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## 9th round Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup Spa (BEL) Fight for the championship remains open

With a sixth rank Konrad-Motorsport-Pilot Nick Tandy in one of his strongest races keeps the title chances in the driver standing of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup open until the final round in Monza. In the ninth round of the season in Belgium the Brit becomes "the man of the race". Patrick Huisman finished the race after a collision through no fault of his own with compatriot Bleekemolen on rank 24 only.



**Nick Tandy keeps the Supercup title fight open**

sixteen Tandy ended up was far away from his usual performance. "At the difficult changing weather conditions I have tried four times to set a reasonable lap time, but on each attempt a slower driver steered right into my driving line and ruined my lap", the 25-year-old Brit from Bedfordshire couldn't hide his anger. With that the second ranking pilot in the championship had to start from only sixteen's position in a race, which should become his personal key-race. "One thing should be clear to all my opponents – I will not give up and I will do everything to keep the championship open until the final round in Monza", Tandy made a clear declaration before the race.


Team-mate Patrick Huisman snatched nine in the starting grid of the 27 pilots in Spa. "I also stuck in the traffic and additionally I had a problem with my second set of tyres. The behaviour of my car changed like day and night", Huisman commented after the session.

However, on race Sunday the two Konrad pilots then delivered their usually good performance. "My start was really brilliant", Huisman was pleased. "After two hundred metres I had already passed two cars. Unfortunately Sebastiaan Bleekemolen hit me later and I had to come into the pit with a damaged tyre." Finishing on position twenty four, Huisman finally had to settle without championship points in Spa.

However, team mate Nick Tandy put his personal stamp onto the eleven laps in Belgium. The "man of the race" started a hunt through the field, improved from sixteen's to sixth and with that spoiled Rast's afternoon, leaving the champagne for the title win in the refrigerator. "As bad as I qualified, as good was my race with a brilliant car today. Thanks to my team for the good job", Tandy saw the light at the end of the tunnel again. Tandy now goes with a gap of fourteen points on Rast in the final round of the championship in Monza on September, 12th. "My chance to still win the drivers title is quite small, but I will fight for it with all fair means", he dares a look to the last race of his debut season in the Supercup. Team manager Franz Konrad agrees with his driver: "The championship is not over yet!"

"As poor as our results in the qualifying on Saturday were, as strong has been Nicks race on the Sunday in Spa", team manager Franz Konrad summarizes the penultimate round of this years championship. "With his strong hunt through the field from position sixteen to sixth rank Nick managed to keep the door to the title win in the Supercup still open." With great hopes to shorten the gap to championship leader Rast, the team had travelled to the Belgium rollercoaster circuit. However, the mood of the team was complete down after a setback in the qualifying session on Saturday. With position

Pech beim Heimspiel – Patrick Huisman



**Qualifying - Spa**

1	S. Edwards	2:25.683 min
2	R. Rast	+ 0.125 sec
3	J. v. Lagen	+ 0.549 sec
4	N. Armindo	+ 0.571 sec
5	J. Seyffarth	+ 0.680 sec
9	<b>P. Huisman</b>	<b>+ 1.399 sec</b>
16	<b>N. Tandy</b>	<b>+ 2.724 sec</b>

**Race - Spa**

1	S. Edwards	27:07.827 min
2	J. v. Lagen	+ 10.877 sec
3	R. Rast	+ 11.121 sec
4	J. Seyffarth	+ 11.378 sec
5	N. Armindo	+ 13.077 sec
6	<b>N. Tandy</b>	<b>+ 13.825 sec</b>
24	<b>P. Huisman</b>	<b>+ 1 Lap</b>

**Supercup –Driver standing**

1	R. Rast	138 Pt
2	<b>N. Tandy</b>	<b>124 Pt</b>
3	J. v. Lagen	98 Pt
4	S. Rosina	90 Pt
5	J. Bleekemolen	88 Pt
6	J. Seyffarth	85 Pt
9	<b>P. Huisman</b>	<b>73 Pt</b>

**Supercup- Team standing**

1	Al Faisal Lechner	254 Pt
2	<b>Konrad Motorsport</b>	<b>190 Pt</b>
3	VELTINS MRS	165 Pt
4	Lechner Racing	128 Pt
5	Bleekemolen/Harders	122 Pt
6	Abu Dhabi tolimit	120 Pt

**Supercup – Schedule**

13.03.	Bahrain	BAH
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09.05.	Barcelona	ESP
16.05	Monaco	MON
27.06.	Valencia	ESP
11.07.	Silverstone	GBR
25.07.	Hockenheim	GER
01.08.	Budapest	HUN
29.08.	Spa Francorchamps	BEL
12.09.	Monza	ITA

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