

WTCC

FIA World Touring Car
Championship

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ROUTE TO: MONZA, ITALY

The 19th and 20th rounds of the FIA WTCC will take place next week at Monza, the Italian temple of speed, home of the Italian Grand Prix since 1922.

The track, located inside the Royal Park some 15 km North of Milan, is also a traditional venue for the FIA Touring Cars as it hosted the opening rounds of both, the first ever World Touring Car Championship in 1987 and the current one in 2005.

Since 2003 Alfa Romeo and BMW have equally shared the glory at Monza, winning four races apiece (in 2003 and 2004 counting towards the European Touring Car Championship). James Thompson and Jörg Müller have claimed two victories each.

The two races in Monza will mark the end of WTCC's European season before the long trip to Macau for the grand finale.

MAXIMUM BALLAST FOR SIX

No less than six drivers – three of BMW, one of SEAT, one of Alfa Romeo and one of Chevrolet – will carry the maximum 60-kg ballast onboard their cars during the next FIA WTCC event at Monza. They are Andy Priaulx, Augusto Farfus, Yvan Muller, Jörg Müller and James Thompson who occupy the first five positions in the championship classification, plus Robert Huff who is ninth.

Gabriele Tarquini of SEAT and Alain Menu of Chevrolet are 5 and 10 kilos lighter respectively.

60 kg	A. Farfus, A. Priaulx, Y. Muller, J. Müller, J. Thompson and R. Huff
55 kg	G. Tarquini
50 kg	A. Menu
40 kg	N. Larini
25 kg	J. Gené
20 kg	T. Monteiro and F. Porteiro
15 kg	T. Coronel
10 kg	T. Engström and O. Nogués
5 kg	A. Zanardi and L. Rangoni

TARQUINI MOVES TO TDI LEÓN

For his home race meeting SEAT Sport's Gabriele Tarquini will switch from the petrol-powered León to the León TDI; the third turbo diesel car lined up by the Spanish manufacturer alongside Jordi Gené's and Yvan Muller's.

The SEAT León TDI debuted in the FIA WTCC only two months ago at Anderstorp and four weeks later in Oschersleben it managed to claim the first victory of a diesel car in a World Championship.

OFFICIAL PARTNERS

Canon

ADVAN
YOKOHAMA

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MARRIOTT

MONROE

BERU

EKBLOM AND ENGSTRÖM COME TO MONZA

Swedish drivers Fredrik Ekblom and Tomas Engström will both race at Monza. Ekblom's participation with BMW Team UK was announced earlier in the season when he entered in his home event at Anderstorp. After that he secured the Swedish Touring Car Championship title, the third in his career.

Engström is also well known in the paddock, as he paid occasional visits to the ETCC and WTCC in the past seasons. He will be at the wheel of his Honda Accord car with which he classified 10th in this year's Swedish Touring Car Championship.

OSCAR NOGUÉS RETURNS TO SEAT

SEAT Sport will line up a sixth León car in Monza; the driver will be Oscar Nogués Farré, winner of the 2006 SEAT León Supercopa.

This is the fourth time that SEAT have given a young driver coming their one-make trophy the chance to race in the WTCC: in 2005 Marc Carol raced in Valencia, while last Florian Gruber and Nogués took part in the meetings at Oschersleben and Monza respectively. The 30-year old Nogués won this honour for the second time having claimed two consecutive titles in the 2005 and 2006 Supercopa.

EUROSPORT COVERAGE FROM BRANDS HATCH

<i>Saturday, 6th:</i>	Qualifying – LIVE	Eurosport 2, 15.00/15.45
<i>Sunday, 7th:</i>	Warm up – LIVE	Eurosport International, 09.00/09.30
	Race 1 – LIVE	Eurosport International, 11.45/12.45
	Race 2 – LIVE	Eurosport International, 15.15/16.15

Times are CET (Central European Time)

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR THE ELEVENTH MEETING

Rounds 21 and 22 of the 2007 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Macau, 17th and 18th November.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 16th October.

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

International Press must send applications to: Fabio Ravaioli – FIA WTCC Media Delegate
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COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS



to the 2007 FIA WTCC Race of Italy – 6th / 7th October, in Monza
more information and pictures: www.fiawtcc.com

2007 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



ROUNDS 19 & 20 - MONZA, October 6/7 - 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	Robert Huff (GBR)	Chevrolet Lacetti
7		Chevrolet	Nicola Larini (ITA)	Chevrolet Lacetti
8		Chevrolet	Alain Menu (SUI)	Chevrolet Lacetti
9		SEAT Sport	Jordi Gené (ESP)	SEAT León TDI
10		SEAT Sport	Michel Jourdain (MEX)	SEAT León
11		SEAT Sport	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León TDI
12		SEAT Sport	Yvan Muller (FRA)	SEAT León TDI
14		BMW Team UK	Fredrik Ekblom (SWE)	BMW 320si
15		N.technology	James Thompson (GBR)	Alfa Romeo 156
16		N.technology	Olivier Tielemans (NED)	Alfa Romeo 156
17	/	Honda Dealer Team Sweden	Tomas Engström (SWE)	Honda Accord Euro R
18		SEAT Sport	Tiago Monteiro (POR)	SEAT León
19	/	SEAT Sport Italia	Roberto Colciago (ITA)	SEAT León
20		GR Asia	Tom Coronel (NED)	SEAT León
22	/	GR Asia	Maurizio Ceresoli (ITA)	SEAT León
23	/	Exagon Engineering	Pierre-Yves Corthals (BEL)	SEAT León
26	/	Wiechers-Sport	Stefano D'Aste (ITA)	BMW 320si
30	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Luca Rangoni (ITA)	BMW 320si
32	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Sergio Hernández (ESP)	BMW 320si
33	/	Racing for Belgium	Miguel Freitas (POR)	Alfa Romeo 156
35	/	GR Asia	Timur Sadredinov (RUS)	SEAT León
38	/	SEAT Sport	Oscar Nogués (ESP)	SEAT León

/ = Yokohama Independents' Trophy

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Rounds 19 & 20 – TRACK FACTS



Autodromo di Monza – ITALY

Lap distance – 5,770 m
Race distance – 2 x 9 laps

- Location:** 20 km North of Milan
- Contacts:** S.I.A.S. S.p.A. – via Vedano 5, Parco di Monza, 20025 Monza (MI)
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- Airports:** Milan-Linate (25 km), Bergamo-Orio al Serio (30 km), Brescia (55 km),
Milan-Malpensa (60 km), Verona-Villafranca (130 km)
- S2000 lap records:** Qual. - 1:58.395/176.14 kph, Gabriele Tarquini (Alfa Romeo 156), 28 Mar 2004
Race - 1:59.058/175.16 kph, Jörg Müller (BMW 320i), 10 Apr 2005
- Previous winners:** 2003 FIA ETCC Race 1: James Thompson (Alfa Romeo 156 Gta)
2003 FIA ETCC Race 2: Jörg Müller (BMW 320i)
2004 FIA ETCC Race 1: Gabriele Tarquini (Alfa Romeo 156)
2004 FIA ETCC Race 2: Jörg Müller (BMW 320i)
2005 FIA WTCC Race 1: Dirk Müller (BMW 320i)
2005 FIA WTCC Race 2: James Thompson (Alfa Romeo 156)
2006 FIA WTCC Race 1: Andy Priaulx (BMW 320si)
2006 FIA WTCC Race 2: Augusto Farfus (Alfa Romeo 156)



Rounds 19 & 20 – Monza (ITA) EVENT TIMETABLE

Friday 5th October 2007

09.00 – 09.45	International Formula Master	Free Practice 1
10.00 – 10.30	Italian Touring Cars Competition	Free Practice 1
10.45 – 11.30	International GT Open	Free Practice 1
11.45 – 12.15	Alfa 147 Cup	Free Practice 1
12.30 – 13.15	International Formula Master	Free Practice 2
14.00 – 14.30	Italian Touring Cars Competition	Free Practice 2
14.45 – 15.30	International GT Open	Free Practice 2
16.00 – 16.30	Alfa 147 Cup	Free Practice 2
16.45 – 17.15	International Formula Master	Qualifying
17.30 – 18.00	Italian Touring Cars Competition	Qualifying

Saturday 6th October 2007

09.00 – 09.30	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 1
09.45 – 10.20	International GT Open	Qualifying 1
10.30 – 11.00	Alfa 147 Cup	Qualifying
11.15 – 11.45	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 2
<u>12.20</u>	<u>International Formula Master</u>	<u>Race 1 (35 minutes)</u>
13.10 – 13.45	International GT Open	Qualifying 2
14.15	Italian Touring Cars Competition	Race (30 minutes)
15.00 – 15.30	FIA WTCC	Qualifying
<u>16.05</u>	<u>International GT Open</u>	<u>Race 1 (65 minutes)</u>
<u>17.45</u>	<u>Alfa 147 Cup</u>	<u>Race 1 (30 minutes)</u>

Sunday 7th October 2007

09.00 – 09.15	FIA WTCC	Warm Up
09.30 – 09.45	International GT Open	Warm Up
10.00 – 10.15	International Formula Master	Warm Up
10.50	Alfa 147 Cup	Race 2 (30 minutes)
12.05	FIA WTCC	Race 1 (9 laps)
<u>12.40</u>	<u>FIA WTCC</u>	<u>Podium Race 1</u>
13.00	International GT Open	Race 2 (40 minutes)
<u>14.10</u>	<u>International Formula Master</u>	<u>Race 2 (40 minutes)</u>
15.35	FIA WTCC	Race 2 (9 laps)
<u>16.10</u>	<u>FIA WTCC</u>	<u>Podium Race 2</u>