

FIA WTCC NEWSLETTER

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MAX BALLAST FOR MULLER & MÜLLER

Current championship leader, SEAT Sport's Yvan Muller, and BMW Team Germany's Jörg Müller, the winner of the first race in Brands Hatch, will both carry the maximum 70kg success ballast in Oschersleben.

Gabriele Tarquini, who is trailing fellow SEAT man Muller in the Driver's Championship by one point, will be one kilo lighter. While BMW Team Italy-Spain's Félix Porteiro and Chevrolet's Alain Menu get 64 and 59 kilos of ballast respectively, with Alessandro Zanardi and Andy Priaulx both on 54.

A total of twenty-two drivers will have success ballast in Estoril, including Proteam Motorsport's team-mates Stefano D'Aste and Sergio Hernández who appear for the first time in the ballast list because of the championship points they scored in Brands Hatch's second race.

Success ballast – Germany

70 kg	Y. Muller, J. Müller
69 kg	G. Tarquini
64 kg	F. Porteiro
59 kg	A. Menu
54 kg	A. Zanardi, A. Priaulx
48 kg	R. Rydell
36 kg	R. Huff
34 kg	J. Gené
30 kg	A. Farfus , N. Larini, G. Tanev, A. Biter, K. Poulsen, M. Čolak
24 kg	T. Monteiro
14 kg	T. Coronel
3 kg	J. Thompson
2 kg	S. D'Aste
1 kg	O. Tielemans, S. Hernández

BULGARIAN TEAM READY FOR DEBUT

The Petrol GT Racing Team and George Tanev are ready to make their first appearance in the WTCC at Oschersleben. This will mark the first ever Bulgarian entry in an FIA automobile World Championship.

The 25-year old Tanev is the current leader of the Bulgarian Touring Car Championship; at Oschersleben he will drive a BMW 320si, a former BMW Team Italy-Spain's test car.

The team have planned to join the WTCC again in Imola and Monza later in the current season.

TWO CARS FOR WIECHERS-SPORT

The German Wiechers-Sport outfit will enter a second car for their home race meeting in Oschersleben.

After they were forced to skip the previous event in Brands Hatch the team have planned to race a couple of BMW 320si machines.

24-year old Dutchman Olivier Tielemans is due to take back the wheel of the #16 car, while the name of the second driver will be announced in the next days.

CHANGE OF PLANS FOR GOLDEN MOTORS

The Russian team Golden Motors have changed their plan to join the championship again in Oschersleben, Imola and Monza. Due to sponsor-related reasons, the two Honda Accord cars of Andrey Smetsky and Alexander Lvov will finish the season in the Finnish Super Touring Championship (in which Lvov is currently third) before taking part in the FIA European Touring Car Cup at Salzburg.

EUROSPORT COVERAGE FROM OSCHERSLEBEN

<i>Saturday, 30th:</i>	Qualifying	Eurosport 2, 19.00/19.45
<i>Sunday, 31st:</i>	Warm up – LIVE	Eurosport International, 08.45/09.15
	Race 1 – LIVE	Eurosport 2, 11.45/12.45
	Race 1 – highlights	Eurosport International, 15.00/15.30
	Race 2 – LIVE	Eurosport International, 15.30/16.30

Times are CET (Central European Time)

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR IMOLA

Rounds 17 and 18 of the 2008 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Imola, Italy, 20th and 21st September.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 9th September.

The Accreditation form may be downloaded at the websites www.fia.com and www.fiawtcc.com.

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COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS



to the 2008 FIA WTCC Race of Germany – 30th / 31st August in Oschersleben

2008 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



ROUNDS 15 & 16 - OSCHERSLEBEN, August 30/31 - ENTRY LIST

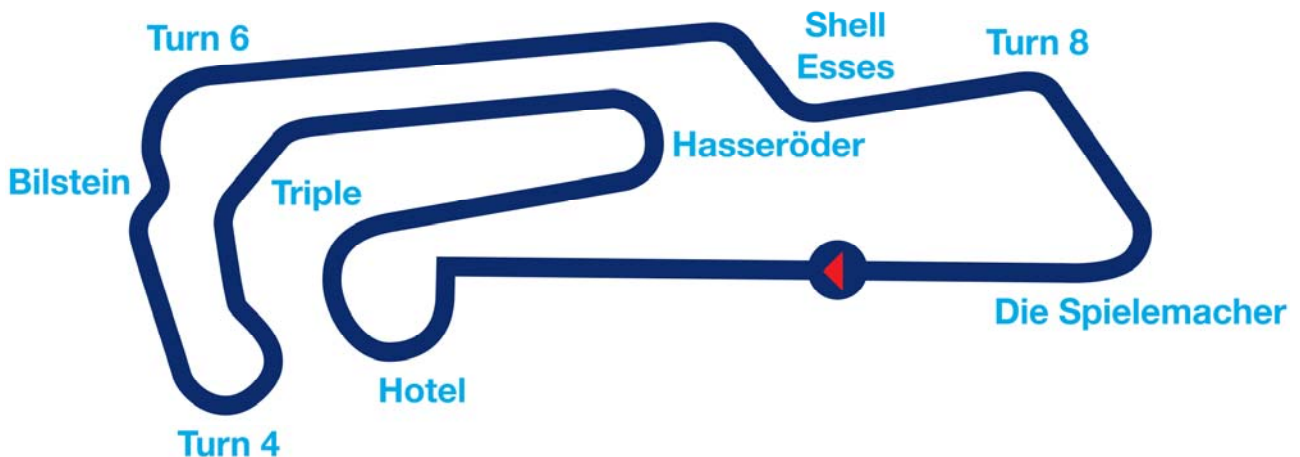
#	class	competitor	driver	car
1		BMW Team UK	Andy Priaulx (GBR)	BMW 320si
2		BMW Team Germany	Jörg Müller (GER)	BMW 320si
3		BMW Team Germany	Augusto Farfus (BRA)	BMW 320si
4		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Alessandro Zanardi (ITA)	BMW 320si
5		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Félix Porteiro (ESP)	BMW 320si
6		Chevrolet	Nicola Larini (ITA)	Chevrolet Lacetti
7		Chevrolet	Robert Huff (GBR)	Chevrolet Lacetti
8		Chevrolet	Alain Menu (SUI)	Chevrolet Lacetti
9		SEAT Sport	Jordi Gené (ESP)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
10		SEAT Sport	Rickard Rydell (SWE)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
11		SEAT Sport	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
12		SEAT Sport	Yvan Muller (FRA)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
13	/	Borusan Otomotiv Motorsport	Ibrahim Okyay (TUR)	BMW 320si
15		N.technology	James Thompson (GBR)	Honda Accord Euro R
16	/	Wiechers-Sport	Olivier Tielemans (NED)	BMW 320si
18		SEAT Sport	Tiago Monteiro (POR)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
20		SUNRED Engineering Development	Tom Coronel (NED)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
23	/	Exagon Engineering	Pierre-Yves Corthals (BEL)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
26	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Stefano D'Aste (ITA)	BMW 320si
28	/	Russian Bears Motorsport	Viktor Shapovalov (RUS)	LADA 110 2.0
29	/	Russian Bears Motorsport	Jaap van Lagen (NED)	LADA 110 2.0
31	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Sergio Hernández (ESP)	BMW 320si
42	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Franz Engstler (GER)	BMW 320si
43	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Andrey Romanov (RUS)	BMW 320si
45	/	Petrol GT Racing Team	George Tanev (BUL)	BMW 320si
49		Wiechers-Sport	TBA	BMW 320si
60	/	Poulsen Motorsport	Kristian Poulsen (DEN)	BMW 320si
62	/	Borusan Otomotiv Motorsport	Aytaç Biter (TUR)	BMW 320si
78	/	SUNRED Engineering Development	Marin Čolak (CRO)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI

/ - Yokohama Independents' Trophy

** - not eligible to score points*



Rounds 15 & 16 – TRACK FACTS



Motosport Arena Oschersleben – GERMANY

Lap distance – 3,696 m
Race distance – 2 x 14 laps

- Location:** 30 km South West of Magdeburg
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- Airports:** Leipzig-Halle (100 km), Hannover-Langenhagen (150 km), Berlin-Tempelhof (150 km), Berlin-Schönefeld (150 km), Berlin-Tegel “Otto Lilienthal” (160 km)
- S2000 lap records:** Qualifying - 1:36.291/138.18 kph, Gabriele Tarquini (SEAT León), 25 Aug 2007
Race - 1:37.262/136.80 kph, Roberto Colciago (SEAT León), 26 Aug 2007
- Previous winners:** 2002 FIA ETCC Race 1: Dirk Müller (BMW 320i)
2002 FIA ETCC Race 2: Dirk Müller (BMW 320i)
2003 FIA ETCC Race 1: Jörg Müller (BMW 320i)
2003 FIA ETCC Race 2: Andy Priaulx (BMW 320i)
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2004 FIA ETCC Race 2: Rickard Rydell (SEAT Toledo Cupra)
2005 FIA WTCC Race 1: Andy Priaulx (BMW 320i)
2005 FIA WTCC Race 2: Alessandro Zanardi (BMW 320i)
2006 FIA WTCC Race 1: Andy Priaulx (BMW 320si)
2006 FIA WTCC Race 2: Jörg Müller (BMW 320si)
2007 FIA WTCC Race 1: Yvan Muller (SEAT León TDI)
2007 FIA WTCC Race 2: Augusto Farfus (BMW 320si)



Rounds 15 & 16 – OSCHERSLEBEN (GER) EVENT TIMETABLE

Friday 29th August 2008

11.15 – 12.00	Formula Master	Free Practice 1
13.00 – 13.30	SEAT León Eurocup	Free Practice 1
13.45 – 14.30	Formula Master	Free Practice 2
14.45 – 15.15	MINI Challenge	Free Practice
15.30 – 16.00	SEAT León Eurocup	Free Practice 2
16.30 – 17.00	Formula Master	Qualifying
17.15 – 17.45	MINI Challenge	Qualifying

Saturday 30th August 2008

09.00 – 09.30	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 1
09.45 – 10.15	SEAT León Eurocup	Qualifying
10.30 – 11.00	ADAC Procar	Free Practice 1
11.30 – 12.00	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 2
12.30	Formula Master	Race 1 (21 laps)
13.35	SEAT León Eurocup	Race 1 (30 min.)
14.15 – 14.40	ADAC Procar	Free Practice 2
15.00 – 15.30	FIA WTCC	Qualifying
16.05	MINI Challenge	Race 1 (30 min.)
17.00 – 17.30	ADAC Procar	Qualifying

Sunday 31st August 2008

08.45 – 09.00	FIA WTCC	Warm up
09.15 – 09.30	ADAC Procar	Warm up
10.50	MINI Challenge	Race (30 min.)
12.05	FIA WTCC	Race 1 (14 laps)
12.40	FIA WTCC	Podium Race 1
13.05	SEAT León Eurocup	Race 2 (30 min.)
14.05	Formula Master	Race 2 (28 laps)
15.50	FIA WTCC	Race 2 (14 laps)
16.20	FIA WTCC	Podium Race 2
16.50	ADAC Procar	Race 1 (20 min.)
17.55	ADAC Procar	Race 2 (20 min.)