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# THE TCR SNAPSHOT



## Alfa Romeo returns to victory in World Touring Cars

**Where:** Suzuka Circuit

**What:** Kevin Ceccon wins WTCR Race 1, ending an 11-year drought



## What's next in the world of TCR

15/18 November	24H Series	Austin
16/18 November	WTCR	Macau
17 November	NGK United Arab Emirates TCC	Dubai
24/25 November	TCR China	TBA
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# Geely is the first Chinese brand to commit to TCR

Chinese automobile manufacturer Geely was the latest brand to develop a TCR racing car, the Lynk & Co 03 TCR that was unveiled during an exclusive event at Fuji Raceway in Japan.

*"This is a first and important step for the newly formed Geely Group Motorsport. We will offer the all-new and agile Lynk & Co 03 model as a race car to customer teams in international and national series throughout the world in strong competition against other global automotive brands,"* said Alexander Murdzewski Schedvin, Head of Motorsport at Geely Group Motorsport. The racing car is based on the all-new Lynk & Co 03 road car and is developed by Geely Group Motorsport to the hugely successful and global TCR regulations.

Development of the Lynk & Co 03 TCR started in early 2018 by Geely Group Motorsport; the car features a two-litre four-cylinder turbocharged engine delivering 350 horsepower and 420 Nm of torque. The car is front-wheel driven and equipped with a six-speed sequential gearbox. The total weight is 1265 kilos including the driver, in compliance with the regulations. The cost of the car will match the 130.000€ TCR cost-cap.

Cyan Racing, winner of the 2017 FIA World Touring Car Championship, is the first customer team that has committed to run the Lynk & Co 03 TCR. The Swedish outfit will take delivery of the first cars in 2019 with the aim of competing in the WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup. The first driver named by Cyan Racing was the 2017 WTCC



champion Thed Björk who is currently racing in WTCR for the M Racing-YMR team and pulled the cover off the TCR car at Fuji.

*"To once again aim for the World Title when starting my seventh season with Cyan Racing is a dream coming true. Especially because this ground-breaking*

*cooperation with Lynk & Co that will include the development of a high-performance concept road car is nothing less than amazing,"* said Björk. Closely connected to the motorsport programme will be a joint performance vehicle development project. A 500-hp high-performance concept road car, named the Lynk & Co 03 Cyan, will be

built as Cyan Racing's interpretation of a TCR race car for the road. Victor Yang, Vice President of Communications at Zhejiang Geely Holding Group, commented: *"The fusion between Lynk &*

*Co and Cyan Racing will form the spearhead of our automotive performance debut. The combination of Lynk & Co's challenge of auto industry conventions and Cyan Racing's vast motorsport and performance experience are two key elements in this unique cooperation."*



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# The ETCR series was launched at Barcelona



The ETCR, the first global multi-brand racing series for electric Touring Cars, was born at Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya during the TCR Europe Series final weekend.

A restricted number of guests, including representatives of car manufacturers, automotive suppliers and media, gathered at the ETCR hospitality unit located inside the paddock.

Marcello Lotti, President of WSC, introduced the ETCR concept that will have its own championship in 2020.

*"In the wake of the global success achieved by TCR and being aware of the automotive market's current trend towards a new and responsible mobility, two years ago WSC Technology embarked on this ambitious project with the aim of educating the motorsport community in making contact with these new technologies that represent the future reality. The ETCR applies electric power units to the very same chassis concept of TCR cars. It is already attracting the interest of different car manufacturers that also regard it as a tool to restore the role of motorsport as a platform for research & development that can transfer experience and innovations to the standard products."*

After the press conference the guests witnessed the CUPRA e-Racer driven by Jordi Gené in a dynamic demonstration and then moved to the pit lane for having a close look at the first fully electric touring car.

Further details on the event format and the calendar of the ETCR global championship's maiden season will be unveiled in due course.





# Tarquini builds up a leading margin

KEVIN CECCON SCORES ALFA ROMEO'S MAIDEN VICTORY





**SUZUKA - ROUND 25, SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER 2018**

DRIVER	CAR	TEAM	
1 Kevin Ceccon	Alfa Romeo Giulietta TCR	Team Mulsanne	11 laps in 26:42.267
2 Aurélien Comte	Peugeot 308 TCR	DG Sport Compétition	0.728
3 Yvan Muller	Hyundai i30 N TCR	M Racing YMR	1.319
4 Esteban Guerrieri	Honda Civic FK7 TCR	All-inkl.com Münnich Motorsport	1.759
5 Mehdi Bennani	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	Sébastien Loeb Racing	2.157
6 Jean-Karl Vernay	Audi RS3 LMS	Leopard Lukoil Team	3.609
7 Mat'o Homola	Peugeot 308 TCR	DG Sport Compétition	4.248
8 Gabriele Tarquini	Hyundai i30 N TCR	BRC Racing Team	4.583
9 Frédéric Vervisch	Audi RS3 LMS	Comtoy Racing	5.409
10 Pepe Oriola	Cupra TCR	Campos Racing	5.634

**Fastest lap: Kevin Ceccon, 2:13.198, average 156.90 kph, lap 6**

**SUZUKA - ROUND 26, SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER 2018**

DRIVER	CAR	TEAM	
1 Rob Huff	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	Sébastien Loeb Racing	10 laps in 23:21.959
2 Pepe Oriola	Cupra TCR	Campos Racing	1.444
3 Norbert Michelisz	Hyundai i30 N TCR	BRC Racing Team	1.938
4 Aurélien Panis	Audi RS3 LMS	Comtoy Racing	7.685
5 Gabriele Tarquini	Hyundai i30 N TCR	BRC Racing Team	8.984
6 Kevin Ceccon	Alfa Romeo Giulietta TCR	Team Mulsanne	9.418
7 Aurélien Comte	Peugeot 308 TCR	DG Sport Compétition	11.749
8 Mehdi Bennani	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	Sébastien Loeb Racing	12.186
9 Yann Ehrlacher	Honda Civic FK7 TCR	All-inkl.com Münnich Motorsport	13.894
10 Yvan Muller	Hyundai i30 N TCR	M Racing YMR	14.127

**Fastest lap: Pepe Oriola, 2:13.163, average 156.90 kph, lap 3**

**SUZUKA - ROUND 27, SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER 2018**

DRIVER	CAR	TEAM	
1 Gabriele Tarquini	Hyundai i30 N TCR	BRC Racing Team	11 laps in 24:41.704
2 Aurélien Comte	Peugeot 308 TCR	DG Sport Compétition	1.577
3 Kevin Ceccon	Alfa Romeo Giulietta TCR	Team Mulsanne	2.024
4 Mehdi Bennani	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	Sébastien Loeb Racing	3.140
5 Aurélien Panis	Audi RS3 LMS	Comtoy Racing	3.674
6 Rob Huff	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	Sébastien Loeb Racing	13.728
7 Frédéric Vervisch	Audi RS3 LMS	Comtoy Racing	18.296
8 Thed Björk	Hyundai i30 N TCR	M Racing YMR	19.963
9 Norbert Michelisz	Hyundai i30 N TCR	BRC Racing Team	20.694
10 Jean-Karl Vernay	Audi RS3 LMS	Leopard Lukoil Team	23.015

**Fastest lap: Gabriele Tarquini, 2:13.464, average 156.60 kph, lap 2**

Japan definitely smiled on the Italian colours! The penultimate WTCR event at Suzuka saw Kevin Ceccon scoring Alfa Romeo's maiden win in the FIA World Cup and Gabriele Tarquini claiming his fifth victory of the season and building up a 39-point leading margin in the standings.

With 85 points still on offer in the season's closing race meeting (15/18 November at Macau), Tarquini is in the perfect position to clinch his second World Touring Car title, nine years after he was crowned champion in the 2009 WTCC on the Guia circuit. That would be an impressive result for Hyundai at the end of its first full season in TCR. However, Tarquini's rivals will fight to the very end. Yvan Muller, who is currently second in the standings, is a master in overturning difficult situations; third-placed Thed Björk lies 53 points behind, but is still the reigning World champion; Pepe Oriola, fourth with a gap of 64, is one of the fastest drivers on street circuits. The title fight apart, the weekend belonged to Ceccon who put in impressive performances: second and first in the two Qualifying sessions and first, sixth and third in the three races. The young Italian could have scored a





double victory had he not placed his car a few centimetres out of the pole position spot in Race 3. This trivial mistake turned into a five-second penalty that dropped him from first to third after an unstoppable run in the Team Mulsanne Giulietta. But the disappointment did not dampen the enthusiasm for his exploits that brought the Alfa Romeo brand back to a World Touring Car victory eleven years after James Thompson's success in the WTCC at Valencia. In Race 1, pole sitter Aurélien Comte took the lead at the start from Ceccon and Muller, but during the second lap Ceccon's Giulietta overtook Comte's Peugeot 308 and began to pull away. The safety car was deployed twice, once after Björk clashed with Gordon Shedden and hit a tyre stack and then

for recovering Yann Ehlacher's Honda Civic from the gravel at T15. When the race resumed for the two final laps, Ceccon was able to retain a small gap, while Comte managed to keep Muller and Esteban Guerrieri at bay to finish second. Mehdi Bennani and Jean-Karl Vernay rounded off the top-six with six different brands: Alfa Romeo, Peugeot, Hyundai, Honda, Volkswagen and Audi. The results meant that Muller joined Tarquini on equal points on top of the classification. Rob Huff converted a great start into a lights-to-flag victory in the second race. At the start, Huff took the inside line into T1 and overtook pole sitter Pepe Oriola, while Denis Dupont retained third place from Norbert Michelisz and Aurélien Panis.



During the opening lap, Tarquini moved up to sixth overtaking Comte; immediately afterwards Guerrieri made contact with Bennani and went off at T2, which prompted the safety car into action.

Huff went on to take his second win of the season while Oriola successfully defended his second place from Michelisz's assaults.

In Race 3, Ceccon made a slow start from pole position and dropped to fourth, as Tarquini took the lead from Ehlacher and Comte. Over the following laps Ceccon overtook Comte and Ehlacher and began to chase Tarquini, but he was handed a five-second time penalty for being in the wrong position on the grid.

Ceccon took the virtual lead from Tarquini on lap 7, while the fight for sixth place became a fierce battle between Oriola, Guerrieri, Huff, Muller, Michelisz and Vervisch who were clashing, swapping paint and cutting chicanes. Eventually, Oriola was given a drive-through for repeatedly infringing track limits and dropped out of the points.

Ceccon pushed hard to make up for the penalty, but in the end it was Tarquini who scored his fifth race win of the season from Comte and Ceccon, while Bennani overtook Panis for fourth during the final lap.



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# Azcona is crowned European champion

TASSI AND HALDER GIVE THE TEAMS' TITLE TO KCMG





The TCR Europe Series ended in Barcelona with the coronation of Mikel Azcona as the Drivers' champion. Considering that the young Spaniard had arrived at his home event with a comfortable margin in the standings, it was not a surprise to see him clinch the title.

However, before the beginning of the season, Azcona would hardly have been considered as a serious pretender to the European crown. In fact, both he and his PCR Sport team were facing their first international campaign against a gaggle of more experienced competitors.

And yet, although he only rarely emerged as the fastest of the pack, Azcona focused on consistency, which was a crucial factor in a championship that produced nine different winners from 14 races. He only scored a single race win (compared to three for Jean-

Karl Vernay and Dušan Borković and Attila Tassi's two) and started once from pole position, but scored in all the races but one (Race 2 at the Hungaroring) and finished ten times in the top-five.

"It's great, I am so happy for this title! I can't realize I have conquered a great continental championship such as TCR Europe, against such big names of Touring Car racing. And being crowned here, in Spain, in front of all my people, it is just a dream come true. I really want to thank everybody in the team and at CUPRA for making this possible," said a delighted Azcona. A fifth place in Barcelona's Race 1 pushed him closer to the title, as he had a 23-point margin over Borković with 25 still on offer, while Vernay and Tassi were level one further point adrift. Totally focused on the securing the championship, Azcona settled for





eighth position in Race 2.

Race victories went to the Hell Energy Racing with KCMG Honda Civic cars, with Tassi and TCR Germany's guest star Mike Halder, which clinched the Teams' title ahead of Target Competition.

A number of competitive newcomers joined for the season closer and Halder was not the only one to shine. WTCC vice-champion Norbert Michelisz and former BTCC champion Ashley Sutton were both able to finish on the podium in a M1RA Hyundai i30 N and a WestCoast Racing Volkswagen Golf GTI respectively.

In Race 1, Tassi took an authoritative lights-to-flag victory, the second for him in the season, as he sprinted from pole position and bid farewell to the rest of the pack, while his teammate Josh Files protected his back.



### BARCELONA – ROUND 13, SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER 2018

DRIVER	CAR	TEAM	
1 Attila Tassi	Honda Civic FK7 TCR	Hell Energy Racing with KCMG	12 laps in 25:27.908
2 Dušan Borković	Hyundai i30 N TCR	Target Competition	3.422
3 Norbert Michelisz	Hyundai i30 N TCR	M1RA	3.899
4 Ashley Sutton	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	WestCoast Racing	5.334
5 Mikel Azcona	Cupra TCR	PCR Sport	6.093
6 Jean-Karl Vernay	Audi RS3 LMS	Leopard Lukoil Team	6.666
7 Dániel Nagy	Hyundai i30 N TCR	M1RA	7.344
8 Kris Richard	Hyundai i30 N TCR	Target Competition	8.016
9 Julien Briché	Peugeot 308 TCR	JSB Compétition	9.356
10 Reece Barr	Hyundai i30 N TCR	Target Competition	10.049

**Fastest lap: Jean-Karl Vernay, 1:55.352, average 145.30 kph, lap 4**

### BARCELONA – ROUND 14, SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER 2018

DRIVER	CAR	TEAM	
1 Mike Halder	Honda Civic FK7 TCR	Hell Energy Racing with KCMG	12 laps in 25:17.363
2 Dániel Nagy	Hyundai i30 N TCR	M1RA	0.408
3 Ashley Sutton	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	WestCoast Racing	1.518
4 Norbert Michelisz	Hyundai i30 N TCR	M1RA	1.869
5 Peter Terting	Hyundai i30 N TCR	Target Competition	6.484
6 Josh Files	Honda Civic FK7 TCR	Hell Energy Racing with KCMG	6.742
7 Jean-Karl Vernay	Audi RS3 LMS	Leopard Lukoil Team	6.870
8 Mikel Azcona	Cupra TCR	PCR Sport	7.292
9 Stian Paulsen	Cupra TCR	Stian Paulsen Racing	13.916
10 Reece Barr	Hyundai i30 N TCR	Target Competition	14.236

**Fastest lap: Ashley Sutton, 1:54.971, average 145.80 kph, lap 5**



Borković knew he had to stay ahead of Azcona to keep his hopes alive and overtook him at the start; then put the pressure on Files until the Englishman's pace faded because of a tyre issue which promoted the Serbian to second. Vernay was able to recover from 13th on the grid despite driving the heaviest car of the pack and finished sixth. Eventually Azcona gave away a couple of places in the closing laps in order to avoid the greater risk, finishing fifth behind Michelisz and Sutton.

The second race was Halder's monologue. The German driver started better than his fellow countryman Peter Terting on pole and took the lead followed by Dániel Nagy. Two of the title contenders – Borković and Tassi – were eliminated in a first lap collision, while Vernay was trying to recover from 13th at the start.

In the second half of the race, Halder successfully defended the lead from Nagy, Sutton and Michelisz who were chasing him, while Azcona let Vernay go through and drove his CUPRA safely to the finish in eighth place. Vernay's seventh position meant he finished as runner-up in the Drivers' championship, 22 points behind Azcona, while Borković and Tassi were classified third and fourth with gaps of 27 and 28. Vernay also grabbed the TCR Benelux Trophy, beating Maxime Potty and Julien Briché.



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# Home glory for Hyundai at Yeongam

THE I30 N CARS WIN BOTH RACES AND THE TITLE IN TCR KOREA FINALE

Indigo Racing's Charlie Kang Byung Hui was crowned the first TCR Korea champion as the series' inaugural season came to an end at Yeongam's Korea International Circuit. Kang grabbed the title halfway through the last race, when the E-Rain Motorsport Volkswagen Golf GTI of his rival Andrew Kim retired with a broken driveshaft while he was running in fifth position ahead of Kang's Hyundai i30 N. Kim had managed to take the lead in the standings after Race 1, with a nine-point margin over Kang, but after Race

2 he dropped back to second, six points behind the champion. Kang's was the first title claimed by Hyundai in its maiden full season in TCR, which, appropriately, happened in the Korean brand's home country. In Race 1, pole sitter guest driver Peter Terting led the field at the start from Noh Dong Gi, Kang Dong Woo, Kim Jin Soo and Andrew Kim; Charlie Kang – who had been excluded from Qualifying after his car failed to pass the ride height check – and Jung Nam Su started from the pit lane.

Having built a comfortable margin, Terting was given a drive-through for a jump-start and rejoined in sixth position; Noh Dong Gi inherited the lead in the E-Rain Motorsport Hyundai, while Andrew Kim moved up to second overtaking Kim Jin Soo and Kang Dong Woo. On lap 9, Charlie Kang and Kang Dong Woo collided while fighting for fourth position and the latter retired with broken rear suspension. Terting overtook Charlie Kang on lap 11, but then struggled to pass Kim Jin Soo,





eventually managing to do so on lap 21 and so moved up to third. In the final part of the race Andrew Kim closed the gap from Noh Dong Gi, but couldn't get close enough to try an overtaking manoeuvre and finished second by six tenths. Charlie Kang finished fourth, but was then dropped to sixth by a 30-second time penalty for his incident with Kang Dong Woo. In the second race, Terting looked set to make up for the disappointment of the previous race. He led from the start and built a comfortable margin, but on lap 17 he pitted with a flat front tyre and rejoined to finish fourth. Tyre issues also hit Race 1 winner Noh Dong Gi who lost one lap in the pits and finished fifth and Kang Dong Woo who stopped with three laps to go.

Series newcomer Kim Jin Soo in his Indigo Racing Hyundai was victorious with a 28-second margin, becoming the fifth different winner in six races. During the final lap, Jung Nam Su grabbed second position in his Brand New Racing Golf GTI after a brief battle with Charlie Kang, a result that helped Jung to be classified third in the final standings.

**TCR Korea**  
Touring Car Championship

Yeongam, Round 5,  
Sunday 4 November 2018  
1. Noh Dong Gi (Hyundai i30 N); 2.  
Andrew Kim (Volkswagen Golf GTI); 3.  
Peter Terting (Hyundai i30 N)

Yeongam, Round 6,  
Sunday 4 November 2018  
1. Kim Jin Soo (Hyundai i30 N); 2.  
Jung Nam Su (Volkswagen Golf GTI); 3.  
Kang Byung Hui (Hyundai i30 N)



# Double win for Parente in Algarve

**PEDRO SALVADOR SECURES THE TITLE DESPITE RETIRING**

Armando Parente, driving a Team Novadrivier Volkswagen Golf GTI, won both of TCR Portugal's final races at Portimão's Autódromo Algarve. This helped him to finish the season as runner up in the championship behind Speedy Motorsport's Pedro Salvador. Salvador had arrived at the closing event with a 49-point margin ahead of the Sports & You duo of Francisco Abreu and Rafael Lobato; despite the fact that his Cupra did not finish any of the Portimão races, Salvador clinched the TCR Portugal title. At the start of the first race Abreu's

Peugeot 308 took the lead ahead of pole sitter Parente; Francisco Carvalho stalled the engine of his Audi RS3 LMS and dropped to the back of the field. Salvador retired on lap 4 with broken suspension, while Carvalho managed to recover to third. For most of the race the positions remained unchanged, with Manuel Gão's Kia cee'd and Gustavo Moura's Audi having a close fight for fourth position. On lap 10, Parente overtook Abreu for the lead and then the latter also lost second place to Carvalho during the final lap.

Parente encored with a lights-to-flag victory in Race 2. Behind him Lobato and Carvalho were fighting for second position until the latter's Audi retired with a gearbox problem on lap 7. With three laps to go Lobato made a mistake and went off, his Peugeot stranded in the gravel; this handed second place to Gão who took the first-ever podium for the STARD-built Kia cee'd TCR. Telmo Gomes completed the podium in the Speedy Motorsport Audi he shared with Moura. As for the new champion Salvador, he retired in the early stages.



**TCR Portugal**  
 Touring Car Championship

Portimão, Round 7,  
 Saturday 27 October 2018  
 1. Armando Parente (Volkswagen Golf GTI); 2. Francisco Carvalho (Audi RS3 LMS); 3. Francisco Abreu (Peugeot 308)

Portimão, Round 8,  
 Sunday 28 October 2018  
 1. Armando Parente (Volkswagen Golf GTI); 2. Manuel Gíao (Kia cee'd); 3. Telmo Gomes (Audi RS3 LMS)



# The title goes to Jakraphan Davee

CHARIYA NUYA WINS THE FINAL RACE AT BURIRAM



Jakraphan Davee arrived at Buriram for the TCR Thailand series finale with a one-point gap in the standings behind Pattarapol Vongprai.

However, the driver of the Alphafactory Racing Team by Pulzar was able to reverse the situation with victory in the first race at the Chang International Circuit and then was content with a third place in Race 2 that secured the title.

Davee and his Cupra started from pole position in Race 1 and led for the whole 15 laps. Vongprai tried to chase him and was able to reduce the gap midway through the race, but then lost contact and eventually retired when his Vattana Motorsport Honda Civic suffered from a broken clutch. Morin Racing Team's Nattanid Lewattanavaragul completed a Cupra

1-2 finish as she was able to recover from fifth on the grid to finish second, overtaking the Honda Civic cars of Nattachak Hanjitkasem on lap 1 and Chariya Nuya on lap 6.

It was Nuya who then concluded the season with a victory in Race 2. The Billionaire Boy Racing driver led from the start to the chequered flag, scoring his second win of the year. Behind him, Davee pipped Lewattanavaragul to take second, but the lady driver did not give up. She kept Vongprai at bay and closed in on Davee. Halfway through the race she began to put pressure on Davee and eventually managed to pass him on lap 11.

Lewattanavaragul was also able to reduce the gap from Nuya, but she couldn't get close enough to try an





overtaking move and so settled for second. Vongprai cruised in fourth position throughout the race as he never showed the pace to catch the front runners; he then dropped to third in the standings behind Nuya.

**TCR Thailand**  
Touring Car Championship

Buriram, Round 7,  
Saturday 27 October 2018  
1. Jakraphan Davee (Cupra); 2. Nattanid Lewattanavaragul (Cupra); 3. Chariya Nuya (Honda Civic FK2)

Buriram, Round 8,  
Sunday 28 October 2018  
1. Chariya Nuya (Honda Civic FK2); 2. Nattanid Lewattanavaragul (Cupra); 3. Jakraphan Davee (Cupra)



## The Modulo DOME Honda wins Super Taikyu final round

After clinching the TCR class title at the penultimate round, the #97 Modulo DOME Racing Honda Civic FK8 finished the Super Taikyu season in style with victory in the 3-hour race at Okayama International Circuit. Tadao Uematsu, Shinji Nakano, Hiroku Otsu and Takashi Kobayashi shared the winning car and covered 106 laps to be classified 10th overall

behind a string of GT cars. Competition was very close in the TCR class, as the first five cars classified finished on the same lap. The #45 Team DreamDrive Audi RS3 LMS of Naoto Takeda, Takuya Shirasaka and Shozo Tagehara that had started from pole finished in second position, 51 seconds behind the winners, while the #19 BRP Audi

driven by Takeshi Matsumoto, Takuro Shinohara, 'Yossy' and 'Hirobon' led during the first half of the race and then completed the podium in third, beating the #65 Team Mars Audi and the #98 DOME Racing Honda by four and six seconds respectively. In the final standings, the #98 Honda was classified second and the #19 Audi third.



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# Guillemat-Ibañez win the race, Cebrián-Llobet grab the title

The Campeonato de España Resistencia finished at Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya with a 2-hour race open to TCR and GT cars.

Victory in the TCR class went to the NM Racing Team's Cupra DS3 driven by Lluç Ibañez and Maxime Guillemat, while David Cebrián and Max Llobet grabbed the title in the SEAT León run by the RC2 Junior Team.

The Monlau Competición Cupra DS3 of Gianluigi Vicinanza-Alex Cosin had set the class' fastest lap in Qualifying, but was Guillemat who took the lead at the start. The NM Racing Team's duo led for most of the race and finished third overall, a few seconds behind two GT4 cars.

Vicinanza-Cosin were classified second in the class and fourth overall while Guillermo Aso completed the TCR podium in the PCR Sport Cupra DS3.

The fourth position was enough for Cebrián-Llobet to be crowned champions, as their rivals in the title fight – Joan Vinyes and Jaime Font in the Baporo Motorsport Cupra

DS3 – were classified eighth.

This also meant that they dropped to third in the final standings, 15 points behind Cebrián-Llobet and 7 behind Vicinanza-Cosin.



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# Gülden and Hammel finish the VLN season in style



The Mathilda Racing pair of Andreas Gülden and Heiko Hammel concluded the VLN season in style with yet another TCR class victory. It was the fourth for the team on the Nordschleife during the current season. In the 4-hour 43. DMV Münsterlandpokal, ninth and final round of the series, Gülden and Hammel completed 26 laps at the wheel of their Cupra and were classified 26th overall out of the 158 starters. The Møller Bil Motorsport Audi RS3 LMS shared by the Norwegian trio of Håkon Schjærin, Atle Gulbrandsen and Kenneth Østvold was classified second, on the same lap of the winners, nearly three minutes behind them. The podium was completed by the FEV Racing Cupra of Benedikt Gentgen, Lukas Thiele and Martin Pischinger, one lap down, with the Mathilda Racing Volkswagen Golf GTI of Michael Paatz, Frederic Yerly and Matthias Wasel in fourth position. The Hyundai i30 N of Manuel Lauck and Marc Basseng had set pole position in the class with a lap of 8:49.694, but finished the race in fifth position, three laps behind.

# Enrico Bettera wins the Vallelunga 2-hour race

Enrico Bettera, driving a Pit Lane Competizioni Audi RS3 LMS, won the 2-hour race for TCR cars at Vallelunga's Autodromo Piero Taruffi. After setting pole position with a lap of 1:41.800 that was over a second faster than the rest of the field, Bettera dominated the race. The only driver who was able to chase his Audi was Fabian Peroni in the South Italy Racing Opel Astra; however, Peroni retired after 37 minutes with a technical issue. The BF Motorsport's pairing of Daniele Verrocchio-Iacopo Guidetti, second fastest in Qualifying, couldn't even take the start as their Audi was damaged when Guidetti crashed before the end of the session. Two Cupra cars were classified second and third at the end of the 2-hour race and topped the class dedicated to the cars fitted with a DSG gearbox. Marco Costamagna and Alberto Biraghi crossed the finishing line 96 seconds behind the winner in the car run by the RS+A team, while the BD Racing car of Marco Pellegrini and Stefano Zanini came home in third place, one lap down.





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# Laguna Seca, Yas Marina and Misano



After a successful campaign in the Pirelli World Challenge, Bryan Herta Autosport entered its two Hyundai i30 N cars in the California 8 Hours at Laguna Seca.

The #99 car shared by Mark Wilkins, Michael Lewis and Mason Filippi retired after being hit by two GT cars spinning at the famous 'corkscrew', while the #98 driven by Bryan Herta himself, his son Colton and George Kurtz made it to the finish, completing 276 laps.

*"I really enjoyed racing with my son. It is always nice when you can take home a trophy and spray some champagne at the end of the day. It's a shame the other car had their issues early, but*

*we've shown that the Hyundai is an excellent car for endurance racing too,"* said Bryan Herta.

The opening round of the NGK United Arab Emirates Touring Car Championship, at Abu Dhabi's Yas Marina Circuit, featured a TCR class for the first time. There was only one entrant, Costas Papantonis in a Cupra run by Mouhritsa Racing.



The Greek driver dominated the field, setting pole position and winning both races with a comfortable margin. The next event in the series will take place at Dubai on November 17.



Edoardo Barbolini and Matteo Bergonzini have clinched the Coppa Italia title in their SEAT León DSG entered by BF Racing. In the season's final race meeting at Misano, Barbolini and Bergonzini finished third in both races that were won by the Audi RS3 LMS of their teammate Eric Brigliadori. Barbolini and Bergonzini topped the final standings with a seven-point margin ahead of the pairing of Samuele Piccin and Fabio Fabiani in a MM Motorsport Honda Civic FK2.

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## WTCR

(after rounds 27 of 30)



Drivers		
1	Gabriele Tarquini	Hyundai i30 N TCR 291 pts
2	Yvan Muller	Hyundai i30 N TCR 252
3	Thed Björk	Hyundai i30 N TCR 238
4	Pepe Oriola	Cupra TCR 217
5	Jean-Karl Vernay	Audi RS3 LMS 216
6	Esteban Guerrieri	Honda Civic FK7 TCR 213
7	Norbert Michelisz	Hyundai i30 N TCR 212
8	Frédéric Verwisch	Audi RS3 LMS 203
9	Rob Huff	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 197
10	Aurélien Comte	Peugeot 308 TCR 191
11	Yann Ehrlacher	Honda Civic FK7 TCR 182
12	Mehdi Bennani	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 154
13	Gordon Shedden	Audi RS3 LMS 122
14	Kevin Ceccon	Alfa Romeo Giulietta TCR 83
15	Nathanaël Berthon	Audi RS3 LMS 71

Teams	
1	BRC Racing Team 510 pts
2	M Racing - YMR 502
3	All-Inkl.com Münnich Motorsport 401
5	Sébastien Loeb Racing 365
4	Audi Sport Leopard Lukoil Team 352

## TCR Europe

(after rounds 14 of 14)



Drivers		
1	Mikel Azcona	Cupra TCR 181 pts
2	Jean-Karl Vernay	Audi RS3 LMS 159
3	Dusan Borković	Hyundai i30 N TCR 154
4	Attila Tassi	Honda Civic FK7 TCR 153
5	Dániel Nagy	Hyundai i30 N TCR 138
6	Josh Files	Honda Civic FK7 TCR 121
7	Kris Richard	Hyundai i30 N TCR 84
8	Maxime Potty	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 76
9	Stian Paulsen	Cupra TCR 62
10	Francisco Mora	Hyundai i30 N TCR 44

DSG Challenge		
1	Giovanni Altoè	Audi RS3 LMS DSG 200 pts
2	Marie Baus-Coppens	Cupra TCR DSG 190
3	Ferenc Ficzá	Cupra TCR DSG 25

Teams	
1	Hell Energy Racing by KCMG 299 pts
2	Target Competition 272
3	PCR Sport 213

## TCR Asia

(after rounds 10 of 10)



Drivers		
1	Luca Engstler	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 197 pts
2	Mitchell Cheah Min Jie	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 165
3	Diego Moran	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 127
4	Kelvin Wong Kiang Kuan	SEAT León TCR / Cupra TCR 106
5	Lo Sze Ho	Honda Civic FK2 TCR 98
6	Douglas Khoo Kok Hui	SEAT León TCR / Cupra TCR 80
7	Alex Liu Lic Ka	SEAT León TCR / Cupra TCR 69
8	Ivan Szeto Wing Shun	Honda Civic FK2 TCR 26
9	Abdul Kaathir	Honda Civic FK2 TCR 22
10	Clement Tong Yat Him	Honda Civic FK2 TCR 16

South-East Asia Cup		
1	Mitchell Cheah Min Jie	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 106 pts
2	Lo Sze Ho	Honda Civic FK2 TCR 92
3	Pattarapol Vongprai	Honda Civic FK2 TCR 77

Teams	
1	Liqui Moly Team Engstler 425 pts
2	Elegant Racing Team 187
3	Maximum Racing 149

## TCR China

(after rounds 12 of 15)



Drivers		
1	Henry Ho/Eurico De Jesus/André Couto	Honda Civic FK8 TCR 127 pts
2	Sunny Wong/Alex Hui	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 124
3	Miguel Kong/Kevin Lam/Tang You Xi	Honda Civic FK8 TCR 76
4	Tian Li Ying/Li Xue Feng	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 72.5
5	Filipe C. De Souza/Ryan Wong	Audi RS3 LMS 60
6	Zhu Zhen Yu/Zhou Bi Huang	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 55
7	Li Lin	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 44.5
8	Jeronimo Badaraco/Lam Wai Hong/Kevin Leong	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 21
9	Lai Wee Sing/Lv Xin Min	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 19
10	Carson Tang	Audi RS3 LMS 17

Teams	
1	MacPro Racing 160 pts
2	TeamWork Motorsport 114
3	HE Racing 62.5

## TCR Benelux

(after rounds 8 of 10)



Drivers		
1	Jean-Karl Vernay	Audi RS3 LMS 163 pts
2	Maxime Potty	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 146
3	Julien Briche	Peugeot 308 TCR 117
4	Stefano Comini	Honda Civic FK7 TCR 108
5	Danny Kroes	Cupra TCR 108
6	Loris Cencetti	Hyundai i30 N TCR / Honda Civic FK7 TCR 85
7	Marie Baus-Coppens	Cupra TCR DSG 80
8	Cedric Piro	Honda Civic FK7 TCR / Hyundai i30 N TCR 56
9	Jaap van Lagen	Audi RS3 LMS 55
10	Peter Terting	Hyundai i30 N TCR 16

Teams	
1	Leopard Lukoil Team 222 pts
2	Comtoy Racing 152
3	JSB Compétition 145

## ADAC TCR Germany

(after rounds 14 of 14)



Drivers		
1	Harald Proczyk	Opel Astra TCR 421 pts
2	Luca Engstler	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR / Hyundai i30 N TCR 414
3	Niels Langeveld	Audi RS3 LMS 403
4	Mike Halder	Honda Civic FK7 TCR 366
5	Antti Buri	Audi RS3 LMS 259
6	Max Hesse	Audi RS3 LMS 247
7	Luke Wankmüller	Opel Astra TCR 228
8	Benjamin Leuchter	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 224.5
9	Michelle Halder	Cupra TCR 208.5
10	Simon Reicher	Audi RS3 LMS 182

Rookie Challenge		
1	Max Hesse	Audi RS3 LMS 98.5 pts
2	Luke Wankmüller	Opel Astra TCR 94
3	Michelle Halder	Cupra TCR 78.5

Teams	
1	HP Racing International 633 pts
2	Team Honda ADAC Sachsen 513
3	Racing One 495

## TCR Ibérico

(after rounds 4 of 4)



Drivers		
1	Pedro Salvador	Cupra TCR 27 pts
2	Attila Tassi	Honda Civic FK7 TCR 26
3	Mike Halder	Honda Civic FK7 TCR 25
4	Rafael Lobato	Peugeot 308 TCR 20
5	Francisco Carvalho	Audi RS3 LMS 20
6	Dániel Nagy	Hyundai i30 N TCR 20
7	Dusan Borković	Hyundai i30 N TCR 20
8	Ashley Sutton	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 18
9	Armando Parente	Volkswagen Golf GTI DSG 17
9	Francisco Abreu	Peugeot 308 TCR 17

**TCR Italy**

(after rounds 14 of 14)



Drivers		
1	<b>Salvatore Tavano</b>	<b>Cupra TCR 150.5 pts</b>
2	Luigi Ferrara	Alfa Romeo Giulietta TCR 148
3	Matteo Greco	Cupra TCR / Cupra TCR DSG 108.5
4	Enrico Bettera	Audi RS3 LMS 80
5	Nicola Baldan	Hyundai i30 N TCR 69.5
6	Eric Scalvini	Hyundai i30 N TCR 69
7	Andrea Larini	Cupra TCR 65
8	Jürgen Schmarl	Honda Civic FK2 TCR 55
9	Massimiliano Mugelli	Honda Civic FK7 TCR 41
10	Edoardo Cappello	Alfa Romeo Giulietta TCR 38

## Under 25 Trophy

1	<b>Eric Scalvini</b>	<b>Hyundai i30 N TCR 181.5 pts</b>
2	Matteo Greco	Cupra TCR / Cupra TCR DSG 170
3	Giovanni Altoè	Audi RS3 LMS DSG 140

## DSG Trophy

1	<b>Giovanni Altoè</b>	<b>Audi RS3 LMS DSG 156 pts</b>
2	Matteo Greco	Cupra TCR / Cupra TCR DSG 147
3	Massimiliano Gagliano	Cupra TCR DSG 130.5

**TCR Korea**

(after rounds 6 of 6)



Drivers		
1	<b>Charlie Kang Byung Hui</b>	<b>Hyundai i30 N TCR 108 pts</b>
2	Andrew Kim	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 102
3	Jung Nam Su	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 75
4	Noh Dong Gi	Hyundai i30 N TCR 65
5	Cho Hoon Hyun	Hyundai i30 N TCR 52
6	Kim Jin Soo	Hyundai i30 N TCR 45
7	Kim Byoung Hyun	Honda Civic FK7 TCR 44
8	Kang Dong Woo	Hyundai i30 N TCR 23
9	Lee Do Hyeon	Hyundai i30 N TCR 18

## Teams

1	<b>Indigo Racing</b>	<b>205 pts</b>
2	E-Rain Motorsport	130
3	Brand New Racing	116

**TCR Middle East**

(after rounds 6 of 6)



Drivers		
1	<b>Luca Engstler</b>	<b>Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 119 pts</b>
2	Giacomo Altoè	Audi RS3 LMS DSG 92
3	Florian Thoma	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 70
4	Mat'ò Homola	Volkswagen Golf GTI DSG 64
5	Kai Jordan	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 60
6	Lorenzo Veglia	Volkswagen Golf GTI DSG 41
7	Jordi Oriola	Volkswagen Golf GTI DSG / Audi RS3 LMS DSG 38
8	Giovanni Altoè	Audi RS3 LMS DSG 30
9	Martin Ryba	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 9
10	Alberto Vescovi	Audi RS3 LMS DSG 7

## Teams

1	<b>Liqui Moly Team Engstler</b>	<b>191 pts</b>
2	Pit Lane Competizioni 1	138
3	Pit Lane Competizioni 2	122

**TCR Portugal**

(after rounds 8 of 8)



Drivers		
1	<b>Pedro Salvador</b>	<b>Cupra TCR 145 pts</b>
2	Armando Parente	Volkswagen Golf GTI DSG 125
3	Francisco Abreu/Rafael Lobato	Peugeot 308 TCR 113
4	Francisco Carvalho	Audi RS3 LMS 109
5	Manuel Glão	Kia cee'd TCR 84
6	José Cautela	Volkswagen Golf GTI DSG 65
7	Gustavo Moura	Audi RS3 LMS 58
8	Francisco Mora	Cupra TCR 26

**TCR Russia**

(after rounds 14 of 14)



1	<b>Dmitry Bragin</b>	<b>Audi RS3 LMS 223 pts</b>
2	Aleksey Dudukalo	Audi RS3 LMS 190
3	Kirill Ladygin	LADA Vesta TCR 174
4	Ivan Lukashovich	SEAT León TCR DSG / Audi RS3 LMS 174
5	Klim Gavrilov	Audi RS3 LMS / Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 169
6	Anton Badoev	Cupra TCR 141
7	Mikhail Grachev	LADA Vesta TCR 138
8	Vladimir Sheshenin	LADA Vesta TCR 138
9	Roman Golikov	Volkswagen Golf GTI DSG 123
10	Lev Tolkachev	SEAT León TCR / Cupra TCR 101

## SMP Trophy

1	<b>Anton Badoev</b>	<b>Cupra TCR 264 pts</b>
2	Roman Golikov	Volkswagen Golf GTI DSG 249
3	Lev Tolkachev	SEAT León TCR 216

## Teams

1	<b>Lukoil Racing Team</b>	<b>349 pts</b>
2	LADA Sport Rosneft	303
3	STK TAIF Motorsport	245

**TCR Scandinavia**

(after rounds 12 of 12)



Drivers		
1	<b>Johan Kristoffersson</b>	<b>Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 195 pts</b>
2	Robert Dhalgren	Cupra TCR 182
3	Daniel Haglöf	Cupra TCR 174
4	Andreas Wemersson	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 160
5	Philip Morin	Cupra TCR 111
6	Fredrik Ekblom	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 110
7	Tobias Brink	Audi RS3 LMS 93
8	Mattias Andersson	Honda Civic FK2 TCR 93
9	Hugo Nerman	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 40
10	Mikael Åhlin-Kottulinsky	Cupra TCR 39

## Juniors

1	<b>Philip Morin</b>	<b>Cupra TCR 212 pts</b>
2	Hugo Nerman	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 191
3	Oliver Söderström	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 173

## Teams

1	<b>PWR Racing - SEAT Dealer Team</b>	<b>358 pts</b>
2	VW Dealer Team Bauhaus	239
3	Lestrup Racing Team	196

**TCR Swiss Trophy**

(after rounds 10 of 10)



Drivers		
1	<b>Attila Tassi</b>	<b>Honda Civic FK7 TCR 93 pts</b>
2	Mikel Azcona	Cupra TCR 81
3	Jean-Karl Vernay	Audi RS3 LMS 74
4	Josh Files	Honda Civic FK7 TCR 71
5	Luigi Ferrara	Alfa Romeo Giulietta TCR 50
6	Kris Richard	Hyundai i30 N TCR 39
7	Antti Buri	Audi RS3 LMS 36
8	Harald Proczyk	Opel Astra TCR 35
9	Maxime Potty	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 35
10	Enrico Bettera	Audi RS3 LMS 33
10	Jaap van Lagen	Audi RS3 LMS 33

**TCR Thailand**

(after rounds 8 of 8)



Drivers		
1	<b>Jakraphan Davee</b>	<b>SEAT León TCR DSG 147 pts</b>
2	Chariya Nuya	Honda Civic FK2 TCR 131
3	Pattarapol Vongprai	Honda Civic FK2 TCR 120
4	Nattaniid Leewattanavaragul	SEAT León TCR DSG 106
5	Nattachak Hanjitkasem	Honda Civic FK2 TCR 72

## Teams

1	<b>Alphafactory Racingteam by Pulzar</b>	<b>147 pts</b>
2	Billionaire Boy Racing	131
3	Vattana Motorsport	120

## TCR UK

(after rounds 14 of 14)



Drivers			
1	Daniel Lloyd	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	514pts
2	Oliver Taylor	Honda Civic FK2 TCR / Honda Civic FK7 TCR	453
3	Andreas Bäckman	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR / Honda Civic FK7 TCR	408
4	Jessica Bäckman	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	300
5	Lewis Kent	Hyundai i30 N TCR	278
6	Stewart Lines	Cupra TCR	208
7	Finlay Crocker	Honda Civic FK7 TCR	179
8	Carl Swift	Cupra TCR	132
9	Josh Price	Honda Civic FK2 TCR	130
10	Darelle Wilson	Vauxhall Astra TCR	101

Teams			
1	WestCoast Racing		984 pts
2	Pyro Motorsport		458
3	Maximum Motorsport		367

## Pirelli World Challenge

(after rounds 12 of 12)



Drivers			
1	Ryan Eversley	Honda Civic FK7 TCR	276 pts
2	Michael Lewis	Hyundai i30 N TCR	259
3	Mark Wilkins	Hyundai i30 N TCR	229
4	Mason Filippi	Volkswagen Golf GTI DSG / Honda Civic FK7 TCR	183
5	Michael Hurczyn	Volkswagen Golf GTI DSG	172
6	JT Coupal	Audi RS3 LMS DSG	156
7	Nate Vincent	Volkswagen Golf GTI DSG	154
8	Anthony Geraci	Audi RS3 LMS DSG	142
9	Dwight Merriman	Volkswagen Golf GTI DSG	130
10	Matt Fassnacht	Audi RS3 LMS DSG	119

Teams			
1	Brian Herta Autosport		284 pts
2	ReaTime Racing		272
3	FPC Euro by HRD		193

## IMSA Continental Challenge

(after rounds 10 of 10)



Drivers			
1	Tom Long/Britt Casey jr.	Audi RS3 LMS DSG	318 pts
2	Rodrigo Sales/Kuno Wittmer	Audi RS3 LMS DSG	305
3	Kieron O'Rourke/Lee Carpentier	Audi RS3 LMS DSG	264
4	Roy Block/Pierre Kleinubing	Audi RS3 LMS DSG	263
5	Stephen Simpson/Michael Johnson	Audi RS3 LMS DSG	247
6	Tom O'Gorman/Kenton Koch	Audi RS3 LMS DSG	186
7	Luke Rumburg/Tanner Rumburg	Volkswagen Golf GTI DSG	182
8	Don Istook	Audi RS3 LMS DSG	142
9	Mikey Taylor	Audi RS3 LMS DSG	121
10	Gavin Ernstone/Jonathan Morley	Audi RS3 LMS DSG	48

Teams			
1	Compass Racing #77		318 pts
2	Compass Racing #74		305
3	eEuroparts.com Racing #10		264



## 24H TCE Series - Continents

(after rounds 2 of 3)



Teams			
1	Team Altran Peugeot #908	Peugeot 308 Racing Cup	44 pts
2	Team Altran Peugeot #308	Peugeot 308 Racing Cup	43
3	Bonk Motorsport #115	Audi RS3 LMS DSG	38
4	Liqui Moly Team Engstler #130	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	30
5	Stanco-Tanner Motorsport #212	SEAT León TCR DSG	30
6	Kawasaki Racing by Bas Koeten Racing #155	Cupra TCR	29
7	LMS Racing by Bas Koeten Racing #129	SEAT León TCR DSG	28
8	NKPP Racing by Bas Koeten Racing #175	Cupra TCR DSG	26
9	Red Camel-Jordans.nl #303	SEAT León TCR DSG	25
10	Lap 57 Motorsport #57	Audi RS3 LMS DSG	24

## 24H TCE Series - Europe

(after rounds 5 of 5)



Teams			
1	Red Camel-Jordans.nl #303	SEAT León TCR DSG	99 pts
2	NKPP Racing by Bas Koeten Racing #175	Cupra TCR DSG	95
3	Kawasaki Racing by Bas Koeten Racing #155	Cupra TCR	77
4	LMS Racing by Bas Koeten Racing #129	Cupra TCR DSG	70
5	Holmgaard Motorsport #102	Volkswagen Golf GTI DSG	60
6	Bonk Motorsport #115	Audi RS3 LMS DSG	52
7	Team Altran Peugeot #308	Peugeot 308 Racing Cup	43
8	Team Altran Peugeot #908	Peugeot 308 Racing Cup	36
9	TTC Racing #103	SEAT León TCR DSG	31
10	Team Hyundai Denmark #30	Hyundai i30 N TCR	27

## Super Taikyu

(after rounds 6 of 6)



Teams			
1	Motul Racing with Dome #97	Honda Civic FK8 TCR	155 pts
2	Floral Racing with Dome #98	Honda Civic FK8 TCR	116
3	BRP Audi Mie #19	Audi RS3 LMS	89
4	Audi Team DreamDrive #45	Audi RS3 LMS	83
5	Audi Team DreamDrive Noah #75	Audi RS3 LMS	79
6	Audi Team Mars #65	Audi RS3 LMS	65
7	Adenau Racingline Performance #10	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	46.5
8	Audi Driving Experience #33	Audi RS3 LMS	7
9	B-Max Engineering #96	Honda Civic FK2 TCR	3

## Campeonato España Resistencia

(after rounds 4 of 5)



Drivers			
1	David Cébrian/Max Llobet	SEAT León TCR	205 pts
2	Gianluigi Vicinanza/Alex Cosin	Cupra TCR DSG	197
3	Joan Vinyes/Jaime Font	Cupra TCR DSG	190
4	Lluç Ibañez/Maxime Guillemat	Cupra TCR DSG	162
5	Enrique Hermandó	Peugeot 308 TCR	154
6	Ferrán Monje/Fernando Monje	Cupra TCR DSG	150
7	Raul Martínez/Ruben Martínez	Cupra TCR DSG	134
8	Gonzalo de Andres	Peugeot 308 TCR	120
9	Guillermo Aso	Cupra TCR DSG	120
10	Antonio Aristi/Harriet Arruabarrena	Cupra TCR DSG	108

## Coppa Italia

(after rounds 16 of 16)



Drivers			
1	Edoardo Barbolini/Matteo Bergonzini	SEAT León TCR DSG	79
2	Fabio Fabiani/Samuele Piccin	Honda Civic FK2 TCR	72
3	Alessio Caiola	SEAT León TCR DSG	44
4	Eric Brigliadori	SEAT León TCR DSG / Audi RS3 LMS	41
5	Daniele Verrocchio	SEAT León TCR DSG	24
6	Omar Fiorucci	SEAT León TCR DSG	24
7	Luigi Bamonte	Honda Civic FK7 TCR	20
8	Alessandro Revello	SEAT León TCR DSG	13.2
9	Mauro Guastamacchia	Honda Civic FK2 TCR	11
10	Riccardo Ruberti	Audi RS3 LMS	10

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# Three questions to... **Luca Engstler**

**Despite being only 18 you are a Touring Car veteran; in 2018 you took part in 31 races, grabbing the TCR Middle East and TCR Asia titles, winning the 24 Hours of Dubai and finishing runner up in TCR Germany. Did you expect such a successful season?**

*"2017 was my first Touring Car season and it was really good, with third in TCR Middle East and winning the TCR Germany rookie title. However, I didn't expect such a successful season this year. I'm sure that in a few years I will look back at it, and still not believe it. But we have worked so hard with the whole team and we got our reward. Having achieved so much in one season is just amazing."*

**Even more amazing when you consider that you have switched from sprint to endurance races with equal success and swapped the model of car in the middle of TCR Germany's season. Did having a father who was a successful Touring Car driver help?**

*"It did indeed help a lot! I have to thank my dad, because he never stopped kicking my ass and pushing*



*me. And he taught me that preparation is the key. We have been thorough in preparation, starting with taking part in the TCR Middle East series while most of the other guys were sitting by the pool. This helped me to be tuned and fit when the European season began. We never improvised, we never went to the track and said: I have to drive a Golf, let's try and see what happens... On the contrary, we have done a lot of testing and studying in order to find the right way to drive a Volkswagen rather than a Hyundai or running over 24 hours instead of a sprint race."*

**Looking back at the season, what were your highest and lowest points? And what are your plans now?**

*"I was lucky, because I had plenty of peak points: victory in the 24H Dubai, my first endurance race, clinching the*



*TCR Middle East title in Bahrain and the TCR Asia title in China, the double victory in TCR Germany at Sachsenring. On the other hand, I didn't have a lowest point. Not even the TCR Germany final at Hockenheim, when I was given a grid penalty for Race 2. I put in everything I had, showed my pace and recovered from 19th to 4th. Yes, I missed the title, but I can't consider it as a low point. As for the future, we have made a big step forward and want to make another one next year. My dream is to become a factory driver, like Tarquini and Michelisz that I saw racing when I was a child. If it was up to me I would like to race in the GT Masters or the WTCR."*

