



Meister 1996 - Porsche Carrera Cup - Ralf Kelleners



Rivalen der Rennbahn

Ralf Kelleners und Frank Schmickler machen die erste Saisonhälfte unter sich aus. Einer - meist aber beide - stehen auf dem Treppchen. Titelverteidiger Grohs steht meist im Abseits: Technik-Defekte bringen ihm nur eine einzige Zielankunft in der ersten Saisonhälfte. Als er dann auf dem Norisring den Fahrernamen Grohs durch "Nippel" ersetzt, kommt das Glück zurück und mit ihm vier Rennsiege, doch die Meisterschaft ist zu Gunsten von Kelleners gelaufen. Der Moerser schafft mit diesem Titel die Basis für eine internationale Sportwagen-Karriere.

Pl.	Meisterschaft 1996	Pkt.
1	Ralf Kelleners	154
2	Frank Schmickler	121
3	Harald Grohs	106
4	Danny Pfeil	96
5	Gerhard Müller	89
6	Hans Willems	77
7	Jörg Bergmeister	74
8	Patrick Simon	73
9	Horst Stäbler	64
10	Kai Riemer	62

Rennen	Sieger	Platz 2	Platz 3
Hockenheim, Kurzanbindung	Ralf Kelleners	Frank Schmickler	Jörg Bergmeister
Nürburgring GP-Strecke	Ralf Kelleners	Frank Schmickler	Patrick Simon
Zolder	Ralf Kelleners	Wolfgang Land	Patrick Simon
Helsinki	Patrick Huisman	Ralf Kelleners	Frank Schmickler
Norisring	Harald Grohs	Horst Farnbacher	Frank Schmickler
Diepholz	Harald Grohs	Ralf Kelleners	Frank Schmickler
Siegerland Flughafen	Ralf Kelleners	Wolfgang Land	Frank Schmickler
Nürburgring GP-Strecke	Harald Grohs	Ralf Kelleners	Hans Willems
Hockenheim GP-Strecke	Harald Grohs	Oliver Mathai	Horst Farnbacher

Rennen	Pole Position	Pole-Zeit	Schnellste Rd.	SR-Zeit
Hockenheim, Kurzanbindung	Ralf Kelleners	1:07.49 min	Ralf Kelleners	1:08,11 min
Nürburgring GP-Strecke	Frank Schmickler	1:47.97 min	Frank Schmickler	1:48.78 min
Zolder	Jörg Bergmeister	1:56.656 min	Wolfgang Land	1:42.992 min
Helsinki	Patrick Huisman	1:34.90 min	Patrick Huisman	1:34.84 min
Norisring	Ralf Kelleners	0:55,592 min	H. Farnbacher	0:56.01 min
Diepholz	Hans Willems	1:11.372 min	Frank Schmickler	1:04.24 min
Siegerland Flughafen	Ralf Kelleners	1:17.40 min	Wolfgang Land	1:18.83 min
Nürburgring GP-Strecke	Frank Schmickler	1:47.697 min	Frank Schmickler	1:48.356 min
Hockenheim GP-Strecke	Frank Schmickler	2:21.884 min	Horst Farnbacher	2:21.555 min

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1996 schedule

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Thank you all for your Email, I'm surprised about that much interest worldwide. :-) Here's the complete schedule:

PORSCHE PIRELLI SUPERCUP 1996

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April 28	Nurburgring/D
May 5	Imola/RSM
May 19	Monte Carlo/MC

coming up

June 30	Magny-Cours/F
July 14	Silverstone/GB
July 28	Hockenheim/D
August 11	Budapest/H
August 25	Spa-Francorchamps/B
Sept 22	Estoril/P

Nurburgring report

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1st Round at the European Grand Prix, Nurburgring

Kelleners wins After Breathtaking Duel

After a truly breathtaking race Ralf Kelleners (D, Porsche Zentrum Koblenz) won the first round of the Porsche Pirelli Supercup, but not before coming under heavy attack from Emmanuel Collard (F, JMB Competition). Kelleners took the lead in the first curve of the race, after Patrick Huisman (NL) nudged team mate Juergen von Gartzten (D, both Oberbayern Motorsport) in a outbraking manoeuvre and both flew off the track. Huisman and von Gartzten had started side by side in the first grid row. Kelleners was shadowed over the entire race by Formula 1 test driver Emmanuel Collard, third overall last year, drove a stunning race working his way through the field from sixth starting position. The duelling match in the last five laps between the German and Frenchman kept spectators gasping.

Trailing closely behind the leading duo came Altfried Heger (D, Porsche Zentrum Koblenz). Starting from eighth place he overtook the reigning Champion Jean Pierre Malcher (F, Labre Competition) shortly before the finish, taking third. Oliver Mathai (D) and Harald Grohs (D) finished fifth and tenth position respectively putting their newly established Manthey Racing Team in the team standings lead. Frank Schmickler (D, Tolimit Motorsport) held on to his sixth place over almost the entire sprint distance against constant attacks from his rivals. Behind Schmickler came a battling Juergen von Gartzten (D, Oberbayern Motorsport). Von Gartzten fought his way to a valiant seventh place from 21st after suffering a blow from his team mate in the first corner.

Kelleners and Collard share the same tally in the drivers standings, both with 22 points to their account. Kelleners earns 20 points with his win plus another two from yesterday's draw. Collard is on 18 points with four from the Grid Lottery. Germany lies first in the Nation's Standings with 38, just ahead of France with 36.

VIP Driver Claus Theo Gaertner returned his Porsche to the mechanics as promised - clean and in one piece: "I thoroughly enjoyed the race. Perhaps next time I can better my 31st place". Popstar Haddaway's race result was handicapped by a visit to the gravel pit.

RACE RESULT:

Pos	Driver	Team	Time
1	Ralf Kelleners/D	Porsche Zentrum Koblenz	27:44.859
2	Emmanuel Collard/F	JMB Competition	+ 0.117
3	Altfried Heger/D	Porsche Zentrum Koblenz	3.654
4	Jean Pierre Malcher/F	Labre Competition	4.156
5	Oliver Mathai/D	Manthey Racing	8.654
6	Frank Schmickler/D	Tolimit Motorsport	13.688
7	Juergen von Gartzten/D	Oberbayern Motorsport	14.697
8	Horst Farnbacher/D	Farnbacher-Zepter Motorsport	20.977
9	Danny Pfeil/D	Kadach Tuning	21.789
10	Harald Grohs/D	Manthey Racing	25.573

CHAMPIONSHIP:

Pos	Driver	Pts
1	Ralf Kelleners/D	22
2	Emmanuel Collard/F	22
3	Jean Pierre Malcher/F	16
4	Oliver Mathai/D	14
5	Juergen von Gartzten/D	12
6	Horst Farnbacher/D	10
7	Harald Grohs/D	9
8	G.Muller	8

San Marino report

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Second Round at the Grand Prix of San Marino, Imola (I)

collard wins - France takes lead in Nations' Competition

Emmanuel Collard is the winner of this weekend's round of the Porsche Pirelli SuperCup. The victory of this second out of nine races completed a perfect weekend of the young Formula One test driver. He rocketed his JMP Competition Porsche 911 to fastest qualifying time (1:59.600), to the fastest race lap (2:00.945) and to this win, which puts him in the lead in the drivers' standings. Collard: "I didn't attack very hard, conserved my tyres and brakes, and waited for the others to make mistakes. It worked." Emmanuel had started from fifth place which he drew in yesterday's Grid Lottery among the six fastest from qualifying. Until the end of the eighth lap, Imola saw a repetition of the duel between Collard and the winner of the first race at Nurburgring, German Ralf Kelleners (Porsche Zentrum Koblenz). Kelleners kept the lead until he overshot the chicane before the finish straight with braking problems. Kelleners: "It was a tough and fair duel with Emmanuel. It's a shame I couldn't offer him more resistance." The race of the unassuming man from the city of Dinslaken ended in fifth place.

Jean-Pierre Malcher (F, Larbre Competition) utilising all the routine of the reigning champion, kept away from the turmoil of the opening laps and came home third, just ahead of Porsche Pirelli SuperCup rookie, Oliver Mathai (D, Manthey Racing). The 28 year old, who took up the sprint from sixth starting place: "I had a very poor start, losing lots of places. But then I bit into the steering wheel. Last night we worked and got rid of our understeer. A very worthwhile nightshift." Last year's runner up Juergen von Gartzen was not happy with his fourth in the finish: "There's a lot of testing work ahead of us if we want to keep the pace of our competitors. But we'll be back in Monaco in two weeks."

VIP driver Loris Reggiani was enthusiastic about his race: "13th in the finish with my old starting number 13, may be 100,000 of my Italian compatriots at the track - that's an experience! I had a few duels, and I won them all. But I think I was too brutal with my tyres, I went sideways a lot. It was big, big fun." Double World Rally Champion Miki Biasion in VIP car number one finished his race with technical trouble after having fought on tenth place during the opening laps. The man from Bassano del Grappa took it philosophically: "I'm happy. There are not so many people who get the chance to drive such a sports car on the race track in this wonderful setting."

Round three of the Porsche Pirelli SuperCup: 19 May, GP Monaco.

RACE RESULT:

Pos	Driver	Team	Time
1	Emmanuel Collard/F	JMB Competition	24:32.261
2	Jean Pierre Malcher/F	Larbre Competition	+10.266
3	Oliver Mathai/D	Manthey Racing	14.836
4	Juergen von Gartzen/D	Oberbayern Motorsport	16.313
5	Ralf Kelleners/D	Porsche Zentrum Koblenz	16.882
6	Patrick Simon/D	Porsche Zentrum Koblenz	18.096
7	M. Galimberti/I	Knuepfing Motorsport	23.866
8	Patrick Huisman/NL	Oberbayern Motorsport	32.580
9	Harald Becker/D	Knuepfing Motorsport	42.242
10	J. Leconte/F	Larbre Competition	49.404

CHAMPIONSHIP:

Pos	Driver	Pts
1	Collard/F	46
2	Kelleners/D	35
3	Malcher/F	34
4	Mathai/D	32
5	v. Gartzen/D	26
6	Becker/D	14
7	Galimberti/I	11
8	Simon/D	10
	Farnbacher/D	10
10	Kulundzic/D	9
	Grohs/D	9

Monaco report

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Third Round at the Monaco Grand Prix

Masterpiece of Balance: Collard Wins Wet Monaco Race

Formula one test driver Emmanuel Collard (F, JMB Competition) once again demonstrated his high class driving skills when he led the Monaco round of the Porsche Pirelli SuperCup from the start to the unscheduled stop of the race in lap nine due to torrential rainfall. The winner of the first round of the fastest Marques Cup in the world gave a perfect performance throughout the weekend, setting fastest lap in the qualifying and the fastest race lap as well. Last year's winner, Jean-Pierre Malcher (F, Larbre Competition) drove to a second place through pouring rain, running like the rest of the field on slick tyres.

German Juergen von Gartzzen (Oberbayern Motorsport) came in third. Last year's runner-up commented: "I started from fifth position and had a tremendous fight with Ralf Kelleners and my team mate Patrick Huisman in the opening laps. In the end, I came off best. After the race was stopped, I had a slight off into the barriers. Good timing." Patrick Huisman from the Netherlands was three seconds behind von Gartzzen when the race was stopped, only half a second ahead of former Formula One driver Jean-Pierre Jarier (F, Zepter Racing).

Ex Formula One pilot Olivier Beretta from Monaco entered the Porsche VIP Carrera with starting number two for his home race. After his ninth place in the qualifying he improved to a fine seventh in the race. Ahead of Beretta, German Ralf Schumacher, Michael's younger Brother, was sixth in today's race.

German Ralf Kelleners, the winner of the 1996 opening round on the Nurburgring, experienced bad luck taking fourth in the qualifying but only eighth in the race. Ralf: "It was my first race in Monaco, and our set-up was for a dry track without any compromise. Okay, at least the car is in one piece, it was a very challenging drive."

Top ten results:

Pos	Driver	Team	Time
1	Emmanuel Collard/F	JMB Competition	14:34.156
2	Jean Pierre Malcher/F	Larbre Competition	+ 3.231
3	Juergen von Gartzzen/D	Oberbayern Motorsport	10.938
4	Patrick Huisman/NL	Oberbayern Motorsport	13.033
5	Jean-Pierre Jarier/F	Zepter Racing	13.488
6	Ralf Schumacher/D	Porsche AG	14.992
7	Olivier Beretta/MC	Porsche AG	16.510
8	Ralf Kelleners/D	Porsche Zentrum Koblenz	20.078
9	Harald Grohs/D	Manthey Racing	21.743
10	Oliver Mathai/D	Manthey Racing	21.996

CHAMPIONSHIP:

Pos	Driver	Pts
1	Collard/F	66
2	Malcher/F	52
3	Kelleners/D	45
4	von Gartzzen/D	42
5	Mathai/D	40
6	Huisman/NL	22
7	Becker/D	19
8	Grohs/D	18
9	Farnbacher/D	17
10	Kulundzic/D	12

Magny-Cours report

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Fourth Round at the French Grand Prix

Hat trick for Leader Collard, Photo Finish Decides Fight for Places

Emmanuel Collard from France drove the 15 lap sprint race on the 4.25 km track of Magny-Cours once again demonstrating his current superiority in the Porsche Pirelli SuperCup. The 25 years old Formula 1 test driver from Paris won the starting duel against reigning Champion Jean-Pierre Malcher (F, Larbre Competition) and never relinquished his lead, winning his third race in a row by a clear margin.

Behind the winner, Juergen von Gartzten (D, Oberbayern Motorsport) fought his way from sixth place to the top, finishing second after a perfect race. The 37 years old racing professional was pleased: "It was a fair fight against my team mate Patrick Huisman. He didn't just wave me through, but in the corner before the start/finish straight I took him by surprise."

Four drivers shot within one second of each other over the finish line behind Huisman. Frenchman Dominique Dupuy, Oliver Mathei (D, Manthey Racing) and Malcher battled for placings until the last metre. More than once the fighting roosters showed the frenetic spectators that some corners of the race track offer space enough for three 911's side by side. Frank Schmickler (D, Porsche Zentrum Koblenz) gave a remarkable "guest appearance" in the Porsche Pirelli SuperCup, finishing the race seventh. Duncan Huisman (NL, Oberbayern Motorsport), younger brother of Patrick, finished his premiere drive eighth, a good result for a first-timer. Reigning Carrera Cup Champion Harald Grohs (D, Manthey Racing) achieved tenth ahead of German newcomer Patrick Simon (D, Porsche Zentrum Koblenz) who, with a torn ligament in his right foot, finished the race admirably.

Luc Alphand experienced adventurous laps in his VIP Carrera with starting number 1. The ski racer, winner of the downhill bronze medal at the 1996 world Championship and double Downhill world Cup winner: "Immediately after the start, two cars spun just ahead of me. I hesitated and was immediately swarmed by Porsches. I simply braked to get some oversight again, and when the smoke cleared I drove constant lap times. As a Porsche novice I'm thrilled with my 24th place. Now I'll wait for the next invitation into the cockpit." French TV Star Christophe Dechavanne piloting the second VIP car, had less luck parking his 911 in the gravel trap after 14 laps.

Top ten results:

Pos	Driver	Team	Time
1	Emmanuel Collard/F	JMB Competition	26:36.291
2	Juergen von Gartzten/D	Oberbayern Motorsport	+ 6.135
3	Patrick Huisman/NL	Oberbayern Motorsport	7.685
4	Dominique Dupuy/F	D. Dupuy	8.258
5	Oliver Mathai/D	Manthey Racing	8.430
6	Jean Pierre Malcher/F	Larbre Competition	9.014
7	Frank Schmickler	Porsche Zentrum Koblenz	9.932
8	Duncan Huisman/NL	Porsche Zentrum Koblenz	20.699
9	L. Rotzentaig/F	L. Rotzentaig	21.797
10	Harald Grohs/D	Manthey Racing	22.456

CHAMPIONSHIP:

Pos	Driver	Pts
1	Collard/F	87
2	Malcher/F	64
3	von Gartzten/D	62
4	Mathai/D	54
5	Kelleners/D	45
6	P. Huisman/NL	38
7	Grohs/D	26
8	Becker/D	23
9	Farnbacher/D	22
10	Simon/D	17

Silverstone report

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Fifth Round at the British Grand Prix

Emmanuel Collard Rules Silverstone Weekend

Frenchman Emmanuel Collard (JMB Competition) convincingly lead the field from green light to chequered flag to his fourth consecutive win, dominating the Silverstone round of the Porsche Pirelli SuperCup. It was a perfect weekend for the 25 year old Tyrrel Formula 1 test pilot who not only won the race, but achieved pole position and fastest lap, too. The unassuming star remained humble even after his admirable performance: "I had a big practice advantage over the others here. Last week I spent a lot of time in a Formula 1 cockpit on the Silverstone circuit." Only Dutchman Patrick Huisman, who started from the first row, was able to keep up with the Frenchman, finishing in second place five seconds behind. His younger brother Duncan snatched 6th place, topping off the weekend for the Huisman family.

The personable VIP driver, Allan McNish from Dumfries in Scotland, battled over the entire distance with reigning Carrera Cup Champion Harald Grohs (D, Manthey Racing). Said the Formula 1 test driver after his race: "Harald and I had a fabulous and fair battle. It was a shame I finished playing in the sand, while Harald made it to 9th place, but I enjoyed every lap in the Porsche." Former Motorcycle world champion Kevin Schwantz (USA), starting with his traditional number 34, commented: "First I had way too much wheel-spin at the start and lost three places. Then there was so much turbulence around me with spinning Porsches I throttled off. Then I tried to attack which was too tough on my tyres. All in all I think I should get another chance on a familiar track, and it would be great to have air conditioning!" Kevin finished his race 13th.

Oliver Mathei (D, Manthey Racing) gave a breathtaking performance fighting his way from the back of the pack to an impressive fifth position after being shunted by Juergen von Gartzzen (D, Oberbayern Motorsport). von Gartzzen, last year's runner up, took 3rd still holding on to his overall title chances. Twenty year old Patrick Simon (Porsche Zentrum Koblenz) from Germany once again demonstrated his fine driving talent ending up fourth. The fast track obviously suited Horst Farnbacher (Zepter Racing Team), Joerg Bergmeister (Porsche Zentrum Koblenz), and Danny Pfeil (Kadach Tuning) all from Germany, who grabbed seventh, eighth, and tenth places respectively.

Top ten results:

Pos	Driver	Team	Time
1	Emmanuel Collard/F	JMB Competition	30:35.463
2	Patrick Huisman/NL	Oberbayern Motorsport	+ 5.173
3	Juergen von Gartzzen/D	Oberbayern Motorsport	11.525
4	Patrick Simon/D	Porsche Zentrum Koblenz	15.664
5	Oliver Mathei/D	Manthey Racing	15.989
6	Duncan Huisman/NL	Porsche Zentrum Koblenz	20.737
7	Horst Farnbacher/D	Zepter Racing Team	23.155
8	Joerg Bergmeister/D	Porsche Zentrum Koblenz	23.725
9	Harald Grohs/D	Manthey Racing	25.366
10	Danny Pfeil/D	Kadach Tuning	26.780

CHAMPIONSHIP:

Pos	Driver	Pts
1	Collard/F	108
2	von Gartzzen/D	82
3	Malcher/F	68
	Mathei/D	68
5	P. Huisman/NL	56
6	Kelleners/D	45
7	Grohs/D	33
8	Patrick Simon/D	31
	Farnbacher/D	31
10	Becker/D	23

Hockenheim report

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Sixth Round at the German Grand Prix

Collard Battles to Defend Series Lead, Patrick Huisman Wins

Hockenheim. The 12 lap sprint on the high speed circuit at Hockenheim turned out to be the most dramatic race of this year's Porsche Pirelli Supercup season with three different pilots swapping the lead over the 81.8 km race. Patrick Huisman (NL, Oberbayern Motorsport) took his maiden victory snatching the laurel from the last year's winner Juergen von Gartzen (D, Oberbayern Motorsport) after a hefty duel in the ninth lap. Avoiding pirouetting rivals in the first lap by visiting the gravel trap, von Gartzen worked his way through the field and took a worthy second. Six tenth of a second behind the winner, Emmanuel Collard (F, JMB Competition) crossed the finish line third. Collard had a fantastic start shooting from sixth to third position, and fought for the lead in the opening stages of the race. However, his hopes for the fifth consecutive win were crushed after an incident with German Harald Grohs (D, Manthey Racing). Collard continued the race with a damaged car, and Grohs, who was leading at the time, retired. Horst Farnbacher (D, Zepter Racing) took fourth after a tactical race in front of reigning champion Jean-Pierre Malcher (F, Larbre Competition). Andreij Kulundzic (YU, Zepter Racing) made the most of his good qualifying result by finishing the race ninth. The Porsche Supercup Champion of 1994, Alfried Heger, (D, Porsche Zentrum Koblenz) impressed excited crowds during his guest appearance with a sixth placing, demonstrating he hadn't lost his Porsche-touch. His young team mate Patrick Simon topped off the weekend for the Porsche Zentrum Koblenz team with a tenth place. Danny Pfeil drove in front of a home crowd to eighth, his best result of the season so far.

"In the first laps I didn't believe what I saw. They are tough fighters here! So I made up my mind to keep out of harm's way, but also to keep within reach of the top guys. It was tremendous to race so close and even touch other cars at 250 kph, something that is impossible in a monoposto. I'm thrilled with my seventh placing. It's a great result for my first Porsche race," enthused Marcel Tiemann. Opel works driver in the Formula 3 and recent winner of the Formula 3 Grand Prix in Monaco. Runner up in the 250cc World Championship Ralf Waldmann, in the VIP Carrera with starting number one, enjoyed his race. "Starting from 22 place and ending up 15th isn't too bad. In the chicanes I mistakenly selected fifth gear instead of third otherwise I would have been further ahead."

Top ten results:

Pos	Driver	Team	Time
1	Patrick Huisman/NL	Oberbayern Motorsport	28:51.002
2	Juergen von Gartzen/D	Oberbayern Motorsport	+ 0.380
3	Emmanuel Collard/F	JMB Competition	0.649
4	Horst Farnbacher/D	Zepter Racing Team	4.649
5	Jean Pierre Malcher/F	Larbre Competition	4.986
6	Alfريد Heger/D	Porsche Zentrum Koblenz	14.130
7	Marcel Tiemann/D	Porsche AG	15.251
8	Danny Pfeil/D	Kadach Tuning	15.547
9	Andreij Kulundzic/YU	Zepter Racing Team	22.930
10	Patrick Simon/D	Porsche Zentrum Koblenz	28.154

CHAMPIONSHIP:

Pos	Driver	Pts
1	Collard/F	128
2	von Gartzen/D	101
3	Malcher/F	78
4	Patrick Huisman/NL	76
5	Mathai/D	68
6	Kelleners/D	45

Spa-Francorchamps report

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Eighth Round at the Belgian Grand Prix

Emmanuel Collard Champion; Battle for Runner-up Continues

Spa-Francorchamps. Emmanuel Collard from France is the 1996 Porsche Pirelli SuperCup Champion. The 25 year old Formula 1 test driver took third on the 6.974 km circuit, the most challenging of the entire series calendar. Out of total eight races his impressive series record includes four wins, six fastest qualifying laps, and seven quickest race laps. During the grid lottery, where the six fastest drivers draw their starting position, Collard earned himself three points here in Spa - one point gained for every lost place. This gave Collard the championship title even before today's race started. Collard commented on his success: "It was a fantastic season. At every race I was on the podium. Thanks to my supportive, professional team, a reliable Porsche, and no retirements. My fight with Harald Grohs for third today was hard, but fair." Grohs (D, Manthey Racing) shadowed the leading two until the last round, where Collard attacked and passed.

The decision for runner-up position will have to wait until the final round in Portugal (Estoril, 22 Sept). Three experienced and determined Porsche specialists grapple amongst themselves for this honour: In Spa-Francorchamps during qualifying Juergen von Gartzen (D, Oberbayern Motorsport) trailed Collard by just 0.125 seconds, and today's race led the pack throughout the entire race, with team mate Patrick Huisman clinging to his bumper. His win in Spa-Francorchamps is Von Gartzen's first of the season. Also chasing the runner-up position are Jean-Pierre Malcher (F, Larbre Competition) and Patrick Huisman (NL, Oberbayern Motorsport). Malcher, champion of last year's series, ended his race fifth.

Twenty year old Patrick Simon (D, Porsche Zentrum Koblenz) gave a remarkable performance. After a severe accident at his daunting track two years ago, the promising pilot regained his speed, and over the weekend improved his times over the practice sessions ending his race sixth. Both VIP drivers experienced bad luck during the race. Motorcycle world Champion Christian Sarron missed a gear change and consequently was sidelined with engine problems. Norberto Fontana, Formula Nippon pilot and Formula 1 test driver finished his race 24th after a spin.

Top ten results:

Pos	Driver	Team	Time
1	Juergen von Gartzen/D	Oberbayern Motorsport	25:52.741
2	Patrick Huisman/NL	Oberbayern Motorsport	+ 0.859
3	Emmanuel Collard/F	JMB Competition	2.238
4	Harald Grohs/D	Manthey Racing	3.287
5	Jean Pierre Malcher/F	Larbre Competition	17.233
6	Patrick Simon/D	Porsche Zentrum Koblenz	21.578
7	Horst Farnbacher/D	Zepter Racing Team	30.250
8	Olaf Manthey/D	Manthey Racing	30.736
9	Duncan Huisman/NL	Porsche Zentrum Koblenz	33.960
10	S. de Groot/D	Porsche Zentrum Koblenz	35.241

CHAMPIONSHIP:

Pos	Driver	Pts
1	Collard/F	168 (Champion)
2	Von Gartzen/D	123
3	Malcher/F	111
4	Patrick Huisman/NL	106
5	Mathai/D	80
6	Farnbacher/D	68

Estoril report

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Ninth Round at the Grand Prix of Portugal

Champion Collard wins Season Final; Von Gartzen Runner Up

Estoril. Emmanuel Collard from France ended his 1996 Porsche Pirelli SuperCup season impressively with yet another pole position, fastest race lap and win. The 25 year old pilot of the JMB Competition team took the lead in the second lap, pulling away from his competitors to take his fifth victory. Collard had already secured his champion status four weeks ago at the penultimate round in Belgium. Porsche have invited the Champion of the international Porsche marques cup to test drive the new 911 GT1. Collard was pleased with his success: "My aim was to win this round, and at every race to climb the podium. I've done that and I'm thrilled."

With a second placing in today's race, Jurgen von Gartzen (D, Oberbayern Motorsport) easily secured the runner-up title. With six podium finishes and strong performances, the German remained consistently at the top. Team mate Patrick Huisman (NL) chased von Gartzen hard, ending his race and the series in third place. Last year's champion, Jean-Pierre Malcher (Larbre Competition) had less luck. An electrical fault hindered the Frechman in yesterday's qualifying. His seventh place in the race relegated his overall rankings to fourth. Fourth today was student Oliver Mathai (D, Manthey Racing) who, after his first season, earned an overall fifth, making him the best newcomer of the year. Horst Farnbacher (D, Zepter Racing) also joined the top pack of the season final. Second fastest in qualifying, the Porsche specialist started the 16 lap sprint from sixth on the grid. During the race the Bavarian fought off attacks from RTL-VIP driver Jacques Laffite, romping home fifth. With a fourth in qualifying and fifth in race, Jacques Laffite was the fastest RTL-VIP driver of the year. Stefan Johansson in the second RTL backed Porsche with starting number two crossed the finish line 12th. The Indy Car pilot commented on his race: "This just wasn't my weekend. I spun, missed gears and obviously need more practice in the 911. Jacques had the '94 season under his belt, but it was terrific fun - they sure fight hard here."

Top ten race results:

Pos	Driver	Team	Time
1	Emmanuel Collard/F	JMB Competition	30:01.365
2	Juergen von Gartzen/D	Oberbayern Motorsport	+ 5.415
3	Patrick Huisman/NL	Oberbayern Motorsport	5.878
4	Olaf Manthey/D	Manthey Racing	6.770
4	Olaf Manthey/D	Manthey Racing	6.770
5	Horst Farnbacher/D	Zepter Racing Team	12.887
6	Jacques Laffite/F	RTL-VIP Carrera	13.033
7	Jean Pierre Malcher/F	Larbre Competition	13.240
8	Patrick Simon/D	Porsche Zentrum Koblenz	18.396
9	Harald Grohs/D	Manthey Racing	19.287
10	Duncan Huisman/NL	Porsche Zentrum Koblenz	21.238

Final Standings:

Pos	Driver	Pts
1	Emmanuel Collard/F	190 (Champion)
2	Juergen von Gartzen/D	141
3	Patrick Huisman/NL	122
4	Jean-Pierre Malcher/F	121
5	Olaf Mathai/D	95
6	Horst Farnbacher/D	84
7	Ralf Kelleners/D	65
8	Harald Grohs/D	63
9	Patrick Simon/D	59
10	Duncan Huisman/NL	34

FARNBACHER RACING HISTO

FARNBACHER RACING - DAS ERFOLGSTTEAM

1988	Polo Cup Treser Cup	Platz Platz
1990	DTC	5 La
1992	Porsche Carrera Trophäe	Platz
1994	Peugeot 306 Cup	Platz
1995	Porsche Carrera Cup Porsche Pirelli Supercup	Platz Platz
1996	Porsche Pirelli Supercup Porsche Carrera Cup	Platz
1997	Porsche Pirelli Supercup Porsche Carrera Cup	Platz 3 Platz 1
1998	Porsche Pirelli Supercup	Platz 6
1999	Porsche Pirelli Supercup Porsche Carrera Cup Ital. GT Meisterschaft	Platz 10 Platz 1
2000	Porsche Pirelli Supercup Porsche Carrera Cup	Platz 6 Platz 1
2001	Porsche Pirelli Supercup Teamwertung Fahrerwertung Porsche Carrera Cup Teamwertung Fahrerwertung	Platz 1 Platz 1 Platz 3 und Platz 7 Platz 2

96 CARRERA CUP

2ND NORISRING

3RD HOCKENHEIM

Platz

Platz

97 SUPERCUP

2ND MONACO (ROUND 2)

1ST HOCKENHEIM (ROUND 5)

2ND SPA-FRANCOCHAMPS (ROUND 7)

1ST NORBURGRING (ROUND 9)

Platz

Platz

97 CARRERA CUP

1ST ZWEIBRÜCKEN

1ST NÜRNBERGRING

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Die Brüder Horst und Hermann Farnbacher haben sich seit ihrer Jugend dem Auto verschrieben. Parallel zum Aufbau von drei Autohäusern in Ansbach und Lichtenau bestritt Horst Farnbacher zahlreiche Slalom- u. Rundstreckenrennen. Nach dem Gewinn von etlichen Rennen entschied sich Horst Farnbacher für einen Wechsel in das Profilager.

1988 gewann er den Meistertitel im Polo Cup und im Treser Cup.

1990 beteiligte er sich an der Deutschen Tourenwagen Trophäe, in deren

Verlauf er 5 Rennen für sich entscheiden konnte.

1992 wurde das Farnbacher Racing Team im mittelfränkischen Lichtenau bei Ansbach gegründet. Horst Farnbacher fungierte als Teamchef und Fahrer. Die ersten Rennen bestritt das Team in der Porsche Carrera Trophäe.

1994 wurde Horst Farnbacher im Peugeot 306 Cup Meister.

1995 fand eine erneute Umstrukturierung statt. Das Team spezialisierte sich auf den Einsatz in zwei Porsche Rennserien: Der Porsche Carrera Cup und der Porsche Pirelli Supercup, der im Rahmenprogramm der Formel 1 stattfindet. Das erste Jahr endete mit einem äußerst erfolgreichen dritten Platz der Teamwertung im Porsche Pirelli Supercup.

1996 gewann Horst Farnbacher den Porsche Carrera Cup Lauf in Helsinki und belegte im Supercup den dritten Platz in der Teamwertung.

1997 war ein sehr erfolgreiches Jahr für Farnbacher Racing. Im Carrera Cup konnte Horst Farnbacher die Vize-Meistermeisterschaft erringen und die Teamwertung gewinnen. Im Supercup sicherte er sich den Sieg in Hockenheim und belegt in Monte Carlo und Spa den zweiten Platz. Wieder bestätigte er den dritten Platz in der Teamwertung. Mit diesen Erfolgen verabschiedete sich Horst Farnbacher von dem aktiven Rennsport und widmete sich fortan ganz der Aufgabe als Teamchef.

1998 wurde zum Lehrjahr für Horst Farnbacher. Die Lücke die er hinterließ konnte keiner seiner Fahrer schließen. So wurde es zum schwärzesten Jahr in der Teamhistory.

1999 wurde das Farnbacher Racing Team dritter in der Teamwertung des Carrera Cup2000 machten sich der Erfahrungsschatz und die Kenntnisse des ehemaligen Profis Horst Farnbacher bezahlt.

Bereits 1999 hatte er einen jungen Fahrer genau unter die Lupe genommen und frühzeitig für die Saison 2000 verpflichtet. Sein Name: Jörg Bergmeister. Gleichzeitig nahm er seinen älteren Bruder Tim Bergmeister unter Vertrag. Die Söhne des ehemaligen Europameisters Willi Bergmeister sicherten Farnbacher Racing im Porsche Carrera Cup den Meistertitel sowohl in der Fahrer- als auch in der Teamwertung.

Im Supercup belegte Jörg Bergmeister als jüngster Fahrer des Feldes einen hervorragenden sechsten Platz im Gesamtklassement und siegte im Abschlussrennen in Indianapolis.

2001 wurde zum erfolgreichsten Jahr in der Geschichte von Farnbacher Racing. Mit den Fahrern Jörg Bergmeister, Marco Werner und Philipp Peter sicherte sich das Team hoch überlegen die Teamwertung im Porsche Pirelli Supercup. Bei insgesamt 12 Rennen schafften die Fahrer 9 Pole Positions und 9 Laufsiege. Im Porsche Carrera verpasste Jörg Bergmeister bei Punktgleichheit mit dem Meister Timo Bernhard nur durch die geringe Anzahl der Laufsiege die Meisterschaft und musste sich mit dem zweiten Platz begnügen.

2002 startet das Team mit einer neuen Fahrerbesetzung. Jörg Bergmeister hat durch seinen großen Erfolge mit Farnbacher Racing einen Werksvertrag mit

der Porsche AG abgeschlossen und wird die ALMS fahren.

Doch Horst Farnbacher hat mit Frank Stippler einen hochwertigen Ersatz für den Porsche Carrera Cup verpflichtet. Horst Farnbacher: "Wir haben mit Frank Stippler einen langfristigen Vertrag abgeschlossen, weil ich davon überzeugt bin, dass er das Potenzial hat, die Lücke zu schließen, die Jörg Bergmeister hinterlässt."

Im Porsche Michelin Supercup werden unsere Erfolgsfahrer Marco Werner und Philipp Peter versuchen, die sensationellen Ergebnisse aus dem Jahr 2001 zu wiederholen.