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TITLE CONTENDERS ON EQUAL WEIGHT

Gabriele Tarquini, Yvan Muller and Augusto Farfus are the only three men in contention to clinch the Drivers' World Championship. Altogether they have won 12 out of the 22 races held so far and in Macau they will face each other for the final fight on equal weight.

In fact, according to the calculation that took into account the lap times set in the three previous events (Oschersleben, Imola and Okayama), the SEAT León TDI and the BMW 320si cars will receive the maximum 40kg compensation weight.

The Chevrolet Cruze's ballast is reduced from +30 to +10kg, while Alessandro Zanardi's BMW 320si (equipped with a sequential gearbox), the LADA Priora and the petrol-powered SEAT León will have 20kg deducted from the minimum weight.

Compensation weights Macau

+ 40 kg	BMW 320si, SEAT León TDI
+ 10 kg	Chevrolet Cruze LT
- 20 kg	BMW 320si Zanardi, LADA Priora, SEAT León TFSI



Muller, Tarquini and Farfus will fight for the title on equal weight in Macau

BOTH WORLD TITLES STILL AT STAKE

Both, the Drivers' and Manufacturers' world titles are still at stake in the final meeting at Macau.

SEAT leads BMW by three points only in the Manufacturers' Championship, a very slim margin that promises two breathtaking races.

In the Drivers' Championship the gap is even smaller between SEAT Sport team-mates Gabriele Tarquini (the current leader) and Yvan Muller (the reigning champion). BMW team Germany's Augusto Farfus can still have a shot at the crown, as he lies third, 13 points behind Tarquini.

WHAT IF...

- Gabriele Tarquini wins the title:
 - **at 47 he would become the oldest ever FIA World Champion**, one year older than Juan-Manuel Fangio when he won his fifth Formula One title in 1957 and two years older than Derek Bell when he won the 1986 World Sportscars Championship;

- he would be the first Italian to become World Champion in circuit racing, 18 years after Teo Fabi in the 1991 World Sportscars Championship;
 - he would become the eighth Italian automobile World Champion after Nino Farina and Alberto Ascari (F1), Mauro Baldi and Teo Fabi (Sportscars), Roberto Ravaglia (Touring Cars), Sandro Munari and Miki Biasion (Rally).
- Yvan Muller wins the title:
 - he would be the third Frenchman to win back to back FIA World Championships after Alain Prost (F1 – 1985 and 1986) and Sébastien Loeb (WRC – from 2004 to 2009).
 - Augusto Farfus wins the title:
 - he would be the first Brazilian World Champion in motor sport, 18 years after Ayrton Senna in the 1991 Formula One Championship;
 - He would be the fifth Brazilian automobile World Champion after Emerson Fittipaldi, Nelson Piquet and Ayrton Senna (F1) and Raul Boesel (Sportscars).

LIQUI MOLY ADD THREE LOCALS IN MACAU

Liqui Moly Team Engstler will run three additional BMW 320Si cars for local drivers at Macau. Alongside regulars Franz Engstler – who is fighting for a podium position in the Independents' Trophy – and Kristian Poulsen, the German outfit will field Henry Ho, Liu Lic Ka and Joseph Rosa Merszei.

Ho, 27 years old and three times winner of the Macau Touring Car Championship, already joined the team in the previous event at Okayama, scoring one point in the Independents' Trophy by finishing eighth in Race 1.

Both Liu Lic Ka (38 years old) and Joe Merszei (35) are facing their maiden WTCC appearance. The former is also a regular in the Macau Touring Cars, while the latter has mostly driven singleseaters in the Malaysian Formula Campus and the Asian F2000, Formula V6, Formula Renault and Formula 3 series.



Henry Ho is one of the three Macanese drivers to race for Liqui Moly Team Engstler

TAKAYUKI AOKI RETURNS TO WIECHERS-SPORT

Japanese driver Takayuki Aoki will make his return to WTCC and the Wiechers-Sport team for the event in Macau.

Aoki made his first WTCC appearance last year, when he raced in the three final race meetings at the wheel of a Wiechers-Sport BMW 320si. His best results were two fourth places in the Independents' Race 1 at Monza and Okayama.

This year he joins the team's regular Stefano D'Aste and will face among the others his fellow countryman Nobuteru Taniguchi who drives a BMW car run by Proteam Motorsport.



Takayuki Aoki will rejoin WTCC and the Wiechers-Sport team in Macau

LEI KIT MENG JOINS THE WTCC FIELD

Macanese driver Lei Kit Meng was the last addition to the strong 29-car field that will take part in the final meeting at Macau.

The 42-year-old Lei will race a BMW 320si run jointly by China Dragon Racing and RPM Racing Team Macau. This is the same car that took part in last year's WTCC events at Okayama and Macau in the hands of Melvin Choo from Singapore.

Lei's racing career includes seasons in the Asian, Chinese and Macau Touring Car series as well as a number of participations in the Macau Formula 3 Grand Prix.

COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS



to the 2009 FIA WTCC Guia Race of Macau – 20th / 22nd November in Macau

2009 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



ROUNDS 23 & 24 - MACAU, 22 November - 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
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
36		LADA Sport	James Thompson (GBR)	LADA Priora
49	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Nobuteru Taniguchi (JPN)	BMW 320si
51	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Henry Ho (MAC)	BMW 320si
52	/	Wiechers-Sport	Takayuki Aoki (JPN)	BMW 320si
53	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Liu Lic Ka (MAC)	BMW 320si
55	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Joseph Rosa Merszei (MAC)	BMW 320si
66	/	SUNRED Engineering	André Couto (MAC)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
67	/	China Dragon Racing	Lei Kit Meng (MAC)	BMW 320si

/ = Yokohama Independents' Trophy



ROUNDS 23 & 24 – CIRCUITO DA GUIA, MACAU



Lap distance – 6,117 m
Race distance – 2 x 9 laps

- Location:** downtown Macau
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- Airports:** Macau (5 km), Zhuhai (25 km), Hong Kong-Chek Lap Kok (50 km)
- S2000 lap records:** Qualifying - 2:30.285/146.60 kph, Alain Menu (Chevrolet Lacetti), 14 Nov 2008
Race - 2:32.517/144.45 kph, Gabriele Tarquini (SEAT León Tdi), 18 Nov 2007
- Previous winners:** 2004 Guia Race 1: Jörg Müller (BMW 320i)
2004 Guia Race 2: Jörg Müller (BMW 320i)
2005 FIA WTCC Race 1: Augusto Farfus (Alfa Romeo 156)
2005 FIA WTCC Race 2: Duncan Huisman (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: Alain Menu (Chevrolet Lacetti)
2007 FIA WTCC Race 2: Andy Priaulx (BMW 320si)
2008 FIA WTCC Race 1: Alain Menu (Chevrolet Lacetti)
2008 FIA WTCC Race 2: Robert Huff (Chevrolet Lacetti)



Rounds 23 & 24 – Macau (MAC) EVENT TIMETABLE

Thursday, 19th November 2009

07.30 – 08.15	Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix	Free Practice
08.40 – 09.20	Hotel Fortuna Interport Race	Free Practice
09.40 – 10.10	Macau Road Sport Challenge	Free Practice
10.30 – 11.00	Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix	Free Practice 1
11.20 – 12.00	CTM Macau Touring Car Race	Free Practice
12.20 – 12.50	FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau	Testing
13.10 – 13.40	Formula BMW Pacific	Free Practice
14.00 – 14.45	Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix	Qualifying 1
15.25 – 16.10	Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix	Qualifying 1

Friday, 20th November 2009

07.30 – 08.30	Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix	Qualifying 2
08.45 – 09.15	FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau	Free Practice 1
09.35 – 10.05	Hotel Fortuna Interport Race	Qualifying
10.25 – 10.55	Macau Road Sport Challenge	Qualifying
11.15 – 11.45	Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix	Free Practice 2
12.15 – 12.45	FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau	Free Practice 2
13.05 – 13.35	CTM Macau Touring Car Race	Qualifying
13.55 – 14.25	Macau GT Cup	Practice
14.45 – 15.30	Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix	Qualifying 2
15.50 – 16.40	FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau	Qualifying

Saturday, 21st November 2009

07.30 – 07.50	Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix	Warm up
08.15 – 08.45	Macau GT Cup	Qualifying
<u>09.15</u>	<u>Hotel Fortuna Interport Race</u>	<u>Race (10 laps)</u>
<u>10.30</u>	<u>Macau Road Sport Challenge</u>	<u>Race (10 laps)</u>
<u>11.50</u>	<u>CTM Macau Touring Car Race</u>	<u>Race (12 laps)</u>
<u>13.45</u>	<u>Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix</u>	<u>Qualification Race (10 laps)</u>
<u>15.15</u>	<u>Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix</u>	<u>Race (15 laps)</u>
16.30 – 17.00	Formula BMW Pacific	Qualifying

Sunday, 22nd November 2009

07.50 – 08.05	FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau	Warm up
08.20 – 08.40	Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix	Warm up
<u>09.10</u>	<u>Formula BMW Pacific</u>	<u>Race (10 laps)</u>
<u>10.30</u>	<u>Macau GT Cup</u>	<u>Race (10 laps)</u>
12.05	FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau	Race 1 (9 laps)
12.35	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 1</i>
12.50 – 13.05	FIA WTCC	Repair Time
13.25	FIA WTCC – Guia Race of Macau	Race 2 (9 laps)
13.55	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 2</i>
<u>15.30</u>	<u>Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix</u>	<u>Race (15 laps)</u>