

ROUNDS 11 & 12 – BRANDS HATCH, UK RACE REPORT

Weather: sunny and windy, with dry track

ONE APIECE FOR MULLER AND PRIAULX

Yvan Muller and Andy Priaulx claimed one victory apiece at Brands Hatch in two extremely close races that also launched Colin Turkington as the rising star in the WTCC heaven.

In Race 1 Muller and Rob Huff gave Chevrolet a 1-2 finish ahead of Turkington who managed to steal third place from Alain Menu's third Cruze, while Gabriele Tarquini scored important points finishing fourth and Priaulx obtained an eighth place that eventually proved crucial for the rest of the day.

Priaulx won the second race starting from pole position on the reverse grid. Turkington made another step forward claiming a brilliant second place from Tarquini, with Muller in fifth.

After a difficult beginning to his home weekend, Priaulx jumped from zero to hero, recovering from a 10 position grid penalty that had demoted him to 16th at the start of Race 1 to the highest step of the podium.

The championship fight is also very close. Muller leads with 199 points and has a margin of 23 over Tarquini, while Priaulx is a further 28 points behind. And Huff cannot be discounted, lying 69 points behind the leader.

Thanks to the 33 points he scored in the overall championship and the additional points for the category's pole position and fastest laps, Turkington made a giant leap forward in the Independents' Trophy. After only four races, the Ulsterman is second, 11 points behind Sergio Hernández.

Norbert Michelisz won both races in the Rookie Challenge and ousted Fredy Barth from the lead.

The championship will resume for rounds 13 and 14 at Brno, Czech Republic, on August 1st.

LAST UPDATE – MENU AND POULSEN DROPPED

Chevrolet's Alain Menu and Independent racer Kristian Poulsen both received a 30-second time penalty for infringements during the first race. Menu for abruptly slowing down just before the finishing line in order to win pole position on the reverse grid for Race 2 (he was dropped from 7th to 22nd) and Poulsen for overtaking too early at the end of the safety car period (he was demoted from 15th to 23rd).

RACE 1 – MULLER WINS FOR CHEVROLET

Current championship leader Yvan Muller claimed victory ahead of teammate Rob Huff in the first race of the day at Brands Hatch. Independent racer Colin Turkington drove a great race to take the final podium position from Alain Menu on the penultimate lap.

Norbert Michelisz took the rookie honours for the fifth time this season finishing tenth overall.

Muller controlled the start to lead the pack into Paddock Hill for the first time with Huff staying alongside him holding second. Tarquini made a good start to move ahead of Turkington for fourth while Jordi Gené got on the grass pushing Augusto Farfus for ninth. Andy Priaulx had a tremendous first lap to move up from 16th to 12th.



The order was now Muller leading from Huff, Menu, Tarquini, Turkington, Tom Coronel, Tiago Monteiro, Norbert Michelisz, Fredy Barth and Augusto Farfus.

Priaulx continued to move forward, taking 11th from Gené to move onto the back of his teammate Farfus. The BMW Team RBM duo then worked together to move forward towards eighth position and pole for Race 2.

Further down the field Tom Boardman got ahead of newcomer Carlos "Cacá" Bueno while Stefano D'Aste moved ahead of Franz Engstler for 16th.

On lap four Turkington found a way through into fourth ahead of Tarquini through Druids and immediately began chasing down the leading Chevrolet trio.

Farfus and Priaulx passed Barth at Druids as Barth began to drop back down the field.

By lap five the top ten was Muller, Huff, Menu, Turkington, Tarquini, Coronel, Monteiro, Michelisz, Farfus and Priaulx with the Guernseyman setting the fastest lap of the race as he chased down pole position.

Rookie racer Michelisz tried to hold off the BMW charge but didn't have the pace and both came through. Farfus then made a move on Monteiro for eighth but Priaulx had to wait a few laps longer to make his move. As Turkington pushed Menu for third the leading two Chevrolet's managed to pull a small gap before Bueno's Chevrolet pulled off the track as the engine caught fire and the Safety Car came out to neutralise the action.

As the field fell into line behind the Safety Car, Muller led from Huff, Menu, Turkington, Tarquini, Coronel, Farfus, Monteiro, Priaulx and Michelisz.

As the race restarted, with four laps to go, Monteiro defended hard to hold off the BMW 320si of Priaulx. Determined to get the pole, Priaulx placed his car on the inside through Graham Hill bend and as the pair made contact the Guernseyman held his line to move up ahead of the Portuguese racer.

Turkington's persistence also paid off as on the penultimate lap he found a way around the outside of Clark Curve to get ahead of Menu and into the final podium position. Menu dropped down to seventh giving him a front row start for Race 2.

Muller took the chequered flag ahead of Huff giving Chevrolet a 1-2 finish. Turkington claimed a clear Independent victory in third overall. Tarquini ended fourth ahead of Tom Coronel, Augusto Farfus and Alain Menu. Andy Priaulx would start on pole for the second race after battling his way up to eighth.

Monteiro was ninth ahead of top rookie Norbert Michelisz in 10th. Barth finished 12th and Michel Nykjær 17th, second and third in the Rookie Challenge. Britain's Tom Boardman was second in the Independents in 14th holding off season regular Engstler.

Robert Dahlgren in the Volvo C30 moved up to eleventh but dropped down to an eventual 13th overall after the restart. The Swedish driver was pushing hard despite not being eligible to score points this weekend, on his first of two appearances for Volvo Olsbergs Green Racing this season.

Monroe Performer

Overall: Andy Priaulx 1:34.078; Independent: Colin Turkington 1:34.108

Withdrawals

C. Bueno: engine

RACE 2 – BRITANNIA RULES THE WORLD

BMW Team RBM's Andy Priaulx converted pole position into a race win on home turf at Brands Hatch this afternoon. Independent racer Colin Turkington went one better than in Race 1 to bring his BMW 320si across the line in second to complete a great result for the British drivers in their home race meeting.

Reigning champion Gabriele secured the final podium spot for SR-Sport. Norbert Michelisz continued his Rookie Challenge winning streak finishing seventh overall.

The Chevrolet team worked hard to change the engine on "Cacá" Bueno's car but their effort was in vain and the Brazilian could not make the grid. Robert Dahlgren's Volvo C30 pulled off on the warm up lap with a broken water pipe.

Priaulx had a difficult start, wheel-spinning off the grid while Augusto Farfus made a fantastic start to come through between his teammate and Alain Menu to take the lead into Paddock Hill. Priaulx held second ahead of the Chevrolet while further down the field Fredy Barth and Kristian Poulsen made contact. Poulsen spun out while Barth picked up a slow puncture, then running sideways and almost collecting Jordi Gené. Yvan Muller, Tiago Monteiro and Norbert Michelisz ran three abreast as they jostled for position.

As the field came round to complete the first lap the drama continued with Sergio Hernández running through the gravel at Clark bend. After making contact with Michelisz, Gené and also Tom Boardman, Monteiro retired from the race.

On lap three the battle for the lead was heating up as Farfus was being pushed by his teammate. Priaulx found a way through at Druids and Chevrolet's Menu tried to take the opportunity to follow the BMW. Farfus closed the door and the pair touched with Farfus spinning and Menu running off the road with a broken steering column. Turkington capitalised moving up into second ahead of Tarquini, Coronel and Huff.

Mehdi Bennani swapped places with Stefano D'aste for 11th while Priaulx edged out a small gap out in front from a chasing Turkington and Tarquini.

The battle in the Independents was also raging with Boardman, Engstler and Bennani fighting for ninth overall and second in class, holding up a recovering Farfus. Only a couple of laps later the fight ended as Bennani tapped the back of Engstler BMW 320si sending him into a sideways spin with the pair dropping down, Bennani to 15th and Engstler to 17th.

Championship leader Muller got ahead of teammate Huff for fifth. On lap 11, Farfus took 10th from Boardman on the exit of Surtees before Boardman then ran through the gravel and out the race at Sheene. Bennani was involved in another incident, with Darryl O'Young at Druids. The pair were both beached in the gravel bringing out the safety car.

With the action diffused, Priaulx led from Turkington, Tarquini, Coronel, Muller, Huff, Michelisz, Nykjær, Farfus and Gené. The race restarted for two final laps of racing action and Muller immediately began pushing Coronel, the Chevrolet driver having a scary moment as he nearly lost the back of his car. Engstler made a move stick through Surtees to take 13th from Harry Vaulkhard while Farfus took eighth from rookie driver Nykjær. On the last lap Farfus began to chase down Michelisz but could not get through as Nykjær also continued to fight back.

Priaulx took the chequered flag to claim a home victory in his BMW 320si ahead of a delighted Turkington. Reigning champion Tarquini secured some good points in third ahead of Tom Coronel. Muller continues to lead the drivers' standings after finishing fifth ahead of Huff with top rookie Michelisz in seventh. Farfus, Nykjær and Gené rounded out the top ten.

Monroe Performer

Overall: Andy Priaulx 1:34.791; Independent: Colin Turkington 1:34.903

Withdrawals

C. Bueno: DNS; R. Dahlgren: water pipe; K. Poulsen: racing incident; F. Barth: racing incident; T. Monteiro: racing incident; M. Bennani: racing incident; D. O'Young: racing incident; T. Boardman: racing incident; A. Menu: racing incident

THE WORD TO THE WINNERS

Yvan MULLER – Race 1 winner: *“The start was good. Rob (Huff) and I were side by side through the first corners then drove as best we could. The safety car was good as it allowed us to cool our tyres which meant we could then push again for the last few laps. It is good to stretch the championship lead but there is still a long way to go.”*

Andy PRIAULX – Race 2 winner: *“It has been a tough weekend as things were really stacked against us. But in the end I am really pleased to have got a win at home. We are really competitive if we don't have to attack or defend. It's a brilliant result to be third in the championship and we are heading to a few circuits that will suit us so hopefully we can take the championship fight all the way to Macau.”*

2010 FIA World Touring Car Championship
RACE 1 RESULT

POS	NO	CLS	DRIVER / TEAM	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	KPH	BEST
1	6		Yvan MULLER	FRA	Chevrolet Cruze	28:05.204	16		126.63	1:34.386
2	7		Robert HUFF	GBR	Chevrolet Cruze	28:05.500	16	0.296	126.61	1:34.367
3	29	I	Colin TURKINGTON	GBR	BMW 320si	28:06.052	16	0.848	126.56	1:34.108
4	1		Gabriele TARQUINI	ITA	SEAT Leon TDI	28:07.819	16	2.615	126.43	1:34.325
5	2		Tom CORONEL	NED	SEAT Leon TDI	28:08.362	16	3.158	126.39	1:34.476
6	10		Augusto FARFUS	BRA	BMW 320si	28:09.561	16	4.357	126.30	1:34.273
7	11		Andy PRIAULX	GBR	BMW 320si	28:10.374	16	5.170	126.24	1:34.078
8	3		Tiago MONTEIRO	POR	SEAT Leon TDI	28:10.499	16	5.295	126.23	1:34.524
9	5		Norbert MICHELISZ	HUN	SEAT Leon TDI	28:10.709	16	5.505	126.22	1:34.392
10	4		Jordi GENE	ESP	SEAT Leon TDI	28:11.307	16	6.103	126.17	1:34.890
11	18		Fredy BARTH	SUI	SEAT Leon TDI	28:11.664	16	6.460	126.14	1:34.657
12	41	T	Robert DAHLGREN	SWE	Volvo C30	28:12.192	16	6.988	126.10	1:34.795
13	38	I	Tom BOARDMAN	GBR	SEAT Leon	28:14.609	16	9.405	125.92	1:34.760
14	15	I	Franz ENGSTLER	GER	BMW 320si	28:14.806	16	9.602	125.91	1:34.749
15	17		Michel NYKJAER	DEN	SEAT Leon TDI	28:15.865	16	10.661	125.83	1:34.948
16	25	I	Sergio HERNANDEZ	ESP	BMW 320si	28:17.744	16	12.540	125.69	1:34.967
17	19	I	Harry VAULKHARD	GBR	Chevrolet Lacetti	28:18.183	16	12.979	125.66	1:35.278
18	26	I	Stefano D'ASTE	ITA	BMW 320si	28:19.312	16	14.108	125.58	1:35.530
19	21	I	Mehdi BENNANI	MAR	BMW 320si	28:19.701	16	14.497	125.55	1:35.163
20	42	I	Tim CORONEL	NED	BMW 320si	28:20.424	16	15.220	125.49	1:36.266
21	20	I	Darryl O'YOUNG	HKG	Chevrolet Lacetti	28:24.354	16	19.150	125.20	1:35.273
22	8		Alain MENU	SUI	Chevrolet Cruze	28:40.245	16	35.041	124.05	1:34.357
23	24	I	Kristian POULSEN	DEN	BMW 320si	28:45.352	16	40.148	123.68	1:35.226

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9			Carlos "Caca" BUENO	BRA	Chevrolet Cruze	11:19.846	7	D.N.F.	137.41	1:35.022
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FASTEST LAP

11			Andy PRIAULX		BMW 320si	1:34.078	5	88.04mph	141.69kph
29	I		Colin TURKINGTON		BMW 320si	1:34.108	4	88.02mph	141.65kph
41	T		Robert DAHLGREN		Volvo C30	1:34.795	2	87.38mph	140.62kph

Brands Hatch GP

Cars 24 & 8, drive through penalties applied, Stewards decisions 15 & 16 refer.

Circuit Length = 3.7030 km.

Weather/Track: Sun 19c/Dry 37c

Start: 12:03 End: 12:31

Steward:	Steward:	Steward:	Issued at:
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RACE 2 RESULT

POS	NO	CLS	DRIVER / TEAM	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	KPH	BEST
1	11		Andy PRIAULX	GBR	BMW 320si	27:05.324	16		131.29	1:34.791
2	29	I	Colin TURKINGTON	GBR	BMW 320si	27:05.723	16	0.399	131.26	1:34.903
3	1		Gabriele TARQUINI	ITA	SEAT Leon TDI	27:06.718	16	1.394	131.18	1:34.999
4	2		Tom CORONEL	NED	SEAT Leon TDI	27:07.178	16	1.854	131.14	1:35.077
5	6		Yvan MULLER	FRA	Chevrolet Cruze	27:08.361	16	3.037	131.05	1:35.057
6	7		Robert HUFF	GBR	Chevrolet Cruze	27:08.742	16	3.418	131.02	1:35.109
7	5		Norbert MICHELISZ	HUN	SEAT Leon TDI	27:10.225	16	4.901	130.90	1:35.081
8	10		Augusto FARFUS	BRA	BMW 320si	27:10.853	16	5.529	130.85	1:35.361
9	17		Michel NYKJAER	DEN	SEAT Leon TDI	27:11.359	16	6.035	130.81	1:35.176
10	4		Jordi GENE	ESP	SEAT Leon TDI	27:11.805	16	6.481	130.77	1:35.601
11	26	I	Stefano D'ASTE	ITA	BMW 320si	27:12.617	16	7.293	130.71	1:35.682
12	25	I	Sergio HERNANDEZ	ESP	BMW 320si	27:12.928	16	7.604	130.68	1:35.357
13	15	I	Franz ENGSTLER	GER	BMW 320si	27:14.885	16	9.561	130.53	1:35.462
14	19	I	Harry VAULKHARD	GBR	Chevrolet Lacetti	27:16.496	16	11.172	130.40	1:35.983
15	42	I	Tim CORONEL	NED	BMW 320si	27:18.475	16	13.151	130.24	1:36.281

NOT CLASSIFIED

8			Alain MENU	SUI	Chevrolet Cruze	27:19.240	11	N.C.F.	89.52	1:35.454
38	I		Tom BOARDMAN	GBR	SEAT Leon	16:13.632	10	D.N.F.	137.02	1:35.753
20	I		Darryl O'YOUNG	HKG	Chevrolet Lacetti	16:17.243	10	D.N.F.	136.52	1:35.694
21	I		Mehdi BENNANI	MAR	BMW 320si	16:17.433	10	D.N.F.	136.49	1:35.566
3			Tiago MONTEIRO	POR	SEAT Leon TDI	1:52.671	1	D.N.F.	119.27	1:52.671
18			Fredy BARTH	SUI	SEAT Leon TDI		0	D.N.F.	N/A	
24	I		Kristian POULSEN	DEN	BMW 320si		0	D.N.F.	N/A	
41	T		Robert DAHLGREN	SWE	Volvo C30		0	D.N.F.	N/A	

FASTEST LAP

11			Andy PRIAULX		BMW 320si	1:34.791	6	87.38mph	140.63kph
29	I		Colin TURKINGTON		BMW 320si	1:34.903	6	87.28mph	140.46kph

Brands Hatch GP

Circuit Length = 3.7030 km.

Start: 14:18 End: 14:46

Weather/Track: Sun 20c/Dry 41c

Steward:	Steward:	Steward:	Issued at:
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2010 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP - DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

position	driver	Curitiba (BRA) 7 March		Puebla (MEX) 11 April	Marrakech (MAR) 2 May	Monza (ITA) 23 May	Zolder (BEL) 20 June	Portimão (POR) 4 July	Brands Hatch (GBR) 18 July	Brno (CZE) 1 August	Oschersleben (GER) 5 September	Valencia (ESP) 19 September	Ookayama (JPN) 31 October	Macau (CHN) 21 November	TOTAL
		8	18												
1	Yvan MULLER (FRA)	25	12	CANCELLED	8	18	12	25	18	10	18	18	25	10	199
2	Gabriele TARQUINI (ITA)	12	25		25	8	6	0	25	8	15	25	12	15	176
3	Andy PRIAULX (GBR)	10	0		4	25	25	10	6	25	0	12	6	25	148
4	Robert HUFF (GBR)	18	10		18	0	15	15	10	18	0	0	18	8	130
5	Tiago MONTEIRO (POR)	0	6		15	12	2	6	12	15	25	6	4	0	103
6	Tom CORONEL (NED)	4	0		10	15	10	18	4	1	8	8	10	12	100
7	Augusto FARFUS (BRA)	8	8		1	0	18	12	2	4	12	10	8	4	87
8	Alain MENU (SUI)	15	15		2	0	0	2	15	12	10	15	0	0	86
9	Norbert MICHELISZ (HUN)	1	2		6	1	0	4	8	6	6	0	2	6	42
10	Fredy BARTH (SUI)	2	0		12	10	8	0	1	0	4	4	0	0	41
11	Jordi GENÉ (ESP)	6	18		0	4	0	8	0	0	0	0	1	1	38
12	Colin TURKINGTON (GBR)	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	0	1	15	18		34
13	Michel NYKJÆR (DEN)	0	4		0	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	16
14	Sergio HERNÁNDEZ (ESP)	0	1		0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	5
15	Darryl O'YOUNG (HKG)	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
16	Mehdi BENNANI (MAR)	0	0		0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
17	Leonel PERNÍA (ARG)	-	-		-	-	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
17	Harry VAULKHARD (GBR)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	

2010 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP - MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

position	manufacturer	Curitiba (BRA) 7 March		Puebla (MEX) 11 April	Marrakech (MAR) 2 May	Monza (ITA) 23 May	Zolder (BEL) 20 June	Portimão (POR) 4 July	Brands Hatch (GBR) 18 July	Brno (CZE) 1 August	Oschersleben (GER) 5 September	Valencia (ESP) 19 September	Ookayama (JPN) 31 October	Macau (CHN) 21 November	TOTAL
		30	27												
1	CHEVROLET	43	27	CANCELLED	30	26	27	40	33	30	28	33	43	18	378
2	SEAT CUSTOMERS TECHNOLOGY	23	43		40	27	18	26	37	25	40	33	22	27	361
3	BMW	22	18		18	35	43	22	18	33	20	22	23	43	317