

Colin's plan pays off: Rookie win in Zandvoort

FIRE Racing pilot Colin Bönighausen was the only Porsche Carrera Cup driver to compete in four races at Zandvoort last weekend – and the endurance experiment was a success.

The Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Germany and the Porsche Carrera Cup Benelux recently were part of the DTM event in the Netherlands. FIRE Racing youngster Colin Bönighausen took the opportunity to compete in both racing series on the same race weekend. „We hoped this would give us an advantage, but it could have gone wrong.“ Colin's main focus was on the German championship, which is regarded as the strongest one-make cup in the world. There, the driver from Lower Saxony lined up for CarTech Motorsport, while another Porsche 911 GT3 Cup prepared by Bas Koeten Racing was on standby in the Benelux Championship.

Colin set a new personal best with seventh place in the second race at Zandvoort and also celebrated third place in the rookie classification. „I think the experiment worked out. But I probably wouldn't do it again (laughs), it was pretty stressful.“ The 19-year-old almost didn't get into his Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car on time: „I had to drive to the parc fermé myself after the Benelux race. CarTech Motorsport was already waiting there with a scooter. They then put me in the other car standing 500 metres away ... five minutes more and it wouldn't have worked out.“ This brilliant team effort paid off and Colin went on to deliver what was probably his best Carrera Cup race to date. With great overtaking manoeuvres, he worked his way up from 12th to 7th place under the constant attention of TV cameras. „You can drive different lines in the banked corners, these open bends make overtaking easier.“ The only downside: Colin was unable to collect the trophy for second rookie place in the Benelux Cup himself on Sunday because he was already back in the other car.



Colin made it onto the podium three times in Zandvoort. He even finished on top in the first race of the Porsche Carrera Cup Benelux.

The results in the Porsche Carrera Cup Benelux were also impressive: On Saturday, Colin won the rookie classification and finished sixth overall. There was even a duel with rally superstar Kalle Rovanperä („A very fast and fair driver“). It was also announced that Colin's Benelux team Bas Koeten Racing will become the official „satellite team“ of FIRE Racing. >>>



Great joy at FIRE Racing: Theo Overhaus and Colin Bönighausen were able to impress in Zandvoort. Colin's race cars are in the centre and on the right.

At the next two PCCB races in Imola (5–7 July) and Assen (2–4 August), Colin will be driving their FIRE-designed Porsche 911 GT3 Cup. Before that, however, Colin Bönighausen's next race will be at the newly renovated Hungaroring near Budapest (22 June) in the Porsche Sixt Carrera Cup Germany. Before that, two more test drives are on the programme, for the first time with the Porsche Mobil1 Supercup team from Lechner Racing and then with CarTech to prepare for races 7 and 8 of the PCCD the following week.

COLIN'S NEXT RACE: 21–23 June Hungaroring Budapest (HUN) *Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland with GT Open*



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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