

ROUTE TO: PAU, FRANCE

The 7th and 8th rounds of the FIA WTCC will take place on the next weekend in France, on the historical street circuit of Pau. This is the championship's third visit to the old city on the Pyrenées, home of the Grand Prix de Pau since 1930.

In 2008 Alain Menu and his Chevrolet Lacetti dominated the first race with a lights to flag victory after setting pole position, while the second race was won by BMW Team Germany's Augusto Farfus, who completed an amazing recovery after having rolled his car in qualifying at the infamous Monument bend.

Last year BMW obtained a double victory: Farfus encored in the first race, while Andy Priaulx scored his first and only victory of the season mastering his car under torrential rain that forced the field to start behind the safety car.

Like in Marrakech, the competitors will benefit from the street-circuit extended qualifying session. Saturday's usual 30-minute qualifying will last 45 minutes: the 30-minute Q1 and the 15-minute Q2, split by a 5-minute pause.



WTCC cars negotiate the Virage de la Gare during last year's event

CHEVROLET ON MAXIMUM COMPENSATION WEIGHT

Robert Huff's and Nicola Larini's victories in Marrakech will result in Chevrolet being given the maximum compensation weight in Pau.

The Cruze cars will receive a 40kg ballast like the turbodiesel SEAT cars and the BMW 320si cars, because it was the fastest in Morocco after having received technical help from the Touring Car Bureau.

The compensation weight for Pau has been determined by the lap times set in the three previous events (Brazil, Mexico and Morocco). The SEAT León TDI emerged as the reference model, one tenths of a second faster than the BMW 320si.

All the other cars – LADA 110, SEAT León TFSI and Alessandro Zanardi's BMW 320si (the only one equipped with a sequential gearbox) – will have 20kg deducted from their minimum weight.

LAUNCH OF THE WTCC RACE OF FRANCE

The WTCC Race of France was launched during a press conference at the city's Chamber of Commerce attended by the reigning world champion Yvan Muller who reminded: *"This year Pau is the only French city to welcome an automobile world championship."*

The event also marks the 69th edition of the Grand Prix Automobile de Pau and Jacques Raynaud, vice-president of the Eurosport group commented: *"Tradition is not something you can buy. You have to build it and keep it alive."* While Marc Jubault-Bregler, town councillor for the Environment confirmed: *"Our aim is to develop and renew the Grand Prix in order to make it perennial."*

CAZENAVE REJOINS WIECHERS-SPORT

Laurent Cazenave will rejoin the Wiechers-Sport team for his home WTCC meeting at Pau. The 34-year old Frenchman will take the wheel of the German outfit's second BMW 320si car, alongside Stefano D'Aste. This will mark his second appearance in the FIA World Touring Car Championship after last year's debut at Pau.

In 2008 Cazenave used his racing experience on his home town's streets to the utmost, claiming an outstanding victory in the Independents' class at the end of Race 1.

Now he is back, aiming for more: *"This is a very difficult challenge. I know the car a bit from last year, however we will make a test on Thursday before the event at the Pau Arnos racetrack, because I wish to do the best I can."*

WTCC T-SHIRTS FOR MOROCCAN CHILDREN

After the season's opening in Curitiba, when 43 tonnes of food were collected through the ticketing campaign and donated to a charity society, the WTCC continued its program of social contribution activities.

On the occasion of last week's Race of Morocco, Marcello Lotti, Managing Director of KSO, offered 2000 t-shirts to the Moroccan Ministry of Education. These clothes will be distributed to the children of Marrakech as a symbolic donation in order to associate the population in need with this first-ever successful FIA WTCC Race Meeting in Morocco.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR VALENCIA

Rounds 9 and 10 of the 2009 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Valencia, Spain, 30th and 31st May.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 19th May.

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

The Accreditation form may be downloaded at the websites www.fia.com and www.fiawtcc.com.

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COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS



to the 2009 FIA WTCC Race of France – 16th / 17th May in Pau

2009 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



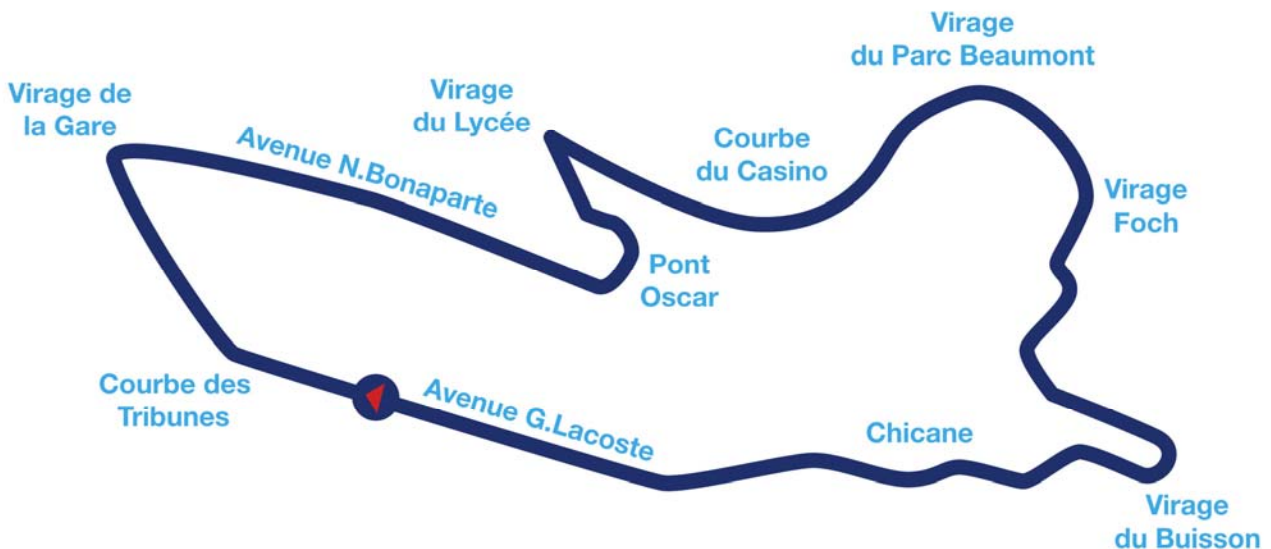
ROUNDS 7 & 8 - PAU, 17 May - ENTRY LIST

#	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
30	/	Exagon Engineering	Mehdi Bennani (MAR)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
33	/	Wiechers-Sport	Laurent Cazenave (FRA)	BMW 320si

/ = Yokohama Independents' Trophy



ROUNDS 7 & 8 – CIRCUIT DE PAU VILLE



Lap distance – 2,760 m
Race distance – 2 x 19 laps

- Location:** downtown Pau
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- Airports:** Pau "Pyrénées" (10 km), Tarbes-Lourdes (30 km), Biarritz-Anglet-Bayonne (110 km), San Sebastián-Fuenterrabia, Spain (145), Agen-La Garonne (180 km), Toulouse-Blagnac (180 km), Bordeaux-Mérignac (210 km), Bilbao, Spain (260 km)
- S2000 lap records:** Qualifying - 1:21.930/121.27 kph, Alain Menu (Chevrolet Lacetti), 2 Jun 2007
Race - 1:22.682/120.17 kph, Augusto Farfus (BMW 320si), 1 Jun 2008
- Previous winners:** 2007 FIA WTCC Race 1: Alain Menu (Chevrolet Lacetti)
2007 FIA WTCC Race 2: Augusto Farfus (BMW 320si)
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Rounds 7 & 8 – PAU (FRA) EVENT TIMETABLE

Friday 15th May 2009

10.15 – 11.00	Renault Clio Cup Elf	Free Practice
11.15 – 11.50	Legends Cars Cup	Free Practice 1
12.05 – 12.30	Formul'Academy Euro Series	Free Practice 1
13.30 – 14.15	Formula Master	Free Practice 1
14.30 – 15.15	Formule Renault West European Cup	Free Practice
15.30 – 15.55	Formul'Academy Euro Series	Free Practice 2
16.10 – 16.55	Renault Clio Cup Elf	Qualifying
17.10 – 17.55	Formula Master	Free Practice 2
18.10 – 18.50	Legends Cars Cup	Qualifying

Saturday 16th May 2009

08.15 – 08.45	Formula Master	Qualifying
09.00 – 09.30	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 1
09.40 – 10.15	Formul'Academy Euro Series	Qualifying
10.30 – 11.00	Formule Renault West European Cup	Qualifying
11.15 – 11.45	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 2
12.15	Formula Master	Race 1
14.15	Legends Cars Cup	Race 1
15.00 – 15.50	FIA WTCC	Qualifying
16.20	Formul'Academy Euro Series	Race 1
17.10	Formule Renault West European Cup	Race 1
19.40	Legends Cars Cup	Race 2
20.30	Renault Clio Cup Elf	Race 1

Sunday 17th May 2009

09.00 – 09.15	FIA WTCC	Warm up
09.45	Formul'Academy Euro Series	Race 2
10.20	Legends Cars Cup	Race 3
12.00 – 12.30	<i>FIA Formula Two Championship - presentation</i>	
13.05	FIA WTCC	Race 1 (19 laps)
13.40	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 1</i>
14.05	Formula Master	Race 2
15.20	FIA WTCC	Race 2 (19 laps)
15.50	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 2</i>
16.20	Formule Renault West European Cup	Race 2
17.20	Renault Clio Cup Elf	Race 2
18.40	Legends Cars Cup	Race 4

NB – local time: GMT +1