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- 00:00 Opener Porsche Carrera Cup**
- 00:19 The temple of motorsport: the Nürburgring. Sacred tarmac, and the venue for the next Porsche Carrera Cup race weekend.
- The Porsche Carrera Cup Germany is back! The third to last race of the season.
- The decisive phase begins.
- 00:38 Rudi van Buren presents the track
Track presentation (ENG)
- 02:31 Michael Ammermüller travels to the Nürburgring lying second overall, and he's the man of the moment.
- 02:39 Review: Ammermüller got off to a poor start to the season. Hockenheim: only P9 in the first race. He was hit and had to retire in the second race, a first for Lechner Racing.
- 02:57 SOT Walter Lechner Senior (DE), Lechner Racing**
We struggled a lot there. I don't remember us being so poor at Hockenheim at any point.
- 03:03 However, Lechner and Ammermüller's performances have been radically different over the last few weeks, most recently at Zandvoort. The Bavarian dominated both races, advancing in the standings to be back within sight of overall leader Julien Andlauer. His driving style is sometimes criticised for being too risk-averse, but fact is: Ammermüller is back.
- 03:21 SOT Michael Ammermüller (DE), BWT Lechner Racing**
When I spot a gap to overtake I use it. Many others see a gap where there is none, and that's the problem. I wouldn't say I back off, I try to advance if possible. A certain amount of risk is always part of it. Others tend to see a gap where there is none, so they're involved in more incidents.
- 03:44 MSG HRT's Leon Köhler has learned it the hard way. Last week he crashed into his team-mate Sandro Kaibach, whose

car landed spectacularly on its roof. Fortunately, Kaibach came away unscathed. A mistake with bitter consequences for Köhler: he does not take part in the races at the Nürburgring, handing his car to Sandro Kaibach. Leon Köhler is an onlooker from the commentator's box.

- 04:16 It shows what grave consequences one mistake can have.
- 04:22 The first mishap in qualifying led to an interruption when Tim Zimmermann made a mistake. The track was slippery, but the Lechner drivers were unperturbed by that. Michael Ammermüller sealed P2 for both races, Julien Andlauer clinching the Carrera Cup double pole for the first time.
- 04:41 SOT Julien Andlauer (ENG), BWT Lechner Racing**
- 05:01 Larry Ten Voorde, dogged by bad luck recently, will be starting from P3 in both races, defying the difficult conditions.
- 05:10 SOT Larry ten Voorde (DE), Overdrive Racing by Huber**
Drizzle set in and the question was whether it would get better or worse. Fortunately better. It started again when we were done. Perfectly planned...
- 05:22 Race 1 on Saturday, the track still a little wet. First three: Andlauer, Ammermüller, ten Voorde. Corresponds to the order in the overall standings. Walter Lechner talking to Julien Andlauer, giving last advice
- 06:03 Start, onboard Pereira starting from P4.
- 06:18 Onboard Walilko, hard braking for turn 1. Toni Wolf already on P3. Pereira fighting with ten Voorde for P4. Walilko behind them
- 06:30 Onboard Wolf, Mercedes Arena. Walilko passes Pereira
- 06:53 Onboard Stefan Rehkopf amateur class. Suddenly Carlos Rivas turns left, crashes into the wall
- 07:07 Replay
- 07:15 SOT Carlos Rivas (DE), Black Falcon Team Textar**

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I skidded in the short connecting section and needed a bit more space. It would have worked, I regained control of the car, but someone to my right didn't leave me enough space at that moment.

- 07:33 We take a look again. Louis Henkefend touched Rivas. Although he left some extra space for the man from Luxembourg. Henkefend's car is broken. Rivas can go on.
- 07:51 SOT Louis Henkefend (DE), Team Allied-Racing**
It felt like the blow came out of nowhere. I've watched it from the onboard perspective, I left him enough space. It was unfortunate, too bad.
- 08:02 Onboard van Buren behind Fittje. Suddenly van Buren gets hit, runs into the gravel and cannot go on. The Dutch guy very unfortunate. Safety car is deployed
- 08:19 Onboard Nick Schöll behind Besler and van Buren. The Austrian is on the inside but brakes much too late. Touches Besler who touches van Buren – chain reaction
- 08:34 The track is very slippery. Alex Akin Aka spins during the safety car phase...
- 08:46 Last turn, restart. Andlauer, Ammermüller, Wolf, ten Voorde Walilko, Pereira, van Lagen
- 08:55 Onboard Wolf, ten Voorde behind him, already a big gap. In the first corner Igor Walilko brakes late and turns ten Voorde around, Pereira can pass
- 09:09 Replay. The teammates again...
- 09:15 Onboard ten Voorde, there is nothing he could do
- 09:25 SOT Christoph Huber (DE), Huber Racing**
This situation is inexplicable to me. There are culprits, just like at the Norisring, it's hard to digest in this situation. We must try to solve our internal problems now. Haas's Günther Steiner would use different words in Formula One. I'm restraining myself a bit.

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- 09:48 Onboard Walilko, same situation
- 09:59 Andlauer first, Ammermüller in 2nd, Pereira attacking Wolf, that looked easy
- 10:08 Next Huber car with a problem. Richard Wagner in the deep gravel, cannot go on.
- 10:12 Slomo, Wagner losing the car, maybe still wet.
- 10:26 Safety Car again, Wagner's car is recovered
- 10:34 Restart, three Lechner cars in front
- 10:48 Onboard Schöll, Kaibach behind him. He is driving Köhler's car. Schöll overtakes talent pool driver Jannes Fittje
- 10:59 First three, Andlauer loses his front splitter. Now it is going to be a tough race for him, car is hard to control. A small but important detail of the 911 car
- 11:14 Replay Andlauer losing his splitter
- 11:26 Onboard Pereira behind Ammermüller and Andlauer
- 11:35 Veedol chikane, cars are jumping over the curbs. Ten Voorde tries to fight back now behind Skoog
- 11:50 Teammate Igor Walilko can't go on
- 11:55 Onboard Pereira. He goes inside Ammermüller and overtakes him. Ammermüller does not fight too hard for his position, now he is third, Pereira 2nd
- 12:12 Replay
- 12:19 Amateur class, Stefan Rehkopf behind Matthias Jeserich. Fighting for maximum points
- 12:33 Onboard Rehkopf, finally he manages to pass the driver from Berlin

- 12:50 Onboard Ammermüller behind Pereira. Pereira tries to go for P1, gets wide outside and Ammermüller tries to get his position back. Pereira slams the door and they make contact
- 13:08 Replay, Onboard Ammermüller
- 13:13** **SOT Michael Ammermüller (DE), BWT Lechner Racing**
I was beside him towards the end, I had a chance but he just crashed into me. That wasn't okay among team-mates if you ask me. He could have anticipated that I'd use the gap, so he should have left me some space, just as I had done beforehand. The overall victory isn't at stake for him, it makes no difference to him. I must watch out a bit more.
- 13:32** **SOT Dylan Pereira (DE), Lechner Racing Team**
He's angry because I didn't leave him enough space, but that wasn't intentional, I tried an undercut against Andlauer. I didn't see him, I didn't look in the mirror, and unfortunately I hit him. Fortunately nothing bad happened, it could have gone wrong.
Question (DE): *You both might have retired.*
Exactly, we were lucky. I'd like to apologise for it. I hope the atmosphere in the team will get better again.
- 13:59 Same situation again
- 14:08 Walter Lechner at the pit wall, knowing that this was close
- 14:13 Last turn, Andlauer wins followed by Pereira and Ammermüller on the podium. Wolf and van Lagen on 4 and 5
- 14:21 Parc Ferme, Andlauer happy. Was tough without the front splitter
- 14:28 Front splitter situation again
- 14:32** **SOT Julien Andlauer (ENG), BWT Lechner Racing, begins off camera**
- 14:49 Podium ceremony, Lechner team happy. Three Lechner cars on the podium. Champagne.

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- 15:03 The Eifel isn't only home to the Nürburgring but also to a number of racing teams. Many of them are headquartered in Meuspath, including Carlos Rivas' team. He's an amateur driver for Black Falcon, and the Nürburgring is like home to him even though he's from Luxembourg.
- 15:25 SOT Carlos Rivas (DE) Black Falcon Team Textar, begins off camera**
We often test here, including for the VLN, I know the track quite well. And along with Spa Francorchamps, it's the circuit closest to Luxembourg.
- 15:48 Rivas' big goal: the amateur championship. But Stefan Rehkopf has a word to say. His biggest rival is the overall leader at the moment, but that doesn't make Rivas nervous.
- 16:08 SOT Carlos Rivas (DE)**
When I'm in the car I try to review the track mentally and to focus on what comes next. I must ignore and delete everything else and analyse it after the race. I must be fully focused when I'm in the car.
- 16:33 Unlike many of his colleagues, Rivas doesn't have any special rituals when preparing. The key word: Sim racing, driving in the virtual race simulator. Rudy van Buren is the king in this respect. The Dutchman was the *World's fastest gamer* in 2017. In 2019 he takes to the grid in real life, in the Porsche Carrera Cup Germany.
- 17:00 In Race 1 van Buren experienced at first hand that there are big differences between virtual and real racing. He was shunted off track and retired on the first lap.
- 17:15 SOT Rudy van Buren (DE) Black Falcon Team Textar**
Three drivers, three mistakes. The front axle is broken, as is the rear axle. The brakes, the steering wheel, everything's broken, so it wasn't possible to get the car to 100 percent today.
- 17:27 Van Buren had learned it the hard way at Zandvoort too. The 27-year-old had poor getaways in both races. The reason: managing the clutch.

- 17:37** **SOT Rudy van Buren (DE)**
When the lights go off you must ease off by about 30 to 40 percent and do the rest by instinct. It works if I do as I say. But it's hard when I'm in the car, with adrenaline. I must work on it.
- 17:53 Rudy van Buren's case shows that the road from the virtual to the real cockpit has its pitfalls. Nevertheless, Porsche have founded the eSports Carrera Cup Germany, a virtual competition, to spot more talents.
- 18:07** **SOT Bastian Schramm (DE), Head of Marketing, Porsche Deutschland GmbH, begins off camera**
People who follow motorsport know that simulator driving is an extremely good preparation for real racers, and that it's good for car development. So it was obvious for us to merge the areas and create the competition because it's in our DNA at Porsche: to fight for every second, and that's what we're seeing right now.
- 18:27 A total of six online drivers can qualify for the final, joined by six drivers from the real Carrera Cup world. Louis Henkefend was fastest, which makes him the favourite.
- 18:41** **SOT Louis Henkefend (DE), Team Allied-Racing, begins off camera**
I think the competition will be very tough. Let's see, maybe we can make the top three or even win.
- 18:48 Race 2 on Sunday. Luckily no rain. Track again a little wet but not too bad. Top 4 the same as the day before. Julien Andlauer on Pole, followed by Michael Ammermüller, Larry ten Voorde and Dylan Pereira. One Huber car versus three Lechner cars
- 19:28 Lights go out, start race two. Andlauer stays in front, Ammermüller behind. Ten Voorde loses at least one position to Pereira and maybe van Lagen as well
- 19:49 Onboard Walilko, next to him? Of course ten Voorde, they make contact but no consequences. Very nice pictures from the onboard camera

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- 20:05 Suddenly a car crosses the track into the grass
- 20:08 Who was it? Looks like #92 Rettenbacher his race is over
- 20:16 Replay he crashes very hard into the wall luckily no one was hurt
- 20:26 Ten Voorde's onboard helps...
- 20:31 SOT Luca Rettenbacher (DE), MSG/HRT Motorsport, begins off camera**
Jaap van Lagen was to my left. He skidded on a wet part of the track and returned from the left, regardless of the consequences. There are only 20 to 30 centimetres between the cars at the start, he should know that.
- 20:50 Onboard Rettenbacher same situation. He gains some positions and then van Lagen pushes him just a little bit
- 21:14 Safety Car deployed
- 21:18 Onboard Andlauer, last chicane restart. Pereira attacks Ammermüller but no chance to overtake. Ten Voorde tries it as well but the top 4 stay as they were before
- 21:42 Onboard Carlos Rivas behind Ertl. Rivas needs the win today otherwise Rehkopf it will be hard for him to become Amateur Champion
- 22:00 Onboard ten Voorde behind teammate Skoog. He manages to overtake in the last turn for P4
- 22:17 Cars around P10 very close together, Wolf Kolkmann, Evans fighting
- 22:22 Onboard Walilko behind Malja at Mercedes arena. Malja gets on the astro turf and loses his position to the Polish driver
- 22:44 Simmenauer vs Arkin Aka over the curbs
- 22:52 Onboard Rivas he finally overtakes Ertl
- 23:02 Another Amateur driver Andreas Sczepanksy spins

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- 23:10 Rivas enters the pitlane, cannot go on, very disappointed
- 23:22 SOT Carlos Rivas, Black Falcon Team Textar**
I managed the first lap quite well this time and advanced, I overtook a few cars. I had a problem with a loose driveshaft after the chicane, with six laps to go. It was good that I could head into the pit lane straightaway, but the race was over unfortunately.
- 23:51 Onboard Rehkopf with a very good chance to extend his lead
- 23:58 Lechner guys relaxed at the pit wall
- 24:00 At the front Ammermüller coming closer, Andlauer has to fight hard to defend his position
- 24:20 Arkin Aka flying over the curbs, always good pictures here at the Nürburgring
- 24:29 Last lap, fight for P1 still on. Ammermüller close, tries to catch Andlauer but the French wins his 2nd race in a row.
- 24:53 Parc Ferme, Andlauer says thank you for Ammermüller being fair. Walter Lechner sr knows what he has got in them
- 25:02 SOT Walter Lechner Senior (DE), Lechner Racing**
We're nervous of course, but we have drivers who think about what they should and shouldn't do. I must really praise Michael. Overtaking is very difficult here. He tried, but he never touched him or shunted him off, and that's what marks out top drivers.
- 25:26 That is absolutely right and... The podium pink again. Andlauer now holds a 22.5-point lead. Next race is going to be Hockenheim at September 13th
- 25:42 Closer Porsche Carrera Cup**
- 26:00 End**