

NEXT STOP: OSCHERSLEBEN, GERMANY

From England the FIA WTCC is now heading for the Oschersleben Motorsport Arena, located in the German region of Bode, a few km West of Magdeburg.

The championship lands in Germany with SEAT leading both, the Drivers' (Yvan Muller, Rydell and Tarquini fill the top three positions) and Manufacturers' championships. However this is far from domination, because in the six rounds held so far all the four registered Manufacturers – Alfa Romeo, BMW, Chevrolet and SEAT – and five different drivers have claimed at least one race win.

YVAN MULLER CLOSE TO MAXIMUM BALLAST

Yvan Muller's results in Brands Hatch gave him back the championship lead, but will also result in 75 kg of handicap weight for the next race meeting in Oschersleben. Meaning only 5 kilos less than the maximum applicable. A new record for the season.

11 other drivers will be given extra loads, from James Thompson (55 kg) down to Gené and Terting (both on 5 kg). Among them, all BMW drivers have achieved significant deductions: Priaux and J. Müller – 20, D. Müller – 10. While Rydell and Menu are new to the handicap list.

Driver	handicap for results in the previous meetings	handicap for the championship points	total handicap
Yvan Muller	40 kg + 40 kg = 60 kg *	15 kg	75 kg
James Thompson	15 kg + 30 kg = 45 kg	10 kg	55 kg
Andy Priaux	60 kg – 20 kg = 40 kg	10 kg	50 kg
Gabriele Tarquini	30 kg + 0 kg = 30 kg	10 kg	40 kg
Rickard Rydell	0 kg + 30 kg = 30 kg	10 kg	40 kg
Alain Menu	0 kg + 30 kg = 30 kg	5 kg	35 kg
Jörg Müller	40 kg – 20 kg = 20 kg	5 kg	25 kg
Dirk Müller	30 kg - 15 kg = 15 kg	5 kg	20 kg
Florian Gruber	20 kg (new entry)		20 kg
Augusto Farfus	30 kg – 20 kg = 10 kg	5 kg	15 kg
Jordi Gené	20 kg – 20 kg = 0 kg	5 kg	5 kg
Peter Terting	0 kg + 0 kg = 0 kg	5 kg	5 kg

* maximum handicap applicable

SEAT SPORT'S MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

The SEAT Sport team is stepping up from six to seven works car for the event in Oschersleben. The seventh León, entered under the name of SEAT Sport Deutschland, will be in the hands of Florian Gruber.

For the 23 year-old German, this special participation is a reward for his success in the 2005 SEAT European Masters at Barcelona.

According to art. 79 of the FIA WTCC Sporting Regulations, Gruber will be given an automatic 20-kg handicap weight.

PEUGEOT BACK ON THE TRACK

Jens Edman and his Peugeot 407 run by Peugeot Sport Denmark will rejoin the WTCC field at Oschersleben. The Swedish driver already took part in the opening event of the season at Monza, with little luck. Edman was involved with Roberto Colciago in a massive shunt that caused a safety car period during the first race.

Afterwards Edman and his team participated in the first two race meetings of the Danish Touring Car Championship, claiming an encouraging third place last week at Padborg Park.

MAN OF THE WEEK: ERIC NÈVE

Eric Nève is the project manager for Chevrolet; the team that scored their first FIA WTCC win in Race 2 at Brands Hatch. We spoke to him about how this victory felt.

Describe how you felt when Alain Menu crossed the line first.

"I was very proud. He had a strong race and didn't make mistakes. He wrote history for Chevrolet as it was the first win for the make in a world championship. It was a great reward for everyone who has worked so hard."

Why were the Chevrolet cars so much more competitive at Brands Hatch?

"We spent some time testing there over the winter and it was raining then too so we had the knowledge about how to approach the conditions. Another factor is that the track suits our cars because there are a lot of corners and flat curbs. Finally, Alain and Rob (Huff) are experienced there. It was a combination of all these things."

What can we expect from Chevrolet for the rest of the season?

"We are aiming to be in a position to win as many races as possible. This became reality at Brands Hatch but we want to be in a good position at the other tracks. Rob and Nicola (Larini) will have little ballast at Oschersleben so let's see."

ADAC PROCAR SERIES TO PROVIDE THE STARTER

Spectators coming to Oschersleben to attend the FIA WTCC race meeting will be offered a succulent starter as the ADAC Procar Series competitors will contest their two races immediately before the WTCC drivers.

The ADAC Procar replaced the DMSB Produktionswagen Meisterschaft – the German series for Super 2000 saloons. Cars of three divisions will take part in the two 20-minute races, with the S2000 machines competing for Division 1. After the first two meetings – Oschersleben and Lausitz – the championship is led by Vincent Radermecker of Belgium, at the wheel of a former WTCC Chevrolet Lacetti run by Maurer Motorsport. The third event of the ADAC Procar will be held this weekend at the Nürburgring.

TV COVERAGE FROM OSCHERSLEBEN (CET)

Saturday, 3rd:	FIA WTCC Magazine	EUROSPORT, 08.30/09.00
	Qualifying – LIVE	EUROSPORT 2, 15.00/15.45
Sunday, 4th:	Warm up – LIVE	EUROSPORT 2, 09.15/09.30
	Race 1 and Race 2 – LIVE	EUROSPORT, 15.10/17.10
	Race 1 and Race 2 – repeat	EUROSPORT 2, 19.00/20.00
Monday, 5th:	FIA WTCC Magazine	EUROSPORT 2, 18.00/18.30
Tuesday, 6th:	Race 1 and Race 2 – repeat	EUROSPORT, 09.00/10.00
	FIA WTCC Magazine	EUROSPORT, 19.45/20.15

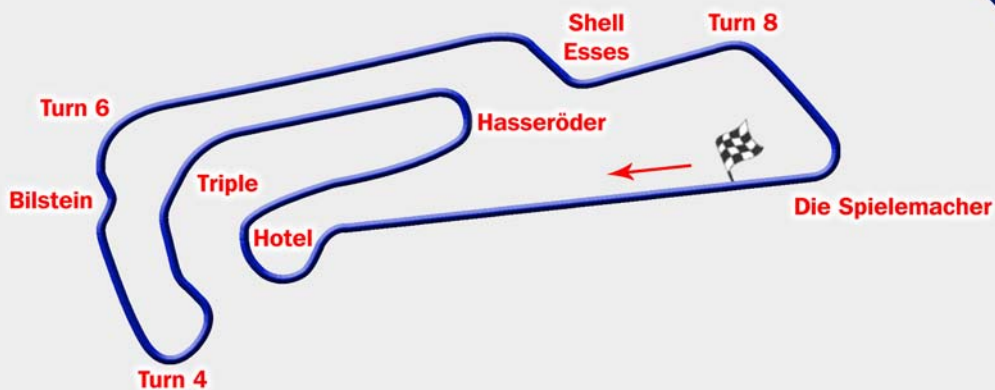
COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS



to the 2006 FIA WTCC Stihl Race of Germany – 3rd/4th June, in Oschersleben



OSCHERSLEBEN - Rounds 7 & 8
4 June 2006



Motorsport Arena Oschersleben
Lap distance - 3.67 km
Race distance - 14 laps x 2

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Airports: Leipzig-Halle (100 km), Hannover-Langenhagen (150 km), Berlin-Tempelhof (150 km),
Berlin-Schönefeld (150 km), Berlin-Tegel “Otto Lilienthal” (160 km)

S2000 lap records: Qualifying - 1:31.926/143.84 kph, James Thompson (Alfa Romeo 156), 27 Aug 2005
Race - 1:33.018/141.92 kph, Frank Diefenbacher (SEAT Toledo Cupra), 19 Sep 2004

Previous winners: 2002 FIA ETCC Race 1: Dirk Müller (BMW 320i)
2002 FIA ETCC Race 2: Dirk Müller (BMW 320i)
2003 FIA ETCC Race 1: Jörg Müller (BMW 320i)
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2005 FIA WTCC Race 2: Alessandro Zanardi (BMW 320i)

2006 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



ROUNDS 7 & 8 - OSCHERSLEBEN, JUNE 3/4 - 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
14		SEAT Sport Deutschland	Florian Gruber (GER)	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
46	I	Peugeot Sport Denmark	Jens Edman (SWE)	Peugeot 407

I = Yokohama Independents' Trophy



Rounds 7 & 8 – Oschersleben (GER)

Friday, June 2

14.00 – 14.30	Formula BMW	Free Practice 1
14.45 – 15.15	MINI Challenge	Free Practice
15.30 – 16.15	F3000 International Masters	Free Practice
16.30 – 17.00	Formula BMW	Free Practice 2
17.15 – 17.40	ADAC Procar Series	Free Practice 1

Saturday, June 3

09.00 – 09.30	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 1
09.45 – 10.30	F3000 International Masters	Qualifying
10.40 – 11.10	MINI Challenge	Qualifying
11.20 – 11.45	ADAC Procar Series	Free Practice 2
12.00 – 12.30	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 2
13.25	F3000 International Masters	Race 1 (max 30 min.)
14.10 – 14.40	Formula BMW	Qualifying
15.10 – 15.40	FIA WTCC	Qualifying
15.55 – 16.25	ADAC Procar Series	Qualifying
17.00	MINI Challenge	Race 1 (max 30 min.)
18.00	Formula BMW	Race 1 (max 30 min.)

Sunday, June 4

08.50 – 09.05	ADAC Procar Series	Warm up
09.20 – 09.35	FIA WTCC	Warm up
10.05	Formula BMW	Race 2 (max 30 min.)
11.10	F3000 International Masters	Race 2 (max 30 min.)
12.05	MINI Challenge	Race 2 (max 30 min.)
13.05	ADAC Procar Series	Race 1 (max 20 min.)
14.10	ADAC Procar Series	Race 2 (max 20 min.)
15.20	FIA WTCC	Race 1 (14 laps)
15.50	FIA WTCC	Podium Race 1
16.00 – 16.15	FIA WTCC	Repair Time
16.30	FIA WTCC	Race 2 (14 laps)
17.00	FIA WTCC	Podium Race 2