

Colin with strong debut at legendary Spa

FIRE Racing driver Colin Bönighausen finished on the podium in front of 88,000 spectators in his first weekend in the Porsche Carrera Cup Benelux.

The setting of Michael Schumacher's Formula 1 career beginnings was where Colin Bönighausen competed in the Porsche Carrera Cup Benelux for the first time this weekend. The 19-year-old from Isernhagen in Lower Saxony immediately established himself in the top-class leading group on the seven-kilometre cult race-track in Spa-Francorchamps. „So far there have been two circuits that I've had respect for: Jeddah and Spa. But after this weekend, I have to say that Spa is an extremely cool track!" In qualifying, Bönighausen initially secured a good starting position among the top three on the grid. However, his best lap time was cancelled due to a track limit infringement that was not visible to the naked eye. „It wasn't visible on the onboard cameras, it must have been a matter of a few centimetres," said a contrite Bönighausen.

In the first half-hour race, Bönighausen was then able to prevail against far more experienced drivers and ultimately cross the finish line in 5th place overall. This also meant third place in the rookie classification. However, the trophy did not remain in his hands due to a 5-second penalty for an incorrect starting position. „I was still hoping that the race organisers would do a second formation lap so that I could make up for my mistake, but that wasn't the case" – meaning that „CJB" slipped out of the top three again.

In the second race, however, Bönighausen maintained his form from the previous day and showed a good performance with 7th place overall, which even meant second place among the rookies. He was even in first place at one point. „In terms of pace, I'm sure



This trophy is his to keep: Colin Bönighausen (left) rewards himself with second place in the second race.

I could have done better. But overtaking is difficult with all the fast corners. If someone is driving in front of you, the stress on the front tyres is extremely high - you have to come up with some good tricks to overtake someone." >>>



Bönighausen once again showed improvement in the duels at Spa: „I'm getting better and better at contact racing.“ Nevertheless, Colin knows: „As long as you're not first, there's always room for improvement.“

In addition to his main activity in the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Germany, Colin Bönighausen will also be competing occasionally in the Porsche Carrera Cup Benelux this season. Bönighausen is thereby gaining further valuable experience in the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car. As in the German championship, in Benelux the car in the striking FIRE design will also be professionally prepared by CarTech Motorsport.

COLIN'S NEXT EVENT: 1/2 June Salzburgring (AUT) FIRE Racing Event at the Motortag



That's Colin:

Colin Jamie Bönighausen („CJB“), born in Hanover (Germany) in 2005, has been involved in motorsport since he was ten years old. He is currently undergoing apprenticeship training to become a plant mechanic. Like many racing drivers, the driver from Lower Saxony began his motorsport career in karting. The title in the ROK Cup Germany as well as numerous victories and top results in the ADAC Kart Masters and the Rotax Max Challenge highlight Colin's career to date. In 2022, he switched from racing karts to racing cars. He celebrated immediate success in the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car and won the Porsche Sprint Challenge Central Europe in both the Sprint and Endurance classifications. With third place overall in the Porsche Carrera Cup Middle East, he once again demonstrated his talent in the winter of 2023/2024. The 19-year-old is now competing in the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland.

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About VPD Racing:

Since 2010, VPD Racing from Adnet in Salzburg is a reliable partner for hobby racers and professional racers. The experienced team offers a wide range of products for kart racing, including a full-service center for chassis and motors as well as full support during race events. Colin Bönighausen is an official partner of the team and thus continues to benefit from VPD Racing's expertise and broad network. In return, he shares his experience with the team and thus supports their customers.

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