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### 19-YEAR OLD RUSSIAN JOINS GR ASIA

Timur Sadredinov will join the GR Asia team for this weekend's meeting in Oschersleben. The 19-year old from Moscow will become the youngest driver ever to compete in the FIA World Touring Car Championship.

Sadredinov, who was classified second in last year's FIA European Super Production Cup at Estoril behind fellow countryman Alexander Lvov and is now regarded as one of the most promising prospects for Russian motor sport, is currently competing in the German SEAT León Supercopa. Therefore it was the logical move for him taking the wheel of a GR Asia WTCC SEAT León alongside the team's regular drivers Tom Coronel and Maurizio Ceresoli.

*"I'm very pleased to have him in the team. We are currently negotiating to find an agreement also for the next rounds at Brands Hatch and Monza,"* GR Asia's team principal Paul Ridgway said.

*"I still can't believe that my dream comes true. I will try my best to achieve some good results with the help from the team and Tom Coronel. I know Oschersleben from my SEAT Supercopa experience and I'm looking forward at the moment I will do my very first lap in a WTCC car,"* Sadredinov commented.

### ZANARDI AND PORTEIRO AT MAGIONE

BMW Team Italy-Spain spent one day of testing in Magione, setting up Alessandro Zanardi's and Félix Porteiro's cars for the German event.

*"We wanted to check some details and the Magione track has a number of similarities to Oschersleben. On top of that the weather was cloudy, like the one we expect to have in Germany,"* team manager Roberto Ravaglia explained.

And project manager Umberto Grano echoed: *"Theoretically Oschersleben is a good track for BMW and our cars are nearly ballast-free. I think we have a good opportunity to claim good results; the test gave us positive feedback which made me quite optimistic for the weekend."*

### FREITAS REJOINS IN OSCHERSLEBEN

Miguel Freitas rejoins the FIA WTCC this weekend in Oschersleben after he was forced to miss the previous race meeting at Anderstorp because his Alfa Romeo 156 had suffered from extensive damage in a dramatic crash during the first race on the street circuit of Porto.

The Racing for Belgium team have worked hard to rebuild the car to enable the Portuguese youngster, who is currently lying ninth in the Yokohama Independents' Trophy, to take part in the German. *"The car is now in perfect running order and we have fitted a new works engine which should allow us to close in on the top independents. But we had no time to actually carry out any tests and this is obviously not the ideal situation,"* team manager Wim Coekelbergs explained.

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### **CORONEL STARRED AT ROTTERDAM**

Last Sunday Tom Coronel was one of the major attractions at the spectacular and unique Rotterdam City Racing event in Holland. After some blistering F1 demonstrations by the Renault and Spyker F1 teams, over 500,000 spectators watched Tom Coronel driving his SEAT León WTCC car through the streets of Rotterdam along a 4,365 meter track.

Tom provided a wonderful show, burning some rubber and promoting what the WTCC championship is all about. A second GR Asia SEAT León car also took part in the event, with Tom's twin brother Tim and F1 TV commentator Olav Mol sharing the wheel and driving at high speed over the city's famous Erasmus bridge.

The Rotterdam City Racing event was organised for the third consecutive year and was attended by famous drivers like Heikki Kovalainen, Adrian Sutil, Christijan Albers and Robert Doornbos.

### **THE WEEKEND'S TRACK ACTIVITIES IN OSCHERSLEBEN**

The FIA WTCC competitors will hit the track for the first time tomorrow at 9.00 for the first 30-minute free practice session. Second free practice will follow at 11.30 and qualifying at 15.00.

On Sunday, the 15-minute warm up will take place at 8.30, while the two 14-lap races will start at 12.05 and 16.05 respectively.

### **MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR THE NINTH MEETING**

Rounds 17 and 18 of the 2007 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Brands Hatch, Great Britain, 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

**The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September.**

The Accreditation Form may be downloaded from the websites [www.fia.com](http://www.fia.com) and [www.fiawtcc.com](http://www.fiawtcc.com).

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