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SWEDISH ACES TO RACE IN ANDERSTORP

Rickard Rydell and Fredrik Ekblom – two of the most successful Swedish Touring Car drivers ever – will join the FIA WTCC for their home event at Anderstorp, on July 28th and 29th.

A FOURTH CHEVROLET FOR RYDELL

Chevrolet will enter a fourth Lacetti car in Anderstorp, for Rickard Rydell, who until 2006 was a regular competitor and a race winner in the FIA Touring Car Championship, for Volvo and SEAT.

"I am very pleased to have this opportunity for my home race. I am confident we can do an excellent job and I will do my utmost to contribute to the team's efforts. I mainly consider myself as a touring car driver, these are the cars I enjoy the most, and I am very happy to be back in the WTCC. I thank Chevrolet and Eurosport for this," said Rydell.

"In general, we are not favourable to one-shot appearances, but in this case, with the Lacetti and Rickard, we really have a potential winning tandem. We have organized a one-day test in England early July, so Rickard will have the time to acquaint himself with the Lacetti," explained Chevrolet Motorsport manager Eric Nève.

EKBLUM TO TEAM WITH PRIAULX

Fredrik Ekblom, current leader of the Swedish Touring Car Championship, will take part in three of the remaining rounds of the FIA WTCC: at Anderstorp, Monza and Macau. The 36-year old from Sweden will team with Andy Priaulx at BMW Team UK, which is familiar to him as he raced for them in the 2002 FIA European Touring Car Championship, claiming three podium appearances.

"We are pleased to have him back, supporting Andy Priaulx in the fight for the title. In the closing stages of the World Championship it is especially helpful for a team to have two cars on the starting grid," said team principal Bart Mampaey.

Ekblom commented. *"I have never lost contact with RBM and I have followed the team's enormous success over the years with great enthusiasm. It is impressive to see what Bart Mampaey has managed to build up with his crew and Andy Priaulx. I had a good time with them in 2002 and hope that I can contribute a few points as we move into the deciding stages of the championship."*

Ekblom is familiar with the BMW 320si, as he drives it for Team WestCoast Racing in the Swedish Touring Car Championship. After five rounds he is leading the championship and in the past he claimed twice the Swedish Touring Car title in 1998 for BMW and 2003 for Audi.

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Canon

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ZANARDI SPECIAL GUEST IN ROME

Alessandro Zanardi was a special guest of the BMW Pit Lane Park event that took place today in Rome's impressive Stadio dei Marmi. The BMW Team Italy-Spain's ace starred together with BMW Sauber F1 Team's driver Sebastian Vettel, tester Timo Glock and the Formula BMW champion Christian Vietoris in interviews, autograph sessions, and dynamic exhibitions at the wheel of their respective cars. From last year the BMW Pit Lane Park travels the world to bring the excitement of motor sport to the people who live in the large cities. In 2007 Rome was the third city to host the event after Barcelona and Kuala Lumpur.

HERNÁNDEZ BACK TO PROTEAM

Spanish independent driver Sergio Hernández will rejoin Proteam Motorsport alongside Luca Rangoni from the next FIA WTCC meeting in Porto.

"I'm very pleased to announce that we found an agreement with Sergio for the rest of the season. From the beginning we had been happy with his performances, and then we were upset because he missed two meetings due to external reasons. Now he is back with us and, starting from Porto, together we wish to make up for the time lost," team principal Valmiro Presenzini commented.

The Spanish youngster was especially impressive in Valencia, where he fought with team-mate Rangoni to win the Independents' races.

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 www.fia.com and www.fiawtcc.com.

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to the 2007 FIA WTCC Race of Portugal – 7th / 8th July, in Porto

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