

**#09 – 13 MARCH 2009**

### **NEXT STOP: PUEBLA, MEXICO**

The WTCC stays in America for its second race meeting. After the season started one week ago in Curitiba, Brazil, the championship is now heading to Mexico's Autódromo Miguel E. Abed, where rounds 3 and 4 will take place on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

This is the fourth time the 3.2 km circuit, located some 30km East of Puebla, hosts the championship. The WTCC visited Puebla for the first time in July 2005. Fabrizio Giovanardi's Alfa Romeo won the first race, while SEAT's Peter Terting claimed his first and only WTCC victory in the second.

The following year's event – on a completely revised track – was dominated by the Alfa Romeo men, Salvatore Tavano, who won the first race, and Augusto Farfus, victorious in Race 2.

After a one-year break, the WTCC returned to Puebla in 2008. The SEAT León TDI cars dominated both races: Jordi Gené and Rickard Rydell finished 1-2 in the first one, while Tiago Monteiro won Race 2 followed by five other SEAT cars, including Tom Coronel, sixth in the SUNRED petrol-powered León.



SEAT turbodiesel cars dominated last year's races in Mexico

### **SEAT MEN FILL THE STANDINGS' TOP SPOTS**

SEAT Sport's drivers arrive in Mexico on top of the point table.

Yvan Muller and Gabriele Tarquini (first and second in the 2008 Drivers' championship) are co-leaders with 15 points, having shared victories and fourth places in Curitiba.

Their team mates Jordi Gené and Rickard Rydell are joint in third position with 14 points, having swapped second and third positions in the Brazilian races.

The SEAT quartet is followed by five BMW men, led by Augusto Farfus on 7 points.

In the Manufacturers' Championship, SEAT have scored 36 points against BMW's 22. Surprisingly LADA lie in third position with 10 points, one more than Chevrolet.

### **PORTEIRO LEADS THE INDEPENDENTS' TROPHY**

Félix Porteiro has already built a comfortable lead in the Independents' Trophy, having scored 31 points in Curitiba. On his first appearance at the wheel of Proteam Motorsport's BMW, the young Spaniard dominated the field and fought hard with the works driver. He even managed to lead the second race for four laps and to score three points in the overall classification.

"With the new point system that awards three points for each one scored in the overall championship, my results in Brazil were very important. Counting this bonus and the points awarded for the pole position and the fastest laps, I have collected 11 additional points," a pleased Porteiro commented. SUNRED's Tom Coronel is the closest competitor, as he claimed two second places and 19 points: "I also scored one point in the overall championship. Not bad when you consider that my car is 55kg heavier than last year. For now this was the best possible result and I am really looking forward to the next round in Mexico," the Dutchman said.



Porteiro and Coronel chase Farfus in Curitiba's Race 2

### EUROSPORT COVERAGE FROM CURITIBA

Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> :	Qualifying – <b>LIVE</b>	Eurosport International, 23.00/23.30
Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	Warm up – <b>LIVE</b>	Eurosport 2, 16.00/16.30
	Race 1 – <b>LIVE</b>	Eurosport International, 18.45/20.00
	Race 2 – <b>LIVE</b>	Eurosport International, 22.30/23.30
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> :	WTCC Magazine	Eurosport International, 01.00/01.30

Times are CET (Central European Time)

### MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR MARRAKECH

Rounds 5 and 6 of the 2009 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Marrakech, Morocco, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

**The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April.**

**Please remind that media passes issued by National Sporting Authorities and/or any other series will NOT be valid.**

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**COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS**



to the 2009 FIA WTCC Race of Mexico – 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> March in Puebla - Amozoc

# 2009 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



## ROUNDS 3 & 4 - PUEBLA, 22 March - ENTRY LIST

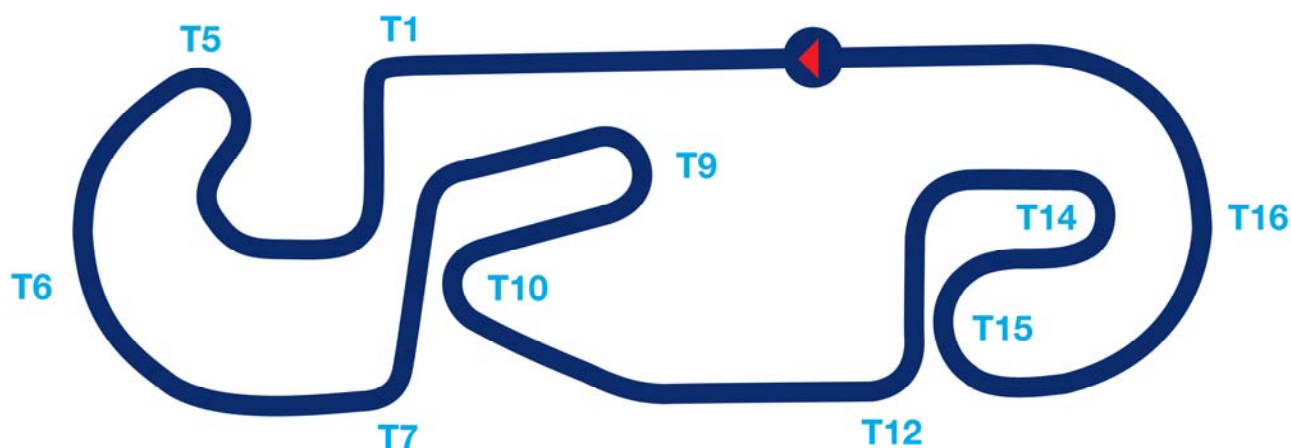
#	class	competitor	driver	car
1		SEAT Sport	Yvan Muller (FRA)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
2		SEAT Sport	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
3		SEAT Sport	Rickard Rydell (SWE)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
4		SEAT Sport	Jordi Gené (ESP)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
5		SEAT Sport	Tiago Monteiro (POR)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
6		BMW Team UK	Andy Priaulx (GBR)	BMW 320si
7		BMW Team Germany	Jörg Müller (GER)	BMW 320si
8		BMW Team Germany	Augusto Farfus (BRA)	BMW 320si
9		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Alessandro Zanardi (ITA)	BMW 320si
10		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Sergio Hernández (ESP)	BMW 320si
11		Chevrolet	Robert Huff (GBR)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
12		Chevrolet	Alain Menu (SUI)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
14		Chevrolet	Nicola Larini (ITA)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
18		LADA Sport	Jaap van Lagen (NED)	LADA 110 2.0
19		LADA Sport	Kirill Ladygin (RUS)	LADA 110 2.0
20		LADA Sport	Viktor Shapovalov (RUS)	LADA 110 2.0
21	/	SUNRED Engineering	Tom Coronel (NED)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
22	/	SUNRED Engineering	Tom Boardman (GBR)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
23	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Félix Porteiro (ESP)	BMW 320si
24	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	George Tanev (BUL)	BMW 320si
25	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Franz Engstler (GER)	BMW 320si
26	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Kristian Poulsen (DEN)	BMW 320si
27	/	Wiechers-Sport	Stefano D'Aste (ITA)	BMW 320si
28	/	Čolak Racing Team Ingra	Marin Čolak (CRO)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI

/ = Yokohama Independents' Trophy

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## ROUNDS 3 & 4 – AUTÓDROMO MIGUEL E. ABED, PUEBLA-AMAZOC



**Lap distance – 3,240 m**  
**Race distance – 2 x 16 laps**

- Location:** 30 km East of Puebla, along the Carretera Federál to Tehuacan
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- Airports:** Puebla “Hermanos Serdán” (40 km), Mexico City “Benito Juárez” (160 km)
- S2000 lap records:** Qualifying - 1:40.808/115.70 kph, Jordi Gené (SEAT León Tdi), 6 Apr 2008  
Race - 1:41.067/114.72 kph, Tiago Monteiro (SEAT León Tdi), 7 Apr 2008
- Previous winners:** 2005 FIA WTCC Race 1: Fabrizio Giovanardi (Alfa Romeo 156)  
2005 FIA WTCC Race 2: Peter Terting (SEAT Toledo)  
2006 FIA WTCC Race 1: Salvatore Tavano (Alfa Romeo 156)  
2006 FIA WTCC Race 2: Augusto Farfus (Alfa Romeo 156)  
2008 FIA WTCC Race 1: Jordi Gené (SEAT León Tdi)  
2008 FIA WTCC Race 2: Tiago Monteiro (SEAT León Tdi)



## Rounds 3 & 4 – Puebla-Amozoc (MEX) EVENT TIMETABLE

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009

09.00 – 09.25	Campeonato Pick Ups	Free Practice 1
09.30 – 09.55	NASCAR Mèxico T4 Series	Free Practice 1
10.00 – 10.25	Campeonato Formula Súper Vee	Free Practice 1
10.30 – 10.55	LATAM Challenge Series	Free Practice 1
11.00 – 11.25	Campeonato Pick Ups	Free Practice 2
11.30 – 11.55	NASCAR Mèxico T4 Series	Free Practice 2
12.00 – 12.25	Campeonato Formula Súper Vee	Free Practice 2
12.35 – 13.05	Formula BMW USA	Free Practice 1
13.15 – 13.40	NASCAR Mèxico T4 Series	Free Practice 3
13.45 – 14.05	Campeonato Pick Ups	Free Practice 3
14.10 – 14.30	LATAM Challenge Series	Free Practice 2
<b>15.00 – 15.30</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Testing</b>
16.00 – 16.30	Formula BMW USA	Free Practice 2
16.45 – 17.15	Campeonato Formula Súper Vee	Qualifying
17.20 – 17.40	NASCAR Mèxico T4 Series	Free Practice 4

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009

<b>09.00 – 09.30</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Free Practice 1</b>
09.45 – 10.45	Formula BMW USA	Qualifying
10.55 – 11.10	Campeonato Formula Súper Vee	Warm up
11.20 – 11.40	NASCAR Mèxico T4 Series	Qualifying
11.50 – 12.10	LATAM Challenge Series	Qualifying
<b>12.30 – 13.00</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Free Practice 2</b>
13.50	Campeonato Formula Súper Vee	Race
15.00	Formula BMW USA	Race 1
<b>16.00 – 16.30</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Qualifying</b>
17.00	LATAM Challenge Series	Race 1

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009

<b>09.00 – 09.15</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Warm up</b>
09.20 – 09.35	Campeonato Pick Ups	Warm up
09.45 – 10.00	LATAM Challenge Series	Warm up
10.10 – 10.25	NASCAR Mèxico T4 Series	Warm up
11.47	<i>National Anthem</i>	
<b>12.20</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Race 1 (16 laps)</b>
12.50	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 1</i>
13.05	LATAM Challenge Series	Race 2
14.20	Formula BMW USA	Race 2
<b>15.50</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Race 2 (16 laps)</b>
16.20	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 2</i>
16.35	Campeonato Pick Ups	Race

**NB – local time: GMT -6**