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Thierry Neuville's sensational racing debut

The peak of Hyundai's programme to enter a guest car in the 2019 ADAC TCR Germany series' events was the participation of World Rally Championship star Thierry Neuville at the Nürburgring.

Nothing was left to chance, and so the Belgian rallyman was entrusted to a very special tutor: Gabriele Tarquini. Besides being the reigning WTCR champion, the experienced Italian was the man who developed the Hyundai i30 N TCR from its inception to its racing debut that – incidentally – resulted in Tarquini's victory in the 2017 TCR International Series at Zhejiang.

It was an explosive combination between these two talented men, so no wonder that results went beyond even the rosier forecasts, as Neuville, on his racing debut, set pole position and then dominated the first race.

"I knew from my testing in Spa that the speed was good," Neuville commented. "Then I had a test session at the Nürburgring and Luca Engstler was there and told me that the my speed



should be good enough. Thursday testing was a catastrophe, but Friday's Practice was better and Qualifying was perfect. I have to thank my engineer Andrea Cisotti who did a good job." And Tarquini echoed: "I checked the data of Thierry's laps together with Cisotti and saw which were the few points to be improved on performance. I also offered some advice on the way to manage the race, such as the standing start, restarting after a safety

car period and saving the tyres. I knew he would be good, but frankly I was really surprised with his pace in Qualifying and the race. It was a nice experience, I did some coaching in the past and enjoyed very much to do it again with a very good and professional driver like Thierry." Neuville definitely enjoyed the new experience: "It was good fun. I came here to discover a new category and it went better than expected. The speed was there with the car straight away in the dry, but less so in the wet conditions because I'm lacking a bit of experience. I was very lucky to have Luca and Gabriele here to feed me with information and tips that I could use to my advantage straight away. It's a completely different driving style compared to WRC, even if Sunday's race was a bit more similar! Actually it's the same sort of situation that I could maybe face during Rally Germany so it's good to have had this experience." And because appetite comes with eating, there is already speculation about Neuville

making occasional appearances in the WTCR. He confirmed this is a possibility providing it's not going to interfere with his WRC programme, but ruled out that this may happen in the current season due to clashing dates.

"I personally think Thierry would be up to the task in WTCR. I'm not sure he can win, but he could easily fight for podium positions," commented Tarquini.





Josh Files builds a solid points lead

LLOYD AND MORGAN CLAIM THEIR MAIDEN WINS AT OSCHERSLEBEN

Following an exciting weekend at Oschersleben, TCR Europe can now enjoy several weeks of summer break before a conclusion to the season that promises to be extremely hot. The final two events of the year, on two great tracks at Barcelona and Monza, will certainly be worth watching. While nothing is yet decided in the battle for the title, it must be acknowledged that in Germany, Josh Files

put himself several steps ahead of the competition. The 27-year-old Briton, took two very valuable third places at Oschersleben, which propelled him to a 78-point lead in the standings. While not being the fastest on the technical German track, Files took the most out of the situation, proving once again his consistent and clever approach that already delivered him two TCR Germany and one TCR Middle East titles in the past.

Files also benefitted from a bad weekend for his most direct competitors. Julien Briché left Germany with only a handful of points, as the Peugeot 308 paid a heavy toll thanks to a track that doesn't really suit its characteristics, while Luca Engstler and Mat'ò Homola could only take one 7th and one 6th respectively as they were both involved in incidents. Stressing once more how well-attended and closely-fought is the TCR Europe series this year, the German rounds yielded two more new race winners (the ninth and tenth this season), both British. Dan Lloyd

was declared winner of Race 1 some time after the race, when Andreas Bäckmann, who had crossed the line first, was disqualified because the front width of his car exceeded the maximum 1950mm, and Nelson Panciatici – second under the chequered flag – was penalized for punting Jessica Bäckman into a spin at T1 after the start. Lloyd, who had led for most of the race, up to when tyre degradation obliged him to concede two positions, was presented with victory, the first of the season for the Honda Civic, the maiden one in TCR Europe for the driver and Slovakia's Brutal Fish Racing.

In Race 2, Alex Morgan, who started from pole on the top-ten reversed grid, was able to keep the lead until the chequered flag, recording an emotional maiden win for himself and for Wolf-Power Racing, who recently switched to a CUPRA after starting the season with a Renault Mégane. "The win was a great relief, after struggling a lot in the first part of the season", commented the 32-year-old Welshman. "I am super happy for the team. Wolf-Power Racing has been doing a terrific job, despite being one of the smallest outfits in the series, and this win comes as a very-well deserved reward."







There were others who also felt very happy about their weekend in the Saxony-Anhalt region: Tom Coronel relaunched his campaign with a pair of second places at the wheel of the Boutsen Ginion Racing Honda Civic after two very solid races, and Dominik Baumann also achieved a double finish in P4 for Target Competition, protecting Files' back in both races and bringing more solid points to the Italian squad that is on the verge of securing the Teams' title.

Team WRT retained the second position in the Teams' standings despite a weekend that left some regrets and a number of radiators broken on the hard kerbs of the German track. It was an unnoticed water leak from the radiator that prevented Santiago Urrutia from benefiting from the opportunity of having qualified third in Race 1, as he had to pit for repairs after the formation lap, but the Uruguayan was an excellent fifth in Race 2, giving the best result of the weekend to an Audi RS 3 LMS car. Gianni Morbidelli did the same in Race 1 for the Volkswagen Golf GTI, also taking 5th, while also worthy of note was the 8th place taken by Zsolt Dávid Szabó in Race 1, as the young Hungarian made his season debut driving one of the M1RA Hyundai cars. The TCR Europe series will resume at the Circuit de Catalunya on September 20th/22nd.

OSCHERSLEBEN - ROUND 9, SATURDAY 3 AUGUST 2019

DRIVER	CAR	TEAM	
1 Daniel Lloyd	Honda Civic FK7 TCR	Brutal Fish Racing Team	16 laps, 25:00.242
2 Tom Coronel	Honda Civic FK7 TCR	Boutsen Ginion Racing	0.810
3 Josh Files	Hyundai i30 N TCR	Target Competition	10.982
4 Dominik Baumann	Hyundai i30 N TCR	Target Competition	11.354
5 Gianni Morbidelli	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	WestCoast Racing	13.787
6 Mat'o Homola	Hyundai i30 N TCR	Target Competition	19.318
7 Luca Filippi	Hyundai i30 N TCR	BRC Racing Team	25.096
8 Zsolt Dávid Szabó	Hyundai i30 N TCR	M1RA Motorsport	25.627
9 Maxime Potty	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	Team WRT	27.326
10 Nelson Panciatici	Hyundai i30 N TCR	M Racing	28.102

Fastest lap: Nelson Panciatici, 1:32.673, average 143.60 kph, lap 3

OSCHERSLEBEN - ROUND 10, SUNDAY 4 AUGUST 2019

DRIVER	CAR	TEAM	
1 Alex Morgan	CUPRATCR	Wolf-Power Racing	16 laps, 25:03.406
2 Tom Coronel	Honda Civic FK7 TCR	Boutsen Ginion Racing	0.346
3 Josh Files	Hyundai i30 N TCR	Target Competition	1.294
4 Dominik Baumann	Hyundai i30 N TCR	Target Competition	1.682
5 Santiago Urrutia	Audi RS 3 LMS	Team WRT	2.342
6 Jessica Bäckman	Hyundai i30 N TCR	Target Competition	2.923
7 Luca Engstler	Hyundai i30 N TCR	M1RA Motorsport	3.553
8 Nelson Panciatici	Hyundai i30 N TCR	M Racing	5.163
9 Andreas Bäckman	Hyundai i30 N TCR	Target Competition	5.630
10 Gilles Magnus	Audi RS 3 LMS	Comtoyou Racing	10.608

Fastest lap: Luca Engstler, 1:32.456, average 143.90 kph, lap 5



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The perfect weekend of Dylan O'Keefe

THE ALFA ROMEO DRIVER CUTS 72 POINTS OFF WILL BROWN'S LEAD

The success story of TCR Australia's maiden season continued, as the championship reached its halfway point at the Queensland Raceway, which hosted rounds 10, 11 and 12 of the series.

The 2017 TCR International Series Champion and current WTCR driver Jean-Karl Vernay made a guest appearance for the Melbourne Performance Centre at the event. He qualified his Audi RS 3 LMS on pole for Race 1 and duly took a lights-to-flag victory to finish over seven seconds ahead of Dylan O'Keefe in an Alfa Romeo and the Audi of Russell Ingall, who recorded his first podium finish in the series. The championship leader, Will Brown in the HMO Customer Racing Hyundai i30 N, had a race to forget, finishing in last place after an incident on the opening lap forced him to pit to change a wheel and he then picked up a drive-through penalty for taking a short cut back to the pits. Heimgartner's run of bad luck continued when he blew the Astra's engine and so would miss the following day's two races.

Vernay also withdrew from Sunday's competition because of illness, so it was left to O'Keefe to start Race 2 from pole ahead of Ingall, while Aaron Seton – the son of two-time Australian Touring Car Champion Glenn Seton – was drafted in to replace Vernay in the MPC Audi. O'Keefe duly recorded his third win of the season, finishing 0.77 seconds ahead of Ingall, with the Volkswagen Golf GTI of Aaron Cameron finishing third. Both Ingall and Cameron





battled with Tony D'Alberto's Honda for the podium places while Brown could only finish tenth.

In Race 3, O'Keefe rounded off a near-perfect weekend with another lights-to-flag victory, scoring 50 valuable championship points and so closing the gap to Brown. Ingall encored his second-place finish from Race 2, while D'Alberto held onto third position to record his first podium finish since the opening weekend of the series at Sydney in May. Crucially, Brown was embroiled in a battle with Jordan Cox's Alfa Romeo but the series leader could only manage to finish eighth, although he gained a place when John Martin received a five-second penalty that dropped him two positions.

The frustrating weekend for Brown, coupled with two wins and a second place for O'Keefe, means Brown's lead was more than halved in Queensland; the pair are now separated by 57 points, with D'Alberto having moved

up into third in the Drivers' standings and is now 42 points behind O'Keefe. The next TCR Australia event is at the Winton Motor Raceway on August 30th/September 1st.



Round 10 – Saturday 3 August, Queensland Raceway
 1. J-K. Vernay (Melbourne Performance, Audi RS 3 LMS); 2. D. O'Keefe (Ashley Seward Motorsport, Alfa Romeo Giulietta); 3. R. Ingall (Melbourne Performance, Audi RS 3 LMS)

Round 11 – Sunday 4 August, Queensland Raceway
 1. D. O'Keefe (Ashley Seward Motorsport, Alfa Romeo Giulietta); 2. R. Ingall (Melbourne Performance, Audi RS 3 LMS); 3. A. Cameron (Melbourne Performance, Volkswagen Golf GTI)

Round 12 – Sunday 4 August, Queensland Raceway
 1. D. O'Keefe (Ashley Seward Motorsport, Alfa Romeo Giulietta); 2. R. Ingall (Melbourne Performance, Audi RS 3 LMS); 3. T. D'Alberto (Wall Racing, Honda Civic FK7)



Milovan Vesnić reinforces his lead

THE SERBIAN DRIVER WON TWICE IN CROATIA AND SLOVAKIA

With two victories from the two most recent events, Milovan Vesnić has reinforced his lead in the standings of the TCR Eastern Europe powered by ESET. The Serbian driver and his CUPRA won Race 2 at Grobnik and Race 1 at the Slovakiaring and so Vesnić's leading margin has stretched to 33 points over Jáchym Galáš. The latter took his maiden victory in the series in Grobnik's Race 1 as did Dušan Kouřil in the second race at the Slovakia Ring. The series will resume at Brno in two weeks' time, on September 6th/8th.

GROBNIK – ONE WIN APIECE FOR GALÁŠ AND VESNIČ

Bad weather affected the event at Automotodrom Grobnik in Croatia, where the first race started and ended behind the safety car, while the second was stopped by the red flag.

In Race 1, pole sitter Galáš took the lead and built a 2.5-second advantage ahead of Vesnić; Petr Cízek cruised in third place until lap 9, when he was passed by Dušan Kouřil who was recovering after starting from the back of the grid. Kouřil had been fourth fastest in Qualifying but was penalised for being underweight. Two laps before the end, a tyre bursting halted Vesnić's pursuit of Galáš, while Jakub Wyszomirski retired after running over debris from the blown tyre. When a downpour flooded the track, the race finished behind the safety car with Kouřil and Cízek completing the podium behind Galáš. Vesnić took the lead at the start of Race 2 from Galáš, who made a mistake on lap 2 and dropped to fourth behind Carol Wittke, Maciej Łaskiewicz and Žarko Knego. In a couple of laps Galáš retook second





place, while Kouřil – who had started from the back again – moved into third. In the late stages, Galáš and Kouřil began fighting for second place, but the race was red-flagged because of yet another shower.

SLOVAKIARING - MAIDEN WIN FOR KOUŘIL AND HYUNDAI

After dominating Qualifying in which he set pole position with a 1.6-second margin over Čížek and Galáš, Vesnič took a comfortable lights-to-flag victory in Race 1. At the start, Martin Ryba moved into second from fifth on the grid, ahead of Wyszomirski, Galáš, Kouřil and Čížek. But soon Galáš advanced, passing Wyszomirski for third on lap 2 and Ryba for second on lap 3. Kouřil overtook Wyszomirski for fourth on lap 5 and began to close the gap from Ryba. They were fighting for third place until a puncture forced Ryba to retire on lap 8. The positions



Round 5 – Saturday 28 July, Automotodrom Grobnik
1. J. Galáš (GT2 Motorsport, Volkswagen Golf GTI); 2. D. Kouřil (K2 Engineering, Hyundai i30 N); 3. P. Čížek (Fullinrace Academy, CUPRA)

Round 6 – Sunday 29 July, Automotodrom Grobnik
1. M. Vesnič (ASK Vesnič, CUPRA); 2. J. Galáš (GT2 Motorsport, Volkswagen Golf GTI); 3. D. Kouřil (K2 Engine ACCR, Hyundai i30 N)

Round 7 – Saturday 24 August, Slovakiaring
1. M. Vesnič (ASK Vesnič, CUPRA); 2. J. Galáš (GT2 Motorsport, Volkswagen Golf GTI); 3. D. Kouřil (K2 Engineering, Hyundai i30 N)

Round 8 – Sunday 25 August, Slovakiaring
1. D. Kouřil (K2 Engineering, Hyundai i30 N); 2. M. Vesnič (ASK Vesnič, CUPRA); 3. J. Galáš (GT2 Motorsport, Volkswagen Golf GTI)

didn't change afterwards, so Vesnič won from Galáš and Kouřil. Pouring rain delayed Race 2 by over an hour. At the start Ryba dashed into the lead from third on the grid, while pole sitter Vesnič dropped to fourth behind Kouřil and Galáš. Ryba's leadership was short-lived as he was passed by Kouřil on lap 4 and then lost two more places to Vesnič and Galáš on the following lap. In lap 6, Čížek overtook Ryba for fourth after they made contact; his car damaged after the collision, Ryba retired on lap 10. Positions remained frozen until the end with Kouřil the winner from Vesnič and Galáš.



Max Hesse revives his title bid

MICHELLE HALDER AND THIERRY NEUVILLE CLAIM SURPRISE VICTORIES

TCR Germany ran back-to-back events at Zandvoort and the Nürburgring that delivered two surprise winners. In the Netherlands, Michelle Halder became the first lady to win a race in the championship and one week later World Rally Championship star Thierry Neuville made an impressive racing debut in the Hyundai guest car as he set pole position and dominated the first race.

However, the driver who took the most out of the consecutive weekends was Max Hesse. The 18-year old scored his first win at Zandvoort and then took maximum points at the Nürburgring where he was second behind Neuville – who was not eligible to score points – in Race 1 and was declared winner of a shortened Race 2. That all meant he closed the gap in the standings to Antti

Buri whose leading margin was reduced to 22 points. Still in contention for the title are the reigning champion Harald Proczyk and Mike Halder who have dropped 38 and 46 points behind Buri respectively.

Zandvoort – Michelle Halder beats the boys

Dominik Fugel sprinted from pole in Race 1, Mike Halder moved into second and Proczyk passed Bradley Burns for third. Mitchell Cheah crashed and the race was red flagged while the barriers were repaired. When racing resumed, Fugel led from Halder, Proczyk, Burns and Buri. Proczyk overtook Halder for second, while Hesse advanced from eighth to fifth, passing Buri, Burns and Lance Arnold in a single move. Soon after, Proczyk





and Fugel made contact, Proczyk took the lead, while Fugel lost momentum and dropped to fourth behind Halder and Hesse. However, race control ordered Proczyk to swap positions with Fugel and so he dropped to

fourth, while Halder took the lead from Hesse and Fugel. On lap 12, Hesse passed Halder who pushed the rival's car wide and retook the lead; but he realized that this might result in a penalty and so handed first place back to Hesse; Proczyk benefitted from the commotion and passed Fugel to finish third.

In Race 2, Michelle Halder, starting from pole, beat Arnold into T1. As she pulled away, Buri passed René Kircher and Arnold to move into second. Proczyk, Mike Halder, Fugel and Hesse made contact; Proczyk got the worst of it and dropped from fourth to seventh. Mike Halder passed Arnold for third and began chasing Buri; behind them the fight for fifth between Hesse and Proczyk culminated with their cars coming together. Something broke in Hesse's car and, despite the fact that it was crabbing sideways, Hesse didn't give up and salvaged a valuable ninth place. Michelle Halder claimed her maiden victory from Buri, her brother Mike, Arnold and Proczyk.





NÜRBURGRING – A WINNING DEBUT FOR THIERRY NEUVILLE

Neuville sprinted from pole at the start of Race 1, while Proczyk dived to the inside of Hesse at T1 and rammed Mike Halder's car that spun, triggering a chain reaction that cost Buri several positions. Proczyk's car was damaged and the Austrian dropped down the order and finished 11th. On lap 5, Burns' Honda caught fire and stopped on track, bringing out the safety car. When the race restarted, Neuville pulled away again, followed by Hesse, with Julien Apothéloz and Buri fighting for third; the Swiss driver closed off the gaps and beat Buri in the final sprint. Pole sitter Pascal Eberle stalled at the

start of Race 2, while Fugel jumped from third on the grid to the lead ahead of Buri, Mitchell Cheah and Proczyk. Cheah passed Buri for second, then the Finn was hit by Lukas Niedertscheider and dropped to 11th. As the rain began to fall, Proczyk passed Cheah and Fugel to take the lead. Many drivers pitted for rain tyres, including Proczyk, Fugel and Cheah; Hesse inherited the lead ahead of Eberle, Buri, Halder, Apothéloz and Neuville. As the rain became torrential, all of the top six slid off the track and rejoined. Buri, Halder, Apothéloz and Neuville pitted for rain tyres, while Hesse and Eberle stayed on slicks in first and second positions. The weather worsened, so the safety car was

deployed and after two laps the red flag was waved. The race would not resume and the final results were those at the end of lap 6, with Hesse, Eberle, Buri, Mike Halder, Apothéloz and Neuville occupied the first six places with Proczyk 14th; only half points were awarded.

TCR Germany's next race meeting will be at the Hockenheimring on 13th/15th September.



TCR Germany
TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 7 – Saturday 10 August,
Circuit Park Zandvoort

1. M. Hesse (Team Engstler, Hyundai i30 N); 2. Mike Halder (Profi-Car, Honda Civic FK7); 3. H. Proczyk (HP Racing International, Hyundai i30 N)

Round 8 – Sunday 11 August,
Circuit Park Zandvoort

1. Michelle Halder (Profi-Car, Honda Civic FK7); 2. A. Buri (LMS Racing, Audi RS 3 LMS); 3. Mike Halder (Profi-Car, Honda Civic FK7)

Round 9 – Saturday 17 August,
Nürburgring

1. T. Neuville (Team Engstler, Hyundai i30 N); 2. M. Hesse (Team Engstler, Hyundai i30 N); 3. J. Apothéloz (Topcar Sport, CUPRA)

Round 10 – Sunday 18 August,
Nürburgring

1. M. Hesse (Team Engstler, Hyundai i30 N); 2. P. Eberle (Steibel Motorsport, CUPRA); 3. A. Buri (LMS Racing, Audi RS 3 LMS)

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TCR Italy 2019
Mugello Circuit, Italy



Superb Race 2 win extends championship advantage

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The Bend Motorsport Park, Australia



First series victory for young German driver

TCR Germany 2019
Circuit Park Zandvoort, Holland



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The title fight goes down to the wire

IT'S A FINAL SHOOTOUT BETWEEN BRAGIN, LADYGIN AND GAVRILOV

The battle for the TCR Russia title will be decided at the season finale at Sochi on September 7th and 8th. That was the verdict issued by the series' two latest race meetings held in the Moscow region.

Three-time champion Dmitry Bragin is well placed to claim a fourth consecutive crown as he leads the standings with 191 points, but Kirill Ladygin and Klim Gavrilov are closely chasing him, 15 and 18 points behind. That means there is also a three-way

fight for manufacturers between Hyundai, LADA and Audi.

ADM RACEWAY – GAVRILOV DOMINATES THE FIRST RACE

Gavrilov dominated the first race on the refurbished racetrack at Myachkovo airport, on the outskirts of Moscow. He kept the advantage of pole position to lead from Bragin, Ivan Lukashevich and Andrej Maslennikov.

The leading quartet had a relatively quiet race, with sufficient gaps between





them, and finished in that order, while Pavel Kalmanovich had to fight harder to defend fifth place from the LADA cars of Mikhail Grachev and Ladygin. The latter took his third victory of the season in Race 2, when he finished just over 2.2 seconds ahead of his teammate Grachev. Both Grachev and Ladygin, who started from P2 and P3, beat pole sitter Grigoriy Burlutskiy to Turn 1, but an incident involving Kalmanovich and Lukashevich forced a number of drivers to take to the escape road in avoidance. Among them was Bragin, who dropped to 13th place as a result and then steadily began to work his way through the pack to eventually finish in sixth position. Grachev and Ladygin controlled the race from the front, opening up a gap from Burlutskiy who successfully defended third place from Gavrilov. At the final corner of the last lap, Grachev played the dutiful teammate and allowed Ladygin to take the lead and so claim maximum championship points.





MOSCOW RACEWAY – LADA REPLAYS THE TEAM STRATEGY

In Race 1, Bragin scored a crucial victory in his effort to retain the title. At the start, pole sitter Maslennikov and Gavrillov made contact at T1; Gavrillov spun and Bragin seized the chance to take the lead from Maslennikov, Burlutskiy, Ladygin, Lukashovich and Kalmanovich. As the rain began to fall, Burlutskiy and Ladygin fought for third place until the latter pitted for rain tyres. The safety car was deployed for two laps as the rain intensified and, when racing resumed, Bragin, Kalmanovich and Lukashovich formed the leading trio, all of them still on slicks, while Gavrillov and Ladygin were trying to recover having switched to rain tyres.

Bragin and Kalmanovich swapped positions several times with Lukashovich in pursuit, but then Kalmanovich made a mistake and so Bragin retook the lead and pulled away. The rain eased off in the final laps and so Bragin took his second victory of the season, while Kalmanovich beat Lukashovich in the sprint for second place.

A last-minute replacement for a sick Grachev, Mikhail Mityaev, dominated the second race, but then handed victory on the last lap to Ladygin. The track was damp and the drivers faced treacherous conditions over the initial laps. Mityaev made the best start ahead of Gavrillov, but then ran wide in T3 and Gavrillov briefly took the lead. Mityaev quickly recovered first position

and pulled away, building a solid 10-second lead, while his teammate Ladygin put in a great show passing Kalmanovich, Lukashovich and Gavrillov to take second place. On the final lap, Mityaev slowed down and handed victory to Ladygin a few hundred metres before the end, with Gavrillov completing the podium. Bragin had to fight hard and eventually was able to snatch fourth place from Kalmanovich at the last turn, limiting the erosion of his leadership.



TCR Russia TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 9 – Saturday 3 August, ADM Raceway

1. K. Gavrillov (VRC Team, Audi RS 3 LMS); 2. D. Bragin (TAIF Motorsport, Hyundai i30 N); 3. I. Lukashovich (Lukoil Racing, Hyundai i30 N)

Round 10 – Sunday 4 August, ADM Raceway

1. K. Ladygin (LADA Sport Rosneft, LADA Vesta); 2. M. Grachev (LADA Sport Rosneft, LADA Vesta); 3. G. Burlutskiy (Carville Racing, Volkswagen Golf GTI)

Round 11 – Saturday 17 August, Moscow Raceway

1. D. Bragin (TAIF Motorsport, Hyundai i30 N); 2. P. Kalmanovich (TAIF Motorsport, Audi RS 3 LMS); 3. I. Lukashovich (Lukoil Racing, Hyundai i30 N)

Round 12 – Sunday 18 August, Moscow Raceway

1. K. Ladygin (LADA Sport Rosneft, LADA Vesta Sport); 2. M. Mityaev (LADA Sport Rosneft, LADA Vesta Sport); 3. K. Gavrillov (VRC Team, Audi RS 3 LMS)



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Dahlgren's pursuers close the gap

THE SERIES LEADER RETIRES FROM RACE 2 AFTER AN INCIDENT

Mattias Andersson and Tobias Brink took one race victory apiece in TCR Scandinavia's fifth race meeting at Karlskoga.

In Race 1, Andersson made a terrific start from second on the grid and beat Robert Dahlgren to T1, with Tomas Engström, who'd started from P4, being passed by both Mikaela Åhlin-Kottulinsky and Brink. Much of the race was then fairly processional, but on Lap 15, Engström made contact with Brink whose Audi ran wide and this allowed both Engström and Andreas Wernersson to pass for fifth and sixth places respectively. Engström's joy was short-lived, however, as he locked his brakes after contact with Wernersson who moved up into fifth. Andersson

took the victory from Dahlgren and Andreas Ahlberg; Åhlin-Kottulinsky finished fourth ahead of Wernersson, but the latter was handed a ten-second penalty for the contact with Engström and dropped to ninth.

Brink took a lights-to-flag victory in Race 2. He made a brisk getaway and led the field into T1; behind him Andersson made contact with Engström who in turn hit Dahlgren. Andersson was able to continue, but both Engström and Dahlgren were forced to retire. Ahlberg passed Åhlin-Kottulinsky to lie in second place behind Brink; the trio ran together for the remainder of the seventeen-lap race, but the positions remained unchanged. Behind the podium places,





Wernersson held onto fourth place from Andersson.

In the standings, Brink has moved to within 15 points of Dahlgren, with Wernersson dropping to third just 3 points behind Brink. Ahlberg, too, is very much still in contention for the title, as he lies fourth in the table, a further six points adrift of Wernersson, but just 24 points cover first to fourth thanks to Dahlgren's DNF.

TCR Scandinavia next heads to Jyllandsringen in Denmark on September 6th and 7th.

TCR Scandinavia
TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 9 – Sunday 18 August, Gelleråsen Arena, Karlskoga

1. M. Andersson (Honda Team Sweden, Honda Civic FK2); 2. R. Dahlgren (PWR Racing, CUPRA); 3. A. Ahlberg (Micke Kågered Racing, Volkswagen Golf GTI)

Round 10 – Sunday 18 August, Gelleråsen Arena, Karlskoga

1. T. Brink (Brink Motorsport, Audi RS 3 LMS); 2. A. Ahlberg (Micke Kågered Racing, Volkswagen Golf GTI); 3. M. Åhlin-Kottulinsky (PWR Racing, CUPRA)



Turkington takes two wins and the points lead

James Turkington took the maximum possible fifty points from the two TCR UK races at Brands Hatch and so moved into the lead in the championship with only two more races remaining.

In Race 1, Turkington made a great start from fourth on the grid and went into Turn 1 in second place behind pole-sitter Nick Halstead. Championship leader Lewis Kent dropped a place and then struggled with a car that was fully laden with Success Ballast. Turkington snatched the race lead from Halstead on Lap 3, while Kent passed Darelle Wilson for fifth position. With Henry Neal, in a TCT class Honda, passing Halstead for second place overall, the attention switched to the battle between Halstead, Stewart Lines and Kent for third, fourth and fifth positions. Neal then passed Turkington for the race lead on Lap 10, but Turkington won in TCR UK with Halstead second and

Lines third after he passed Kent with only a handful of laps remaining. In Race 2, Kent again made a poor start and ran through the gravel at Druids on Lap 1, dropping to last place. The incident triggered a battle



TCR UK
TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 7 – Sunday 28 July,
Brands Hatch

1. J. Turkington (Cicely Motorsport, CUPRA); 2. N. Halstead (Orange Motorsport, Honda Civic FK2); 3. S. Lines (Maximum Motorsport, CUPRA)

Round 8 – Sunday 28 July,
Brands Hatch

1. J. Turkington (Cicely Motorsport, CUPRA); 2. L. Kent (Essex & Kent Motorsport, Hyundai i30 N); 3. S. Lines (Maximum Motorsport, CUPRA)

for recovery by Kent that would see him steadily carving his way through the field. His championship rival, however, made a superb start from second on the grid and so Turkington led into Turn 1. Kent's thrilling recovery drive saw him first pass Wilson, Lines and Halstead to finish third overall behind Turkington and the Neal's TCT car. However, both Neal and Halstead were given five-second penalties for track limit infringements, so Kent finished second overall ahead of Neal, with Lines third in TCR UK once again.

Turkington now has a nineteen-point lead over Kent in the standings, with a break of nearly three months until the final pair of races at Donington Park on October 19th/20th.



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Gary Kwok is crowned the first TCR champion

With a victory and two podium finishes in the last two events of the Canadian Touring Car Championship, Gary Kwok was crowned the country's first ever TCR champion. And this in spite of a 30-point penalty he was handed for causing an incident at the start of Trois-Rivières' second race. For the four final races of the season, the M&S Racing driver had swapped his Honda Civic FK2 for a newer Civic FK7. The tricky street circuit of Trois-Rivières' Parc des Exposition was the stage for two thrilling races. On a wet Friday evening, Tom Kwok started from pole and dominated the first race that took place at dusk and in pouring rain. Behind him, Gary strenuously defended second position. Despite being under pressure he didn't make any mistakes, while his chasers were not so fortunate; both Matthew Taskinen and Bob Attrell spun while they were chasing him and

so Jean-François Hevey inherited the third place.

On Saturday afternoon, Gary spun at the start of Race 2 after making contact with a GT Sport car and dropped to sixth in TCR. Hevey took the lead in the class, but he was passed by Attrell on lap 11. With 12 minutes to go and while enjoying a solid lead, Attrell crashed out at the exit of the Du Plessis gate, the safety car was deployed and led the field until the end of the race, with Hevey winning the TCR class from Tom and Gary Kwok.

Two weeks later the CTCC returned to Bowmanville for the season finale and Gary Kwok staked a claim on the title with victory in the first race. Hevey was on pole, but Gary started better and set an impressive pace to pull away until a safety car intervention swept away his leading margin. When the race resumed, Tom Kwok overtook Taskinen and Hevey,

moving into second place from where he protected his brother for the rest of the race.

The day after, Tom provided the icing on the cake by winning the second race ahead of Taskinen and Travis Hill. Gary had made a superb start, taking the lead ahead of two GT Sport cars, however he was soon passed by the more powerful GTs and so wisely focused on the title, eased his pace and eventually settled for a sixth position that secured the title with a margin of 21 points over Hevey and 30 ahead of Hill.



Round 7 – Friday 9 August, Trois-Rivières

1. T. Kwok (M&S Racing, Honda Civic FK2); 2. G. Kwok (M&S Racing, Honda Civic FK7); 3. J-F. Hevey (TCR/M1GT Racing, Audi RS 3 LMS)

Round 8 – Saturday 10 August, Trois-Rivières

1. J-F. Hevey (TCR/M1GT Racing, Audi RS 3 LMS); 2. T. Kwok (M&S Racing, Honda Civic FK2); 3. G. Kwok (M&S Racing, Honda Civic FK7)

Round 9 – Friday 23 August, Bowmanville Motorsport Park

1. G. Kwok (M&S Racing, Honda Civic FK7); 2. T. Kwok (M&S Racing, Honda Civic FK2); 3. J-F. Hevey (TCR/M1GT Racing, Audi RS 3 LMS)

Round 10 – Saturday 24 August, Bowmanville Motorsport Park

1. T. Kwok (M&S Racing, Honda Civic FK2); 2. M. Taskinen (TCR/M1GT Racing, Audi RS 3 LMS); 3. T. Hill (TWOth Autosport, Audi RS 3 LMS)



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A double win for Tovilavičius at Bikernieki

This was a weekend to remember for Džiugas Tovilavičius at Riga Bikernieki. After winning the TCR class in the NEZ6H series on Saturday, on Sunday the Lithuanian driver scored a double victory in the TCR races of the Baltic Touring Car Championship at the wheel of the same Volkswagen Golf GTI car run by the Skuba Racing Team.

Tovilavičius dominated the first race, taking the lead from pole position and building a small advantage, while Ramūnas Čapkauskas and Julius Adomavičius were fighting for second place. Čapkauskas had pipped Adomavičius at the start and seemed able to defend the position. However, during the penultimate lap he ran out of fuel and pulled into the pits, so Adomavičius finished second and Latvian driver Andrey Yushin inherited third.

The second race was livelier as Tovilavičius was closely followed by Adomavičius and Čapkauskas during the first three laps. Then, as his pursuers began to fight for second place, the leader was once again able to build a small margin. A couple of

mistakes from Adomavičius gave Čapkauskas the opportunity to find a gap and move ahead on lap 6. In the final part of the race Čapkauskas increased his pace and closed to within two seconds of Tovilavičius, while Adomavičius successfully defended third position from Yushin. That double victory meant that Tovilavičius took the lead in the standings by 29 points over Čapkauskas, while Adomavičius lies



Round 7 – Sunday 18 August,
Riga Bikernieki

1. D. Tovilavičius (Skuba Racing Team, Volkswagen Golf GTI); 2. J. Adomavičius (Dream 2 Drive PRO, CUPRA DSG); 3. A. Yushin (CUPRA DSG)

Round 8 – Sunday 18 August,
Riga Bikernieki

1. D. Tovilavičius (Skuba Racing Team, Volkswagen Golf GTI); 2. R. Čapkauskas (DHL Racing, CUPRA DSG); 3. J. Adomavičius (Dream 2 Drive PRO, CUPRA DSG)

in third position, a further three points adrift.

The Baltic Touring Car Championship will come to an end at Pärnu, in Estonia, on 21st/22nd September.



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The weather becomes a factor

ROUNDS 7 AND 8 WERE BOTH DECIDED BY A SINGLE FINAL LAP

The seventh and eighth rounds of the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge were both affected by changeable weather and made the fight for the TCR title even tighter. At Road America, Harry Gottsacker and Mason Filippi took their maiden win in the Bryan Herta Autosport Hyundai Veloster N; three weeks later at the Virginia International Raceway, Nick Galante and James Vance accomplished the same feat in the Fast MD Racing Audi RS 3 LMS. With two rounds left, Marc Wilkins and Michael Lewis have retained the lead in the standings, but their teammates Filippi-

Gottsacker have closed the gap to five points. Tom O’Gorman and Shelby Blackstock have dropped from second to third, but just a further four points adrift, while only 28 points cover the first seven teams. The penultimate round of the series will be at Laguna Seca on September 13th/14th.

ROAD AMERICA – FILIPPI-GOTTSACKER INHERIT THE VICTORY

The race at Road America was first delayed by one hour due to thunderstorms over Elkhart Lake, and then started with a duration reduced



from two hours to 75 minutes. It ended with two safety car periods in the last 15 minutes and a single final lap under green, which saw Gottsacker driving the Hyundai he shared with Filippi to a maiden win. He crossed the finish line in second position behind the HART Honda Civic of Ryan Eversley and Chad Gilsinger, however, the Honda team was penalised for not respecting the minimum drive-time requirements and so Gottsacker and Filippi were elevated to the win.

In the initial stages, on a very damp track, Galante dominated on wet tyres from the Honda of Brian Henderson that was soon passed by Chris Miller's Audi, Wilkins' Hyundai and Blackstock's Honda. As the track started to dry, Blackstock, who was on slicks, took the lead, while Galante made an early pit stop to change tyres. By lap 17, the rain started to fall again, with Gilsinger's Honda in the lead, without having pitted yet and still on wet tyres; the other Honda of Max Faulkner and the Hyundai of Gottsacker followed in second and third. With the rain falling harder, some cars went off, prompting the safety car out; Eversley took the wheel of the race-leading Honda, while the championship-leading Hyundai of Lewis-Wilkins had a puncture and missed its pit because of the unsafe release of a GS car. Still, they managed to recover and finish fourth. The race resumed 15 minutes from the end, but was again under yellow six minutes later and restarted for the final lap when Gottsacker overtook five rivals to take second.

VIR – VANCE-GALANTE WIN A RACE FULL OF DRAMA

Changeable weather conditions at the Virginia International Raceway resulted in another race full of drama, again with a single final lap under green.

Wilkins started from the TCR pole of a grid determined by the positions in the standings, as Qualifying had been



Round 7 – Saturday 3 August, Road America

1. M. Filippi/H. Gottsacker (Bryan Herta Autosport, Hyundai Veloster N); 2. T. O’Gorman/ S. Blackstock (LA Honda World Racing, Honda Civic FK8); 3. G. Ernstone/J. Morley (Roadshagger Racing, Audi RS 3 LMS)

Round 8 – Saturday 24 August, Virginia International Raceway

1. N. Galante/J. Vance (Fast MD Racing, Audi RS 3 LMS); 2. M. Filippi/H. Gottsacker (Bryan Herta Autosport, Hyundai Veloster N); M. Johnson/S. Simpson (JDC-Miller Motorsports, Audi RS 3 LMS)

cancelled due to a thunderstorm, but his teammate Gottsacker was faster and took the lead. Wilkins retook first position on lap 3, but then lost it to Blackstock. There was a close fight for the lead, with Blackstock, Wilkins, Gottsacker, Colin Mullan and Brian Henderson covered by just 1.5 seconds. The rain began to fall on lap 6, three GS cars crashed and the safety car was deployed. The neutralization lasted for half-an-hour

during which everyone pitted for wet tyres except Galante. When the race resumed, Galante dropped back, while Ernstone, Wilkins and Gottsacker alternated in the TCR lead.

Halfway through the two-hour race the track began to dry, all the teams pitted for refuelling, driver changes and going back out on slicks. Morley (who had replaced Ernstone) led from Vance, Ryan Nash, Filippi, O’Gorman and Stephen Simpson, while Lewis had dropped back after serving a drive-through for passing during the safety car period.

The final 25 minutes were disrupted three times by safety car interventions as the rain began to fall again and some GS cars spun off. Eventually the race resumed for the final lap, Vance took the lead from Morley, who was then running abreast with Simpson and Filippi as they battled for the second position. There was contact between Simpson and Morley and the latter spun off and crashed. And so Vance crossed the line as the winner from Filippi, Simpson and Lewis.



The first win for Skuba Racing Team

There was drama in the third round of the NEZ6H series at Riga Bikernieki. The battle for the TCR class involved three Lithuanian teams: the Volkswagen Golf GTI cars of Noker Racing and Skuba Racing and the DHL Racing CUPRA.

Kęstutis Stasionis and Marius Slaboševičius, the winners of the previous round in Finland and the leaders in the standings, led the first part of the race in the Noker Racing Golf GTI; however they were forced to

retire after four hours and 30 minutes with a gearbox failure. A similar issue had already eliminated the Golf run by GSR Motorsport that was driven by lady drivers Ernesta Globytė and Indre Senkutė-Gedgaudiene.

After the Noker Racing car retired, the lead was inherited by Dziugas Tovilavičius and Egidijus Valeiša in the Skuba Racing Golf, who held onto first position in TCR and finished second overall behind a Lamborghini Huracan. The victory also promoted them to the

top of the TCR standings, eight points clear of Noker Racing.

The DHL Racing CUPRA, shared by Ramūnas Čapkauskas, Jurgis Adomavičius and local driver Valters Zviedris, was classified third overall and second in the class, only one lap behind the winners. Third place went to another CUPRA entered by the Igoriolankai team that, after six hours of racing, beat the Energizer Racing Golf GTI by only seven tenths. The Golf of the Finnish team Black Rose Racing was eliminated by a racing incident, while the CUPRA of Dream 2 Drive PRO lost several laps in the pits while a ball-joint was replaced. The final round of the NEZ6H series will be at Pärnu on September 20th/22nd.



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Round 3 – Saturday 17 August,
Riga Bikernieki

1. Tovilavičius / Valeiša (Skuba Racing Team, Volkswagen Golf GTI); 2. Adomavičius / Čapkauskas / Zviedris (DHL Racing, CUPRA DSG); 3. Ivanovas / Ambrazevičius / Kablys / Giečiauskas (Igoriolankai, CUPRA DSG)

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Mathilda Racing returns to victory

Nordschleife specialists Mathilda Racing returned to victory in the VLN's fifth round, the 6-hour ADAC Ruhr-Pokal-Rennen.

The team's CUPRA, driven by Matthias Wasel, Fredric Yerly and Roland Schmid completed 37 laps of the road course in the Eifel forest and was classified 21st overall out of the 144 starters. This was the third victory of the season so far for the #806 car.

In the first part of the 6-hour race, a three-way fight developed in the TCR class between the CUPRA, one of the two Max Kruse Racing Volkswagen Golf GTI cars and the Møller Bil Motorsport Audi RS 3 LMS. The three cars took turns to lead, but good strategy and perfect pit stops helped the Mathilda Racing CUPRA to build a comfortable lead over the final two hours.

The Norwegian team of Håkon Schjærin, Atle Gulbrandsen, Kenneth Østvold and Anders Lindstad placed the Møller Bil Motorsport Audi in second place, one lap behind the winners.

The Max Kruse Racing Golf GTI cars that finished 1-2 in the previous event of the series had a dismal weekend. Benjamin Leuchter and Andreas Gulden did not



post a qualifying lap due to a gearbox issue; the team managed to rebuild the gearbox in time to allow them to start from the back of the grid, but they were halted after two laps by brake failure. The sister car of Loris Prattes and Jasmin Preisig was running in second place until it too suffered from a gearbox issue and retired with only ten minutes to go.

The VLN will resume with round 6 on September 7th.

TCR VLN
ENDURANCE CLASS

Round 5 – Saturday 4 August,
Nürburgring Nordschleife
1. Wasel/Yerly/Schmid (Mathilda
Racing, CUPRA); 2.
Schjærin/Gulbrandsen/Østvold/
Lindstad (Møller Bil Motorsport, Audi
RS 3 LMS); 3. Preisig/Prattes (Max
Kruse Racing, Volkswagen Golf GTI)

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Drivers			
1	Esteban Guerrieri	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	231 pts
2	Norbert Michelisz	Hyundai i30 N TCR	207
3	Thed Björk	Lynk&Co 03 TCR	181
4	Néstor Girolami	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	177
5	Mikel Azcona	CUPRA TCR	169
6	Yvan Muller	Lynk&Co 03 TCR	154
7	Yann Ehrlacher	Lynk&Co 03 TCR	148
8	Frédéric Vervisch	Audi RS 3 LMS	136
9	Jean-Karl Vernay	Audi RS 3 LMS	123
10	Gabriele Tarquini	Hyundai i30 N TCR	120

Teams		
1	All-Inkl.com Münnich Motorsport	408 pts
2	Cyan Racing Lynk&Co	335
3	BRC Hyundai N Squadra Corse	327

TCR Europe

(after rounds 10 of 14)



Drivers			
1	Josh Files	Hyundai i30 N TCR	254 pts
2	Luca Engstler	Hyundai i30 N TCR	176
3	Julien Briché	Peugeot 308 TCR	166
4	Mat'o Homola	Hyundai i30 N TCR	162
5	Santiago Urrutia	Audi RS 3 LMS	151
6	Nelson Panciatici	Hyundai i30 N TCR	149
7	Gilles Magnus	Audi RS 3 LMS	146
8	Andreas Bäckman	Hyundai i30 N TCR	143
9	Maxime Potty	Volkswagen Golf GTI	142
10	Aurélien Comte	Peugeot 308 TCR	139

Teams		
1	Target Competition	583 pts
2	Team WRT	324
3	M1RA Motorsport	272

TCR Asia

(after rounds 8 of 10)



Drivers			
1	Luca Engstler	Hyundai i30 N TCR	183 pts
2	Diego Morán	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR / Hyundai i30 N	153
3	Pepe Oriola	Hyundai i30 N TCR	126
4	Daniel L. Miranda	Hyundai i30 N TCR	74
5	Kim Jin Soo	Hyundai i30 N TCR	57
6	Adam Bin Khalid	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	47
7	Gao Hua Yang	Hyundai i30 N TCR	44
8	Alex Hui Ka Tai	Audi RS 3 LMS	39
9	Théo Colcaud	Hyundai i30 N TCR	34
10	Roland Hertner	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	26

Cup		
1	Roland Hertner	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR
2	Douglas Khoo Kok Hui	CUPRA TCR
3	Kelvin Wong Kiang Kuan	CUPRA TCR

Teams		
1	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	328 pts
2	Solite Indigo Racing	183
3	Eurasia Motorsport	119

TCR Australia

(after rounds 12 of 21)



Drivers			
1	Will Brown	Hyundai i30 N TCR	410 pts
2	Dylan O'Keeffe	Alfa Romeo Giulietta TCR	353
3	Tony D'Alberto	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	311
4	Nathan Morcom	Hyundai i30 N TCR	292
5	James Moffat	Renault Mégane RS TCR	285
6	Aaron Cameron	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	275
7	John Martin	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	240
8	Alex Rullo	Holden Astra TCR	209
9	Jason Bright	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	190
10	Russell Ingall	Audi RS 3 LMS	187

TCR Benelux

(after rounds 6 of 10)



Drivers			
1	Gilles Magnus	Audi RS 3 LMS	167 pts
2	Josh Files	Hyundai i30 N TCR	153
3	Julien Briché	Peugeot 308 TCR	152
4	Aurélien Comte	Peugeot 308 TCR	140
5	Santiago Urrutia	Audi RS 3 LMS	139
6	Maxime Potty	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	134
7	Mat'o Homola	Hyundai i30 N TCR	119
8	Dusan Borković	Hyundai i30 N TCR	92
9	Tom Coronel	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	70
10	Marie Baus-Coppens	CUPRA TCR	64

Teams		
1	Autodis Racing by Target	210 pts
2	JSB Compétition	204
3	Comtoy Racing	192

TCR China

(after rounds 6 of 10)



Drivers			
1	Huang Chu Han	Audi RS 3 LMS	99 pts
2	Daniel Lloyd	Honda Civic Type R FK8 TCR	90
3	Kenneth Look	Audi RS 3 LMS	71
4	Martin Xie Xin Zhe	Honda Civic Type R FK8 TCR	47
5	Alex Liu Lic Ka	CUPRA TCR	38
6	James Wong	Audi RS 3 LMS	28
7	Li Lin	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	23
8	Filipe Souza	Audi RS 3 LMS	19
9	Zou Si Rui	Honda Civic Type R FK8 TCR	17
10	Michael Wong	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	13

Teams		
1	Liqui Moly NewFaster Racing	172 pts
2	Dongfeng Honda Racing	148
3	T.A. Motorsport	56

TCR Eastern Europe by ESET

(after rounds 8 of 12)



Drivers			
1	Milovan Vesnić	CUPRA TCR	157 pts
2	Jáchym Galás	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	124
3	Petr Čížek	CUPRA TCR	97
4	Dušan Kouril	Hyundai i30 N TCR	95
5	Jakub Wyszomirski	Honda Civic Type R FK2 TCR	87
6	Carol Wittke	CUPRA TCR	71
7	Žarko Knego	CUPRA TCR	42
8	Maciej Laskiewicz	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	41
9	Tomáš Pekař	Renault Mégane RS TCR	40
10	Martin Ryba	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	40

ESET V4 Cup		
1	Milovan Vesnić	CUPRA TCR
2	Jáchym Galás	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR
3	Dušan Kouril	Hyundai i30 N TCR

TCR Germany

(after rounds 10 of 14)



Drivers			
1	Antti Buri	Audi RS 3 LMS	320 pts
2	Max Hesse	Hyundai i30 N TCR	298
3	Harald Proczyk	Hyundai i30 N TCR	282
4	Mike Halder	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	274
5	Lukas Niedertscheider	Hyundai i30 N TCR	201
6	Théo Colcaud	Hyundai i30 N TCR	189
7	Michelle Halder	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	167
8	Julien Apothéloz	CUPRA TCR	165.5
9	Bradley Burns	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	159
10	René Kircher	Audi RS 3 LMS	149

Junior Challenge		
1	Bradley Burns	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR
2	Julien Apothéloz	CUPRA TCR
3	Michelle Halder	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR

Teams		
1	Hyundai Team Engstler	471 pts
2	HP Racing International	466
3	Profi-Car Team Honda ADAC Sachsen	396

TCR Ibérico

(after rounds 4 of 8)



Drivers			
1	Francisco Mora	CUPRA TCR	75 pts
2	Robin Vaks	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	66
3	Mattias Vahtel	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	54
4	Edgar Florindo	CUPRA TCR	40
5	Gustavo Moura	Audi RS 3 LMS	33
6	Daniel Teixeira	SEAT León TCR	28
6	Joaquim Santos	SEAT León TCR	28
8	Gabriela Correia	CUPRA TCR DSG	16
9	Pedro Marques	CUPRA TCR	14

DSG Trophy			
1	Daniel Teixeira	SEAT León TCR	68 pts
1	Joaquim Santos	SEAT León TCR	68 pts
2	Gabriela Correia	CUPRA TCR DSG	35

Teams			
1	Veloso Motorsport		115 pts
2	ALM Honda Racing		105
3	Bompiso Racing Team		46

TCR Italy

(after rounds 8 of 14)



Drivers			
1	Salvatore Tavano	CUPRA TCR	97 pts
2	Marco Pellegrini	Hyundai i30 N TCR	97
3	Matteo Greco	CUPRA TCR	82
4	Enrico Bettera	Audi RS 3 LMS	64
5	Felix Wimmer	CUPRA TCR	49
6	Eric Scalvini	CUPRA TCR DSG	48
7	Jacopo Guidetti	Audi RS 3 LMS	38
8	Matteo Bergonzini	CUPRA TCR DSG	32
9	Davide Nardilli	Honda Civic Type R FK2 TCR	28
10	Klim Gavrilo	Audi RS 3 LMS	22

DSG Trophy			
1	Matteo Bergonzini	CUPRA TCR DSG	117 pts
2	Eric Scalvini	CUPRA TCR DSG	107
3	Christian Voithofer	CUPRA TCR DSG	68

TCR Japan

(after rounds 6 of 10)



Drivers			
1	Yu Kanamaru	Honda Civic Type R FK8 TCR	104 pts
2	Shogo Mitsuyama	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	96
3	Takeshi Matsumoto	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	96
4	Matthew Howson	Honda Civic Type R FK8 TCR	86
5	Shuji Maejima	Alfa Romeo Giulietta TCR	81
6	Takuro Shinohara	Audi RS 3 LMS	68
7	'Hirobon'	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	55
8	Yukinori Taniguchi	Honda Civic Type R FK8 TCR	30
9	'Yoshiki'	Audi RS 3 LMS	24
10	Resshu Shioya	Honda Civic Type R FK8 TCR	17

Gentlemen Class			
1	Shuji Maejima	Alfa Romeo Giulietta TCR	125 pts
2	'Hirobon'	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	121
3	Yukinori Taniguchi	Honda Civic Type R FK8 TCR	103

Entrants			
1	Team Goh Models #5		104 pts
2	Green Brave #52		96
3	RT - Wakayama Racing #25		96

TCR Malaysia

(after rounds 6 of 6)



Drivers			
1	Luca Engstler	Hyundai i30 N TCR	142.5 pts
2	Kai Jordan	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	68
3	Martin Ryba	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	53
4	Mitchell Cheah Min Jie	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	48
5	Paul Ip Kung Ching	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	44.5
6	Douglas Khoo Kok Hui	CUPRA TCR	38
7	Michael Choi Koon Ming	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	35
8	Rob Huff	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	33
9	Kenneth Lau Chi Yung	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	24
10	Brendan Paul Anthony	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	20

Cup			
1	Kai Jordan	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	97.5 pts
2	Martin Ryba	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	82.5
3	Paul Ip Kung Ching	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	72

Teams			
1	Liqui Moly Team Engstler		248.5 pts
2	Prince Racing		83
3	Brutal Fish Racing Team		61

TCR Middle East

(after rounds 9 of 9)



Drivers			
1	René Münnich	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	195 pts
2	Luc Breukers	CUPRA TCR DSG	150
3	Zoltán Zengő	CUPRA TCR DSG	107
4	Tamás Tenke	CUPRA TCR DSG	52
5	Csába Tóth	CUPRA TCR DSG	30
6	Paul Dehadray	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	26
6	Kieran Griffin	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	26
8	Yusif Bassil	CUPRA TCR DSG	20
8	Ivo Breukers	CUPRA TCR DSG	20
10	Tamás Horváth	CUPRA TCR DSG	10
10	Gábor Kismarty-Lechner	CUPRA TCR DSG	10

Teams			
1	All-Inkl.com Münnich Motorsport #77		172 pts
2	Red Camel-Jordans.nl #101		150
3	Zengő Motorsport #8		122

TCR Russia

(after rounds 12 of 14)



Drivers			
1	Dmitry Bragin	Hyundai i30 N TCR	191 pts
2	Kirill Ladygin	LADA Vesta Sport TCR	176
3	Klim Gavrilo	Audi RS 3 LMS	173
4	Ivan Lukashovich	Hyundai i30 N TCR	138
5	Andrey Maslennikov	SEAT León TCR / CUPRA TCR	136
6	Pavel Kalmanovich	Audi RS 3 LMS	119
7	Aleksey Dudukalo	Audi RS 3 LMS	112
8	Mikhail Grachev	LADA Vesta Sport TCR	102
9	Grigoriy Burlutskiy	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	85
10	Mikhail Mityaev	SEAT León TCR / LADA Vesta Sport TCR	76

SMP Trophy			
1	Anton Badoev	CUPRA TCR	158 pts
2	Lev Tolkachev	CUPRA TCR	124
3	Aleksandr Marushko	LADA Vesta TCR	103

Teams			
1	STC TAIF Motorsport		310 pts
2	LADA Sport Rosneft		307
3	Lukoil Racing		294

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TCR Scandinavia

(after rounds 10 of 14)



Drivers			
1	Robert Dahlgren	CUPRA TCR	176 pts
2	Tobias Brink	Audi RS 3 LMS	161
3	Andreas Wernersson	Audi RS 3 LMS	158
4	Andreas Ahlberg	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	152
5	Mattias Andersson	Honda Civic Type R FK2 TCR	127
6	Mikaela Ahlin-Kottulinsky	CUPRA TCR	125
7	Tomas Engström	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	50
8	Hannes Morin	Audi RS 3 LMS	38
9	Albin Wärmelöv	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	30
10	Jessica Bäckman	Hyundai i30 N TCR	21

Teams			
1	Brink Motorsport		321 pts
2	PWR Racing - SEAT Dealer Team		302
3	Micke Kägered Racing		204

TCR UK

(after rounds 8 of 10)



Drivers			
1	Lewis Kent	Hyundai i30 N TCR	85 pts
2	James Turkington	CUPRA TCR	83
3	Darelle Wilson	Vauxhall Astra TCR	60
4	Carl Swift	CUPRA TCR	47
5	Sunny Wong Yat Shin	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	39
6	Mark Wakefield	CUPRA TCR	38
7	Oliver Taylor	CUPRA TCR	30
8	Nick Halstead	Honda Civic Type R FK2 TCR	25
9	Guy Colclough	CUPRA TCR DSG	17
10	Richard Woods	CUPRA TCR	14

Teams			
1	Essex & Kent Motorsport		85 pts
2	Cicely Motorsport		83
3	DW Racing		60

Baltic Touring Car Championship

(after rounds 8 of 10)



Drivers			
1	Džiugas Tovilavičius	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	158 pts
2	Ramūnas Čapkauskas	CUPRA TCR DSG / Hyundai i30 N TCR	129
3	Julius Adomavičius	CUPRA TCR DSG / Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	126
4	Andrey Yushin	CUPRA TCR DSG	67
5	Mattias Vahtel	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	57
6	Peteer Peek	Honda Civic Type R FK2 TCR	48
7	Kęstutis Stasionis	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	47
8	Robin Vaks	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	33
9	Egdijus Valeiša	Hyundai i30 N TCR	22
10	Jurgis Adomavičius	CUPRA TCR DSG	16

TC America

(after rounds 10 of 16)



Drivers			
1	Michael Hurczyn	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	192 pts
2	Nate Vincent	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	148
3	Mason Filippi	Hyundai Veloster N TCR	125
4	James Walker	Alfa Romeo Giulietta TCR	125
5	Victor González	Honda Civic Type R FK7	93
6	Harry Cheung	Honda Civic Type R FK7	36
7	Britt Casey jr.	Audi RS 3 LMS	25
8	Michael McCann jr.	Audi RS 3 LMS	22

TCR DSG Cup			
1	Bryan Putt	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG	219 pts
2	Christian Cole	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG	158
3	Michael McCann jr.	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG	95

Teams			
1	FCP Euro		198 pts
2	McCann Racing		132
3	eEuroparts.com ROWE Racing		117

Canadian Touring Car Championship

(after rounds 10 of 10)



Drivers			
1	Gary Kwok	Honda Civic FK2 TCR/Honda Civic FK7 TCR	1165 pts
2	Jean-François Hevey	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG	1144
3	Travis Hill	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG	1135
4	Matthew Taskinen	Audi RS 3 LMS	1083
5	Ron Thomlinson	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG	971
6	Bob Attrell	Hyundai i30 N TCR	900
7	Tom Kwok	Honda Civic Type R FK2 TCR	835
8	Edward Killeen	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG	758
9	Lindsay Rice	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG	405
10	Alain Lauzière	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG	393

IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge

(after rounds 8 of 10)



Drivers			
1	Mark Wilkins/Michael Lewis	Hyundai Veloster N TCR	224 pts
2	Mason Filippi/Harry Gottsacker	Hyundai Veloster N TCR	219
3	Tom O'Gorman/Shelby Blackstock	Honda Civic Type R FK8 TCR	215
4	Gavin Emstone/Jon Morley	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG	207
5	Todd Lamb/Brian Henderson	Honda Civic Type R FK8 TCR	200
6	Russel McDonough/Ryan Nash	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG	199
7	Nick Galante/James Vance	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG	196
8	Colin Mullan/Max Faulkner	Honda Civic Type R FK8 TCR	191
9	Michael Johnson/Stephen Simpson	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG	185
10	Roy Block/Tim Lewis jr	Alfa Romeo Giulietta TCR	172

Teams			
1	Bryan Herta Autosport - Curb Agajanian #98		224 pts
2	Bryan Herta Autosport - Curb Agajanian #21		219
3	LA Honda World Racing #37		215

Super Taikyu

(after rounds 4 of 6)



Teams			
1	Audi Team DreamDrive #45	Audi RS 3 LMS	75 pts
2	Adenau Racingline Performance #10	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	65.5
3	Audi Team Mars #65	Audi RS 3 LMS	64
4	BRP Audi Mie #19	Audi RS 3 LMS	60.5
5	RFC Racing #108	Honda Civic Type R FK8 TCR	57
6	Modulo Racing with Dome #97	Honda Civic Type R FK8 TCR	47
7	Walmarama Kizuna Racing Team #22	Audi RS 3 LMS	42
8	Team Noah #75	Honda Civic Type R FK8 TCR	31
9	KCMG #501	Honda Civic Type R FK8 TCR	29

24H TCE Series - Continents

(after rounds 2 of 4)



Drivers			
1	M. Menzel/J. Ogay/Y. Mettler/S. Tanner	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	58 pts
2	Stéphane Perrin	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG	44
3	Henry Littig/Klaus Kresnik	CUPRA TCR DSG	36
4	Fabian Danz	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	30
5	R. Jost/J. Apothéloz/L. Hartog/O. Graeper	CUPRA TCR DSG	28
5	Ralf Henggeler	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	28
7	Ivo Breukers/Cody Hill	CUPRA TCR DSG	26
8	P. Thirion/D. Caillon/B. Bazaud/S. Morales/J.L. Rihon	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG	24
9	G. Magnus/T. Boonen/V. Radermecker	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG	22
9	J. Kaye/S. Dejonghe/M. Detry	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG	22

Teams			
1	Autorama Motorsport by Wolf Power Racing #112		58 pts
2	AC Motorsport #188		44
3	Red Camel-Jordans.nl #101		36



24H TCE Series - Europe

(after rounds 4 of 5)



Drivers		
1	Stéphane Perrin/James Kaye	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG 69 pts
2	Fabian Danz	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR DSG 56
3	Vincent Radermecker	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG 47
4	Ivo Breukers	CUPRA TCR DSG 44
5	Kristian Jepsen/Jan Sorensen	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR DSG 37
6	Rik Breukers	CUPRA TCR DSG 35
7	Peter Fahlström/Stefan Nilsson/Emil Sällberg	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR DSG 31
8	M. Menzel/J. Ogay/Y. Mettler/S. Tanner/R. Henggeler	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR DSG 28
9	Roy Edland/Magnus Holmgaard/Jonas Holmgaard	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR DSG 26
10	Luc Breukers	CUPRA TCR DSG 26

Teams		
1	Autorama Motorsport by Wolf Power Racing #112	84 pts
2	AC Motorsport #188	69
3	Red Camel-Jordans.nl #101	54

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(after rounds 6 of 9)



Drivers		
1	Alba Cano Ramírez	CUPRA TCR DSG 148 pts
2	Amalia Vinyes Dabad	CUPRA TCR 142
3	Didac Ros	CUPRA TCR DSG 142
4	Raul Martínez/Ruben Martínez	CUPRA TCR DSG 116
5	Gianluca Vicinanza/Alex Cosin	CUPRA TCR DSG 108
6	Enrique Hernando	Peugeot 308 TCR 99
7	Alberto Vescovi/Roberto Ferri	CUPRA TCR 96
8	Gonzalo Martín de Andrés	Peugeot 308 TCR 80
9	Arturo Espuny	CUPRA TCR DSG 80
10	Guillermo Aso	CUPRA TCR DSG 76

Pagid Trophy		
1	Amalia Vinyes Dabad	CUPRA TCR 56 pts
2	Didac Ros	CUPRA TCR DSG 55
3	Alba Cano Ramírez	CUPRA TCR DSG 54

24H Middle East

(after rounds 3 of 3)



Drivers		
1	Luc Breukers	CUPRA TCR DSG 68 pts
2	Zoltán Zengő	CUPRA TCR DSG 55
2	Csaba Tóth	CUPRA TCR DSG 55
4	Ivo Breukers	CUPRA TCR DSG 50
5	Yusif Basil	CUPRA TCR DSG 43
6	René Münnich	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR 37
7	Paul Dehadray	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 18
7	Kieran Griffin	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 18
7	Tamás Horváth	CUPRA TCR DSG 18
7	Gábor Kismarty-Lechner	CUPRA TCR DSG 18

Teams		
1	Red Camel-Jordans.nl #101	68 pts
2	Zengő Motorsport #8	52
3	All-Inkl.com Münnich Motorsport #77	37

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(after rounds 3 of 4)



Teams		
1	Skuba Racing Team #912	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 138 pts
2	Noker Racing Team #911	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 130
3	DHL Racing Team #15	CUPRA TCR DSG 118
4	Dream 2 Drive PRO #99	CUPRA TCR DSG 116
5	Energizer Racing Team #95	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 110
6	Black Rose Racing #115	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR DSG 84
7	MV Sport #33	Hyundai i30 N TCR 50
8	Igoriolankai #9	CUPRA TCR DSG 42
9	GSR Motorsport #5	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 28

Coppa Italia Turismo

(after rounds 10 of 14)



Drivers		
1	Daniele Cappellari	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR 45 pts
2	Jacopo Guidetti	Audi RS 3 LMS / CUPRA TCR DSG 43
3	Edoardo Barbolini	Audi RS 3 LMS / Audi RS 3 LMS DSG 40
4	Fabio Fabiani	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG 36
5	Samuele Piccin	Honda Civic Type R FK2 TCR 27
6	Alessio Caiola	CUPRA TCR DSG 25
7	Imerio Brigladori	Audi RS 3 LMS 24
8	Mauro Guastamacchia	Honda Civic Type R FK2 TCR 23
9	Nicola Sciaguato	CUPRA TCR DSG 19
9	Guido Sciaguato	CUPRA TCR DSG 19

TCR DSG Endurance

(after rounds 4 of 6)



Drivers		
1	Alessandro Altoè/Giovanni Altoè	CUPRA TCR DSG 86 pts
2	Giacomo Barri/Ermanno Dionisio	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG 60
3	Cosimo Barberini/Carlotta Fedeli	CUPRA TCR DSG 50
4	Sandro Pelatti/Gabriele Volpato	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG 43
5	Gianmaria Gabbiani	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR DSG 35
6	Luca Segù	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR DSG 33
7	Guido Sciaguato/Nicola Sciaguato	CUPRA TCR DSG 33
8	Nicola Guida	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG 23
8	Rinaldo Capello	Audi RS 3 LMS DSG 23
10	Raffaele Gurrieri	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR DSG 18

Three questions to... **Mason Filippi**

You are committed to parallel programmes in TC America and the IMSA Michelin Challenge. How do you feel about this intense activity and what are your ambitions in the two championships?

"Sprint racing is what I have competed in during most of my career, and I am excited to race in TC America. IMSA is an awesome new challenge, as Bryan Herta Autosport is running a top-notch programme with two cars. The addition of a co-driver in the endurance races adds a level of complexity that motivates me. There are different car setups for the long run, pit stops, strategies and the list goes on. I love being able to help build winning strategies and compare data with all of the drivers in our team. The increased seat time in the Veloster along with gaining racing experience in both series has been beneficial. I love competing in both programmes, and I am always itching to get back in the car! I am looking forward to the second half of the season. In IMSA we are fighting to try to catch our sister car that's leading the championship. It would be great to have it come down to the last race to see who wins. We still have a chance and we are shooting for it! For TC America, we are way out of the points after missing two weekends, but we can still make up a lot of points and finish in the top three, which is our goal this year!"

Last year you made your TCR debut in the Pirelli WC in a Volkswagen Golf first and then a Honda Civic. This year you were the first to drive the Hyundai Veloster to victory. How proud are you about this?

"I am stoked to have recorded the first Veloster victory. The weekend at COTA was a great success! That is one of my favourite tracks and now is home to the first Hyundai Veloster TCR win. I am proud of our success and owe it to the team and all the people at Hyundai Motorsport that built this car. My debut in TCR was with the Pirelli World Challenge in the Golf and then finished the



last two weekends in the Honda. Our teams found success in both cars and finished the season strongly. The Hyundai, Honda, and Volkswagen are very different handling cars and all have strengths. Racing each of them means I am able to think back and remember where the other cars are strong, which gives me a few extra tools to work with."

As TCR is a global category, are you thinking to broadening your experience and commit to some international series in the near future?

"If given the opportunity, I would love to race TCR globally. The WTCR races are some of my favourite races to watch and I would love to compete in them! I have truly fallen in love with the TCR platform and seek any opportunities to broaden my experience worldwide. With so many great TCR races going on around the world I am itching to be driving everywhere! Give me a Call!"

