

# WTCC

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Championship

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### CHEVROLET TO REMAIN IN THE WTCC

Chevrolet confirmed that it will remain in the FIA WTCC beyond 2007, and the RML team will continue to run the works squad.

The manufacturer joined the series in 2005, and after improved performance during each year, Chevrolet Europe has decided to stay in the series beyond its original three-year agreement.

Chevrolet Europe's motorsport manager Eric Nève said: *"The extension of the current agreement should be seen as a commitment by Chevrolet Europe to the WTCC, but also as the result of the constant increase of performance of our cars due to the excellent work of RML. The team have worked very hard over the past three seasons, each time finding steps forward, and will continue to do so over the coming winter as we prepare the 2008 campaign."*

After scoring a handful of points in 2005, the team went on to take two victories in 2006, and so far this season they have taken five wins.

RML chief executive Ray Mallock added: *"It is very rewarding to be closely involved in this important time for the Chevrolet brand and to be a part of their success. Everyone at RML is delighted to confirm this continuation of our motorsport partnership with Chevrolet Europe; this will take us to 19 consecutive years of working with General Motors."*

### TARQUINI SWITCHES TO LEÓN TDI

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.

Tarquini recently completed a 100 km test in the León TDI at Barcelona's Circuit de Catalunya, and before he makes his racing debut in the car at Monza he will return to Spain to test it again at the Calafat circuit.

*"Monza is my home race and I am very happy to be going there with the León TDI, because for sure it will be better for us down the straights. I will have a lot of family and friends at Monza and I am very focused on this race. I am 30 points behind in the Drivers' standings, and with only 40 points available it is too far, but there is still a very big job to do – and that is the try and help SEAT win the Manufacturers' and Yvan win the Drivers' Championship,"* said the Italian driver.

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### **ZANARDI'S PENALTIES SUSPENDED**

Alessandro Zanardi had his penalties for the event in Monza suspended by the Stewards after new evidences were produced to light up the pile up at the start of the first race in Oschersleben.

The Stewards, who had first imposed the Italian driver a drop of ten-positions on the grid for both the Monza races, have reconsidered the situation and revised their decision, suspending the two penalties until the end of the season.

### **COLCIAGO DROPPED TEN POSITIONS**

Further to a collision between Roberto Colciago and Alessandro Zanardi at the start of the second race in Brands Hatch, the SEAT Sport Italia driver was judged by Stewards guilty for causing an avoidable incident.

Therefore Colciago will be dropped ten positions on the starting grid for Race 1 in Monza.

### **WTCC DRIVERS IN THE BTCC FINALE**

FIA World Touring Car Championship drivers Alain Menu and Tom Coronel will play crucial roles in the British Touring Car Championship title fight next week at Thruxton.

Both the SEAT Sport UK and VX Racing teams have entered a third car in the season finale to support their own drivers Jason Plato and Fabrizio Giovanardi who are first and second in the championship classification, only 9 points apart.

SEAT Sport will supply seat Sport UK with a third SEAT León car for Tom Coronel, who will driver alongside Plato and Darren Turner. Chevrolet will loan Menu to their sister General Motors marque Vauxhall; the Swiss will join Giovanardi and Tom Chilton at VX Racing in a third Vauxhall Vectra car.

### **MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR THE ELEVENTH MEETING**

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

**The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October.**

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 Italy – 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> October, in Monza  
more information and pictures: [www.fiawtcc.com](http://www.fiawtcc.com)