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TCR Germany

Victory due to the regulations: Wolfe triumphs in the Golf GTI in Zandvoort

Jason Wolfe (USA) has won the seventh race of the ADAC TCR Germany season in the Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR. The American driver from the Volkswagen customer team Liqui Moly Team Engstler was declared the winner on Saturday, after the first race in Zandvoort (NL) had finished. A total of 15 drivers, including the first-placed Niels Langeveld (NL, Audi) had been handed a 30-second time penalty due to infringement of the regulations regarding the restart procedure. The race had been interrupted by an accident involving Volkswagen driver Florian Thoma (Liqui Moly Team Engstler). A blessing in disguise: The Swiss driver had to go to hospital for a check-up but the doctors passed him fit to start in the second race on Sunday. Wolfe remained the best Volkswagen driver in this race, securing another podium position by finishing in third. Victory went to Langeveld. Luca Engstler (D, Liqui Moly Team Engstler) was the best rookie, finishing ninth in the Golf GTI TCR. The next race weekend in the ADAC TCR Germany is from 4th to 6th August at the Nürburgring (D).

More information: www.adac-motorsport.de/adac-tcr-germany

Austrian Rally Championship

Unstoppable: Second place for Baumschlager at the Rally Weiz in the Polo R WRC

Raimund Baumschlager (A) and his co-driver Pirmin Winklhofer (D) have secured second place in the Volkswagen Polo R WRC at the Rally Weiz. The two Volkswagen drivers had to hang on at the end to claim the podium finish in the fifth race of the Austrian Rally Championship: They had some difficulties with the brakes on the 13th of 14 special stages. There was no way to fix the issue before the final special stage, meaning that Baumschlager had to drive the final 9.8 kilometres with just the front brake. He did not lose his grip on second place. Baumschlager and Winklhofer had already proved how well the 318 hp 2016 Polo can perform – they recorded four stage best times and were involved in a tight battle for the lead with eventual winners Hermann Neubauer/Bernhard Ettl (A/A, Ford). Baumschlager is now in third place in the championship, with 67 points. He is 14 points behind overall leader Neubauer.



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Raimund Baumschlager (A), Volkswagen Polo R WRC

"The braking circuit on the rear axle was knocked out at the start of special stage 13, probably by a stone. I heard a loud bang and considered stopping, but I was able to battle on with just the front brake axle. I had to hang on and I was praying that we would be able to finish the rally. I am more than happy with the result."

More information: www.rallye-weiz.at

Volkswagen Ameo Cup India

Guest driver Robertson and Mohite win in Chennai

Devin Robertson (ZA) and Dhruv Mohite (IND) are the winners of the Volkswagen Ameo Cup India. On the second race weekend in Volkswagen Motorsport India's new one-make series, guest driver Robertson won the first race at the Madras Motor Race Track (IND), ahead of Karminder Pal Singh (IND) and Sandeep Kumar (IND). Robertson, who normally competes in the Engen Volkswagen Cup South Africa, also finished third and claimed a podium place in the second race. Mohite stayed cool despite the extreme temperatures in Chennai to win the race ahead of Pal Singh, whose second-place finish allowed him to extend his lead in the overall standings.

More information: www.volkswagen-motorsport.in

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28/07-29/07/2017, FIA Formula 3 European Championship, Spa-Francorchamps (B)

29/07-30/07/2017, British Touring Car Championship, Snetterton (GB)

28/07-30/07/2017, Japanese Formula 3 Championship, Montegi (J)



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