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Global Rallycross

Speed and Foust kick off new GRC season with a one-two

Super start to the season for the Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross team in Memphis: Defending champion Scott Speed (USA) won the opening round of this season's Global Rallycross Championship (GRC), with team-mate Tanner Foust (USA) following him over the line in second place to complete the first one-two for Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross. The dominance of the two 560-hp Volkswagen Beetle GRCs was clear to see, even before the final. Not only did Speed and Foust claim pole position and second on the grid in qualifying, but they also won all the individual heats. There was no beating the two Volkswagen drivers in the weekend's two semi-finals at the 1.9-kilometre circuit in Memphis. Scott Speed reached a special milestone, claiming the twelfth GRC win of his career to set a new record. This was also the 19th victory for Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross. "It is obviously great to have more wins to my name in the GRC than any other driver. However, wins like this are only possible with a fantastic team. Everyone did a fantastic job during the winter break," said Speed. The next race weekend in the Global Rallycross Championship will take place on 20 and 21 May in Louisville (USA).

FIA Formula 3 European Championship

Volkswagen festival in Monza: Wins for Norris and Eriksson

Three races, two wins for Volkswagen: 17-year-old Volkswagen driver Lando Norris (GB) of the Carlin team and Joel Eriksson (S) of Team Motopark both claimed their second win of the season in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship at the Formula 1 circuit in Monza (I). Norris won race one, coming home ahead of team-mates Jehan Daruvala (IND) and Ferdinand Habsburg (A), who celebrated the first podiums of their careers. Fellow Volkswagen driver Joel Eriksson (S) narrowly missed out on a spot on the podium in fourth place. However, he made amends in race two: the Motopark driver started the fifth race of the season from pole position and went on to win ahead of Norris. Carlin driver Norris finished runner-up again in race three to score valuable points. Despite starting from pole, Eriksson had to settle for fourth place. The two Volkswagen drivers top the overall standings: Eriksson (104 points) holds a narrow lead over Norris (103). The third weekend of the Formula 3 European Championship will be held in Pau (F) on 20 and 21 May.



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Austrian Rally Championship

Wechselland Rally: Baumschlager runner-up in the Polo R WRC

Raimund Baumschlager (A) finished runner-up in the Wechselland Rally, which forms part of the Austrian Rally Championship. This was the first time the car from Wolfsburg, with which Sébastien Ogier (F) won his fourth WRC title last season, had seen competitive action since Volkswagen Motorsport's withdrawal from the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC). Baumschlager won four of the 15 special stages in extremely difficult conditions. This was a more than respectable achievement for Baumschlager and co-driver Pirmin Winklhofer (D), who had only completed a few test kilometres with the 2016 Polo R WRC prior to the event. "It was brutally tough, as the weather threw absolutely everything at us. From rain and fog to snow. Given the circumstances, I am more than happy with second place," said Baumschlager, who finished just 8.7 seconds behind winner Hermann Neubauer (A). Volkswagen Motorsport supported the use of the Polo R WRC by the Baumschlager Rallye and Racing Team as part of its customer racing programme.

TCR Germany

Win number one: Thoma triumphs in the Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR in Oschersleben

More than 40 participants from 13 countries have registered for this year's ADAC TCR Germany, in production-based touring cars from six different manufacturers. The fastest driver on Sunday was at the wheel of a Volkswagen: Florian Thoma (CH) of Junior Team Engstler won race two of the TCR Germany season in Oschersleben. Driving a 350-hp Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR, the Swiss led from start to finish. Thoma was also the best-placed Volkswagen driver in tenth place in Saturday's opening race. His team-mate Luca Engstler (D) also impressed on Saturday, finishing 17th as the best-placed rookie. He then went one better on Sunday, coming home 16th in race two. Thoma climbs into fourth place overall, making him the best-placed Volkswagen driver. Spielberg (A) hosts the second race weekend from 9 to 11 June.

Volkswagen Fun Cup Belgium

Allure team claims its second win of the season at the Dijon-Prenois (F) circuit

The Allure team remains the dominant force in the Volkswagen Fun Cup Belgium. Allure finished runner-up in the opening race at the Dijon-Prenois (F) racetrack, before winning race two on Sunday to claim its second victory of the season. 32 cars took their place on the grid in perfect weather conditions at the second race weekend of the season. Race one was won by the Socardenne by Milo team after 126 laps of racing. The race had to be stopped with just 12 minutes remaining following a crash involving the McDonald's Racing team. The Allure



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team managed to complete 142 laps in race two. The ComToYou, ComToYou Racing and AC Motorsport 1 teams finished second, third and fourth. The next races in the Fun Cup Belgium series will be held in Zandvoort (NL) on 27 and 28 May.

Next up:

05/05–07/05/2017, FIA World Rallycross Championship, Hockenheim (D)

05/05–07/05/2017, TCR International Series, Spa-Francorchamps (B)

06/05–07/05/2017, British Touring Car Championship, Thruxton (GB)

06/05–07/05/2017, Volkswagen Fun Cup France, Le Mans (F)

06/05/2017, Volkswagen Fun Cup UK, Oulton Park (GB)

