

# WTCC

FIA World Touring Car  
Championship

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### BRITISH EVENT LAUNCHED IN BRANDS

The British event of the FIA World Touring Car Championship, that will take place in Brands Hatch on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, was launched yesterday at the racetrack with a crowded press conference in which Andy Priaulx and Rob Huff met their home media.

Afterwards Priaulx gave journalists a front seat view of the action in his BMW 320si racing car, and said he did not let nervous passengers compromise this last opportunity to get some laps in: *"I was on maximum attack, I just treated the passengers like extra ballast. I was going for a flat out test!"*

Although Priaulx drove only on the shorter Indy circuit, while the FIA WTCC races will be held on the Grand Prix circuit, his intrepid passengers had a full introduction to the world of touring cars. *"Around the back of Brands Hatch is absolutely awesome! For me it's just one of those tracks; it's like a roller coaster! Paddock Hill Bend is like falling off the edge of the world!"* commented Andy.

### 39,000 SPECTATORS AT OSCHERSLEBEN

A large crowd attended the FIA WTCC's rounds 15 and 16 at Oschersleben. On a sunny weekend, 39,000 spectators gathered on the grandstands of the German track and were rewarded by two breathtaking and action packed races.

Race 1 also marked an historical moment for motor sport: the first victory of a diesel-powered car in a world championship round, achieved by Yvan Muller and his SEAT León TDI.

### D'ASTE TAKES INDEPENDENT LEAD

Stefano D'Aste of Wiechers-Sport is the new leader of the Yokohama Independents' Trophy. Claiming a 6<sup>th</sup> and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in rounds 15 and 16 last Sunday at Oschersleben, the Italian driver jumped from second to first in the classification.

D'Aste has scored 99 points so far, creating a 6-point gap ahead of his closest competitor Luca Rangoni of Proteam Motorsport, with Pierre-Yves Corthals of Exagon Racing only one further point adrift. The latter, who was leading the trophy before Oschersleben, remained scoreless after he was involved in a pile-up at the start of race one and damage obtained to his car meant that he had to skip the second race also.

Both races in Germany were won by SEAT Sport Italia drivers; Roberto Colciago and Massimiliano Pedalà took one victory apiece moving up to 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in the points respectively.

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### **ADRIA TO HOST THE THIRD FIA ETC CUP**

The Italian racetrack of Adria will host the third edition of the FIA European Touring Car Cup. The event will take place on October 27 and 28, gathering the best Touring Car drivers from the main national championships in Europe.

This will be the first time the FIA Touring Cars visit the Adria Raceway that is located 50 km South of Venice.

Like last year in Estoril, the third edition of the European Cup will adopt the World Touring Car Championship format: two 30-minute free practice sessions and one 30-minute qualifying session on Saturday; a 15-minute warm-up and two 50 km races on Sunday. The grid for the second race will be determined by the results of the first race, with the top-eight in reverse order.

Cars of both the eligible categories – Super 2000 and Super Productions – will race together.

Further information: [www.fiaetcc.com](http://www.fiaetcc.com).

### **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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to the 2007 FIA WTCC Race of UK – 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> September, in Brands Hatch

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