

HUISMAN JOINS ZANARDI AT BMW TEAM ITALY-SPAIN

From the FIA WTCC meeting in Curitiba, Duncan Huisman will join BMW Team Italy-Spain, replacing Marcel Costa alongside Alessandro Zanardi.

"I am very happy to welcome Duncan to our team," team manager Roberto Ravaglia commented. "He will bring a lot of experience to the team and I am convinced he will be of great help in exploiting the potential of the car."

Huisman, 34-years-old from the Netherlands, has proved to be a very successful Touring Car driver. Among his victories are three Dutch championships, the 2003 FIA European Touring Car Championship Independents' Trophy and five wins in the Macau Guia Race, including last year's, on his only WTCC appearance so far.

"I am very happy that BMW Team Italy-Spain have given me the opportunity to return to the WTCC. I will meet the team on the Adria Raceway in Italy this week, for the seat fitting and a first set-up of the car. Together with BMW Team Germany, we will then travel to Budapest for some tests, and I can't wait for it to happen."

BRAZILIAN TEAM TO RACE ALFA ROMEO IN CURITIBA

The FIA WTCC will welcome a Brazilian team and driver for the next race meeting in Curitiba. TekProm that was created in 2003 but has already proved to be competitive achieving important results in national races, have entered a former WTCC Alfa Romeo 156 built in Italy by N.technology.

In 2005 this car participated in three rounds of the Brazilian Endurance championship, claiming two victories and one second place, which meant a second position in the series' final classification. At the beginning of the current season the TekProm Alfa Romeo won its class in the Mil Milhas de Interlagos.

The 23-year old Lucas Molo will take the wheel of the Alfa Romeo for the WTCC event. He started racing in the Italian Formula 3 championship and since he came back to Brazil he raced in the Renault Clio Cup and claimed some outstanding results in endurance races such as the 1000 Km de Brasília and the Mil Milhas de Interlagos.

In 2004 and 2005 Molo won the Endurance national title in a TekProm Ferrari.

PROMOTIONAL DAY IN CURITIBA ON 29TH JUNE

The WTCC HSBC Race of Brazil will have its official start on Thursday, June 29, with a promotional day involving drivers and press. From 10.00 AM the racing cars will be exhibited in front of the HSBC building in Rua das Flores, while the drivers will parade onboard pick-up trucks through the city centre until they arrive in Rua das Flores, where they will take part in two autograph sessions at 12.00 (noon) and 2.00 PM. The press will join the drivers at 3.00 PM for a sightseeing tour of Curitiba that will be followed by a press conference at the Graciosa Country Club at 5.00 PM, hosted by Mr Beto Richa, governor of Curitiba, and Mr Jacques Behar, president of KSO.

TOO MANY KILOS FOR GABRIELE TARQUINI...

A trivial typing mistake in editing the previous newsletter resulted in 15 kilos of ballast being added to Gabriele Tarquini's SEAT. Although the two partial handicaps – 25kg for results in the previous events and 15kg for championship points – were correctly listed, mistakenly reported was a total of 55kg instead 40.

Please find herebelow the amended handicap weight list.

Driver	handicap for results in the previous meetings	handicap for the championship points	total handicap
Dirk Müller	15 kg + 40 kg = 55 kg	15 kg	70 kg
Andy Priaulx	40 kg + 10 kg = 50 kg	15 kg	65 kg
Jörg Müller	20 kg + 30 kg = 50 kg	10 kg	60 kg
Rickard Rydell	30 kg + 10 kg = 40 kg	15 kg	55 kg
Yvan Muller	60 kg – 20 kg = 40 kg	15 kg	55 kg
James Thompson	45 kg – 5 kg = 40 kg	15 kg	55 kg
Gabriele Tarquini	30 kg – 5 kg = 25 kg	15 kg	40 kg
Augusto Farfus	10 kg + 20 kg = 30 kg	10 kg	40 kg
Alain Menu	30 kg – 20 kg = 10 kg	5 kg	15 kg
Peter Terting	0 kg + 0 kg = 0 kg	10 kg	10 kg
Jordi Gené	0 kg + 0 kg = 0 kg	5 kg	5 kg

FOOTBALL FEVER HITS WTCC

The football World Cup is now well underway and people from around the world are supporting their home team in the bid for glory. The WTCC is a truly global championship so we spoke to a selection of people about their football fever.

England: Robert Huff, Chevrolet. *“I’m not normally a football fan but in the World Cup I go to the pub with my mates and watch the matches in the beer garden.”*

Sweden: Rickard Rydell, SEAT. *“I will be following every Sweden game! Usually I watch it with family and friends. Last time everyone came to our house and we had a few beers. Sweden is a small country but we have some great players and I have faith in them.”*

Netherlands: Tom Coronel, GR Asia. *“My whole country is supporting our team, there is a lot of interest. We are one of the favourites and are sure to win! I like to meet up with friends in a bar and watch the game, and beer seems to compliment it very well.”*

Japan: Kazuyoshi Sekiguchi, Yokohama. *“I am a fan of football and the World Cup is the moment when I feel I am Japanese. Therefore, last match; Japan vs Australia (1 - 3), was painful. I watched it in my office, and I could not work anymore on that day!”*

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR THE FIFTH MEETING

Rounds 9 and 10 of the 2006 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Curitiba, Brazil, 1st and 2nd July.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 20 June.

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

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to the 2006 FIA WTCC HSBC Race of Brazil – 1st/2nd July, in Curitiba