

ROUNDS 9 & 10 – BRNO, CZECH REPUBLIC
RACE 1 REPORT

Weather: sunny with a dry track.
Crowd: 52,000 over the weekend.

RACE 2: MÜLLER WINS, FARFUS LEADS

Race 2 saw another all BMW podium as Jörg Müller came from seventh on the grid to claim the win. His BMW Team Germany colleague Augusto Farfus followed him and winner of race one, Félix Porteiro completed the top three. Farfus now is back into the championship lead with 53 points, ahead of Müller with 49 and Andy Priaulx with 45.

Yvan Muller, who should have lined up third, did not take the start due to problems with his gearbox.

Alain Menu got a great start from pole and went into turn one with a solid gap from the rest. Behind him, Alessandro Zanardi promoted himself to third and on lap two overtook Gabriele Tarquini for second. Zanardi and Menu were then involved in an incident that resulted in Menu ending up in the gravel. Zanardi, who had to pay a ten second stop-and-go penalty due to a breach of the rules of parc fermé before the race, came in and after leaving the stop-and-go bay he pitted to change a wheel damaged in the collision with the Chevrolet.

Tarquini held the lead for SEAT Sport until the next lap when Farfus and Müller both passed him. On the same lap Porteiro overtook Nicola Larini for fifth. Larini came home sixth and was the only Chevrolet to finish, after Menu's off and Huff going to the garage on lap three. The Italian now lies fourth in the championship, the best of the non-BMW drivers. Tarquini finished in fourth spot followed by James Thompson of N.technology Alfa Romeo.

Priaulx had a stunning race coming from 22nd on the grid to claim two important championship points from 7th. By lap four the Briton was 10th but his progress was stalled when he had to pass the defending SEAT duo of Jordi Gené and Tiago Monteiro. On lap eight he successfully did so. Gené took the final point by passing the chequered flag in eighth.

Stefano D'Aste claimed the independent win and is now joint second with fellow countryman Luca Rangoni; they are 7 points behind the new leader Pierre-Yves Corthals.



BULLET NEWS

ZANARDI FINED 1,200 EURO FOR SPEEDING

When Zanardi came to the pits during the second race, to fulfil his 10 second stop-and-go penalty for breaching parc fermé rules, he incurred two further punishments for speeding in the pit lane.

Thirty seconds were added to his total race time plus a fine of 1200 euros: worked out by fining 50 euros for every kilometre of his speed over the 60 km per hour limit; in fact his speed was 84 kph.

THEY SAID, THEY SAID...

Jörg MÜLLER

"My poor results at Pau were a result of not enough hard work so we went to Hungary to test and improve the car in qualifying. It helped a lot yesterday and to achieve a win and a second place with 45 kg is something I could only dream of. This track seems to suit the BMW cars and I was lucky today with other people having accidents. The team is now 1-2 in the championship which is the most important thing for me."

Augusto FARFUS

"I came here with 60 kg which means a lot on this track. I was able to fight my way through in race one and then in race two I had a good battle with Jörg. He was faster than me. I am looking forward to going to Portugal and nobody knows the track so it will be fun."

Félix PORTEIRO

"The car has been very competitive since yesterday's practice. The problem in race two was the first couple of laps when I had to fight to overtake Thompson and Larini. Larini was the most difficult to overtake but I knew I would be quicker over the race duration so I relaxed and waited to make a move."

Stefano D'ASTE

"I'm very happy with this result and I think it is the best way to say thank you to my team who completely re-built my car after the big crash I had in Pau. I was faster than the two SEATs in front of me but I didn't try to overtake because I didn't want to risk the win in the Independents' Trophy."

2007 FIA World Touring Car Championship RACE CLASSIFICATION - RACE 2 - Amended

POS	NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	KPH	BEST
1	2		Jorg MULLER	GER	BMW 320si	22:42.008	10		142.81	2:14.898
2	3		Augusto FARFUS	BRA	BMW 320si	22:42.820	10	0.812	142.72	2:15.117
3	5		Felix PORTEIRO	ESP	BMW 320si	22:46.828	10	4.820	142.30	2:14.667
4	11		Gabriele TARQUINI	ITA	SEAT Leon	22:49.370	10	7.362	142.04	2:15.546
5	15		James THOMPSON	GBR	Alfa Romeo 156	22:51.627	10	9.619	141.80	2:15.298
6	7		Nicola LARINI	ITA	Chevrolet Lacetti	22:52.121	10	10.113	141.75	2:15.875
7	1		Andy PRIAULX	GBR	BMW 320si	22:53.033	10	11.025	141.66	2:15.666
8	9		Jordi GENE	ESP	SEAT Leon	22:55.466	10	13.458	141.41	2:16.012
9	18		Tiago MONTEIRO	POR	SEAT Leon	22:56.943	10	14.935	141.26	2:16.029
10	26	I	Stefano D'ASTE	ITA	BMW 320si	22:57.298	10	15.290	141.22	2:15.976
11	20		Tom CORONEL	NED	SEAT Leon	22:58.142	10	16.134	141.13	2:15.958
12	34	I	Massimiliano PEDALA	ITA	SEAT Leon	23:00.120	10	18.112	140.93	2:16.251
13	10		Michel JOURDAIN	MEX	SEAT Leon	23:01.416	10	19.408	140.80	2:16.179
14	22	I	Maurizio CERESOLI	ITA	SEAT Leon	23:02.093	10	20.085	140.73	2:16.275
15	23	I	Pierre-Yves CORTHALS	BEL	SEAT Leon	23:04.750	10	22.742	140.46	2:16.337
16	16		Olivier TIELEMANS	NED	Alfa Romeo 156	23:06.672	10	24.664	140.27	2:16.717
17	21	I	Emmet O'BRIEN	IRL	SEAT Leon	23:10.915	10	28.907	139.84	2:16.787
18	33	I	Miguel FREITAS	POR	Alfa Romeo 156	23:16.117	10	34.109	139.32	2:17.335
19	37	I	Philip GEIPEL	GER	Toyota Corolla T-Sport	23:25.712	10	43.704	138.37	2:18.482
20	4		Alessandro ZANARDI	ITA	BMW 320si	24:48.860	10	2:06.852	130.64	2:14.514
21	32	I	Davide RODA	ITA	BMW 320si	21:04.621	9	1 LAP	138.42	2:18.112

NOT CLASSIFIED

6			Robert HUFF	GBR	Chevrolet Lacetti	23:26.232	3	N.C.F.	41.49	2:29.532
8			Alain MENU	SUI	Chevrolet Lacetti	2:21.237	1	D.N.F.	137.71	2:21.237
30	I		Luca RANGONI	ITA	BMW 320si	2:28.857	1	D.N.F.	130.66	2:28.857

FASTEST LAP

4			Alessandro ZANARDI		BMW 320si	2:14.514	5	144.60kph		89.85mph
26	I		Stefano D'ASTE		BMW 320si	2:15.976	4	143.04kph		88.88mph

Car 12 - Did not participate in session. Car 4 +30s penalty ref. Stewards decision 21
Weather/Track: Sun 26°/Dry 52°

Brno
Circuit Length = 5.4030 km.
Start: 15:35 End: 15:57

Race Director:	Steward:	Timekeeper:
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2007 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP - DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

position	# - driver	Curitiba (BRA) 10 / 11 March		Zandvoort (NED) 5 / 6 May		Valencia (ESP) 19 / 20 May		Pau (FRA) 2 / 3 June		Brno (CZE) 16 / 17 June		Porto (POR) 8 / 9 July		Anderstorp (SWE) 28 / 29 July		Oschersleben (GER) 25 / 26 August		Brands Hatch (GBR) 22 / 23 September		Monza (ITA) 6 / 7 October		Macau (CHN) 16 / 18 November		TOTAL
		6	10	4	8	0	0	2	10	5	8													
1	3 - Augusto FARFUS (BRA)	6	10	4	8	0	0	2	10	5	8													53
2	2 - Jörg MÜLLER (GER)	10	6	0	6	1	8	0	0	8	10													49
3	1 - Andy PRIAULX (GBR)	8	8	1	4	4	6	3	8	0	2													44
4	7 - Nicola LARINI (ITA)	0	0	8	5	8	4	0	0	4	3													32
5	12 - Yvan MULLER (FRA)	1	5	0	0	6	5	8	3	3	0													31
6	11 - Gabriele TARQUINI (ITA)	5	4	2	10	0	0	0	0	2	5													28
7	15 - James THOMPSON (GBR)	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	2	0	4													26
8	8 - Alain MENU (SUI)	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	1	1	0													22
9	5 - Félix PORTEIRO (ESP)	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	10	6													21
10	18 - Tiago MONTEIRO (POR)	-	-	5	0	0	0	6	6	0	0													17
11	30 - Luca RANGONI (ITA)	0	2	6	3	2	2	0	0	0	0													15
12	6 - Robert HUFF (GBR)	4	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0													14
13	9 - Jordi GENÉ (ESP)	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	4	0	1													14
14	4 - Alessandro ZANARDI (ITA)	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0													11
15	19 - Roberto COLCIAGO (ITA)	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	-	-													5
16	20 - Tom CORONEL (NED)	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0													4
17	10 - Michel JOURDAIN (MEX)	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0													3
18	31 - Sergio HERNÁNDEZ (ESP)	0	0	-	-	0	1	0	0	-	-													1

2007 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP - MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

position	manufacturer	Curitiba (BRA) 10 / 11 March		Zandvoort (NED) 5 / 6 May		Valencia (ESP) 19 / 20 May		Pau (FRA) 2 / 3 June		Brno (CZE) 16 / 17 June		Porto (POR) 8 / 9 July		Anderstorp (SWE) 28 / 29 July		Oschersleben (GER) 25 / 26 August		Brands Hatch (GBR) 22 / 23 September		Monza (ITA) 6 / 7 October		Macau (CHN) 16 / 18 November		TOTAL
		18	18	10	14	7	14	7	18	18	18													
1	BMW	18	18	10	14	7	14	7	18	18	18													142
2	SEAT	10	11	8	14	11	8	14	10	9	9													104
3	CHEVROLET	5	4	18	8	10	5	15	7	9	4													85
4	ALFA ROMEO	0	5	3	3	11	12	3	4	3	7													51