

WTCC

FIA World Touring Car
Championship

FIA WTCC NEWSLETTER

11 – 23 March 2007

35-KG HANDICAP FOR BMW TRIO IN HOLLAND

Andy Priaulx, Jörg Müller and Augusto Farfus are in joint lead of the Drivers' Championship as well as on top of the handicap weight list for the FIA WTCC's next meeting that will take place at Zandvoort's, Netherlands, on May 6th. The three BMW men will carry 35 extra kg apiece on board their cars.

SEAT Sport's Yvan Muller and Gabriele Tarquini will be the heaviest of the rest, with 20 kg of ballast. Of the drivers who scored points in Curitiba, only Luca Rangoni will benefit from a reduction of 5 kg in the handicap weight. All the other competitors have lost the automatic 10 kg ballast they had for the first event, handicap that will be now imposed to Portuguese newcomers Tiago Monteiro and Miguel Freitas.

Driver	handicap for results in previous meeting	handicap for the championship points	total handicap
Andy Priaulx	10 kg + 20 kg	5 kg	35 kg
Jörg Müller	10 kg + 20 kg	5 kg	35 kg
Augusto Farfus	10 kg + 20 kg	5 kg	35 kg
Yvan Muller	10 kg + 10 kg		20 kg
Gabriele Tarquini	10 kg + 10 kg		20 kg
Alessandro Zanardi	10 kg + 5 kg		15 kg
Robert Huff	10 kg + 5 kg		15 kg
Tom Coronel	10 kg + 5 kg		15 kg
Tiago Monteiro	0 kg + 10 kg		10 kg
Miguel Freitas	0 kg + 10 kg		10 kg
Luca Rangoni	10 kg – 5 kg		5 kg

MIGUEL FREITAS JOINS WTCC

23-year old Portuguese Miguel Freitas will join the WTCC for the season from the second meeting in Zandvoort. Freitas, who is not related to the championship's FIA permanent race director Eduardo Freitas, will drive an Alfa Romeo 156 run by Wim Coekelbergs' Racing for Belgium team. The Alfa is an ex-Antonelli Sport car that Alessandro Balzan drove to an outstanding 4th place in last year's WTCC second race at Monza.

"I know this is a difficult task, because I don't know the tracks and I face a lot of experienced drivers. My approach will be very cautious, especially on my first appearances. I have to thank my sponsors – Roff, Unilogos and 2Call – for giving me this great opportunity of stepping up my racing career at the level of a world championship," Freitas said.

OFFICIAL PARTNERS

Canon

ADVAN
YOKOHAMA

COURTYARD
MARTINI

MONROE

BERU

SEAT TEST THREE DAYS IN BARCELONA

From Monday to Wednesday, the SEAT Sport team completed three days of testing at Barcelona's Circuit de Catalunya.

Jordi Gené, Gabriele Tarquini, Yvan Muller and Michel Jourdain were joined by Tiago Monteiro who took part in his first test as a SEAT works driver in view of his WTCC debut at Zandvoort.

"It was an important occasion, because my previous test in Valencia was only a recognition, with no need to look at the lap times. This time it was serious, about working with the engineers on the set up and getting to know the car," said the former Formula 1 driver from Portugal. *"The most difficult task is to adapt myself to the front-wheel drive and to take the most out of the new tyres. It will take a lot of hard work."*

BMW AND SEAT TO TEST IN BRNO

Four teams have already confirmed their presence in the first of the three WTCC official tests that will take place in April.

BMW Team Germany, BMW Team UK, BMW Team Italy-Spain and SEAT Sport will be testing at Brno's Masaryk Circuit, Czech Republic, on April 3rd and 4th.

The following official tests will be held at Oschersleben, Germany (April 16th and 17th) and Monza, Italy (April 24th and 25th).

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR THE SECOND MEETING

Rounds 3 and 4 of the 2007 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Zandvoort, Netherlands, 5th and 6th May.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 24th April.

The Accreditation Form may be downloaded from the websites www.fia.com and www.fiawtcc.com.

International Press must send applications to:

Fabio Ravaioli – FIA WTCC Media Delegate

tel +39 06 39729497, fax +39 06 39729470, email: media@fiawtcc.com

Dutch Press must send applications to:

Kees Koning – Circuit Park Zandvoort

tel: 023 5740760, fax: 023 5740761, email: media@circuit-zandvoort.nl

TV and Radio must send applications to:

Antonios Argyropoulos – Eurosport

tel +33 1 40938517, fax +33 1 40938002; email: antonios@eurosport.com

COUNTDOWN: - 44 DAYS



to the 2007 FIA WTCC Race of Netherlands – 5th/6th May, in Zandvoort

more information and pictures: www.fiawtcc.com