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BWT Mücke Motorsport set to make LMP3 debut in Prototype Cup Germany

- BWT Mücke Motorsport with first race outing for their LMP3 in 2023 Prototype Cup Germany
- Driver pairing of Nico Göhler and Gustavo Kiryla in Duqueine D08 prototype
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- Gustavo Kiryla: "I want to learn as much as possible from my teammates and through my skill, do my bit to secure more victories for our outfit"
- Stefan Mücke: "With Nico and Gustavo in the team, we've got two terrific drivers who've had plenty of experience. Our chances of being able to compete up front with sights set firmly on the championship are looking very good indeed!"

New season, new challenge for BWT Mücke Motorsport – the well established Berlin-based outfit will field an LMP3 racing car in the Prototype Cup Germany for the first time this season. Nico Göhler and Gustavo Kiryla will share the driving duties in the Duqueine D08 race car in its stunning BWT livery.

Gustavo achieved success right from the word go as he embarked on his career in karting before moving on in 2014 to contest the Sprint Race Brasil and then the Porsche Carrera Cup Brasil in 2019. In 2020, he competed in the P1 class of the Império Endurance Brasil where he achieved a total of five victories plus ten podium finishes and pole positions at the wheel of a prototype prepared by Motorcar Racing. He was in the running to claim the title up until the end of the season in 2021 but ultimately finished runner-up. He went on to secure the championship title in 2022. He has chosen to try his luck in Europe this year behind the wheel of BWT Mücke Motorsport's LMP3.

Unlike Gustavo, 19-year-old Nico did not start his motor racing career at a tender age but first began karting when he was 13. In 2018, he managed to successfully make the move into Formula 4 and just one year later, was busy contesting no less than three different race series – in Germany, Italy and the United Arab Emirates – where he claimed his first podium finishes. Nico came third in the Formula 4 UAE at the end of the 2020 season, having secured four wins and ten podiums and had his first guest outings in Formula 3, competing in the 2021 Regional European Championship. He will exchange a cockpit in a single-seater racing car for an LMP3 prototype this season.

The Prototype Cup Germany will feature six events this year, each consisting of two rounds. Three race weekends will take place in the context of ADAC race weekends while the other three will be held under the banner of the DTM to include the Norisring season highlight at Nuremberg (July 7th-9th). The Hockenheimring will host the season opener, 28th-30th April.

LMP3 class vehicles which were first introduced by the ACO in 2015 to facilitate entry into Le Mans prototype racing will be used. Tipping the scales at a mere 950kg, these prototypes are powered by homologated 455-bhp Nissan V8 engines. Cars from four different chassis manufacturers have gained type approval. BWT Mücke Motorsport will field a Duqueine D08 in the Prototype Cup Germany.

Nico Göhler: “I’m really looking forward to the new season and can’t wait to get back behind the wheel. I know the team from previously when we were able to achieve some measure of success together and demonstrate that as a team, we can adeptly master fresh challenges, which is why I’m so confident that our entry into the LMP3 category will prove to be just as successful. I’m really looking forward to the season opener. It can’t come soon enough!”

Gustavo Kiryla: “I’m really thrilled to be joining such a highly respected and successful outfit that comes with an amazing history and am extremely honoured to be part of it now. I’m very much looking forward to working with this terrific bunch of very talented people and hope to contribute to their continued success. I want to learn as much as possible from my teammates and through my skill, do my bit to secure more victories for our outfit. Becoming part of such a successful organisation is like a dream come true!”

Stefan Mücke: “The LMP3 represents a new departure for our team, and we’re really looking forward to it. The Prototype Cup Germany should prove to be very interesting as far as young aspiring talents are concerned, especially as they have no chance of competing in open-wheel racing in Germany anymore, unfortunately. The fact that manufacturers are becoming increasingly involved with the new LMDh vehicles should make the LMP3 class even more exciting for them.

And at the same time, I have to say that I’ve got a deep and personal connection with endurance racing, having contested many events myself with prototypes in the WEC and at Le Mans. So you see, we are really looking forward to this project, in which we should also be able to apply knowledge of Class 1 cars gained from our time in the DTM.

2023 should certainly be an interesting year, for sure. With Nico and Gustavo in the team, we’ve got two terrific drivers who’ve had plenty of experience. Our chances of being able to compete up front with sights set firmly on the championship are looking very good indeed! I’m really looking forward to this new departure for BWT Mücke Motorsport and can hardly wait to get cracking at long last.”

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