

**ROUNDS 17 & 18 – BRANDS HATCH, UNITED KINGDOM**  
**RACE 2 REPORT**

*Weather:* cloudy, with sunny spells and a dry track  
*Crowd:* 32,000 over the two days.

**PRIAULX TRIUMPHS BEFORE HOME CROWD**

Andy Priaulx has taken his first ever win at the wheel of a touring car at Brands Hatch. The reigning champion dedicated his success to the late Colin McRae and his family. After a successful home weekend Priaulx leads the championship by 12 points.

The man from Guernsey shot off the line from third and after the first corner had overtaken fellow BMW driver Félix Porteiro for the lead. Porteiro crossed the line second followed by Briton Rob Huff at the wheel of his Chevrolet Lacetti.

Just as in the first race, there was a car stranded in the gravel at the first corner which meant deployment of the safety car. This time it was Alex Zanardi who suffered a premature end to his race. Safety car conditions were applied for a single lap but an incident between Alain Menu and Augusto Farfus ahead of the restart meant the safety car was required once again. At Clark Curve Farfus and Menu were side by side when they made contact. The BMW Team Germany car was sent into a spin and crashed into the pit wall. Three laps were completed behind the safety car before Menu was shown a black flag.

On lap eight Huff's third position was under threat from SEAT Sport's Jordi Gené. Colin Turkington, who was lying fifth, found himself keeping Yvan Muller at bay. Over the next two laps James Thompson had caught up with Muller's SEAT but was unable to overtake and eventually finished eighth rejecting Tom Coronel's assaults. Gené was overtaken by Turkington (4<sup>th</sup>) and Muller (5<sup>th</sup>) at the end of the race to finish sixth. Muller now lies third in the championship.

Nicola Larini's bad luck continued as he was tapped by Michel Jourdain on lap 11. The pair continued and crossed the line 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> respectively. Jourdain's SEAT compatriot, Gabriele Tarquini, suffered a problem with his car in lap 12 and retired from seventh.

Jörg Müller salvaged some points from the weekend by overtaking Thompson on lap 14 and crossing the line seventh. He is currently fourth in the title fight.

Pierre-Yves Corthals took his second independent victory of the day and the lead of the independent trophy by passing the chequered flag tenth overall.



## **BULLET NEWS**

### **SIX DRIVERS DROPPED ON THE GRID**

Six drivers – Colciago, Larini, Ceresoli, Krylov, Pedalà and Zanardi – received a drop of ten places on the grid for Race 2.

The first five because they requested neutralization of parc fermé in-between the two races to repair damage or, in Colciago's case, change the engine. As for Zanardi, his drop was due to the penalty he received for the collision at the start in Oschersleben's first race.

### **THEY SAID, THEY SAID...**

Andy PRIAULX

*"This is my lucky track now. It has been a tremendous day because we found out why we were off the pace in qualifying and luck was with me. I benefitted from the reverse grid which hasn't happened much this season. Race 2 was a dream. I love being able to drive and win in front of my supporters, friends and family"*

Félix PORTEIRO

*"It was my first time at Brands Hatch this weekend and I could not have imagined I would be walking away with a second place. This season there have been races in which I have made mistakes. It has been my first season and I hope to be a stronger contender for the championship next year. In the meantime I will look forward to Monza"*

Robert HUFF

*"It has been a tough weekend because my car was the heaviest it has been. I got a good start in the second race and passed Corthals. I managed to keep with Andy (Priaulx) and Félix (Porteiro) but was never close enough to make a move. I didn't worry about Turkington behind me too much because the Chevrolet has proved it is good throughout race distance."*

Yvan MULLER

*"I was struggling all weekend to find the right setup but in the end we got it. To have weight in your car at Brands Hatch is very hard so I am happy with the results and to be third in the championship. It's the first time a non-BMW driver has been in the top three for the championship so that is good."*

Pierre-Yves CORTHALS

*"It feels amazing to have won both the independent races. I am happy to do a good job for myself and the team. I had an incredibly bad start and first lap in the second race but I'm pleased with the weekend and will look forward to Monza."*

## 2007 FIA World Touring Car Championship

### RACE CLASSIFICATION - RACE 2

| POS | NO | CL | DRIVER               | NAT | CAR               | TIME      | LAPS | GAP    | KPH    | BEST     |
|-----|----|----|----------------------|-----|-------------------|-----------|------|--------|--------|----------|
| 1   | 1  |    | Andy PRIAULX         | GBR | BMW 320si         | 28:05.811 | 16   |        | 126.58 | 1:34.393 |
| 2   | 5  |    | Felix PORTEIRO       | ESP | BMW 320si         | 28:06.538 | 16   | 0.727  | 126.53 | 1:34.296 |
| 3   | 6  |    | Robert HUFF          | GBR | Chevrolet Lacetti | 28:06.971 | 16   | 1.160  | 126.49 | 1:34.294 |
| 4   | 27 |    | Colin TURKINGTON     | GBR | BMW 320si         | 28:07.193 | 16   | 1.382  | 126.48 | 1:34.265 |
| 5   | 12 |    | Yvan MULLER          | FRA | SEAT Leon TDI     | 28:11.209 | 16   | 5.398  | 126.18 | 1:34.562 |
| 6   | 9  |    | Jordi GENE           | ESP | SEAT Leon TDI     | 28:11.600 | 16   | 5.789  | 126.15 | 1:34.440 |
| 7   | 2  |    | Jorg MULLER          | GER | BMW 320si         | 28:13.444 | 16   | 7.633  | 126.01 | 1:34.458 |
| 8   | 15 |    | James THOMPSON       | GBR | Alfa Romeo 156    | 28:15.580 | 16   | 9.769  | 125.85 | 1:34.444 |
| 9   | 20 |    | Tom CORONEL          | NED | SEAT Leon         | 28:16.360 | 16   | 10.549 | 125.79 | 1:34.832 |
| 10  | 23 | I  | Pierre-Yves CORTHALS | BEL | SEAT Leon         | 28:17.098 | 16   | 11.287 | 125.74 | 1:34.669 |
| 11  | 18 |    | Tiago MONTEIRO       | POR | SEAT Leon         | 28:18.806 | 16   | 12.995 | 125.61 | 1:34.798 |
| 12  | 7  |    | Nicola LARINI        | ITA | Chevrolet Lacetti | 28:21.712 | 16   | 15.901 | 125.40 | 1:34.829 |
| 13  | 10 |    | Michel JOURDAIN      | MEX | SEAT Leon         | 28:22.797 | 16   | 16.986 | 125.32 | 1:34.840 |
| 14  | 16 |    | Olivier TIELEMANS    | NED | Alfa Romeo 156    | 28:25.907 | 16   | 20.096 | 125.09 | 1:35.115 |
| 15  | 19 | I  | Roberto COLCIAGO     | ITA | SEAT Leon         | 28:26.242 | 16   | 20.431 | 125.07 | 1:34.775 |
| 16  | 31 | I  | Sergio HERNANDEZ     | ESP | BMW 320si         | 28:29.144 | 16   | 23.333 | 124.85 | 1:35.115 |
| 17  | 26 | I  | Stefano D'ASTE       | ITA | BMW 320si         | 28:30.231 | 16   | 24.420 | 124.77 | 1:35.414 |
| 18  | 34 | I  | Massimiliano PEDALA  | ITA | SEAT Leon         | 28:30.865 | 16   | 25.054 | 124.73 | 1:35.495 |
| 19  | 22 | I  | Maurizio CERESOLI    | ITA | SEAT Leon         | 28:33.399 | 16   | 27.588 | 124.54 | 1:35.537 |
| 20  | 45 | I  | Sergey KRYLOV        | RUS | SEAT Leon         | 28:47.826 | 16   | 42.015 | 123.50 | 1:37.226 |
| 21  | 30 | I  | Luca RANGONI         | ITA | BMW 320si         | 22:06.105 | 12   | 4 LAPS | 120.71 | 1:35.206 |

#### NOT CLASSIFIED

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|----|--|--|--------------------|-----|-------------------|-----------|----|--------|--------|----------|
| 11 |  |  | Gabriele TARQUINI  | ITA | SEAT Leon         | 20:16.674 | 11 | D.N.F. | 120.61 | 1:34.525 |
| 8  |  |  | Alain MENU         | SUI | Chevrolet Lacetti | 12:22.133 | 6  | D.N.F. | 107.92 | 1:38.122 |
| 3  |  |  | Augusto FARFUS     | BRA | BMW 320si         | 1:47.318  | 1  | D.N.F. | 125.22 | 1:47.318 |
| 4  |  |  | Alessandro ZANARDI | ITA | BMW 320si         |           | 0  | D.N.F. | N/A    |          |

#### FASTEST LAP

|    |   |  |                      |  |           |          |    |           |  |          |
|----|---|--|----------------------|--|-----------|----------|----|-----------|--|----------|
| 27 |   |  | Colin TURKINGTON     |  | BMW 320si | 1:34.265 | 15 | 141.41kph |  | 87.87mph |
| 23 | I |  | Pierre-Yves CORTHALS |  | SEAT Leon | 1:34.669 | 7  | 140.81kph |  | 87.49mph |

Car 27 not eligible to score Championship points  
Weather/Track: Sun 18°/Dry 23°

Brands Hatch GP  
Circuit Length = 3.7030 km.  
Start: 15:33 End: 16:01

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| Race Director: | Steward: | Timekeeper: |
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