



FIA WTCC NEWSLETTER

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CLAIMANTS TO THE WORLD TITLE COMPARED

No less than nine drivers will be fighting to become World Champion during the 2006 FIA WTCC final race meeting, next week in Macau.

The comparative table below summarises their respective situations:

<i>driver</i>	<i>Car</i>	<i>age</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>gap</i>	<i>ballast</i>	<i>best result in Macau</i>
A. Farfus	Alfa Romeo	23	60		80 kg	1 st FIA WTCC 2005
A. Priaulx	BMW	32	59	- 1	45 kg	2 nd FIA WTCC 2005 2 nd Guia Race 2003/04
J. Müller	BMW	37	59	- 1	75 kg	1 st Guia Race 2004 1 st F3 Grand Prix 1993
G. Tarquini	SEAT	44	57	- 3	45 kg	10 th F3 GP 1988
R. Rydell	SEAT	39	54	- 6	35 kg	1 st F3 Grand Prix 1992 3 rd Guia Race 2004
D. Müller	BMW	31	53	- 7	35 kg	10 th FIA WTCC 2005
J. Thompson	SEAT	32	49	- 11	20 kg	7 th FIA WTCC 2005
Y. Muller	SEAT	37	48	- 12	20 kg	DNF F3 GP 1991
P. Terting	SEAT	22	48	- 12	30 kg	6 th FIA WTCC 2005

MACAU: A CIRCUIT THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

It is interesting to see which kind of relationship each driver has with the infamous 6.1km Guia street circuit. In 52 years of racing at Macau, Jörg Müller was only the second man capable to win both, the Grand Prix and the Guia Race, after John McDonald who added the Motorcycle GP on top of it!

Last year Augusto Farfus managed to win the Guia Race on his first visit to Macau, while Andy Priaulx and Rickard Rydell proved on different occasions that they like the track. Among the WTCC magnificent nine, those who have struggled most at Macau so far are Yvan Muller and Gabriele Tarquini. The Frenchman raced there only in the 1991 F3 Grand Prix and retired, while the Italian finished 10th in the first leg of the 1988 F3 Grand Prix and recently made two unsuccessful attempts in the Guia Race: he retired in 2002 while fighting for the podium, and did not even take the start last year after a massive crash in qualifying.

WHAT IF...

- either Augusto Farfus or Peter Terting wins the title:
 - he would be the youngest FIA World Champion ever: on the race day Farfus will be 23-years, 2-months and 16-days old, Terting 22-years and 10-months; the current record is held by Fernando Alonso who claimed the 2005 Formula One crown being 24-years, 1-month and 27-days old.
- Augusto Farfus wins the title:
 - he would be the first Brazilian World Champion in motor sport after Ayrton Senna in 1991.
 - he would give Alfa Romeo their first World title since the 1977 World Sportscar Championship.



- Andy Priaulx wins the title:
 - he would equal Roberto Ravaglia (1986 and 1988 ETCC, 1987 WTCC), being FIA Touring Car champion for three years in a row.
- Jörg Müller wins the title:
 - he would be the second driver ever to be FIA champion for single-seaters (1996 in F3000) and touring cars after Jacky Ickx who claimed European titles in Touring Cars (1965) and F2 (1967).
- any of Jörg Müller, Dirk Müller and Peter Terting wins the title:
 - he would be the first German to win an FIA Touring Car title, ten years after Manuel Reuter in the 1996 International Touring Car Championship.
- Gabriele Tarquini wins the title:
 - he would be the first Italian FIA World Champion since Teo Fabi won the 1991 World Sportscar Championship.
- Rickard Rydell wins the title:
 - he would be the first Swede to become FIA World Champion in car racing.
- James Thompson wins the title:
 - this would reassert the superiority of the British touring car school, following Priaulx's two titles and the recent success of Ryan Sharp in the FIA European Touring Car Cup.
- Yvan Muller wins the title:
 - he would be the second French World Champion of the season together with WRC winner Sébastien Loeb.
- any SEAT driver wins the title:
 - this would be the first international motor sport championship won by a Spanish car manufacturer.

AO CHI HONG JOINS FOR HIS HOME RACE

Macanese Ao Chi Hong will join the WTCC for his home race at the wheel of an Ao's Racing Team BMW 320i.

A podium finisher in the Asian Touring Car Championship, the 46-year old was due to take part in last year's WTCC, but a crash at Fishermen's bend during qualifying sidelined him for the rest of the weekend.

EUROSPORT COVERAGE FROM MACAU (CET)

<i>Saturday, 18th:</i>	Qualifying	EUROSPORT, 23.30/00.15
<i>Sunday, 19th:</i>	Warm Up – LIVE	EUROSPORT, 00.15/01.00
	Race 1 and Race 2 – LIVE	EUROSPORT, 04.00/06.30
	Race 1 and Race 2 – repeat	EUROSPORT, 06.30/09.30
	Race 1 and Race 2 – repeat	EUROSPORT, 20.00/21.00

COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS



to the 2006 FIA WTCC Guia Race of Macau – 17th/19th November, in Macau
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2006 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUNDS 19 & 20 - MACAU, NOVEMBER 18/19 - ENTRY LIST



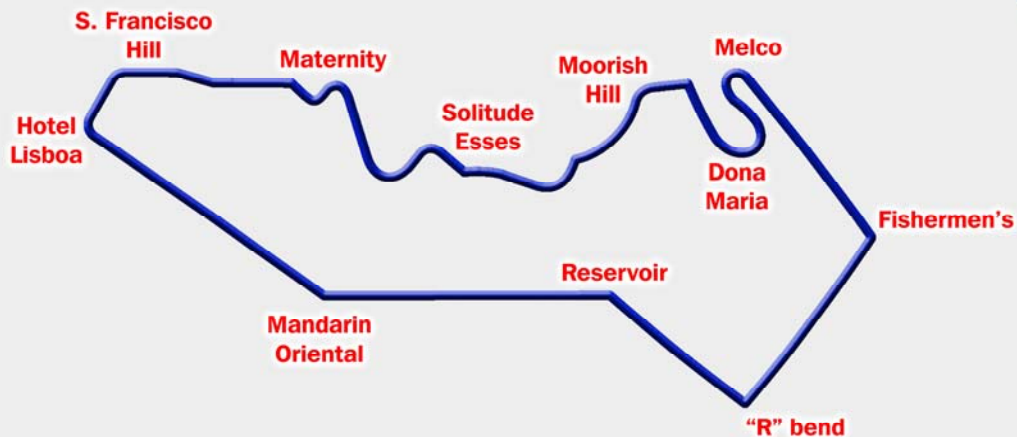
#	class	team	driver	car
1		BMW Team UK	Andy Priaulx (GBR)	BMW 320si
2		SEAT Sport Italia	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León
3		SEAT Sport Sverige	Rickard Rydell (SWE)	SEAT León
4		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Alessandro Zanardi (ITA)	BMW 320si
6		Chevrolet	Robert Huff (GBR)	Chevrolet Lacetti
7		Chevrolet	Nicola 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
25		JAS Motorsport	Fabrizio Giovanardi (ITA)	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
40		BMW Team UK	Jan Magnussen (DEN)	BMW 320si
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
62	I	Ao's Racing Team	Ao Chi Hong (MAC)	BMW 320i
66		SEAT Sport	André Couto (MAC)	SEAT León

I = Yokohama Independents' Trophy

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MACAU - Rounds 19 & 20
19 November 2006



Circuito da Guia
Lap distance - 6.12 km
Race distance - 9 laps x 2

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Airports: Macau (5 km), Zhuhai (25 km), Hong Kong-Chek Lap Kok (50 km)

S2000 lap records: Qualifying - 2:31.712/145.22 kph, Andy Priaulx (BMW 320i), 18 Nov 2005
Race - 2:33.267/143.74 kph, Jörg Müller (BMW 320i), 21 Nov 2004

Previous winners: 2004 Guia Race 1: Jörg Müller (BMW 320i)
2004 Guia Race 2: Jörg Müller (BMW 320i)
2005 FIA WTCC Race 1: Augusto Farfus (Alfa Romeo 156)
2005 FIA WTCC Race 2: Duncan Huisman (BMW 320i)



Rounds 19 & 20 – Macau (MAC)

Thursday, November 16

07.30 – 08.15	Rio Hotel Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix	Free Practice
08.40 – 09.10	2 nd Asian Indoor Games Cup	Free Practice
09.35 – 10.05	Hotel Fortuna Trophy	Free Practice
10.30 – 11.00	Polytec Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix	Free Practice 1
11.25 – 11.55	CTM Silver Jubilee Cup	Free Practice
12.25 – 12.55	Porsche Carrera Cup Asia	Free Practice
13.20 – 13.50	FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau	Testing
14.15 – 15.00	Polytec Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix	Qualifying 1
15.30 – 16.15	Rio Hotel Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix	Qualifying 1

Friday, November 17

07.30 – 08.30	Rio Hotel Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix	Qualifying 2
08.50 – 09.20	FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau	Free Practice 1
09.45 – 10.15	Hotel Fortuna Trophy	Qualifying
10.40 – 11.10	2 nd Asian Indoor Games Cup	Qualifying
11.35 – 12.05	Polytec Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix	Free Practice 2
12.30 – 13.00	FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau	Free Practice 2
13.25 – 13.55	CTM Silver Jubilee Cup	Qualifying
14.20 – 14.50	Porsche Carrera Cup Asia	Qualifying
15.15 – 16.00	Polytec Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix	Qualifying 2
16.25 – 16.55	FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau	Qualifying

Saturday, November 18

07.30 – 08.00	MGPC Scooters Cup	Qualifying
08.10 – 08.30	Rio Hotel Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix	Warm up
<u>08.55</u>	<u>2nd Asian Indoor Games Cup</u>	<u>Race (10 laps)</u>
<u>10.10</u>	<u>Hotel Fortuna Trophy</u>	<u>Race (10 laps)</u>
<u>11.25</u>	<u>CTM Silver Jubilee Cup</u>	<u>Race (15 laps)</u>
<u>13.20</u>	<u>Polytec Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix</u>	<u>Qualifying Race (10 laps)</u>
<u>14.50</u>	<u>Rio Hotel Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix</u>	<u>Race (15 laps)</u>
<u>16.10</u>	<u>MGPC Scooters Cup</u>	<u>Race (5 laps)</u>

Sunday, November 19

07.30 – 07.45	FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau	Warm up
08.10 – 08.30	Polytec Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix	Warm up
09.00	Porsche Carrera Cup Asia	Race (10 laps)
11.10	FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau	Race 1 (9 laps)
11.40	FIA WTCC	Podium Race 1
11.55 – 12.10	FIA WTCC	Repair Time
12.30	FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau	Race 2 (9 laps)
13.00	FIA WTCC	Podium Race 2
15.30	Polytec Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix	Race (15 laps)