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TCR Benelux

Team WRT enjoys strong race weekend in Zolder with the Golf GTI TCR

Two wins and a permanent fixture on the podium in every race: Team WRT enjoyed an impressive race weekend with the Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR at round four of the TCR Benelux season, which took place in Zolder (B). Mathieu Detry (B) claimed his first two wins of the season in the opening two sprint races, while team-mate Maxime Potty (B) finished runner-up in both the third and fourth sprint races. The duo from Belgian outfit Team WRT had previously finished second in the qualifying race. Delahaye Racing, who also ran the Golf GTI TCR from Wolfsburg, also enjoyed a successful outing in Zolder: Guillaume Mondron (B) backed up his third place in the qualifying race with second place in the first two sprint races. Mondron's team-mate Lorenzo Donnicuo (B) came home third in race four to ensure both the team's drivers made it onto the podium.

In the championship, Mondron (282 points) closed to within three points of leader Benjamin Lessennes (B, Honda, 285), with Potty and Detry tied in third place with 251 points. Detry (155 points) and Potty (144) are also second and third in the junior competition, behind the leader Lessennes (180). Meanwhile, Delahaye Racing tops the table in the team competition with 80 points, followed by Team WRT (63) and Boutsen Ginion Racing (59). TCR Benelux now heads into its summer break. The penultimate race weekend of the season will take place on 23 and 24 September at the Circuit Jules Tacheny in Mettet (B).

More information: www.tcrbenelux.eu

Austrian Rally Championship

Baumschlager to start the Rally Weiz in the Polo R WRC

Raimund Baumschlager (A) will line up at the Rally Weiz in the Volkswagen Polo R WRC this weekend (21-22 July). For Baumschlager and his co-driver Pirmin Winklhofer (D), the outing in the Styria region is the third in the Austrian Rally Championship with the 318-hp 2016 Polo – the car, with which Sébastien Ogier (F) won his fourth title in the FIA World Rally



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Championship (WRC) last season. After finishing runner-up at the Wechselland Rally and retiring following a crash at the recent Schneebergland Rally, Baumschlager and Winklhofer will now take on 178.16 kilometres spread over 14 special stages at the Rally Weiz. Volkswagen Motorsport support the Baumschlager Rallye & Racing Team run the Polo R WRC as part of its customer racing programme.

More information: www.rallye-weiz.at

TCR Italy

Two top-ten results for Massimiliano Gagliano in the Golf GTI

Massimiliano Gagliano (I) claimed two top-ten results at the fourth race weekend of TCR Italy in Mugello (I). The Italian finished sixth at the wheel of his 350-hp Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR in race one, before crossing the finish line seventh in race two. The victories went to Kevin Giacon (I, Opel) and Nicola Baldan (I, SEAT). The series now heads into a summer break, before returning in Imola (I) from 08 to 10 September.

More information: www.acisport.it

Volkswagen Ameo Cup India

Pal Singh and Kumar dominate the inaugural Ameo Cup event in Coimbatore

Karminder Pal Singh (IND) and Sandeep Kumar (IND) won the opening two races of the inaugural season of the Volkswagen Ameo Cup India. Pal Singh won race one at the Kari Motor Speedway in Coimbatore (IND), ahead of Kumar. The second race was dominated by a captivating battle between Pal Singh and Kumar. Kumar held on to first place, with Pal Singh this time taking the runner-up spot. The second race weekend will take place from 22 to 23 July at the Madras Motor Race Track (IND).

More information: www.volkswagen-motorsport.in

Engen Volkswagen Cup South Africa

Jonathan Mogotsi (ZA) claimed his maiden win in the championship. The winner of the 2016 "Volkswagen Driver Search" was victorious in race two. Juan Gerber (ZA) won the opening race at the Aldo Scribante Circuit (ZA) and, once the results of races one and two had been added together, was also the day's top driver.



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▪ **Global Touring Cars South Africa**

Mathew Hodges (ZA) was the best-placed Volkswagen driver at the Aldo Scribante Circuit in South Africa. The South African finished runner-up in his Volkswagen Jetta in race two. More information: www.gtcafrica.co.za/

Next up:

21/07–23/07/2017, TCR Germany, Zandvoort (NL)

21/07–22/07/2017, Austrian Rally Championship, Rally Weiz (A)

21/07–23/07/2017, Volkswagen Ameo Cup India, Chennai (IND)



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