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FIA World Touring Car Cup (WTCR)

Back in the title race: Robert Huff third in championship after strong weekend in Zandvoort

An impressive comeback, "powered by Volkswagen": Robert Huff (GB) is back among the front-runners in the FIA World Touring Car Cup (WTCR). At the wheel of the Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR, he laid the foundations for his two podium finishes in Zandvoort with a fine performance in qualifying. Huff first secured his first pole position of the season in qualifying for race one, before landing his Golf GTI TCR on the front row of the grid again for race three. The British driver converted his pole into third place in the opening race, and then went one better in race three, coming home second. Huff also finished eighth in the second race of the weekend, in which the top ten from the second qualifying session started in reverse order. The Volkswagen driver's total points haul for the weekend – including bonus points scored in qualifying – see him climb to third in the Drivers' Championship, just 16 points behind the new leader Yann Ehrlacher (F, Honda) and seven behind Yvan Muller (F, Hyundai).

After six races in the space of nine days, the FIA World Touring Car Cup (WTCR) is now taking a short break before it returns to action on 23 and 24 June with races 13 to 15 of the season in Vila Real (Portugal).

Robert Huff (GB), Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR #12

"I did not get off to a good start in race one: We had to wait a long time on the grid, which meant that the clutch got quite hot. I think I did well to get third, despite that. All in all, it was a very positive weekend, at which we scored a lot of valuable points – while some of my rivals missed out."

More information: www.fiawtcr.com

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Chinese Touring Car Championship (CTCC)

Lights-to-flag win for Zheng Zhen Dong in Zhuhai

Victory for Zheng Zhen Dong (CHN) in race two of the Chinese Touring Car Championship (CTCC) was the highlight of the event in Zhuhai, from a Volkswagen perspective. Starting from pole position, Zheng Zhen Dong led from the start and went on to take the chequered flag. In contrast, Rodolfo Avila (MAC), at the wheel of the Volkswagen Lamando GTS, failed to convert his start position on the front row of the grid into a podium finish in the opening race: He was passed by two opponents at the start, and had to settle for fourth place. The Shanghai Volkswagen 333 Racing Team, for whom WTCR driver Rob Huff also starts in selected races, is now second in the Manufacturers' Championship, just 4.5 points off the lead.

More information: www.ctcc.com.cn

TCR China

Sunny Wong and Alex Hui form a strong team: Victory for the Golf GTI TCR in Zhuhai

A podium each in the first two TCR China races in Zhuhai, victory together in race three – Sunny Wong (HK) and Alex Hui (HK), together with the Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR, made a strong start to the 2018 season of China's national TCR series together. Sunny Wong had a great opportunity to take individual victory in race won, but just lost out at the start to Henry Ho (MAC, Honda) and had to settle for second place. Alex Hui did not get off to a good start from the second row in race two, but then fought his way back into second place. Race three, in which Wong and Hui shared the cockpit, developed into a thrilling battle, with the Teamwork Motorsport duo emerging triumphant.

More information: www.tcr-series.com

▪ TCR Europe & TCR Benelux

Same venue, different story: While their fellow Volkswagen racers were celebrating podium finishes in the FIA World Touring Car Cup, the opening round of the TCR Benelux series – which also formed the second race weekend of TCR Europe – proved a disappointing one for the Volkswagen customer teams in Zandvoort. Maxime Potty (B) failed to finish race one after a trip into the gravel bed at the infamous Tarzanbocht corner. Martin Ryba (SK) ended the opening race as the best-placed Golf in 16th. Potty did manage to climb into eleventh place from the seventh row of the grid in race two, while Ryba finished 19th. More information: www.tcr-series.com



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- **British Touring Car Championship (BTCC)**

Jake Hill (GB) remains the best of the Volkswagen drivers in the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC), although the results of races seven to nine of the season were not to the liking of the two-time race winner. He could do no better than 20th place in the Volkswagen CC in race one, before having to settle for 18th and 17th in races two and three. More information: www.btcc.net

Next up:

25.05.–27.05.2018, FIA World Rallycross Championship (WRX), Silverstone (GB)

25.05.–27.05.2018, American Rallycross Championship (ARX), Silverstone (GB)

25.05.–27.05.2018, Japanese Formula 3 Championship, Sugo (J)

26.05.–27.05.2018, Fun Cup Europe, Zandvoort (NL)

26.05.–27.05.2018, Volkswagen Racing Cup UK, Snetterton (GB)



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