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BWT Mücke Motorsport to field two cars in the 2025 Prototype Cup Germany – Top talent Riccardo Leone Cirelli stays on with the team

- BWT Mücke Motorsport will have two cars on the grid for the 2025 Prototype Cup Germany – a first for the team
- Race winner Riccardo Leone Cirelli has his contract extended
- Team Principal Stefan Mücke: “Riccardo is an absolutely exceptional talent”

BWT Mücke Motorsport are getting organised well in advance for the 2025 Prototype Cup Germany. The long-established Berlin-based racing outfit is to double its involvement in the junior racing series, fielding two 455-hp LMP3 cars for the first time. BWT Mücke Motorsport are pleased to announce that they will be continuing their association with the up-and-coming talent Riccardo Leone Cirelli. The 16-year-old Italian posted two race wins in his debut season in the Prototype Cup Germany, finishing the championship in third place overall.

Earlier this month, BWT Mücke Motorsport confirmed the signing of Mattis Pluschkell. After a season in the ADAC GT4 Germany, the talented 20-year-old from Rostock is taking the next step on the career ladder by graduating to the Prototype Cup Germany. In the course of test drives in an LMP3 racing car, Pluschkell convinced BWT Mücke Motorsport of his potential. Official confirmation of the team’s driver pairings will be announced at a later date.

“As a team, we are noticing a much higher demand for the Prototype Cup Germany than in previous years,” says former racing driver and team principal Stefan Mücke. “I am delighted that we have been able to announce our entry with two cars at this early stage. The platform is very attractive for young drivers and can be a direct route to a professional career. We already know Riccardo and Mattis well. This continuity forms an ideal basis for us to start preparing for the coming season immediately.”

“We are experiencing a worldwide boom in prototype racing,” continues the 13-time Le Mans starter. “In my opinion, there is no better vehicle for driver training than an LMP3. The car offers talented young drivers the opportunity to learn an enormous amount with regard to their driving style and setup work. On the basis of this knowledge, they can later apply for a cockpit at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, for example. The LMP3 car is also significantly more affordable than a GT3 car and, on most circuits, the prototypes are even faster.”

The case of Riccardo Leone Cirelli is convincing testimony to how well-suited prototype racing is to getting established in motorsport. He went straight from karting to an LMP3 car at the tender age of 16 and really impressed in his debut season. In 2024, Riccardo and his team-mate Julien Apothéloz registered two victories, three pole positions and eight podium finishes. As a result, BWT Mücke Motorsport finished their second year in the Prototype Cup Germany in third place overall in the Drivers’, Junior and Team standings.

“Riccardo switched directly from karting to an LMP3 car and is an absolutely exceptional talent – this needs to be stated very clearly,” emphasises Team Principal Stefan Mücke. “He has made great progress in his first season in motorsport and achieved good successes together with Julien. It was obvious to us that we should continue working with Riccardo. We are sure that he will be a championship contender in the 2025 Prototype Cup Germany.”

BWT Mücke Motorsport will continue its preparations over the winter until the start of the season. From January to the beginning of March, a varied programme of activities is planned in Portugal and Spain to prepare for the new campaign together with the drivers and to work on the setup. “There are various racing opportunities over the winter, where we plan to compete with LMP3 and GT4 cars,” says Stefan Mücke. “This is a great opportunity to prepare for the upcoming season. The demands this places on us are correspondingly high.”

The Prototype Cup Germany will be held on six race weekends in the 2025 season, each featuring two 55-minute races. The season opener will take place at Spa-Francorchamps on the weekend of 18th - 19th April 2025 in the context of the 24H Series. Other stops on the itinerary include the Hockenheimring, the Lausitzring, the Norisring, the Nürburgring and the Red Bull Ring in Austria.

“Four races will be taking place as part of the support programme to the DTM, which is going to be very attractive for the fans,” says Stefan Mücke. “But the Hockenheim Historic is also always very well attended and, with its historic Group C cars, is a good fit for the Prototype Cup Germany. As for Spa, we don’t need to say much more, because everyone knows it’s a fantastic race track. I am therefore firmly convinced that the racing series will continue onwards and upwards in 2025.”

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