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No way past Danny Soufi / Torsten Kratz at the Lausitzring

- **First victory in the Prototype Cup Germany for Konrad Motorsport**
- **Mücke duo Julien Apothéloz / Riccardo Leone Cirelli narrowly miss out in second place**
- **Junior and Trophy silverware also goes to Konrad Motorsport**

Klettwitz. The pairing of Danny Soufi (20/USA) and Torsten Kratz (53/Mönchengladbach, Konrad Motorsport) finished just ahead of Julien Apothéloz (23/CHE) and Riccardo Leone Cirelli (16/ITA, both BWT Mücke Motorsport) to win the second race of this season's Prototype Cup Germany at the Dekra Lausitzring; championship leaders Valentino Catalano (18/Westheim) and Markus Pommer (33/Untereisesheim, both Gebhardt Motorsport) had to settle for third place. This was the maiden victory in the series for Konrad Motorsport, who have been racing in the Prototype Cup Germany since day one. "The first success was really special, as everyone in the team has worked hard to achieve this," said a beaming Soufi, who has been driving an LMP3 car for the Konrad team since 2022. "I think the air pressure in the tyres was a little too high in my stint today, which meant that the car was not perfect to drive. However, that is part and parcel of motorsport, and something you have to deal with as a driver." His partner Kratz was rather critical of his own performance: "I think I still need to work on my race pace. Riccardo was able to close in on me quickly, but I knew that he would not get past without me making a mistake or him forcing his way through. As I did not make any mistakes, I was able to get home in first place. I am obviously very happy with this result." Soufi and Kratz not only picked up the trophy for the overall victory, but they each also received another trophy: Soufi was the top Junior, Kratz the best of the Trophy drivers.

Apothéloz made the best start, getting away ahead of Soufi and Felipe Laser (34/Leipzig, Frikadelli Racing Team). Turn one was less successful for Jaime Guzman (33/MEX, AF2 Motorsport), who spun after contact with Maxim Dirickx (20/BEL, Gebhardt Motorsport) and rejoined the race at the back of the field. The Belgian was handed a drive-through penalty for his part in the incident. A few kilometres later, Kenau Al Azhari (16/UAE, Mühlner Motorsport) rolled out of the race when his fire extinguisher exploded. Race control took the opportunity to send the safety car onto the track. However, the order did not change at the restart, with Apothéloz still out in front ahead of Soufi and Laser. This trio was able to pull clear of Catalano as the race progressed.

Once all the driver changeovers had been completed, it was Klaus Abbelen (63/Barweiler, Frikadelli Racing Team) who found himself out in front, having taken over from Laser at the wheel of their Ligier. However, he was not able to enjoy this feeling for long, as Kratz, Soufi's team-mate, soon passed the Frikadelli driver. Cirelli, now in the pink Mücke Duqueine, took advantage of the situation and passed Abbelen to take second place. Pommer, at the wheel of Catalano's Duqueine, followed him through to leave the experienced Abbelen outside the podium positions. Back at the front, Cirelli set off in pursuit of Kratz and increasingly put the race leader under pressure, while Pommer tried to close the gap to the leading duo. Cirelli was ultimately unable to find a way past the car in front, leaving Soufi and Kratz to clinch the victory ahead of Apothéloz and Cirelli, with Catalano and Pommer third. Antti Rammo (41/EST, MRS GT-Racing) came across the finish line in fourth place; Laser / Abbelen had to settle for fifth place, followed by Dirickx / Sven Barth (43/Eberbach, Gebhardt Motorsport) and Guzman / Robert Doyle (64/USA, AF2 Motorsport).

Media Information



Julien Apothéloz (second): “Pole put us in a very good starting position, but we knew that I had to open up a bit of a lead before the pit stop if we were to beat Konrad. The safety car meant I was unable to get a large enough lead, especially as Danny was also very fast behind me. Despite this, we picked up some good points for second place.”

Roberto Leone Corelli (second): “It was a good race, which I believe we lost in the safety car phase. That prevented Julien from establishing a big enough lead over Danny Soufi, and the Konrad car was able to overtake us, as they were not required to remain stationary for as long as us. Out on the track, I was able to close the gap to Torsten, but it is rarely possible to overtake here unless the car in front makes a mistake. However, I am still happy with second place.”

Valentino Catalano (third): “I overtook Keanu at the start and was lined up to attack Felipe a little later, but then came the safety car. Generally speaking, I had a bit of an issue with tyre pressure at the start of my stint, and struggled a little with the car. That improved towards the end, and Markus was able to attack during his stint. With that in mind, and taking the whole race into consideration, I believe that we had the right set-up.”

Markus Pommer (third): “I took over the car in fourth place and, after passing Klaus Abbelen, tried to close the gap to the cars in front. I did get closer, but did not have enough time to actually catch them. Despite this, the car was good and I am satisfied with third place, which earned us some valuable points.”

Broadcast times for the 2024 Prototype Cup Germany at the Dekra Lausitzring

Sunday, 26th May 2024

16:40 – Race 3 live

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Prototype Cup Germany calendar (subject to amendment)

19.04. - 21.04.24	Spa-Francorchamps/BEL (24H Series)
24.05. - 26.05.24	Dekra Lausitzring (DTM)
12.07. - 14.07.24	Circuit Zandvoort/NLD (Summer Trophy)
09.08. - 11.08.24	Hockenheimring (ADAC Racing Weekend)
16.08. - 18.08.24	Nürburgring (DTM)
06.09. - 08.09.24	Sachsenring (DTM)

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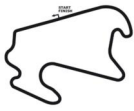
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Weather Start/Finish

AIR	21.6°C
TRACK	28.2°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	1005 hPa
AIR	22.8°C
TRACK	30.2°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	1005 hPa

Track Information

GREEN FLAG	11:02:28
CHEQUERED FLAG	11:59:19
SAFETY CAR PHASE	1
FULL COURSE YELLOW PHASE	0
TRACK NAME	Lausitzring
TRACK LENGTH	3478m
TURN COUNT	12
TOTAL DISTANCE	132.16km
FASTEST LAP:	#70. CAT - 1:21.098

STARTED: 8 CLASSIFIED: 7 NOT CLASSIFIED: 1 DISQUALIFIED: 0

Nr. Drivers	Team	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Kph	Lap	Time	Kph
Cl. Car	Competitor							
1 2 T.Kratz(DEU)(T)/D.Soufi(USA)(J) LMP3 Ligier JS P320	Konrad Motorsport(AUT) Konrad Motorsport	38	56:51.834		139.4	12	1:21.618	153.4
2 8 R.Cirelli(ITA)(J)/J.Apotheloz(CHE)(J) LMP3 Duqueine D08	BWT Mücke Motorsport(DEU) BWT Mücke Motorsport	38	56:52.235	0.401	139.3	19	1:21.423	153.7
3 70 M.Pommer(DEU)/V.Catalano(DEU)(J) LMP3 Duqueine D08	GEBHARDT Motorsport(DEU) GEBHARDT Motorsport	38	56:57.143	5.309	139.3	31	1:21.098	154.3
4 14 A.Rammo(EST)(T) LMP3 Ligier JS P320	MRS GT-Racing(DEU) MRS GT-Racing	38	57:39.890	48.056	137.8	13	1:22.233	152.2
5 30 K.Abbelen(DEU)(T)/F.Laser(ESP) LMP3 Ligier JS P320	Frikadelli Racing Team(DEU) Frikadelli Racing Team	38	58:00.645	1:08.811	136.6	16	1:21.694	153.2
6 80 S.Barth(DEU)/M.Dirckx(BEL)(J) LMP3 Duqueine D08	GEBHARDT Motorsport(DEU) GEBHARDT Motorsport	34	56:54.478	4LAPS	124.4	15	1:22.350	152.0
7 47 R.Doyle(USA)(T)/J.Guzman(MEX)(T) LMP3 Ligier JS P320	AF2 Motorsport(ESP) AF2 Motorsport	33	58:01.086	5LAPS	118.7	10	1:25.541	146.3
Not classified								
21 K.AL Azhari(UAE)(J) LMP3 Duqueine D08	Mühlner Motorsport(BEL) Mühlner Motorsport							

Fastest lap of the race. Car 70 driver Valentino Catalano on lap 31. Time 1:21.098, average speed 154.3 km/h.

CAR #47 #14 INCORRECT GRID POSITION - 5 SECOND TIME PENALTY

Subject to final scrutineering!		
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