

MAURER MOTORSPORT JOIN WTCC IN BRNO

Switzerland-based team Maurer Motorsport will run their two Chevrolet Lacetti cars in the next FIA WTCC event at Brno.

The team is currently committed to the German ADAC Procar series; after having claimed the championship last year with Matthias Schläppi in an MG ZS, they switched to Chevrolet for the 2006 season. Their drivers, Vincent Radermecker from Belgium and Rainer Bastuck from Germany, are placed first and fourth in the points respectively with only four rounds left in the season.

Both drivers will be racing in the WTCC event at Brno and both will receive a 20-kg automatic handicap weight as per art. 79 a) of the FIA WTCC Sporting Regulations.

GEIPEL RACES IN BRNO WITH A TOYOTA COROLLA

Young German driver Philip Geipel will make his FIA WTCC debut at Brno. Geipel, 19-years old from Plauen, will be at the wheel of a TFS-Yaco Racing Team Toyota Corolla T-Sport, the very same car he regularly races in the German ADAC Procar Series.

In his third car racing season, Geipel is currently lying third in the ADAC Procar's Division 1, having claimed five podium results.

As a new driver to join the championship, Geipel will be imposed a 20-kg automatic handicap weight as per art. 79 a) of the FIA WTCC Sporting Regulations.

This participation has been authorized by the Touring Car Bureau, as the Toyota Corolla has only a national homologation, issued by the German ASN.

GR ASIA: A NEW LEÓN FOR MAURIZIO CERESOLI

GR Asia driver Maurizio Ceresoli will switch to a brand new SEAT Sport-built SEAT León car from the meeting in Brno. The young Italian driver – who is currently placed fifth in the Yokohama Independents Trophy – has raced a SEAT Toledo Cupra so far this season, whereas his team-mate Tom Coronel switched to the León from the second event, at Magny-Cours.

“Maurizio has shown consistent progress throughout the season, and I think that the new car will be a terrific motivation for him,” team manager Paul Ridgway said.

EXTRA TEST SESSION FOR WTCC IN BRNO

The FIA has authorized a private 30-minute test session on Friday, September 1st, at 4.00 PM local time. The session was approved by the WTCC Bureau to give teams the possibility to check their cars after the trip from Mexico to Europe.

A PHOTO EXHIBITION TO PROMOTE THE WTCC EVENT

The WTCC Race of Czech Republic is supported by the Tourism Office of the Czech Republic.

A number of promotional activities have been set up to introduce the race meeting to the Czech fans. The most important one is the photographic exhibition “After the green light and behind the finish line” that takes place at Brno's Olympia shopping mall from August 21st to September 3rd. The exhibition consists of 60 spectacular pictures covering WTCC, WRC and other motorsport events, all of them taken by Czech journalist Martin Straka. A Chevrolet Lacetti WTCC racing car is also exhibited at the Olympia mall.

The exhibition is open to the public every day from 9.00 AM to 10.00 PM.

TWO BMW TEAMS TESTED AT VALLELUNGA

Two BMW teams, Germany and Italy-Spain tested for two days – Wednesday and Thursday – at the Italian racetrack of Vallelunga, near Rome.

Dirk and Jörg Müller tested both days for BMW Team Germany, while Alessandro Zanardi drove on day 1 the BMW Team Italy-Spain's car before handing it to his new team-mate Duncan Huisman on Thursday.

WTCC VIDEO GAME TO BE LAUNCHED IN LEIPZIG

SimBin Development Team AB will unveil "RACE", the official WTCC video game, at the 2006 Games Convention that will take place in Leipzig from 24 to 27 August.

While visiting SimBin's stand – Hall 5, E30 of the Leipziger Messe – the public will be given the chance to test the new game on race simulators.

More information is available on the game's official website: www.race-game.org.

EUROSPORT COVERAGE FROM BRNO (CET)

<i>Friday, 1st:</i>	FIA WTCC Magazine	EUROSPORT 2, 19.00/19.30
<i>Saturday, 2nd:</i>	Qualifying – LIVE	EUROSPORT, 15.00/15.45
<i>Sunday, 3rd:</i>	Warm Up – LIVE	EUROSPORT, 09.00/09.30
	Race 1 and Race 2 – LIVE	EUROSPORT, 15.00/17.00
<i>Monday, 4th:</i>	Race 1 and Race 2 – repeat	EUROSPORT 2, 17.00/18.00
	FIA WTCC Magazine	EUROSPORT 2, 19.00/19.30
<i>Tuesday 5th:</i>	Race 1 and Race 2 – repeat	EUROSPORT, 08.30/09.30
	FIA WTCC Magazine	EUROSPORT, 18.00/18.30

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR THE EIGHTH MEETING

Rounds 15 and 16 of the 2006 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Istanbul, Turkey, 23rd and 24th September

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 12 September

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

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COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS



to the 2006 FIA WTCC Race of Czech Republic – 2nd/3rd September, in Brno