

WTCC

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FIA WTCC NEWSLETTER

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ROUTE TO: ZANDVOORT, NETHERLANDS

The 3rd and 4th rounds of the FIA WTCC will take place next week at Circuit Park Zandvoort, in the Netherlands. This is the first time the championship is visiting the Dutch racetrack located on the shores of the North Sea.

The event was officially presented yesterday at Zandvoort's Take Five Beach Club. During a press conference attended by national media, Marcello Lotti – General Manager of KSO – and Erik Weijers – circuit's CEO – delivered speeches, while Dutch drivers Tom Coronel and Olivier Tielemans were available for interviews.

"We are especially proud to bring an FIA World Championship back to Zandvoort 22 years after they hosted the last Formula One Dutch Grand Prix in 1985," said Lotti.

MONZA TEST: MÜLLER OUSTS THOMPSON

With a last stunning lap in the afternoon of the second day, BMW Team Germany's Jörg Müller clocked a 1:59.991 that was by far the fastest time in the FIA WTCC official test at Monza, ousting James Thompson from the top of the time sheet.

Alfa Romeo returned competitive on their home racetrack as Thompson and his N.technology Alfa 156 cars led the classification for most of the day with a lap of 2:00.412 set in the morning. *"Our car is still very quick in spite of its age. We have to work a lot in order to be consistently competitive, but the team and I are very motivated and I believe that on the fast tracks we have good odds,"* Thompson said.

Andy Priaulx of BMW Team UK posted the third fastest lap, only 0.015 seconds behind his fellow countryman, with Müller's team-mate Augusto Farfus in fourth position. Gabriele Tarquini emerged as the fastest SEAT driver, posting the fifth best time, while SEAT Sport Italia's Roberto Colciago was the fastest overall on the first day. At Chevrolet, Alain Menu set the 8th best lap.

18 drivers took part in the test, including Oscar Nogués, the winner of the 2006 SEAT Supercopa, who will take part in the FIA WTCC event at Monza in October with the SEAT Sport team.

TEST DAYS – official timing (Top 10)

	Tuesday	Wednesday
Jörg Müller (BMW 320si)	2:01.082	1:59.991
James Thompson (Alfa Romeo 156)		2:00.412
Andy Priaulx (BMW 320si)	2:00.994	2:00.427
Augusto Farfus (BMW 320si)	2:01.052	2:00.489
Gabriele Tarquini (SEAT León)		2:00.720
Roberto Colciago (SEAT León)	2:00.787	2:01.165
Félix Porteiro (BMW 320si)	2:01.775	2:00.880
Alain Menu (Chevrolet Lacetti)		2:01.063
Yvan Muller (SEAT León)		2:01.112
Alessandro Zanardi (BMW 320si)	2:01.593	2:01.182

OFFICIAL PARTNERS

Canon

ADVAN
YOKOHAMA

COURTYARD
MARRIOTT

MONROE

BERU

ROBERTO COLCIAGO'S RETURN

Roberto Colciago returned in great shape at the test in Monza, after the dramatic crash he suffered during the test session at Curitiba 45 days ago. The SEAT Sport Italia driver set the fastest lap during the first day and is looking forward to rejoin the championship in Zandvoort. *"I did not expect to be fastest on Tuesday, because I haven't recovered 100 per cent from the crash and my back is still aching. But my car was very good and I got a tow that helped a bit. We are still slower than the other cars at the end of the straight, but I was quite happy with my time,"* he said.

EUROSPORT COVERAGE FROM ZANDVOORT

Saturday, 5 th :	Qualifying - LIVE	Eurosport 2, 15.00/15.45
Sunday, 6 th :	Warm up	Eurosport International, 10.00/10.30
	Race 1 - LIVE	Eurosport International, 11.45/12.45
	Race 2 - LIVE	Eurosport International, 15.15/16.15
	Races 1 & 2 - highlights	Eurosport 2, 17.00/18.00
Monday, 7 th :	Races 1 & 2 - highlights	Eurosport International, 09.00/10.00
Tuesday, 8 th :	WTCC Magazine	Eurosport International, 23.00

Times are CET (Central Europe Time)

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR THE THIRD MEETING

Rounds 5 and 6 of the 2007 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Valencia, Spain, 19th and 20th May.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 8th May.

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

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COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS



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

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2007 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



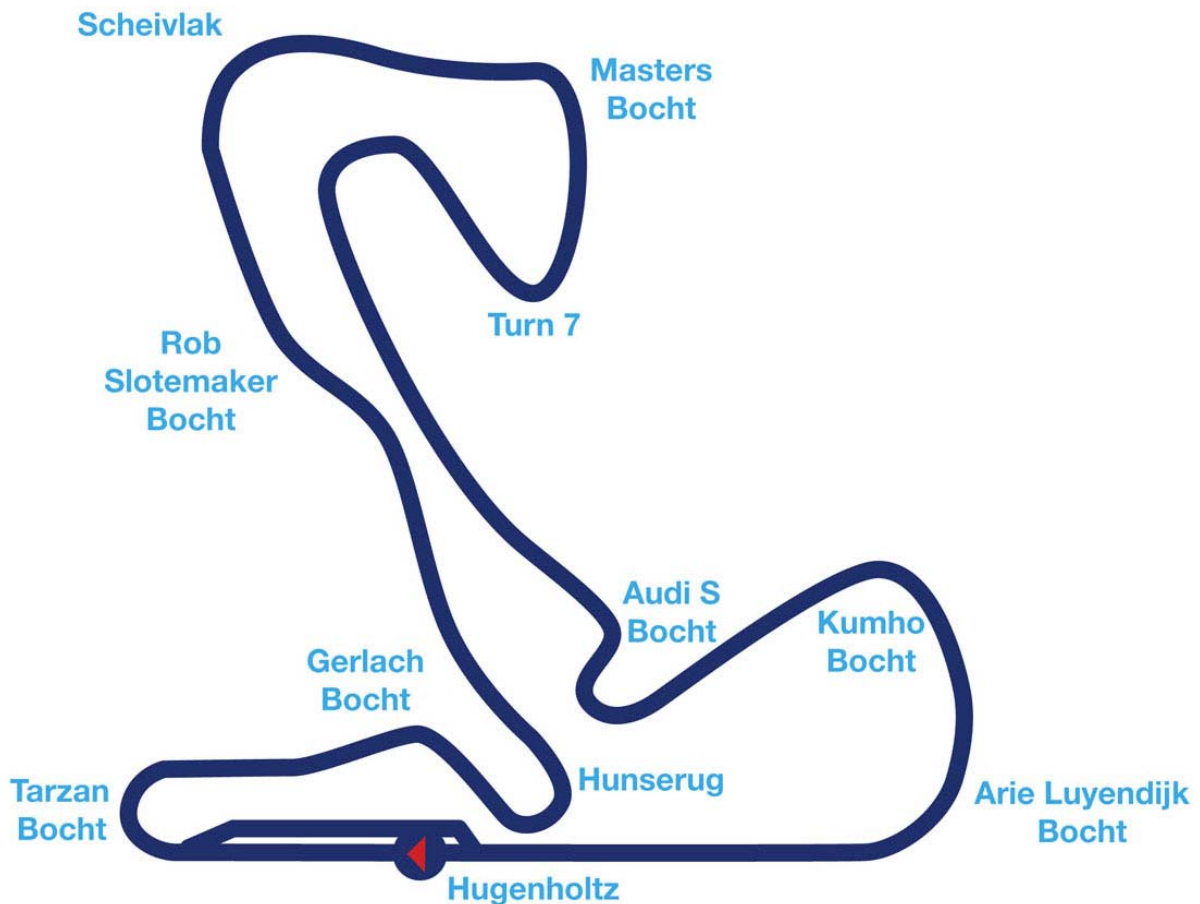
ROUNDS 3 & 4 - ZANDVOORT, May 5/6 - ENTRY LIST

#	class	competitor	driver	car
1		BMW Team UK	Andy Priaulx (GBR)	BMW 320si
2		BMW Team Germany	Jörg Müller (GER)	BMW 320si
3		BMW Team Germany	Augusto Farfus (BRA)	BMW 320si
4		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Alessandro Zanardi (ITA)	BMW 320si
5		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Félix Porteiro (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	Jordi Gené (ESP)	SEAT León
10		SEAT Sport	Michel Jourdain (MEX)	SEAT León
11		SEAT Sport	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León
12		SEAT Sport	Yvan Muller (FRA)	SEAT León
15		N.technology	James Thompson (GBR)	Alfa Romeo 156
16		N.technology	Olivier Tielemans (NED)	Alfa Romeo 156
18		SEAT Sport	Tiago Monteiro (POR)	SEAT León
19	/	SEAT Sport Italia	Roberto Colciago (ITA)	SEAT León
20		GR Asia	Tom Coronel (NED)	SEAT León
21	/	GR Asia	Emmet O'Brien (IRL)	SEAT León
22	/	TBA	Maurizio Ceresoli (ITA)	SEAT Toledo Cupra
23	/	Exagon Engineering	Pierre-Yves Corthals (BEL)	SEAT León
26	/	Wiechers-Sport	Stefano D'Aste (ITA)	BMW 320si
30	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Luca Rangoni (ITA)	BMW 320si
31	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Sergio Hernández (ESP)	BMW 320si
33	/	Racing for Belgium	Miguel Freitas (POR)	Alfa Romeo 156
50	/	Russian Bears Motorsport	Lev Fridman (RUS)	BMW 320i
51	/	Russian Bears Motorsport	Evgeny Zelenov (RUS)	BMW 320i
52	/	Russian Bears Motorsport	Viktor Shapovalov (RUS)	BMW 320i

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Rounds 3 & 4 – TRACK FACTS



Circuit Park Zandvoort – THE NETHERLANDS

Lap distance – 4,300 m
Race distance – 2 x 12 laps

Location: 10 km West of Haarlem
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Airports: Amsterdam-Schiphol (25 km), Rotterdam (65 km)
S2000 lap records: none
Previous winners: none



Rounds 3 & 4 – Zandvoort (NED) EVENT TIMETABLE

Friday 4th May 2007

14.00 – 14.30	FIA WTCC	Testing
16.30 – 17.00	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 1

Saturday 5th May 2007

10.00 – 10.20	BMW 130i Cup	Qualifying 1
10.10 – 10.50	SEAT Cupra Cup	Qualifying
11.00 – 11.30	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 2
13.00 – 13.35	BMW 130i Cup	Qualifying 2
15.00 – 15.30	FIA WTCC	Qualifying
16.00	SEAT Cupra Cup	Race 1 (120 min)

Sunday 6th May 2007

09.30 – 09.45	FIA WTCC	Warm Up
10.10	SEAT Cupra Cup	Race 2 (40 min)
12.05	FIA WTCC	Race 1 (12 laps)
12.35	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 1</i>
13.30	BMW 130i Cup	Race 1 (30 min)
15.35	FIA WTCC	Race 2 (12 laps)
16.05	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 2</i>
16.35	BMW 130i Cup	Race 2 (30 min)