

FIA WTCC NEWSLETTER

22 - 8 June 2007

ROUTE TO: BRNO, CZECH REPUBLIC

The 9th and 10th rounds of the FIA WTCC will take place next week in the Czech Republic, at Brno's Masaryk Circuit.

This is a traditional meeting for the championship, as Brno hosted the European Touring Car Championship from 2002 to 2004 and then the World Touring Car Championship last year. BMW scored 5 victories out of the eight races, Alfa Romeo 2 and Chevrolet 1. The 2006 edition saw Jörg Müller (BMW) and Robert Huff (Chevrolet) sharing the laurels.

The championship arrives in Brno with Andy Priaulx in solo lead with a 2-point margin over Farfus, while Müller slipped to a further 9 points adrift. The best non-BMW driver is Yvan Muller, fourth, 14 points from the leader.

CZECH RACE MEETING LAUNCHED YESTERDAY

The WTCC Race of the Czech Republic was launched yesterday in front of large media representative, on the media day of the Brno Auto Salon at Brno's Exhibition Centre. Last year's WTCC winners Jörg Müller and Robert Huff attended the event. Like last year the Brno round of the WTCC will be sponsored by the Czech Tourism Office, while national TV will provide massive coverage. Both races will be televised live on CT2 (terrestrial) and CT4 (digital terrestrial), while CT1's popular morning programme will be broadcast live from the track on Friday morning. Highlights of the races will be shown in the automotive programmes "Svet Motoru" and "102 Oktanu".

MAXIMUM BALLAST FOR PRIAULX AND FARFUS

For the first time in the current season two drivers will carry the maximum handicap weight. Andy Priaulx and Augusto Farfus – first and second in the championship after Pau – will have 60 extra kilos on board their BMW cars at Brno, while Jörg Müller – who remained scoreless in France – will be on 45.

A total of 14 drivers are on ballast, including newcomer Philip Geipel.

60 kg	Andy Priaulx and Augusto Fartus
45 kg	Jörg Müller
40 kg	Yvan Muller
35 kg	Nicola Larini
30 kg	Tiago Monteiro
25 kg	Gabriele Tarquini and James Thompson
20 kg	Alain Menu
15 kg	Luca Rangoni and Jordi Gené
10 kg	Robert Huff and Philip Geipel



5 kg



Félix Porteiro











GUEST APPEARANCE FOR PHILIP GEIPEL

Philip Geipel and his TFS-Yaco Racing Toyota Corolla T-Sport will take part in the FIA WTCC meeting at Brno. This is the second appearance in the series for the 21-year old German driver, who made his WTCC debut last year in Brno.

PEDALÁ REPLACES COLCIAGO AT BRNO

Further to the incident occurred last Saturday at Pau, just before the qualifying session and that resulted in a dislocated shoulder, SEAT Sport Italia driver Roberto Colciago will be forced to skip the meeting of Brno. He will be replaced by Massimiliano Pedalà who drove the team's second SEAT León at Valencia.

EUROSPORT COVERAGE FROM BRNO

Saturday, 16th: Qualifying - **LIVE** Eurosport 2, 15.00/15.30

Sunday, 17th: Warm up - **LIVE** Eurosport International, 08.45/09.15

Race 1 – **LIVE** Eurosport International, 11.45/12.45 Race 2 – **LIVE** Eurosport International, 15.30/16.15

Races 1 & 2 - highlights Eurosport 2, 21.15/22.00

Monday, 18th: Races 1 & 2 – highlights Eurosport International, 09.00/10.00 Tuesday, 19th: WTCC magazine Eurosport International, 23.00/23.30

Times are CET (Central European Time)

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR THE SIXTH MEETING

Rounds 9 and 10 of the 2007 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Porto, Portugal, 7th / 8th July

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 26th June.

The Accreditation Form may be downloaded from the websites <u>www.fia.com</u> and <u>www.fiawtcc.com</u>.

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COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS



to the 2007 FIA WTCC Race of the Czech Republic - 16th / 17th June, in Brno

more information and pictures: www.fiawtcc.com

2007 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



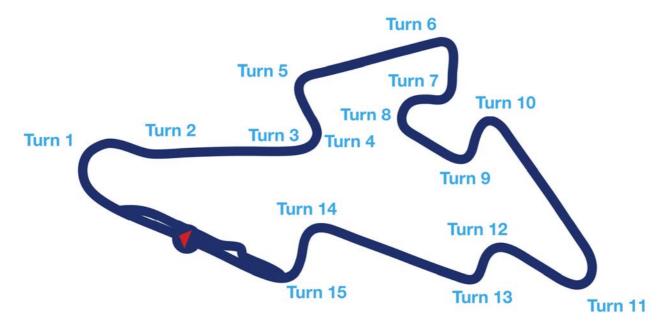
ROUNDS 9 & 10 - BRNO, May 16/17 - ENTRY LIST

#	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
20		GR Asia	Tom Coronel (NED)	SEAT León
21	1	GR Asia	Emmet O'Brien (IRL)	SEAT León
22	1	GR Asia	Maurizio Ceresoli (ITA)	SEAT León
23	1	Exagon Engineering	Pierre-Yves Corthals (BEL)	SEAT León
26	1	Wiechers-Sport	Stefano D'Aste (ITA)	BMW 320si
30	1	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Luca Rangoni (ITA)	BMW 320si
31	1	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Sergio Hernández (ESP)	BMW 320si
33	1	Racing for Belgium	Miguel Freitas (POR)	Alfa Romeo 156
34	1	SEAT Sport Italia	Massimiliano Pedalà (ITA)	SEAT León
37	1	TFS-Yaco Racing	Philip Geipel (GER)	Toyota Corolla T-Sport

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Rounds 9 & 10 - TRACK FACTS



Automotodrom Brno / Masaryk Circuit - CZECH REPUBLIC

Lap distance - 5,402 m Race distance - 2 x 10 laps

Location: 10 km West of Brno

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Airports: Brno-Turany (30 km), Vienna-Schwechat (170 km), Prague-Ruzyne (200 km)

\$2000 lap records: Qual. - 2:09.913/149.72 kph, Rickard Rydell (SEAT Toledo), 29 May 2004

Race - 2:11.903/147.46 kph, Andy Priaulx (BMW 320i), 30 May 2004

Previous winners: 2002 FIA ETCC Race 1: Fabrizio Giovanardi (Alfa Romeo 156 Gta)

2002 FIA ETCC Race 2: Fabrizio Giovanardi (Alfa Romeo 156 Gta)

2003 FIA ETCC Race 1: Dirk Müller (BMW 320i) 2003 FIA ETCC Race 2: Andy Priaulx (BMW 320i) 2004 FIA ETCC Race 1: Andy Priaulx (BMW 320i) 2004 FIA ETCC Race 2: Dirk Müller (BMW 320i) 2006 FIA WTCC Race 1: Jörg Müller (BMW 320si) 2006 FIA WTCC Race 2: Robert Huff (Chevrolet Lacetti)



Rounds 9 & 10 – Brno (CZE) EVENT TIMETABLE

Friday 15th June 2007

09.30 - 10.15 10.30 - 11.15 11.30 - 12.00 12.15 - 12.45 13.00 - 13.45 14.00 - 14.45 15.00 - 15.30 15.45 - 16.15	International Formula Masters Škoda Octavia Cup BMW 1 Challenge Sports Car Challenge Škoda Octavia Cup International Formula Masters BMW 1 Challenge Sports Car Challenge	Free Practice 1 Free Practice Free Practice Free Practice Qualifying Free Practice 2 Qualifying 1 Qualifying 1
15.45 – 16.15 16.30 – 17.05	Sports Car Challenge Škoda Octavia Cup	Qualifying 1 Super Pole
16.30 – 17.05 17.15 – 17.45	International Formula Masters	Super Pole Qualifying
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Saturday 16th June 2007

09.00 - 09.30	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 1
09.45 – 10.15	BMW 1 Challenge	Qualifying 2
10.30 – 11.00	Sports Car Challenge	Qualifying 2
11.30 – 12.00	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 2
13.35	International Formula Master	Race 1 (14 laps)
12.30	Škoda Octavia Cup	Race 1 (12 laps)
14.15 – 14,35	AvD 100 Miles	Free Practice
15.00 – 15.30	FIA WTCC	Qualifying
16.05	BMW 1 Challenge	Race 1 (11 laps)
17.05	Sports Car Challenge	Race 1 (10 laps)

Sunday 17th June 2007

08.15 - 08,45	AvD 100 Miles	Qualifying
09.00 - 09.15	FIA WTCC	Warm Up
09.30 - 09.40	Škoda Octavia Cup	Warm Up
10.00 – 10.15	International Formula Masters	Warm Up
10.50	Sports Car Challenge	Race 2 (10 laps)
12.05	FIA WTCC	Race 1 (10 laps)
12.35	FIA WTCC	Podium Race 1
13.05	Škoda Octavia Cup	Race 1 (12 laps)
14.05	International Formula Master	Race 2 (19 laps)
<u>15.35</u>	FIA WTCC	Race 2 (10 laps)
16.05	FIA WTCC	Podium Race 2
16.35	BMW 1 Challenge	Race 1 (11 laps)
17.35	AvD 100 Miles	Race (85 minutes)