

# Patrick Schober takes fourth place: His overtaking maneuvers are the key to success

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## Patrick Schober took fourth place in the EuroNASCAR 2 standings with Double V Racing – His strength is overtaking on all tracks

The NASCAR Whelen Euro Series (NWES) has already produced some promising talent, one of which is Austrian Patrick Schober. The Spanish-born racer, who currently lives in Slovakia, has steadily progressed since joining the EuroNASCAR 2 championship with Double V Racing. In 2023, he finished fourth in the championship and showed time and again why overtaking maneuvers are his great strength.

In every race, Schober was involved in tough duels. For example, the Austrian fought an incredible duel with Martin Doubek at the season opener in Spain. The strong overtaking maneuver against Gil Linster in Germany, which brought him his first NASCAR victory, was not bad either. With a little more luck, Schober would have been a title contender, but he still lacked the consistency for that. In addition, the team had to use a new chassis after the violent accident at Brands Hatch and the car had to be developed afterwards.

Speaking to Leadlap.de, Schober recalls the victory at Oschersleben: "I knew that the number 50 in front of me had a drive-through penalty. Why did I overtake him on the track anyway? I wanted to prove to everyone that I can win even without a penalty for a competitor. I succeeded in doing that and when I then climbed onto the roof of my EuroNASCAR car for the first time and held the trophy in the air, it was a great feeling and I was immediately much more relaxed."

Schober was less relaxed after the accident at Brands Hatch: "Thanks to my manager and his Motorsportaktiv, I was still able to drive all the races. In Belgium, I added a second and a third place at the finale, so I'm slowly getting used to the podium. I would like to thank Double V Racing for their great work and of course my parents, Motorsportaktiv and Keyman, without whom I would not be in fourth place in the overall standings now."



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Overtaking is in Schober's blood, as he learned it from his father, who was himself an Austrian touring car state champion. "I have my ten years of motorsport experience and my father to thank for that," he says. "When I overtake, I'm good at putting myself in the driver's seat in front. I know exactly what he's doing because I imagine what I would do if I were in his place. I always wonder what's going to happen next. So I'm good at reading things that haven't happened yet, being patient and assessing situations well before I strike."

At the end of twelve exciting races across Europe, Schober has one race win, seven top-5 results and nine top-10 finishes to his credit. The Austrian finished on the podium four times – twice finishing at the finale in Zolder alone. The young team around Double V Racing also worked hard to up the pace. The reliability of the #27 Ford Mustang was improving all the time, and Schober repaid the team with strong performances.

In the Club Challenge, Schober's teammate Viktor Schiffer contested his first full season and the Austrian gained valuable experience in a V8 car without electronic aids in the regularity tests. Schiffer also mastered adverse conditions such as the rain in Zolder. In the end, he finished sixth in the Club Challenge.

"It was a roller coaster ride of emotions this season," Schiffer writes on social media after the 2023 season. "We made it to sixth place. I am touched to have the best people around me. I am very grateful to the team and all the supporters – Motorsportaktiv and GWT Group. Without them, none of this would have been possible! I also thank my family, because you can never stop dreaming. The journey continues." Double V Racing, Schober and Schiffer are already working flat out on the program for the 2024 season.



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