

PRIAULX AGAIN ON MAXIMUM HANDICAP

Andy Priaulx not only regained the championship lead in Brno, but also the maximum handicap weight. The reigning world champion will carry 80 extra kilos in Istanbul, which he previously did in Puebla. Only twice so far has the maximum ballast been imposed, the second time to Alfa Romeo's Augusto Farfus at Brno. And the results proved that it's very difficult to be competitive with it; Priaulx scored only 2 points in Mexico, while Farfus remained scoreless at Brno.

Sixteen drivers will be carrying penalty weights in Istanbul. Jörg Müller will be the second heaviest on the track, after good results in Brno cost him 70 kg of handicap. New to the list are Robert Huff and Alessandro Zanardi. The former received 15 kg after claiming his first victory at Brno, while the Italian is given 5 kg as he topped the ten-point mark in the drivers' classification.

Nearly all the works drivers have handicaps – the only exceptions are Chevrolet's Nicola Larini and BMW's Duncan Huisman; while Yokohama Trophy leader Tom Coronel is the only independent to appear on the list.

Driver	handicap for results in the previous meetings	handicap for the championship points	total handicap
Andy Priaulx	40 kg + 30 kg = 60 kg *	25 kg	80 kg *
Jörg Müller	10 kg + 40 kg = 50 kg	20 kg	70 kg
Augusto Farfus	60 kg – 20 kg = 40 kg	20 kg	60 kg
Dirk Müller	45 kg – 10 kg = 35 kg	20 kg	55 kg
James Thompson	50 kg – 20 kg = 30 kg	20 kg	50 kg
Yvan Muller	0 kg + 30 kg = 30 kg	20 kg	50 kg
Gianni Morbidelli	50 kg – 20 kg = 30 kg	10 kg	40 kg
Gabriele Tarquini	5 kg – 20 kg = 0 kg	20 kg	20 kg
Rickard Rydell	10 kg – 20 kg = 0 kg	20 kg	20 kg
Ibrahim Okyay	0 kg	0 kg	20 kg °
Salvatore Tavano	30 kg – 20 kg = 10 kg	5 kg	15 kg
Robert Huff	0 kg + 10 kg = 10 kg	5 kg	15 kg
Peter Terting	20 kg – 20 kg = 0 kg	15 kg	15 kg
Jordi Gené	0 kg + 0 kg = 0 kg	15 kg	15 kg
Alain Menu	0 kg – 20 kg = 0 kg	10 kg	10 kg
Tom Coronel	10 kg – 15 kg = 0 kg	5 kg	5 kg
Alex Zanardi	0 kg + 0 kg = 0 kg	5 kg	5 kg

* Maximum handicaps applicable - ° Newcomer to the championship

TURKISH DRIVER JOINS WTCC FOR HOME RACE

Ibrahim Okyay is looking forward to his first appearance in the FIA World Touring Car Championship on his home race track.

Born 47 years ago in Istanbul, Turkey's capital city which is only half-an-hour drive from the Istanbulpark, Okyay will take part in the event at the wheel of a BMW 320i run by the Turkish Kosifler Gillette M3 Power Team, a former BMW Team Italy-Spain's car.

At the wheel of his S2000 car Okyay competes in the Gulf Track national championship, where he is currently classified third in the Maxi Group.

In previous seasons he claimed four national titles: three in the Track Championship (1997, 1999 and 2001) and one in Hillclimbing (1999).

As a newcomer to the championship he will be given a 20-kg weight handicap.

ONLY ONE CAR FOR JAS AND WIECHERS

JAS Motorsport's Scottish driver Ryan Sharp will not take part in the next WTCC meeting at Istanbul. Sharp, currently second in the Yokohama Independents' Trophy, behind Tom Coronel, is due to be back at the wheel of his Honda Accord for the last two meetings of the season in Valencia and Macau.

Wiechers-Sport will run only one BMW 320i in Istanbul, for Diego Romanini; they are currently negotiating with a few drivers to run both their cars at Valencia and Macau.

EUROSPORT COVERAGE FROM ISTANBUL (CET)

<i>Friday, 22nd:</i>	FIA WTCC Magazine	EUROSPORT, 09.45/10.15
<i>Saturday, 23rd:</i>	Qualifying – LIVE Qualifying – repeat	EUROSPORT, 13.30/14.15 EUROSPORT 2, 17.15/17.45
<i>Sunday, 24th:</i>	Warm Up – LIVE Race 1 and Race 2 – LIVE Race 1 and Race 2 – repeat	EUROSPORT, 08.45/09.30 EUROSPORT, 14.00/16.00 EUROSPORT 2, 19.00/20.00
<i>Monday, 25th:</i>	Race 1 and Race 2 – repeat Race 1 and Race 2 – repeat	EUROSPORT, 09.00/10.00 EUROSPORT 2, 15.00/16.00
<i>Tuesday, 26th:</i>	FIA WTCC Magazine FIA WTCC Magazine	EUROSPORT 2, 18.00/18.30 EUROSPORT, 17.00/17.30

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR THE NINTH MEETING

Rounds 17 and 18 of the 2006 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Valencia, Spain, 7th and 8th October

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 26 September

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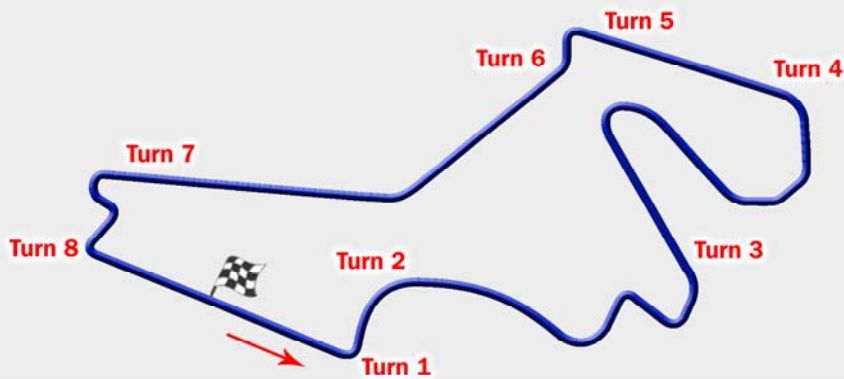
COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS



to the 2006 FIA WTCC Race of Turkey – 23rd/24th September, in Istanbul



ISTANBUL - Rounds 15 & 16
24 September 2006



Istanbulpark
Lap distance - 5.38 km
Race distance - 10 laps x 2

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S2000 lap records: Qualifying - 2:04.525/154.32 kph, Gabriele Tarquini (Alfa Romeo 156), 17 Sep 2005
Race - 2:05.771/152.79 kph, Gabriele Tarquini (Alfa Romeo 156), 18 Sep 2005

Previous winners: 2005 FIA WTCC Race 1: Fabrizio Giovanardi (Alfa Romeo 156)
2005 FIA WTCC Race 2: Gabriele Tarquini (Alfa Romeo 156)

2006 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUNDS 15 & 16 - ISTANBUL, SEPT. 23/24 - ENTRY LIST



#	class	team	driver	car
1		BMW Team UK	Andy Priaulx (GBR)	BMW 320si
2		SEAT Sport Italia	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León
3		SEAT Sport Sverige	Rickard Rydell (SWE)	SEAT León
4		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Alessandro Zanardi (ITA)	BMW 320si
6		Chevrolet	Robert Huff (GBR)	Chevrolet Lacetti
7		Chevrolet	Nicola Larini (ITA)	Chevrolet Lacetti
8		Chevrolet	Alain Menu (SUI)	Chevrolet Lacetti
9		SEAT Sport España	Jordi Gené (ESP)	SEAT León
10		SEAT Sport Deutschland	Peter Terting (GER)	SEAT León
11		SEAT Sport UK	James Thompson (GBR)	SEAT León
12		SEAT Sport France	Yvan Muller (FRA)	SEAT León
15		N.technology	Augusto Farfus (BRA)	Alfa Romeo 156
16		N.technology	Gianni Morbidelli (ITA)	Alfa Romeo 156
18		N.technology	Salvatore Tavano (ITA)	Alfa Romeo 156
19	I	GR Asia	Maurizio Ceresoli (ITA)	SEAT León
20	I	GR Asia	Tom Coronel (NED)	SEAT León
23	I	JAS Motorsport	Pierre-Yves Corthals (BEL)	Honda Accord Euro R
30	I	Proteam Motorsport	Luca Rangoni (ITA)	BMW 320si
31	I	Proteam Motorsport	Stefano D'Aste (ITA)	BMW 320i
34	I	Wiechers-Sport	Diego Romanini (ITA)	BMW 320i
41		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Duncan Huisman (NED)	BMW 320si
42		BMW Team Germany	Jörg Müller (GER)	BMW 320si
43		BMW Team Germany	Dirk Müller (GER)	BMW 320si
47	i	Kosifler Gillette M3 Power Team	Ibrahim Okyay (TUR)	BMW 320i

I = Yokohama Independents' Trophy

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Rounds 15 & 16 – Istanbul (TUR)

Friday, September 22

12.00 – 12.20	Polo Ladies Cup	Free Practice
12.30 – 13.50	Ipragaz Cup	Free Practice
13.00 – 13.45	International GT Open	Free Practice 1
14.00 – 14.20	SEAT León Turkey	Free Practice
14.30 – 15.15	F3000 International Masters	Free Practice
15.30 – 16.00	Polo Ladies Cup	Qualifying
16.15 – 16.45	Ipragaz Cup	Qualifying
17.00 – 17.45	International GT Open	Free Practice 2
18.00 – 18.30	Catheram Cup	Qualifying

Saturday, September 23

08.15 – 08.45	SEAT León Turkey	Qualifying
09.00 – 09.30	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 1
09.45 – 10.30	F3000 International Masters	Qualifying
10.45 – 11.20	International GT Open	Qualifying 1
11.45 – 12.15	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 2
<u>12.45</u>	<u>Catheram Cup</u>	<u>Race (max 30 min.)</u>
13.50 – 14.25	International GT Open	Qualifying 2
14.40 – 15.10	FIA WTCC	Qualifying
<u>16.10</u>	<u>F3000 International Masters</u>	<u>Race 1 (16 laps / max 30 min.)</u>
<u>17.10</u>	<u>International GT Open</u>	<u>Race 1 (26 laps / max 60 min.)</u>

Sunday, September 24

08.30 – 08.45	International GT Open	Warm up
<u>09.15</u>	<u>Polo Ladies Cup</u>	<u>Race (max 30 min.)</u>
10.05 – 10.20	FIA WTCC	Warm up
<u>10.45</u>	<u>SEAT León Turkey</u>	<u>Race (max 30 min.)</u>
<u>11.55</u>	<u>F3000 International Masters</u>	<u>Race 2 (16 laps / max 30 min.)</u>
<u>12.55</u>	<u>International GT Open</u>	<u>Race 2 (26 laps / max 30 min.)</u>
15.10	FIA WTCC	Race 1 (10 laps)
<u>15.40</u>	<u>FIA WTCC</u>	<u>Podium Race 1</u>
15.50 – 16.05	FIA WTCC	Repair Time
16.20	FIA WTCC	Race 2 (10 laps)
<u>16.50</u>	<u>FIA WTCC</u>	<u>Podium Race 2</u>
<u>17.15</u>	<u>Ipragaz Cup</u>	<u>Race (max 30 min.)</u>