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1st Round Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup – Istanbul (TUR) Perfect! – Konrad Motorsport starts with a double victory

Konrad Motorsport returns from the season opener of the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup in Istanbul with a result that couldn't have been better. The Pole-Position, a double victory, and the lead in the driver standings as well as the team standings are the credits from the weekend. Christian Engelhart snatches a flawless start-finish-victory in front of his team mate Nick Tandy.



Christian Engelhart could not be stopped in Istanbul

German Verl also alludes to the fact that the Brit Nick Tandy already fetched the win in the first round of the Porsche Carrera Cup Germany a weekend before and provided a perfect start into the 2011 season for Konrad Motorsport. The champion's team of the years 2008 and 2009 in the current season starts again in the Carrera Cup as well as in the Supercup. Alongside the twofold runner-up Nick Tandy, the young German Christian Engelhart is at the start this year. Already in the qualifying the 24-year-old Bavarian made clear, that he is willing to drive on the same level as the eight-time race winner from England. With an advantage of 16/100 of a second he put the Konrad-Carrera on the pole-position, in front of his team mate. "A dream of a debut in a new team that equipped me with a perfect car", commented Engelhart after his first ever pole in the Supercup.

In front of the live cameras of Eurosport and Sky, the two Konrad Porsche started into the race on Sunday from the first row of the grid. Getting away very well, both, Engelhart and Tandy, could already lay a gap to the opponents in the first lap. "We didn't have the ghost of a chance", the opponents had to admit. "The two cars drove in another world", last years champion René Rast described the performance of the two Porsche in care of the English race engineer Chris Crawford. The two Konrad-Pilots easily controlled the field of 21 sports cars. With a team internal battle they even provided the spice of the race, which was transmitted on the TV-Screens in more than 100 countries. Again and again Nick Tandy attacked his team-mate with locking wheels. However, he finally had to settle behind the quick German and certified him a brilliant and flawless drive. "Repeatedly I have tried to pass him, but I simply did not have any realistic chance to pass him." Engelhart defended his leadership and his first victory in the Supercup until the chequered flag came out. "That was a brilliant start into the new season. I didn't even dream about such a result", he shines after his win, which together with the two additional points for the pole position supplied him with 22 championship points for the driver standings – four more than his team mate earned. "In the team standings we even lead with an advantage of ten points on our opponents", team manager Franz Konrad looks forward to the next race in five days in the Dutch Zandvoort. "There we hope to carry on with the great performance in the Carrera Cup Germany", the Austrian, who lives in Germany, says full of optimism.

Driving for the team Konrad Motorsport Austria, Mathias Lauda in his second ever Supercup race covered fifteens position. "We will do some intensively testing with Mathias now", Konrad promises the son of the former Formula 1 World Champion Nicki Lauda. "Without any preparation he has made a good job over the weekend. However, he will make a considerable improvement with the help of the complete team." Due to a technical problem, Laudas team mate Andreas Mayerl retired early from the race.

"There is no better way a team could start into the new season", team manager Franz Konrad summarizes the performance of his team. "Christian and Nick started from the first row in the grid, fetched a double victory in a completely superior manner, cover the top two positions in the driver standings and with that also secured a clear leadership for us in the team standings of the Supercup."

With that the experienced team manager from the

Franz Konrad and Nick Tandy



Qualifying Result

1. C. Engelhart	1:56.905 min
2. N. Tandy	+ 0.164 sec
3. N. Siedler	+ 0.184 sec
4. J. Bleekemolen	+ 0.234 sec
5. S. Edwards	+ 0.374 sec
6. R. Rast	+ 0.522 sec
7. K. Giermaziak	+ 0.640 sec

Race Result

1. C. Engelhart	27:57.668 min
2. N. Tandy	+ 4.737 sec
3. N. Siedler	+ 6.115 sec
4. S. Edwards	+ 6.691 sec
5. R. Rast	+ 7.352 sec
6. J. Bleekemolen	+ 8.038 sec
7. K. Giermaziak	+ 10.414 sec

Driver standings

1. C. Engelhart	22 Pts.
2. N. Tandy	18 Pts.
3. N. Siedler	16 Pts.
4. S. Edwards	14 Pts.
5. R. Rast	12 Pts.
6. J. Bleekemolen	10 Pts.
7. K. Giermaziak	9 Pts.

Team standings

1. Konrad Motorsport	38 Pts.
2. Veltins Lechner Racing	28 Pts.
3. Team Abu Dhabi by tolimit	24 Pts.
4. VERRA Racing Team	15 Pts.
5. Attempto Racing	13 Pts.
6. Team Bleekemolen	7 Pts.
7. SANITEC Aquiles MRS	7 Pts.

Schedule Porsche Supercup

08.05.	Istanbul	(TUR)
22.05.	Barcelona	(ESP)
29.05.	Monaco	(MON)
25.06.	NBR-Nordschleife	(GER)
10.07.	Silverstone	(GBR)
24.07.	Nürburgring	(GER)
31.07.	Budapest	(HUN)
28.08.	Spa-Francorchamps	(BEL)
11.09.	Monza	(ITA)

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