

# WTCC

FIA World Touring Car  
Championship

## FIA WTCC NEWSLETTER

# 13 – 6 April 2007

### THE BUREAU ADJUSTS CARS' WEIGHT

The FIA Touring Car Bureau took four different decisions to adjust the cars' weight for the next WTCC race meeting in Zandvoort:

- the Bureau extended the decision taken before the season's opening at Curitiba, granting all rear-wheel-drive cars a reduction of 15 kg; this decision will remain in force until further notice;
- for the Zandvoort event only, all Alfa Romeo, Chevrolet and SEAT cars will benefit from a reduction of 25 kg;
- until further notice, all the BMW 320i E46 cars will benefit from a reduction of 15 kg;
- until further notice, all the BMW 320si E90 cars in 2006 specifications will benefit from a reduction of 15 kg.

### PRIAULX TOPS TEST IN BRNO

Ten drivers took part in the official test at Brno, on Tuesday and Wednesday. With weather that changed from sunny to overcast with cold temperatures, they were all able to lap under last year's pole position time set by Tarquini at 2:12.286.

Andy Priaulx clocked the fastest lap on each of the two days: 2:11.208 on Tuesday and 2:10.028 on Wednesday. *"The team has worked really well after Curitiba, and my car was very good. I'm not quite interested in being the fastest in testing, but this is promising for when we'll be back here for the races,"* the Briton commented.

Jörg Müller emerged as the second fastest on both days; on Tuesday the German was only 0.002 seconds slower than Priaulx, while SEAT Sport's Jordi Gené joined the test on the second day and clocked the third fastest time.

All drivers covered hundreds of kilometres during the test days. BMW Team Germany's Augusto Farfus completed 196 laps of the 5.4-km circuit for a total of 1058 km, while Müller and Priaulx completed 187 and 184 laps respectively.

### TEST DAYS – official timing

	Tuesday	Wednesday
Andy Priaulx (BMW 320si)	2:11.208	2:10.028
Jörg Müller (BMW 320si)	2:11.210	2:10.401
Jordi Gené (SEAT León)		2:10.620
Alessandro Zanardi (BMW 320si)	2:11.396	2:10.664
Augusto Farfus (BMW 320si)	2:11.355	2:10.678
Félix Porteiro (BMW 320si)	2:11.623	2:10.740
Tiago Monteiro (SEAT León)	2:11.406	2:11.378
Michel Jourdain (SEAT León)		2:11.408
Yvan Muller (SEAT León)	2:11.437	
Gabriele Tarquini (SEAT León)	2:11.914	

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### **ANOTHER RUSSIAN DRIVER TO JOIN WTCC**

After Russian Bears Motorsport announced their participation in the Zandvoort and Valencia rounds, another team from Russia, Sport-Garage, unveiled that 17-year old driver Timur Sadredinov will take part in selected rounds of the 2007 FIA WTCC.

Sadredinov who is regarded as one of the most talented young Russian drivers made his first international appearance last year at the FIA European Touring Car Cup in Estoril, Portugal, where he claimed a brilliant second position in the Super Production class at the wheel of a Sport-Garage Volkswagen Golf.

The Muscovite youngster spend the first part of the current season racing in the German SEAT León Supercopa and is due to switch to a Super 2000 SEAT León for the WTCC meetings in Oschersleben and Monza.

### **VERY LATE DELIVERY FROM ISTANBUL**

On Thursday morning an email message was distributed with a 7-month delay...

It was the flash report issued on 26 September 2006, immediately after the FIA WTCC qualifying session at Istanbul.

Investigations conducted by the company appointed to manage the fiawtcc.com email addresses, unveiled that the message was retained by the Istanbulpark's network and released only yesterday morning.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

### **MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR THE SECOND MEETING**

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

**The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April.**

The Accreditation Form may be downloaded from the websites [www.fia.com](http://www.fia.com) and [www.fiawtcc.com](http://www.fiawtcc.com).

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**COUNTDOWN: - 30 DAYS**



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

more information and pictures: [www.fiawtcc.com](http://www.fiawtcc.com)