



## Harry King is the winner of the season opener in Emilia-Romagna

20/04/2024 Larry ten Voorde crosses the finish line first on the Formula 1 circuit in Imola, but is ultimately classified second due to a time penalty. Ariel Levi loses second place due to an infringement of the technical regulations of the one-make cup with the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup. Robert de Haan finishes the first race of the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland as rookie winner, Sören Spreng becomes best ProAm.

### Race 1

Tension hung in the air at the season opener of the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland. Huub van Eijndhoven (Team GP Elite) initially led the field. The 24-year-old Dutchman had started the one-make cup race from pole position for the first time. However, his Porsche 911 GT3 Cup had jumped the line a fraction of a second too early at the start and the race organisers imposed a penalty for this: Thus, the new “penalty lap” was used right at the start of the season. Eijndhoven had to reduce his speed to 60 km/h for 50 metres. As a result of the short crawl, he dropped back to sixth place.

Subsequently, Ariel Levi (Team GP Elite) took the lead, also for the first time in his career. For seven laps, the racing driver from Israel kept Dutchman Larry ten Voorde (Proton Huber Competition) at bay. The reigning Carrera Cup champion then launched a successful overtaking manoeuvre, slightly nudging Ariel Levi's Porsche in the process. Ten Voorde crossed the finish line in first place, only to later receive a four-second time penalty. "The penalty is absolutely fair," said Ten Voorde, proving himself to be a fair sportsman. "I saw a gap that wasn't as big as I expected. I sincerely apologise to Ariel that my overtaking manoeuvre went so wrong."

Shortly after, Harry King (Allied-Racing) also squeezed past Levi, but in this case, by the rulebook. The Briton could only take partial satisfaction in his victory: "I would've preferred to have beaten Larry on the track," he admitted. "I approached the race tactically and waited a long time for my chance to overtake Ariel. In any case, the points for the win are the perfect start to the new season."

Ariel Levi's joy was short-lived. During the post-race inspection, the technical stewards discovered that the tank contained less than the prescribed two litres of fuel needed for a fuel sample. Levi was subsequently disqualified.

As a result, Larry ten Voorde was classified as second, while Robert de Haan moved up to third place. The 17-year-old from the Netherlands also secured victory in the Rookies classification in his first outing for Team75 Bernhard. "I'll start from third position on Sunday and hopefully make it onto the podium," he said, looking ahead to the second race of the weekend. The best-placed ProAm driver was Sören Spreng (GP Elite). "I had a few nice duels with some rookies who are about half my age," smiled the German driver.

## Exciting season opener

"We witnessed an exciting season opener of the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland with a thrilling three-way battle for victory. All the drivers brilliantly showcased our one-make cup as part of the FIA World Endurance Championship," commented Alexander Pollich, Managing Director Porsche Deutschland GmbH. "Respect to the race organisers and the stewards, who made two consistent and understandable decisions even in this difficult situation. I'm particularly pleased about Robert de Haan's podium finish. He is one of the youngest drivers in the Talent Pool that we support."

Together with Alexander Pollich, Vinzenz Pflanz, Chief Business Officer (CBO) SIXT SE, which has been the title partner of the one-make cup since the start of this season, presented the winners' trophies across the various classifications. "With dynamism, passion and emotion set to the impressive backdrop of Imola, the first race of the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland provided a gripping experience for the fans," he commented. "Congratulations to Harry King on his opening success on this prestigious circuit and we're delighted that we can offer our customers in Germany the Porsche driving experience with the new vehicles in our hire car fleet."

The second race of the Porsche Deutschland one-make cup season will take place on Sunday (21 April 2024, 8:45 a.m. CEST), also as part of the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) race in Imola.

## Result Race 1, Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland, Imola (I)

1. Harry King (UK/Allied-Racing)
2. Larry ten Voorde (NL/Proton Huber Competition)
3. Robert de Haan (NL/Team75 Bernhard)
4. Marvin Klein (F/Target Competition)
5. Huub van Eijndhoven (NL/Team GP Elite)
6. Theo Oeverhaus (D/Bonk Motorsport)

Full results and championship standings:

[motorsports.porsche.com/germany/de/category/carreracup/psccd-2024-results](https://motorsports.porsche.com/germany/de/category/carreracup/psccd-2024-results)

## Preview

Three-time Carrera Cup title winner Larry ten Voorde travels to Imola as the defending champion. The 27-year-old Dutchman has switched teams and now competes for the German squad Proton Huber Competition. Appropriately, his Porsche 911 GT3 Cup will don the starting number 1. Ten Voorde won the last Carrera Cup Deutschland race in Imola two years ago and is once again amongst the favourites this weekend.

In addition to Ten Voorde, Briton Harry King (Allied-Racing), Frenchman Marvin Klein (Target Competition) and ten Voorde's compatriot Huub van Eijndhoven (Team GP Elite) are among the experienced drivers in the 26-strong field. Theo Oeverhaus (Bonk Motorsport) from Germany starts the season as the reigning Rookie champion and overall winner of the Porsche Carrera Cup Middle East. Sören Spreng (GP Elite) from Germany is determined to defend his ProAm title. The youngest in the field is Austrian Kiano Blum. The ID Racing driver starts his first Carrera Cup season as a 16-year-old.

Among the victory-driven and podium-hungry rookies are Dutchman Robert de Haan (Team75 Bernhard) – 2023 champion in the Porsche Carrera Cup Benelux – and Gian Luca Tüccaroglu from Germany. He advances as champion of the 2022 Porsche Sports Cup Deutschland to the Carrera Cup and drives for Team HP Racing [a-workx]. Like Theo Oeverhaus, both are members of the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland Talent Pool, in which Porsche Deutschland provides exclusive support for eight young drivers.

"It's finally time to get things underway again. I'm looking forward to an action-packed season and I'm particularly excited to see how the rookies fare against the veterans. I also expect a lot from the drivers in the Talent Pool, which shows a very strong entry with champions from other one-make cups," says Hurui Issak, Project Manager Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland.

## Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari, Imola (Italy)

Opened in 1953, the racetrack on the outskirts of Imola is a traditional Formula 1 circuit, which has been used again since 2020 following a 13-year hiatus. The 4.909-kilometre circuit follows the natural rolling landscape of the Emilia-Romagna region with its crests and compressions. The Carrera Cup Deutschland last raced on the circuit named after the Ferrari founder and his son in 2022. At that time, Larry ten Voorde won one race and the second victory went to Bastian Buus, who went on to become a Porsche Junior.

## The Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland on TV and the Internet

Fans can follow all races of the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland live with English commentary on the internet, including the Porsche Motorsport Hub, YouTube and Facebook.

Aside from the race weekends, fans and media representatives can also stay up-to-date on the one-make cup via the social networks Instagram and X.

## Schedule Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland

Friday, 19 April

16:00 - 17:00 hrs: Practice

Saturday, 20 April

9:05 – 9:40 hrs: Qualifying

16:30 – 17:00 hrs: Season Race #1

Sunday, 21 April

8:45 – 9:15 hrs: Season Race #2

Full results and championship standings can be found [here](#).

## 2024 Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Deutschland calendar

19 – 21 April: Imola (I), FIA World Endurance Championship WEC

26 – 28 April: Oschersleben (D), DTM

7 – 9 June: Zandvoort (NL), DTM

21 – 23 June: Budapest (HU), International GT Open Championship

16 – 18 August: Nürburgring (D), DTM

6 – 8 September: Sachsenring (D), DTM

27 – 29 September: Red-Bull-Ring, Spielberg (A), DTM

18 – 20 October: Hockenheimring (D), DTM

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