

“Want to show what I’m capable of”: Patrick Schober scores first EuroNASCAR 2 podium

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Patrick Schober has reached the EuroNASCAR 2 podium for the first time with Double V Racing at the Autodrom Most – Was this the breakthrough for the Austrian?

The NASCAR Whelen Euro Series (NWES) made its visit to the Autodrom Most in the Czech Republic at the end of August for rounds seven and eight of the 2023 season. Once again, Austrian Patrick Schober, who competes for the Italian team Double V Racing, was on the grid. The race driver, who was born in Spain and grew up in Slovakia, made it onto the EuroNASCAR 2 podium for the first time on the 4.212-kilometer race track, “finally” rewarding himself for his hard work during the 2023 season.

But first things first: Schober already showed what he was made of in his debut season in 2022. The now 19-year-old repeatedly attracted attention with strong overtaking maneuvers, but the longed-for podium finish just wouldn’t come. The Austrian had to wait until the NASCAR GP Czech Republic before he was allowed to climb onto the podium in the EuroNASCAR 2 Championship. In qualifying, Schober managed a solid sixth place on the grid at the Autodrom Most, which is known for its tricky first corner.



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In the race, Schober made up position after position and crossed the finish line in third place after 13 thrilling laps behind Vladimiro Tziortzis and Paul Jouffreau. On social media, the Double V youngster shared his emotions with fans: “Everything went according to plan on Saturday at the Autodrom Most. I finally made it to third place and got past Gil Linster with a strong overtaking maneuver. I’m very happy that it finally worked out and hope that I’ll get more chances in the future to show what I’m made of.”

In the 2023 season, Schober and Double V Racing were plagued by technical problems. After a violent crash by the Austrian at Brands Hatch, the team had to change the chassis. There were also problems with the gearbox at the start of the race weekend in Most, but the hard-working team from Italy managed to fix them again. In the overall standings, Schober is in eighth place, a position that does not fully reflect his good performance.



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Schober and Double V Racing now want to take the momentum with them and attack again at the NASCAR GP Germany at the Motorsport Arena Oschersleben in order to fight again for a podium position or even for the first race win in EuroNASCAR 2. After the finale of the regular season, the two worst results of the first ten races will be dropped by all drivers. So Schober will certainly make a big leap forward and may even become the championship's dark horse.



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