

ROUTE TO: OSCHERSLEBEN, GERMANY

Rounds 17th and 18th of the FIA WTCC will take place next week in Germany, at Oschersleben's Motorsport Arena on September 6th.

The German track, located in the Bode region some 30 km from the city of Magdeburg, is a traditional venue for the FIA Touring Cars having hosted the European Touring Car Championship from 2001 to 2004 and the World Touring Car Championship from 2005. The WTCC meeting is also one of the fans' favourites as it usually attracts large crowds.

Oschersleben is regarded as BMW's home circuit. Not only because it is in Germany, but also because the BMW drivers have managed to win twelve out of the fourteen S2000 races held there so far, with Andy Priaulx claiming four victories. The Bavarian cars were only defeated at Oschersleben twice by SEAT.

Last year's races were won by BMW Team Germany's Augusto Farfus and BMW Team Italy-Spain's Félix Porteiro.



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THE WTCC RESUMES FOR A GRAND FINALE

The WTCC resumes in Oschersleben after a six-week summer break. The German event opens the final part of the season and it will be followed by the last European meeting (Imola, 20th September) and the long leap to the Far East (Okayama, 1st November and Macau, 22nd November).

The championship looks set for a grand finale, landing in Oschersleben with a strong 27-car field.

With 8 races to go, the fight for the world titles is wide open. Three men are covered by only six points in the Drivers' Championship: Yvan Muller (82 points), Gabriele Tarquini (77) and Augusto Farfus (76). But with 80 points still at stake, four others may also have a shot at the title: Rickard Rydell (54), Robert Huff (53), Jörg Müller (52) and Andy Priaulx (48).

In the Manufacturers' Championship only 10 points separate the leader SEAT from BMW.

In the Independents' Trophy, Félix Porteiro has a 16-point lead ahead of Tom Coronel, while Franz Engstler is a further 25 points adrift.

Compensation weight Oschersleben

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| + 40 kg | BMW 320si, SEAT León TDI, Chevrolet Lacetti |
| + 30 kg | Chevrolet Cruze LT |
| ± 0 kg | BMW 320si Zanardi |
| - 20 kg | LADA 110, LADA Priora, SEAT León TFSI |

CORONEL DETERMINED TO FINISH THE SEASON

Despite the decision of SEAT Holland to stop funding his participation to the FIA WTCC, Tom Coronel is determined to finish the season.

Earlier this week SEAT's Dutch importer Pon Car, announced the decision to stop the WTCC programme after the events in Oschersleben and Imola, due to financial reasons related to the decrease in car sales.

"It is a big disappointment, because Japan and Macau are very special places to me. I fully respect the motivations behind the Pon Car's decision. They have always given me tremendous support and the fact that I have been racing in WTCC for the last five years is fully due to their efforts. However, myself and SUNRED Engineering are keen to finish the season, especially as we are still in contention for the Independents' Trophy. So we are looking for the budget that will enable us to race in Okayama and Macau. I never give up, so I will try everything I can to complete this mission," said Coronel.

DANISH DRIVERS JOIN WTCC IN GERMANY

Two Danish drivers will join the championship at the German event: Michel Nykjær and Jason Watt. For both of them this will be their first appearance in the FIA WTCC.

Nykjær, currently second in the Danish Touring Car Championship behind James Thompson and twice a winner of the FIA European Touring Car Cup (2007 and 2008), will be at the wheel of a Chevrolet Lacetti car run by Perfection Racing. As this is the first time in the current season a Lacetti is entered in the championship, Nykjær's car will be laden with 40kg of compensation weight. However, 30kg of this handicap will be scrapped because of two decisions issued by the Bureau during the previous years (27/07/2006_1 and 26/02/2008_6).



The Chevrolet Lacetti of double FIA European Touring Car Cup winner Michel Nykjær

Watt, who is currently fourth in the Danish Touring Car Championship, will drive a petrol-powered SEAT León entered by Team Bygma. His previous and only appearance in the FIA Touring Cars dates back to the 2004 European Championship, when he raced at Donington in a Peugeot 307.

Watt's racing career suffered a serious blow in 1999; after finishing runner up in the FIA Formula 3000 championship he lost the use of his legs following a motorcycle crash. He came back the year after, using driving aid systems to race in touring cars, and in 2002 he managed to clinch the Danish title.



Jason Watt's SEAT León is set to race at Oschersleben

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR IMOLA

Rounds 19 and 20 of the 2009 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Imola, Italy, 19th and 20th September.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 8th September.

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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COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS



to the 2009 FIA WTCC Race of Germany – 5th / 6th September in Oschersleben

2009 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



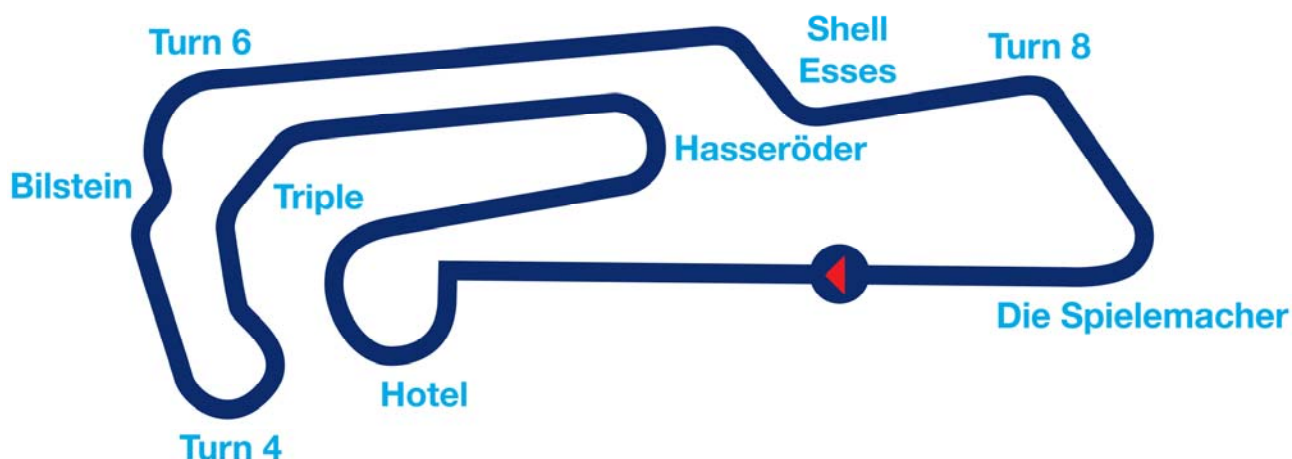
ROUNDS 17 & 18 - OSCHERSLEBEN, 6 September - ENTRY LIST

| # | 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 Priora |
| 19 | | LADA Sport | Kirill Ladygin (RUS) | LADA Priora |
| 20 | | LADA Sport | Viktor Shapovalov (RUS) | LADA Priora |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 38 | / | Liqui Moly Team Engstler | Philip Geipel (GER) | BMW 320si |
| 41 | / | SUNRED Engineering | Jean-Marie Clairet (FRA) | SEAT León 2.0 TFSI |
| 42 | / | Perfection Racing | Michel Nykjær (DEN) | Chevrolet Lacetti |
| 43 | / | Team Bygma Jason Watt Racing | Jason Watt (DEN) | SEAT León 2.0 TFSI |

/ = Yokohama Independents' Trophy



ROUNDS 17 & 18 – MOTOSPORT ARENA OSCHERSLEBEN



Lap distance – 3,696 m
Race distance – 2 x 14 laps

- Location:** 30 km South West of Magdeburg
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- Airports:** Leipzig-Halle (100 km), Hannover-Langenhagen (150 km), Berlin-Tempelhof (150 km), Berlin-Schönefeld (150 km), Berlin-Tegel “Otto Lilienthal” (160 km)
- S2000 lap records:** Qualifying - 1:35.675/139.07 kph, Robert Huff (Chevrolet Lacetti), 30 Aug 2008
Race - 1:36.699/137.59 kph, Augusto Farfus (BMW 320si), 31 Aug 2008
- Previous winners:** 2002 FIA ETCC Race 1: Dirk Müller (BMW 320i)
2002 FIA ETCC Race 2: Dirk Müller (BMW 320i)
2003 FIA ETCC Race 1: Jörg Müller (BMW 320i)
2003 FIA ETCC Race 2: Andy Priaulx (BMW 320i)
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2005 FIA WTCC Race 1: Andy Priaulx (BMW 320i)
2005 FIA WTCC Race 2: Alessandro Zanardi (BMW 320i)
2006 FIA WTCC Race 1: Andy Priaulx (BMW 320si)
2006 FIA WTCC Race 2: Jörg Müller (BMW 320si)
2007 FIA WTCC Race 1: Yvan Muller (SEAT León Tdi)
2007 FIA WTCC Race 2: Augusto Farfus (BMW 320si)
2008 FIA WTCC Race 1: Augusto Farfus (BMW 320si)
2008 FIA WTCC Race 2: Félix Porteiro (BMW 320si)



Rounds 17 & 18 – Oschersleben (GER) EVENT TIMETABLE

Friday 4th September 2009

| | | |
|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 09.00 – 09.30 | FIA Formula Two Championship | Free Practice 1 |
| 09.45 – 10.15 | SEAT León Eurocup | Free Practice 1 |
| 10.30 – 11.15 | Formula Master | Free Practice 1 |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | MINI Challenge | Free Practice |
| 12.15 – 12.45 | FIA Formula Two Championship | Free Practice 2 |
| 13.00 – 13.25 | Trofeo Abarth 500 Europe | Free Practice |
| 13.45 – 14.15 | SEAT León Eurocup | Free Practice 2 |
| 14.30 – 15.15 | Formula Master | Free Practice 2 |
| 15.30 – 15.55 | ADAC Procar | Free Practice 1 |
| 16.15 – 16.45 | MINI Challenge | Qualifying |
| 17.00 – 17.30 | FIA Formula Two Championship | Qualifying 1 |
| 17.45 – 18.15 | Formula Master | Qualifying |
| 18.30 – 19.00 | SEAT León Eurocup | Qualifying |

Saturday 5th September 2009

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| 08.00 – 08.25 | Trofeo Abarth 500 Europe | Qualifying |
| 08.45 – 09.15 | FIA WTCC | Free Practice 1 |
| 09.30 – 10.00 | FIA Formula Two Championship | Qualifying 2 |
| 10.15 – 10.40 | ADAC Procar | Free Practice 2 |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | FIA WTCC | Free Practice 2 |
| 12.05 | Formula Master | Race 1 |
| 13.20 | Trofeo 500 Abarth Europe | Race 1 |
| 14.15 | FIA Formula Two Championship | Race 1 |
| 15.15 – 15.50 | FIA WTCC | Qualifying |
| 16.20 | MINI Challenge | Race 1 |
| 17.15 | SEAT León Eurocup | Race 1 |
| 17.55 – 18.25 | ADAC Procar | Qualifying |

Sunday 6th September 2009

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| 08.30 | Trofeo 500 Abarth Europe | Race 2 |
| 09.15 – 09.30 | FIA WTCC | Warm up |
| 10.00 | MINI Challenge | Race 2 |
| 11.00 | Formula Master | Race 2 |
| 11.50 – 12.05 | ADAC Procar | Warm up |
| 12.50 | FIA WTCC | Race 1 (14 laps) |
| 13.20 | FIA WTCC | Podium Race 1 |
| 13.50 | FIA Formula Two Championship | Race 2 |
| 15.05 | FIA WTCC | Race 2 (14 laps) |
| 15.35 | FIA WTCC | Podium Race 2 |
| 16.05 | SEAT León Eurocup | Race 2 |
| 17.10 | ADAC Procar | Race 1 |
| 18.10 | ADAC Procar | Race 2 |