10th round Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup – Monza (ITA) Race victory to runner-up

With his third victory of the season Nick Tandy secured the vice-championship in the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup. Additionally, a ninth rank of Patrick Huisman made Konrad Motorsport the most successful team of the weekend at the season final in Monza and secured the runner-up in the team standings of the championship.



Third victory and runner-up for Nick Tandy

"In one of the best years of the Supercup we claimed the vize-title in both, the driver as well as the team standings of the championship and additionally we sovereignly won the rookie-standings with Nick Tandy", last year's champion Franz Konrad draws a first balance of the season. "Our sincere congratulations go to René Rast and his team manager Walter Lechner", Konrad and his drivers Nick Tandy and Patrick Huisman honour their "opponents, who were just a breath better", in a sportingly fair way.

With an extremely thin theoretical chance for the driver's title, Konrad Motorsport and Nick Tandy travelled

to the high-speed circuit in the royal park of Monza. The task for Tandy actually seemed unsolvable. The 25-year-old Brit had to make up 14 points on one weekend, while 22 points is the maximum. Nevertheless, already in the qualifying the Konrad pilot made his first strike. With a lead of 0.134 seconds he fetched the pole-position and the two points for it. "What a kind of Saturday", he shone. Now the gap is only 12 points and I will do everything to close it. We have proved clearly that the Konrad-Porsche is the fastest car on the grid." Team-mate Patrick Huisman with a gap of only 0,541 seconds covered eighth rank in the field of the 32 cars. "That's all I could do", he had to admit. "Compared to Nick, my higher body weight of about 25 kg is a serious issue here in Monza", he explains the disadvantage primarily on the long straights. "Every time I have to accelerate up to 270 km/h, I loose about one tenth of a second on Nick."

In the race Tandy from the first second made clear, that he was the one to beat for the victory. "My start was brilliant and I could easily keep the leading position." With a clever drive he could stay in front, but at least he had to hope that Rast was passed by as many opponents as possible. Partly Tandy and Rast were separated by six positions. The Germans lead in the championship meanwhile melted down to two points. "At last it was not enough", says race winner Tandy, who nevertheless was pleased after the race. "Right in my first season I became runner-up with only a tense gap, I have snatched the rookie-titel and all that happened in less than a year driving a Porsche", he is thankful to his team manager Franz Konrad. "Franz has led me out of my sportive down last year and gave me this great chance — I will be grateful to him my whole live."

With a courageous race and a ninth rank team mate Patrick Huisman secured the vice-championship of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup for Konrad Motorsport. "It was an exciting race in which I already lay on sixth position right after the start", he remembers back to a "typical Monza race. Unfortunately guest starter Balzan attacked me so hard that I couldn't defend my position." With the championship points for rank six – the guest starters in front didn't receive any points - Patrick Huisman together with Nick Tandy secured the vice-championship in the team standings for Konrad Motorsport. "Thanks to everyone who has supported us this year", Huisman is looking forward to the 2011 season.

In exactly six months the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup starts into its 2011 season in Bahrain. "And we want to be a part of it again", says Franz Konrad and also gives the reason for it. "In 2009 we have won everything, in 2010 we only just missed that goal – so we have to set back the right order in 2011 again", Konrad laughs. "We see each other - friends and opponents!"



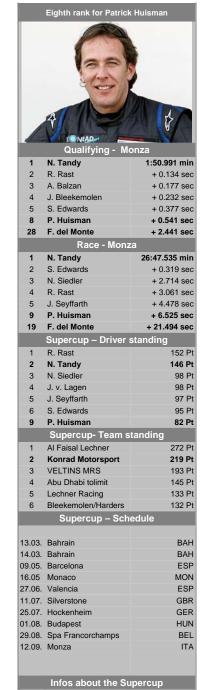


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