

70 KILOS OF BALLAST FOR ANDY PRIAULX

For his home event, at Brands Hatch, Andy Priaulx will be carrying the heaviest handicap weight of the field onboard his BMW Team UK car.

The reigning World Champion who is currently leading the Drivers' classification after winning Race 2 in Magny-Cours, has been given 70 extra kilos as a consequence of the results obtained in the previous meetings and the championship points he scored. Priaulx started the season in Monza with the automatic 20-kg ballast imposed to all the competitors; 20 were added after the first race meeting and 30 after the second, for a total of 70 kg. Although the maximum handicap weight applicable for results in the previous meetings is limited to 60 kg, Priaulx must add on top of this the 10 kg due to the points he has scored in the championship so far.

Yvan Muller has lost 20 kg after Magny-Cours, while Jörg Müller has joined the handicap list with 45 kg after two second positions in France. Eight cars will have extra weight onboard.

Driver	handicap for results in the previous meetings	handicap for the championship points	total handicap
Andy Priaulx	40 kg + 30 kg = 60 kg *	10 kg	70 kg
Jörg Müller	0 kg + 40 kg = 40 kg	5 kg	45 kg
Yvan Muller	60 kg – 20 kg = 40 kg	5 kg	45 kg
Dirk Müller	10 kg + 20 kg = 30 kg	5 kg	35 kg
Gabriele Tarquini	30 kg + 0 kg = 30 kg	5 kg	35 kg
Augusto Farfus	50 kg – 20 kg = 30 kg	5 kg	35 kg
Jordi Gené	0 kg + 20 kg = 20 kg	5 kg	25 kg
James Thompson	20 kg – 5 kg = 15 kg	5 kg	20 kg

* maximum handicap applicable

CHEVROLET LOOK FORWARD TO HOME EVENT

The Chevrolet team and drivers are keen to play a home match in Brands Hatch, especially with Rob Huff and Alain Menu having raced and won there before.

Brands Hatch was the track where Huff scored his first ever touring car win, in the 2004 BTCC. *“I’ll probably remember it forever,”* he said. *“The safety car pulls off the track with only one lap to go and I’m fourth. Two guys in front of me take each other off and I’m second behind Yvan Muller. He opens the door just a bit in Druids, I sneak through and win.”*

The whole team knows the track very well. *“We tested here in winter, albeit on the shorter Indy course,”* Team Manager, Mark Busfield said. *“We should be in a position to put on a great show, as none of our cars carry any ballast, which should give us an advantage considering Brands Hatch’s very undulating nature.”*

The team tested for three days at the Mira Proving Ground last week, with Alain Menu. *“We made improvements on the brakes and suspension that will make the drivers’ job a little bit easier,”* Busfield said. *“As we have seen from the qualifying times in the previous rounds, lap times are getting ever closer, so we are now looking to gain just tenths of a second. But one tenth makes a big difference where you start the first race.”*

A NEW CAR FOR TOM CORONEL

GR Asia's Tom Coronel will switch to a brand new SEAT León from the event in Brands Hatch; in the two previous meetings the Dutch driver was at the wheel of a SEAT Toledo Cupra. The León should be a big boost for his hopes to grab the WTCC Independents' Trophy.

"I'm very much looking forward to race the new car," said Coronel who is backed by SEAT Holland. *"However it will be a jump in the dark for us, because the team is currently assembling the car at SEAT Sport and then they'll go straight to Brands Hatch. We'll only have the chance to shake the car down during the testing session on Friday."*

Tom's team-mate, Maurizio Ceresoli is also due to switch to a León from the next meeting at Oschersleben.

TV COVERAGE FROM BRANDS HATCH (CET)

Friday, 19 th :	FIA WTCC Magazine	EUROSPORT, 09.00/09.30
Saturday, 20 th :	Qualifying – LIVE	EUROSPORT 2, 16.30/17.15
Sunday, 21 st :	Qualifying – repeat	EUROSPORT, 09.00/09.45
	Warm up – LIVE	EUROSPORT 2, 12.00/12.30
	Race 1 and Race 2 – LIVE	EUROSPORT, 15.05/17.00
	Race 1 and Race 2 – repeat	EUROSPORT 2, 19.00/20.00
	FIA WTCC Magazine	EUROSPORT, 20.30/21.00
Monday, 22 nd :	Race 1 and Race 2 – repeat	EUROSPORT, 08.30/09.30
	Race 1 and Race 2 – repeat	EUROSPORT 2, 16.00/17.00
	FIA WTCC Magazine	EUROSPORT 2, 18.00/18.30
Tuesday, 23 rd :	FIA WTCC Magazine	EUROSPORT, 19.30/20.00

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR THE FOURTH MEETING

Rounds 7 and 8 of the 2006 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Oschersleben, Germany, on 3rd and 4th June.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 23 May.

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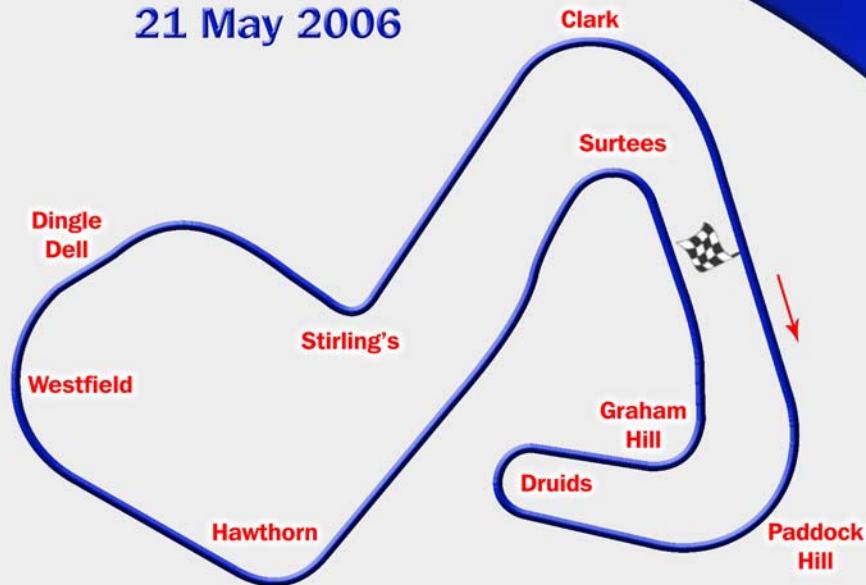
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BRANDS HATCH - Rounds 5 & 6
21 May 2006



Brands Hatch Grand Prix Circuit
Lap distance - 4.22 km
Race distance - 12 laps x 2

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S2000 lap records: Qualifying - 1:34.437/148.64 kph, Luke Hines (SEAT Toledo Cupra), 1 Oct 2005 - BTCC
Race - 1:33.167/150.66 kph, James Pickford (SEAT Toledo Cupra), 2 Oct 2005 - BTCC

Previous winners: none

2006 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



ROUNDS 5 & 6 - BRANDS HATCH, MAY 20/21 - ENTRY LIST

#	class	entrant / team	driver	car
1		BMW Team UK	Andy Priaulx (GBR)	BMW 320si
2		SEAT Sport Italia	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León
3		SEAT Sport Sverige	Rickard Rydell (SWE)	SEAT León
4		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Alessandro Zanardi (ITA)	BMW 320si
5		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Marcel Costa (ESP)	BMW 320si
6		Chevrolet	Robert Huff (GBR)	Chevrolet Lacetti
7		Chevrolet	Nicola Larini (ITA)	Chevrolet Lacetti
8		Chevrolet	Alain Menu (SUI)	Chevrolet Lacetti
9		SEAT Sport España	Jordi Gené (ESP)	SEAT León
10		SEAT Sport Deutschland	Peter Terting (GER)	SEAT León
11		SEAT Sport UK	James Thompson (GBR)	SEAT León
12		SEAT Sport France	Yvan Muller (FRA)	SEAT León
15		N.technology	Augusto Farfus (BRA)	Alfa Romeo 156
16		N.technology	Gianni Morbidelli (ITA)	Alfa Romeo 156
18		N.technology	Salvatore Tavano (ITA)	Alfa Romeo 156
19	I	GR Asia	Maurizio Ceresoli (ITA)	SEAT Toledo Cupra
20	I	GR Asia	Tom Coronel (NED)	SEAT León
23	I	JAS Motorsport	Pierre-Yves Corthals (BEL)	Honda Accord Euro R
24	I	JAS Motorsport	Ryan Sharp (GBR)	Honda Accord Euro R
30	I	Proteam Motorsport	Luca Rangoni (ITA)	BMW 320si
31	I	Proteam Motorsport	Stefano D'Aste (ITA)	BMW 320i
33	I	Wiechers-Sport	Emmet O'Brien (IRL)	BMW 320i
34	I	Wiechers-Sport	Diego Romanini (ITA)	BMW 320i
42		BMW Team Germany	Jörg Müller (GER)	BMW 320si
43		BMW Team Germany	Dirk Müller (GER)	BMW 320si

I = Yokohama Independents' Trophy

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Rounds 5 & 6 – Brands Hatch (GBR)

Friday, May 19

09.00 – 09.25	Formula BMW UK	Free Practice 1
09.40 – 10.05	Formula Palmer Audi	Free Practice 1
10.20 – 10.45	Historic Saloon and GT	Testing
11.00 – 11.45	F3000 International Masters	Free Practice
12.00 – 12.25	Formula BMW UK	Free Practice 2
12.40 – 13.05	Historic Saloon and GT	Free Practice 1
14.05 – 14.30	Formula Palmer Audi	Free Practice 2
14.45 – 15.05	Formula BMW UK	Qualifying 1
15.20 – 15.40	Historic Saloon and GT	Free Practice 2
16.00 – 16.30	FIA WTCC	Testing

Saturday, May 20

09.00 – 09.30	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 1
09.45 – 10.30	F3000 International Masters	Qualifying
10.45 – 11.05	Formula BMW UK	Qualifying 2
11.20 – 11.40	Historic Saloon and GT	Qualifying 1
12.00 – 12.30	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 2
12.40 – 13.00	Formula Palmer Audi	Qualifying 1
14.00 – 14.30	F3000 International Masters	Race 1 (20 laps, max 30 min.)
14.50 – 15.20	Formula BMW UK	Race 1 (max 30 min.)
15.40 – 16.10	FIA WTCC	Qualifying
16.20 – 16.40	Formula Palmer Audi	Qualifying 2
17.05 – 18.05	International GT Open	Race 1 (28 laps, max 60 min.)

Sunday, May 21

10.15 – 10.45	F3000 International Masters	Race 2 (20 laps, max 30 min.)
11.05 – 11.20	FIA WTCC	Warm up
11.35 – 12.00	Formula Palmer Audi	Race 1 (max 25 min.)
12.00 – 12.50	<i>FIA WTCC autograph session and pit walk</i>	
13.00 – 13.25	Historical Saloon and GT	Race 1 (max 25 min.)
14.15 – 14.40	FIA WTCC	Race 1 (12 laps)
14.45	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 1</i>
14.55 – 15.10	FIA WTCC	Repair Time
15.25 – 15.50	FIA WTCC	Race 2 (12 laps)
15.55	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 2</i>
16.20 – 16.50	Formula BMW UK	Race 2 (max 30 min.)
17.10 – 17.35	Formula Palmer Audi	Race 2 (max 25 min.)
17.55 – 18.20	Historical Saloon and GT	Race 1 (max 25 min.)