Supercup champion has nothing to lose, and will go flat-out for the victory.

The young Austrian is under pressure. It's his to lose.

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SOT Thomas Preining (DE), begins off camera

Of course, subconsciously I know I can seal the title tomorrow. But basically I don't really care. I've come to Hockenheim because I want to win two races.

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Stay calm, but maintain focus.

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SOT Thomas Preining (DE), begins off camera

There are things you can prepare for. A lot has gone into it, a lot of work, a lot of preparation.

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Trust yourself and slip into your rhythm.

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SOT Thomas Preining (DE), off camera

When I got into the car or, back then, the go-kart: close the visor, close the door, then I've always been in my own world, fully focused on what really mattered.

04:08

Thomas Preining and his balancing act this weekend.

04:13

SOT Thomas Preining (DE), begins off camera

The last seconds before the start. In some ways you're a bit tense or nervous. Your heart rate increases, but in the end you have to be 100 percent focused and ready in these situations too.

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A victory would mean title glory for him, no matter where his team-mate Michael Ammermüller finishes. Then he would have arrived where everybody expects him to be: at the very top!

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But first he must achieve a good starting position in qualifying.

The drivers at the Hockenheimring are fired up once again. Michael Ammermüller tries everything but pushes beyond the limit too often.

Preining like a Swiss watch! The Austrian delivers when it matters, clinching poles number 10 and 11.

04:59

SOT Thomas Preining (DE), begins off camera

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Qualifying went very well here at Hockenheim. I'm very satisfied, it was probably one of the best laps I've had this year: double pole. I had some more ideas about what we could do with the car for the last set of tyres, but we saved them for the race. I'm very satisfied.

05:14

The last qualifying of the season on the high-speed track in Hockenheim makes the drivers push to their limits, some of them pushing too far...

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Jörn Schmidt Staade is the best amateur in qualifying – he's billed as favourite for the title. Dylan Pereira finishes second, the best rookie ahead of Jaap van Lagen, who will be starting from P3 on Saturday.

05:56 **RACE 1**

Grid Race 1 on Saturday. Race 10. Thomas Preining on P1. He has 27 points more than Ammermüller who can gain 25 pts max.

06:09

Dylan Pereira on P2. Has 0 score points to secure the rookie title

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Jaap van Lagen on P3. The stewards found out, that he did not have the mandatory 2kg of fuel after qualifying in his tank so maybe he is going to be disqualified

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Michael Ammermüller only on P4 his chances are not really high. Can't be satisfied with qualifying and the season overall

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Start of race 1, no important changes

07:26

Onboard Ammermüller next to van Lagen. In the second corner they make contact. Van Lagen spins

07:19

Onboard Ten Voorde. Had a bad qualifying, started from P7. Behind his teammate Gustav Malja. The swede with the best quali result so far. They go side by side and ten Voorde passes Malja

07:32

Onboard Toni Wolf. It gets close with Lukas

07:39

Onboard Henrik Skoog behind Ayhancan Güven. Skoog with a mistake, Zimmermann passes him

07:50

De Quesada spins, Skoog again behind Güven

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Preining in front already a big gap. Pereira behind him followed by Ammermüller and ten Voorde

08:01

Suddenly Richard Wagner swings out and crashes into the wall. Huge crash

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08:16

Slomo same situation

08:29

Onboard Stefan Rehkopf, you can see the end of Wagners crabs

08:37

Wagner gets out of the car. Seems to be alright. Safety Car deployed

08:45

SOT Richard Wagner (DE)

Unfortunately the car hasn't survived. It's a shame of course if you have to finish the season like that. It was my fault of course. I was just too quick, too aggressive with the throttle, I lost control of the rear as a result. I tried to respond, and just at that moment it changed direction. Unfortunately I had no chance to keep the car on the track, and then I ran over the grass and into the barrier.

09:12

Time to take a look back... Slomo Ammermüller/van Lagen situation

09:28

Van Lagen in the pits, cannot go on

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Whereas Ammemüller can. Different view from both...

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SOT Jaap van Lagen (DE)

Ammermüller was too late on the brakes, his wheels locked and he touched me, and then I spun. I was at the very back then, my bumper was loose and I headed into the pits because it was pointless.

09:50

SOT Michael Ammermüller (DE)

If he had left me more space he would have had no problem, he could have continued behind me. He would have finished as usual then.

09:59

SOT Jaap van Lagen (DE)

I left a bit of space but not a lot. You usually can't overtake on the inside there. But his wheels locked and he touched me. That would normally get him a drive-through.

10:11

Restart. Top5: Preining, Pereira, Ammermüller, ten Voorde, Malja. Preining champion at this time

10:20

Onboard Schmidt-Staade, Rivas behind him. Both are still fighting for the amateur championship. Schmidt-Staade with a mistake, Rivas cannot benefit. But one turn later he is on the inside and overtakes Schmidt-Staade

10:39

Preining still in front, followed by Pereira and Ammermüller under pressure of ten Voorde

10:46

Onboard ten Voorde. Ammermüller overtakes Pereira for P2. Ten Voorde also wants to pass and seems to make contact. Pereira spins

11:02

Slomo same situation

11:13

Best possible view on the situation. Pereira loses a lot of positions. His bad luck continues. Race director decides that ten Voorde gets a drive thru penalty

11:23

Onboard Skoog passing Güven. But breaking point to optimistic, he spins

11:34

Onboard Rehkopf same situation. Simmenauer is also in trouble

11:43

Toni Wolf in front of Zaid Ashkanani. Pereira behind trying to fight back. He will finish on P5

11:49

Onboard Güven. Fighting hard with Robert Lukas. But Lukas manages to stay in front. Güven spins

12:04

Slomo same situation

12:13

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Lechner family in great expectation because...

12:17

Thomas Preining wins. Secures his first career title. Everyone's happy. Preining in the car, team in Parc Ferme

12:29

Podium. Preining, Ammermüller and Malja (1st podium) gets his trophy out of the hands of Dr Frank Steffen Walliser, head of GT and Motorsport at Porsche

12:43

Thomas Preining has made it: Porsche Carrera Cup champion 2018! 11 poles! 9 victories! Hardly anybody has ever dominated the super-fast one-make cup like the 20-year-old Austrian has done this year.

The first title in his career rounds off a double triumph for Lechner Racing: the drivers' and teams' championship titles in 2018.

13:07

SOT Thomas Preining (DE)

Cool. I couldn't feel any better. I think I'm the happiest guy in the paddock today, so everything's perfect.

NO VOICEOVER

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SOT Sascha Maaßen (DE)

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Thommy is a cheerful person, so to speak. He hinted at his potential last year, and he's lived up to it this year.

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His championship year:

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P7 and P11: a very disappointing opener in Oschersleben.

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...but he bounces back on his home track

He wins both races at the Red Bull Ring, ahead of his team-mate. Relief.

13:51

He's seven-tenths of a second clear of team-mate Ammermüller in qualifying at the Nürburgring. A show of force: Preining is at another level altogether. He asserts himself again and again. Hard but fair.

14:02

SOT Michael Ammermüller (DE)

It was like Nascar racing in the car. My team-mate hit me twice. I'm glad I made it to the finish line.

14:10

The Austrian takes the overall lead with aplomb and retains it. Preining withstands the pressure, and lives up to expectations.

14:21

SOT Thomas Preining (DE)

I owe Walter a whole lot. And Robert too. The whole team actually. They helped me stay calm, and at the end of the day that's what it's all about. You need the calm, you need to stay on track, and then everything will work out.

14:36

The pro championship is decided. This man has come out on top in the amateur class: Jörn Schmidt-Staade.

14:47

SOT Jörn Schmidt-Staade

Yes, it's incredible of course. Such an exciting race. So much was happening. So many crashes, and towards the end my only thought was: Just finish, calmly and serenely see it home. Great feeling, yes.

15:00

Gentlemen among gentlemen. Schmidt-Staade in the battle with his biggest rival this term: Carlos Rivas, the firebrand from Luxembourg. The latter wins at the Hockenheimring – for the seventh time this season – but in the end Schmidt-Staade has been more consistent.

15:23

Music

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Four victories and four second places mean he wins the amateur title in his second year.

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SOT Jörn Schmidt-Staade (DE)

My goal was to learn in the first season and be competitive in our second Carrera Cup season, and we've achieved that. And of course I wanted to win the championship, that wasn't unrealistic.

15:48

Growing as a racing driver: training is crucial, mentally, technically and in terms of media. Besides the amateurs, the Carrera Cup provides an especially good platform for young drivers.

The *Talent Pool* offers every driver under 23 important lessons on the way to a pro career in racing. A key factor, for the rookies too. The fight for the newcomers' championship title has yet to be decided.

16:13

SOT Igor Walilko (ENG)

It's really close. Everyone is so close, everything can happen. But you know, like I said I want to do my job here. Not thinking too much about the rookie champion. Of course, this is the goal here.

16:27

Igor Walilko, 3 points short of....

...Dylan Pereira. He was out of luck in the first race, but he wants to retain the overall lead against the Pole in the second race.

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SOT Dylan Pereira (DE), begins off camera

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I try to ignore the bad luck I've had this season, I try to do my best. And let's see, the weather will also be an issue, with sun and rain. Nobody really knows, let's just see. It's certainly going to be exciting.

17:01

Many variables, but at the end of the day it boils down to a simple point:

17:07

SOT Pereira (DE)

Everyone has to do his best, and in the end the best will win

17:10

RACE2 on Sunday. Thomas Preinings girl friend wears a pink panther shirt. Preining again on Pole one day after his big success

17:18

Walter Lechner senior talking to Michael Ammermüller on P2, wishing luck

17:28

Dylan Pereira starting from P3. Good chances to become Rookie champion because Igor Walilko starts from P13

17:38

Start no big changes.

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Onboard ten Voorde starting from P7 today wants to bring the season to a good ending, overtakes Malja

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18:02

Onboard Skoog. Kaibach crashes into him, loses control and leaves the track afterwards

18:15

The field heading for the hairpin. Ammermüller goes side by side with Preining. But cannot overtake. Pereira comes close very close...

18:31

Onboard Nice one Make Cup action Walilko on the right, Eidson left

18:50

entrance Motodrom, Walilko fights for the rookie championship

19:06

Ertl spins. 2nd time this weekend. Hockenheim does not seem to be his favourite race track

19:12

Suddenly a big crash. Eidson and Skoog. Crash into the wall. Both cars pretty damaged. Schmidt-Staade can pass

19:16

Onboard Marius Nakken you can see the debris on the track

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Safety car is deployed. Track marshals have to clean. This will take time

19:27

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No one knows whether the drivers are ok. Team Project 1 hoping for the best

19:33

in the rear part of the picture you can see Skoog and Eidson. Crash into the right wall cross the track and into the left wall

19:50

race is stopped. Cars and drivers have to stop on the start finish straight. Teams are allowed to check the cars and do some small repairs

20:05

Track is cleaned. Ambulance is there, transports the drivers to the Medical Center and afterwards to the hospital. Good news both are ok.

20:11

Walter Lechner talks to Thomas Preining

20:18

Sandro Kaibach gets a new front lip. Cars of Eidson and Skoog are removed. Race will continue

20:40

Ten Voorde behind Wolf comes very close. On their way to the hairpin. Wolf with a braking mistake. Ten Voorde can pass. Nicely done by the young dutch

21:02

SOT Larry Ten Voorde (DE)

I was coming from the outside and made a move, I wanted to go on the inside and he got frightened. You know, no ABS, and if you feel you might lose control

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under braking you lock your wheels, so he went straight on. He regained control well so he didn't hit the guys in front of him, that was quite close, but my manoeuvre was successful this way.

Onboard Rehkopf behind Schmidt-Staade. He is in the inside and crashes into Nakken

21:38

Onboard Nakken same situation

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Slomo same situation. Nakken cannot go on. Rehkopf can

21:57

Walilko behind Wolf. The Pole overtakes him but Pereira seems to be too far away

22:16

Rehkopf pretty damaged. Kaibach behind him. They make contact and Rehkopf spins, Rivas cannot avoid the crash. Both can go on. Rives 2nd in the amateur championship, Rehkopf 3rd

22:28

Front of the field. Preining, Ammermüller, Pereira and Ten Voorde very close. Ten Voorde attacks

22:45

tries to get next to Pereira and is on the inside. But on the outside in the next turn. Attack has failed, but Ten Voorde still close and finally he makes it. P3 in the last lap.

23:18

SOT Dylan Pereira (DE)

He was alongside me at the exit to the Mercedes Arena. I could have tried on the outside but said to myself, okay, the rookie championship has priority, let him pass. He finished third: it's a pity but it is as it is.

23:33

Onboard Ammermüller last turns. Preining wins, again tenth time this season

24:00 Lechner happy

24:07

Donuts from Preining. Equalizes the Sven Müller record. His teammate Ammermüller with the best he could do

24:43

SOT Michael Ammermüller (DE)

Actually I'm not satisfied, it would have been better to finish first. But no matter what I do, I can't go faster, so I just have to be satisfied. I don't know why Preining can be so much faster. You know, I can't, so it's my limit. I didn't make any mistakes, the team provided me with a superb car. I don't know where you can be faster, so I'm satisfied with second place.

25:12

Trophy for Thomas Preining. Very good season, after a horrible start in Oschersleben. The boss is happy

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SOT Dr Frank Steffen Walliser (DE)

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What's really extraordinary is his consistency. You can absolutely rely on him. You know beforehand he'll seal the pole and won't get distracted by success. He repeats it, and that's really impressive.

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That's it for this year. We will see Thomas Preining again. The question is in what role? Next step is the WEC in the Porsche RSR at Fuji and Shanghai

25:50 Closer Porsche Carrera Cup