

#### **ROUTE TO: BRANDS HATCH, UK**

The 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> rounds of the FIA WTCC will take place next week at the Brands Hatch Grand Prix Circuit, located some 30 km South East of London. It is the fourth consecutive year the championship visits the racetrack.

The WTCC races in Brands have often marked a first. In 2006 Race 1, Yvan Muller claimed his first success since he joined SEAT Sport, while in Race 2 Alain Menu gave Chevrolet their first WTCC win. In 2007 Race 2 Andy Priaux obtained his first (and so far his only) WTCC victory on home soil.

Among the current WTCC drivers Menu has won ten times in Brands Hatch, adding his three WTCC victories to the seven he obtained in the British Touring Car Championship.

Last year BMW's Jörg Müller inherited victory in Race 1 when Robert Huff had to pit for a puncture with only a couple of laps left. In the second race Chevrolet made up for the disappointment when Menu overtook Félix Porteiro to cross the line first.



Brands Hatch hosts the FIA WTCC for the fourth consecutive year

#### **VOLVO ENTER TWO CARS IN BRANDS HATCH**

The Volvo Olsbergs Green Racing have entered two cars in the FIA WTCC meeting at the Brands Hatch. The Volvo C30 cars, driven by Robert Dahlgren and Tommy Rustad, have been accepted by the FIA Bureau on the basis of the national homologation and therefore they will be laden with the maximum compensation weight and not eligible to score points.

This is the third guest appearance for Volvo in WTCC, as Dahlgren raced a Volvo S60 at Anderstorp in 2007 and a C30 at Brands Hatch last year. His best result was 8<sup>th</sup> in Anderstorp's Race 2. Rustad – the first Norwegian to join WTCC – used to be a competitor in the FIA European Touring Car Championship, scoring two race wins for Nissan in 2001.

*"Last year was an exploratory appearance. This year we are upping the stakes to give our British Volvo fans and customers a great show,"* said Derek Crabb, Director of Motorsport at Volvo Car Corporation.

Rustad and Dahlgren are currently placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Swedish Touring Car Championship respectively.



Dahlgren and Rustad will join WTCC's British event with two Volvo C30 cars

### BMW AND SEAT TDI ON MAXIMUM WEIGHT

The SEAT León Tdi emerged as the fastest model during the weekend in Porto and will receive the maximum compensation weight for the next meeting in Brands Hatch, like the BMW 320si.

According to the calculation that took into account the lap times set in the three previous events (Valencia, Brno and Porto) BMW remains the fastest model, but the gap between the German car and the Spanish turbodiesel machine was reduced to one tenths of a second.

The Chevrolet Cruze is the third fastest car on the three-event calculation, with a gap of 0.7 seconds; it will be 30 kilos lighter than BMW and SEAT, while Alessandro Zanardi's BMW 320si (equipped with a sequential gearbox) will have no compensation weight on board.

Both the SEAT León TFSI and the LADA 110 will have 20kg deducted from the minimum weight. Although the newly homologated LADA Priora would have been laden again with the maximum handicap, it will also benefit from a 20kg reduction following a decision of the FIA Bureau.

### Compensation weights Brands Hatch

<b>+ 40 kg</b>	BMW 320si, SEAT León TDI, Volvo C30
<b>+ 10 kg</b>	Chevrolet Cruze LT
<b>± 0 kg</b>	BMW 320si Zanardi
<b>- 20 kg</b>	LADA 110, LADA Priora, SEAT León TFSI

### FASTEST CARS IN THE PREVIOUS EVENTS

#### Lap time calculation as per art. 79 Sporting Regulations

<i>Curitiba:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> SEAT León Tdi; 2 <sup>nd</sup> BMW 320si (+ 0.252); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Chevrolet Cruze LT (+ 0.337)
<i>Puebla:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> BMW 320si; 2 <sup>nd</sup> SEAT León Tdi (+ 0.419); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : BMW 320si GBS (+ 1.497)
<i>Marrakech:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Chevrolet Cruze LT; 2 <sup>nd</sup> SEAT León Tdi (+ 0.191); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : BMW 320si (+ 0.831)
<i>Pau:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> BMW 320si; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chevrolet Cruze LT (+ 0.579); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : SEAT León Tfsi (+ 1.002)
<i>Valencia:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> SEAT León Tdi; 2 <sup>nd</sup> BMW 320si (+ 0.294); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Chevrolet Cruze LT (+ 0.965)
<i>Brno:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> BMW 320si; 2 <sup>nd</sup> BMW 320si Zanardi (+ 0.393); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : SEAT León Tdi (+ 0.809)
<i>Porto:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> SEAT León Tdi; 2 <sup>nd</sup> BMW 320si (+ 0.147); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Chevrolet Cruze LT (+ 0.324)

### TEAM ENGSTLER ADD THIRD CAR FOR GEIPEL

The Liqui Moly Team Engstler will enter a third BMW 320si car for Philip Geipel in the next two race meetings.

Geipel, 22-years old from Germany, will join regular drivers Franz Engstler and Kristian Poulsen at Brands Hatch and Oschersleben. *"He is the first young driver we will give a chance to learn and grow in the WTCC as part of our Liqui Moly Junior Team project,"* explained team manager Kurt Tremel.

Reigning champion of the German ADAC Procar series, Geipel made two previous appearances in the FIA WTCC: at Brno in 2006 and 2007, at the wheel of a Toyota Corolla T-sport.

### MICHELISZ WINS PARTICIPATION IN BRANDS

Norbert Michelisz is the SEAT Eurocup driver who won WTCC participation in the next event at Brands Hatch. The 24-year old from Hungary emerged as the best scorer in Porto, claiming victory in the second race and climbing to second in the series classification.

This is the second time Michelisz joins the SUNRED Engineering WTCC team, as he had already won participation in last year's races at Okayama.

### MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR OSCHERSLEBEN

Rounds 17 and 18 of the 2009 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Oschersleben, Germany, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September.

**The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August.**

**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](http://www.fia.com) and [www.fiawtcc.com](http://www.fiawtcc.com).

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**COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS**



to the 2009 FIA WTCC Race of the United Kingdom – 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> July in Brands Hatch

## 2009 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



### ROUNDS 15 & 16 - BRANDS HATCH, 19 July - ENTRY LIST

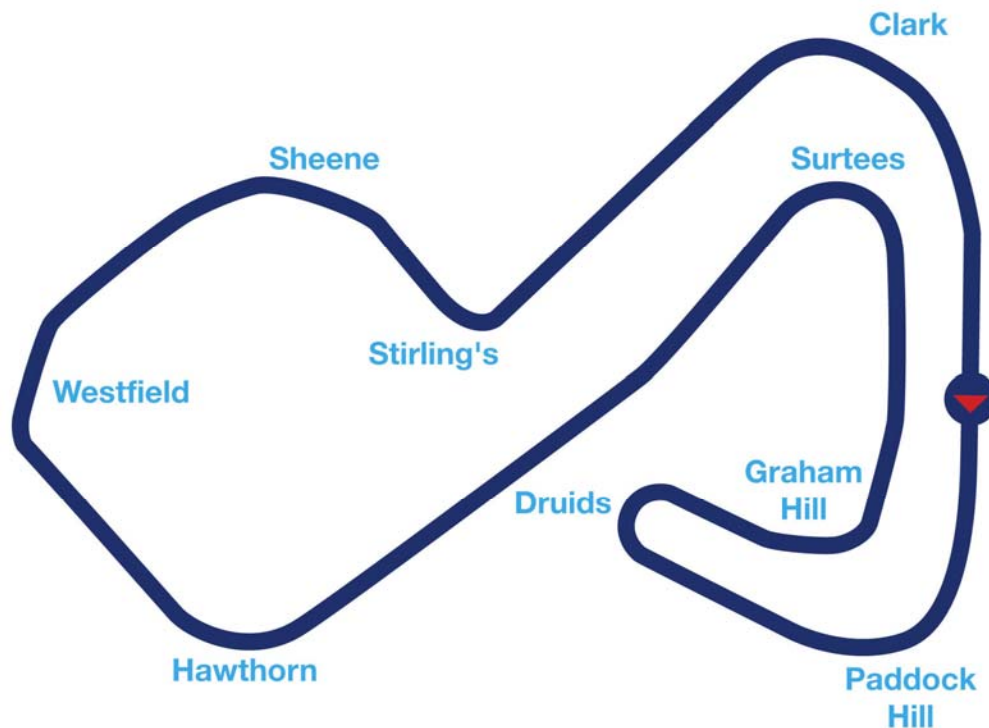
#	class	competitor	driver	car
1		SEAT Sport	Yvan Muller (FRA)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
2		SEAT Sport	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
3		SEAT Sport	Rickard Rydell (SWE)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
4		SEAT Sport	Jordi Gené (ESP)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
5		SEAT Sport	Tiago Monteiro (POR)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
6		BMW Team 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
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
31	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Vito Postiglione (ITA)	BMW 320si
36		LADA Sport	James Thompson (GBR)	LADA Priora
37	/	SUNRED Engineering	Norbert Michelisz (HUN)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
38	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Philip Geipel (GER)	BMW 320si
39	*	Volvo Olsbergs Green Racing	Robert Dahlgren (SWE)	Volvo C30
40	*	Volvo Olsbergs Green Racing	Tommy Rustad (NOR)	Volvo C30

/ = Yokohama Independents' Trophy

\* not eligible to score points



## ROUNDS 15 & 16 – BRANDS HATCH GRAND PRIX CIRCUIT



**Lap distance – 3,703 m**  
**Race distance – 2 x 14 laps**

- Location:** 30 km South East of London
- Contacts:** MotorSport Vision – Brands Hatch Circuit, Fawkham, Longfield, Kent DA3 8NG  
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- Airports:** London-City (30 km), London-Biggin Hill (30 km), London-Gatwick (55 km),  
London-Southend (60 km), London Stansted (75 km), London-Heathrow (95 km),  
London-Luton (105 km)
- S2000 lap records:** Qualifying - 1:32.794/143.66 kph, Augusto Farfus (BMW 320si), 26 Jul 2008  
Race - 1:33.167/143.08 kph, James Pickford (SEAT Toledo), 2 Oct 2005 - BTCC
- Previous winners:** 2006 FIA WTCC Race 1: Yvan Muller (SEAT León)  
2006 FIA WTCC Race 2: Alain Menu (Chevrolet Lacetti)  
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2007 FIA WTCC Race 2: Andy Priaulx (BMW 320si)  
2008 FIA WTCC Race 1: Jörg Müller (BMW 320si)  
2008 FIA WTCC Race 2: Alain Menu (Chevrolet Lacetti)



## Rounds 15 & 16 – Brands Hatch (GBR) EVENT TIMETABLE

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009

09.00 – 09.30	SEAT León Eurocup	Free Practice 1
09.40 – 10.05	Trofeo Abarth 500 Europe	Free Practice 1
10.20 – 10.50	FIA Formula Two Championship	Free Practice 1
11.00 – 11.30	Formula Master	Free Practice 1
11.40 – 12.00	Lotus Elise Trophy	Free Practice
12.10 – 12.40	SEAT León Eurocup	Free Practice 2
12.50 – 13.20	FIA Formula Two Championship	Free Practice 2
13.50 – 14.15	Trofeo Abarth 500 Europe	Free Practice 2
14.30 – 15.00	Formula Master	Free Practice 2
15.10 – 15.30	Lotus Elise Trophy	Qualifying
15.45 – 16.15	SEAT León Eurocup	Qualifying
16.30 – 17.00	FIA Formula Two Championship	Qualifying 1
17.15 – 17.40	Trofeo Abarth 500 Europe	Qualifying
17.55 – 18.25	Formula Master	Qualifying

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009

<b>09.00 – 09.30</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Free Practice 1</b>
09.45 – 10.15	FIA Formula Two Championship	Qualifying 2
10.35	Lotus Elise Trophy	Race 1
<b>11.15 – 11.45</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Free Practice 2</b>
12.20	Formula Master	Race 1
14.00	FIA Formula Two Championship	Race 1
<b>15.00 – 15.35</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Qualifying</b>
16.05	SEAT León Eurocup	Race 1
17.05	Trofeo 500 Abarth Europe	Race 1

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009

<b>10.00 – 10.15</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Warm up</b>
10.40	SEAT León Eurocup	Race 2
<b>11.50</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Race 1 (14 laps)</b>
12.25	FIA WTCC	Podium Race 1
12.45	FIA Formula Two Championship	Race 2
<b>14.05</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Race 2 (14 laps)</b>
14.35	FIA WTCC	Podium Race 2
15.20	Formula Master	Race 2
16.20	Trofeo 500 Abarth Europe	Race 2
17.25	Lotus Elise Trophy	Race 2

**NB – local time: GMT**