

Czech champion Vrsecky sweeps Season-4 of Tata Truck Racing

Greater Noida, Mar 19 (PTI) Czech driver David Vrsecky swept the Pro-Class by winning both the races of Tata T1 Prima Truck Racing Championship at the Buddh International Circuit, here today.

Vrsecky, a two-time European champion, was head and shoulders above the rest in the field in the two races after grabbing pole position in the qualifying yesterday.

Vrsecky was given a tough fight in the afternoon by Norbert Kiss who finished just 0.27 seconds behind the winner.

The last podium place went to Gerhard Korber in the 15-lap race. It was a comfortable win for Vrsecky in the morning as he crossed the chequered flag 1.390 seconds faster than second placed Korber while third was David Jenkins in the six lap race.

The 12 driver field also had a female participant in Germany's Stephanie Halm, who finished eighth in both the races.

This season, the European Truck Racing Championship (ETRC) was represented by six racers from the rest of Europe, who competed alongside six British drivers from the British Truck Racing Association (BTRA), who have raced in T1 since the event was introduced in 2014.

India's only truck racing championship was organised by Madras Motor Sports Club (MMSC), with safety and performance standards as per the guidelines of the BTRA.

Conducted under the aegis of FIA and FMSCI, the one-make championship comprised six teams vying for victory in the Pro Class.

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The fourth edition of the championship also saw participation of Indian drivers in Super and Champion Class.

Twenty-nine year old UP-based truck driver Pitambar won his first professional truck race in the Super Class, while Shivnihal Singh and Gurujant Singh, were second and third respectively. They were among the 10 drivers who made it to the final.

Nagarjuna was the winner in the Champions Class, finishing three seconds ahead of Malkeet Singh and Bhag Chand in the 10-lap race.