

WTCC DRIVERS GO BACK TO SCHOOL

A few of the WTCC drivers went back to school today... to meet some of Brno's young inhabitants.

Augusto Farfus, Robert Huff, Yvan Muller and Jaap van Lagen visited elementary school, Brno Tuháčkova 25, and were greeted by over 200 children aged nine to fifteen. The drivers answered questions from the enthusiastic youngsters who were keen to know what being behind the wheel of a race car felt like and what the drivers like to do in their free time.

Head Mistress of the school, Jána Hanaková, commented: *"The people of Brno are mad about motorsport because the circuit is so close. It has been great for the children to meet the drivers and I'm very pleased they came to visit."*

Before getting back to class each child was given a signed poster, WTCC cap and a free pass to the event.



Muller, Huff and Farfus answer the children's questions

MST PROVIDES NEW LIVE TIMING SYSTEM

The FIA WTCC live timing will make a radical step forward at this weekend's event in Brno. The new live timing system, developed by MST, the championship's official timekeepers, will be sporting a more user-friendly look while continuing to cover all sessions and races. However the change also involves practical aspects, as the new interface uses different colours to provide additional information such as sector times, overall improvements (purple), personal improvements (green), pit stops (red) and yellow flag conditions (yellow). On top of this, the new live timing system is much quicker, and provides changes nearly in real time, while the previous system was refreshed every 10/15 seconds.

The WTCC live timing is accessible from the www.fiawtcc.com and www.mstworld.com websites at the following link: <http://www.mstworld.com/timing/livetiming.htm?series=wtcc>.

CORONEL TWIN BROTHERS TOGETHER IN BRNO

This weekend, twin brothers Tim and Tom Coronel will both be racing SEAT León cars in the FIA WTCC meeting at Brno. Tom is a regular competitor in the championship and Tim won

his participation because of his good results at Valencia, in the SEAT León Eurocup opening round. *"Racing together is a very special thing for us, we are really looking forward to it"*, Tim and Tom Coronel said on the eve of the event.

Tim prepared for his upcoming debut at world championship level by testing the car at a circuit near Barcelona. *"I did the shakedown in Tom's car. That felt like a real honour. After that, I drove my own race car. I didn't have a frame of reference, so it is difficult to judge how things were going, but I had the impression that it went pretty well,"* he commented.

WTCC TO CELEBRATE 100th RACE IN PORTO

The FIA World Touring Car Championship prepares to celebrate its 100th race since the series was revived in 2005.

The second race in Porto, on July 5th, will mark this historical milestone for the championship, four years and fifty race meetings after the inaugural event that took place in Monza on April 10th, 2005.

Details about the celebrations for the 100th race will be unveiled soon.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR PORTO – LAST DAYS

Rounds 13 and 14 of the 2009 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Porto, Portugal, 4th and 5th July.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 23rd June.

Please remember 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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MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR BRANDS HATCH

Rounds 15 and 16 of the 2009 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Brands Hatch, UK, 18th and 19th July.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 7th July.

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

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