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TCR International Series

### **Volkswagen driver Vernay takes victory, ahead of team-mate Huff**

One-two for the Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR: Jean-Karl Vernay (F, Leopard Racing) won race two at the third race weekend of the TCR International Series at Spa-Francorchamps (B). His new team-mate Rob Huff (GB) finished runner-up to round off a great team result. Edouard Mondron (B, Delahaye Racing), also at the wheel of the 350-hp touring car from Wolfsburg, came home fourth in an extremely exciting race. Giacomo Altoè (I, West Coast Racing) was tenth. Vernay was also the best-placed Volkswagen driver in Friday's opening race at the Belgian Formula 1 circuit, crossing the finish line in fourth place. Huff followed him home in sixth, while Mondron also finished in the points in seventh. Victory went to Stefano Comini (CH, Audi). Vernay (91 points) now holds a 25-point lead over Comini (66) at the top of the Drivers' Championship. The next races will be held in Monza (I) this coming weekend (13-14 May).

FIA World Rallycross Championship

### **Second place for Kristoffersson, lead extended in the Team Championship**

Johan Kristoffersson (S) finished runner-up at the third race weekend of the FIA World Rallycross Championship (WRX) in Hockenheim (D). The Swede from PSRX Volkswagen Team Sweden claimed his second podium finish in a row, having taken third place last time out in Portugal. Kristoffersson started the Hockenheim final from the front row in the Volkswagen Polo GTI Supercar. However, he did not get a great start on the wet surface and was eventually beaten by winner Mattias Ekström (S, Audi) after six hard-fought laps. Kristoffersson's team-mate Petter Solberg (S) overcame a difficult qualifying – a collision, through no fault of his own, cost him valuable points in the second race – to progress to the final, where he finished fourth. These latest results mean that PSRX Volkswagen Team Sweden now has 131 points to its name in the Team Championship. The team takes a 17-point lead over EKS (114 points) to Mettet (B), where the next round of the WRX will take place this coming weekend (12-14 May).



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Swedish Touring Car Championship

**Ekblom triumphs in the Golf GTI at season-opener**

Fredrik Ekblom ensured the Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR a successful start to the Swedish Touring Car Championship (STCC). The Swede, standing in for Johan Kristoffersson (S), who was in action on the same weekend in the FIA World Rallycross Championship, won race three at the Ring Knutstorp (S) and finished runner-up in the other two races. Fredrik Blomstedt (S), Ekblom's team-mate at Kristoffersson Motorsport, finished third in race one to join him on the podium. Blomstedt came home seventh and fourth in races two and three. Dennis Strandberg (S) of Volkswagen customer team Lestrup Racing came home fifth in his Golf GTI TCR in race two. Andreas Ahlberg (S, Micke Kågered Racing) twice finished in the points, courtesy of tenth place in the opening race and seventh in race two. The STCC now heads to Alastaro (FIN) from 19 to 20 May.

Volkswagen Fun Cup UK

**JPR Uvio wins at Oulton Park**

JPR Uvio won the second race of the season in the Volkswagen Fun Cup UK. The team, with drivers Graham Roberts and Farquini Deott (GB/I), came home 3.832 seconds ahead of Team Trooper Iron Maiden to take victory after a little over four hours of racing at Oulton Park (GB). Third place went to the Track Torque 2Rent Dominos team. Brands Hatch (GB) will host the next race on 3 June.

Volkswagen Fun Cup France

**Milo Racing wins eight-hour race in Le Mans**

Milo Racing is the winner of the eight-hour race in Le Mans (F). The team, with its three drivers Christophe Nivarlet/Lorenzo Donniacuo/Kevin Balthazar, was victorious in the Volkswagen Fun Cup France, finishing ahead of Team DN'S and Team Zosh. In total, 58 Fun Cup cars were in action at the fourth race weekend in the French racing series, which took place at the iconic Circuit de la Sarthe. The series returns to action on 10 June, when the lights will go green for a twelve-hour race in Magny-Cours (F).



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**Next up:**

12/05–14/05/2017, FIA World Rallycross Championship, Mettet (B)

12/05–14/05/2017, FIA European Rallycross Championship, Mettet (B)

12/05–14/05/2017, TCR Asia, Zhuhai (CHN)

12/05–14/05/2017, Japanese Formula 3 Championship, Fuji (J)

12/05–14/05/2017, Volkswagen Ameo Cup India, Coimbatore (IND)

13/05/2017, GTI Challenge South Africa, Killarney (ZA)





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