

**# 17 – 14 MAY 2010**

## **NEXT STOP: MONZA, ITALY**

After a one-year break, the FIA WTCC returns to Monza for the third meeting of the season. The Autodromo Nazionale, Italy's temple of speed and one of the best known racetracks in the world, used to be a traditional venue for the World Touring Cars.

It hosted the championship's inaugural event back in 2005 and then continued to be home to the WTCC Race of Italy until 2008, only being replaced by Imola last year.

Now the 5.8-km circuit is set to open the European season and to once again be filled by a large crowd of enthusiastic Italian fans.

BMW and Alfa Romeo shared victories in 2005 and 2006 but the SEAT León TDI cars made the most out of Monza's superfast layout and won all the four races held in 2007 and 2008.

On the last WTCC visit, Yvan Muller was the winner of the first race on his way to clinching the World Championship crown, while his SEAT Sport team-mate and reigning world champion Gabriele Tarquini won Race 2.



The FIA WTCC returns to Monza after a one-year break

## **ARGENTINE DRIVER JOINS CHEVROLET AT MONZA**

Argentine Touring Car star Leonel Pernía will drive a fourth Chevrolet Cruze LT in the WTCC Race of Italy, at Monza on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. He will be the first Argentine to race in the FIA World Championship.

The 34-year old driver from Tandil (Buenos Aires) has emerged as a top runner in the competitive TC2000 Championship in Argentina since 2006. At the wheel of a Honda Civic car run by Equipo Petrobras he claimed two race victories and in 2009 was vice-champion behind his team-mate José María López.

Chevrolet Motorsport boss Eric Nève explained: *"It is a privilege for us to have Pernía at Monza. In our strategy towards conquering the WTCC title this year, it is useful to enter a fourth car in selected events, entrusted to drivers who have proven pedigrees in touring car racing. Moreover, the presence of Leonel can boost the visibility of the WTCC in South America and the image of Chevrolet in a key market like Argentina."*

Pernía commented: *"I am delighted to have the opportunity to race in the world's top touring car championship and with a front-running team like Chevrolet. This is an unexpected and wonderful chance for me and I hope to contribute to the team's success in Monza. I know the level in the WTCC is very high but I am confident that my TC2000 experience will prove useful."*



Leonel Pernía is the first Argentine driver to join the WTCC

### **PRIVATE TESTS ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

Track action at Monza will start earlier than usual. In addition to the 30-minute test session on Friday afternoon that is always authorized by the FIA when a new track is visited by the series (which is the case, as Monza was not part of the 2009 calendar), the championship promoter agreed to the requests coming from private teams to organise further testing on Thursday. However, this will be reserved for the Independent and Rookie drivers only.

Seven 60-minute sessions have been scheduled, from 9:00 to 18:00. Four of them will also be opened to the competitors of the SEAT Eurocup.

### **COMPENSATION WEIGHT COMES INTO FORCE**

The Compensation Weight system will come into force for the first time this season at Monza. The system determines the running weight of the WTCC cars on the basis of lap time calculation.

The best lap times of the two fastest cars of each model in qualifying and the two best lap times of the two fastest cars of each model in both races are averaged. The calculation is based on a three event rolling average, being applied after the first two events.

The compensation weight has been determined by the lap times set in Brazil and Morocco; the circumstances of the second race at Marrakech, with most of the laps completed behind the safety car, advised the Stewards to discard the second lap times set by the drivers in that race. As a consequence, the SEAT León TDI was identified as the reference model and will receive a compensation weight of 40kg in addition to the minimum weight. The Chevrolet Cruze LT will be on the same weight as the SEAT, while the BMW 320si will be 40kg lighter and won't have any compensation weight added.

As for the Chevrolet Lacetti it will have 20kg deducted from its minimum weight.

### Compensation weight Monza

+ 40 kg	SEAT León TDI, Chevrolet Cruze LT
± 0 kg	BMW 320si
- 20 kg	Chevrolet Lacetti

### **POULSEN AND FABIANI TO RACE AT MONZA**

The number of BMW Independent drivers will increase in Monza with two additional competitors, Kristian Poulsen and Fabio Fabiani, joining the field.

The 34-year old Dane will start his WTCC campaign in Italy at the wheel of a BMW 320si car run by his own team Poulsen Motorsport. A former race winner in the Danish Touring Car Championship and a podium finisher in the 2007 and 2010 FIA European Touring Car Cup, Poulsen took part in last year's WTCC with Liqui Moly Team Engstler, claiming his best result of 10<sup>th</sup> at Pau.

Fabiani, 35 from Italy, will drive Proteam Motorsport's third BMW 320si car alongside team regulars Sergio Hernández and Stefano D'Aste. Fabiani, winner of the 2008 FIA Super Production Cup, made his first WTCC appearance in 2009 at Imola, also with Proteam.

### **MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR ZOLDER**

Rounds 7 and 8 of the 2010 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Zolder, Belgium, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June.

**The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Please be reminded that media passes issued by National Sporting Authorities and/or any other series (except the FIA Formula 2 permanent media passes) will NOT be valid.**

Accreditation forms can be downloaded from [www.fiawtcc.com/Accreditation.asp](http://www.fiawtcc.com/Accreditation.asp).

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**COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS**



to the 2010 FIA WTCC Race of Italy – 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> May in Monza

# 2010 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



## ROUNDS 5 & 6 - MONZA, 23 May - ENTRY LIST

#	class	competitor	driver	car
1		SR-Sport	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
2		SR-Sport	Tom Coronel (NED)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
3		SR-Sport	Tiago Monteiro (POR)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
4		SR-Sport	Jordi Gené (ESP)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
5		Zengő-Dension Team	Norbert Michelisz (HUN) *	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
6		Chevrolet	Yvan Muller (FRA)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
7		Chevrolet	Robert Huff (GBR)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
8		Chevrolet	Alain Menu (SUI)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
10		BMW Team RBM	Augusto Farfus (BRA)	BMW 320si
11		BMW Team RBM	Andy Priaulx (GBR)	BMW 320si
15	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Franz Engstler (GER)	BMW 320si
16	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Andrei Romanov (RUS)	BMW 320si
17		SUNRED Engineering	Michel Nykjær (DEN) *	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
18		SEAT Swiss Racing by SUNRED	Fredy Barth (SUI) *	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
19	/	bamboo-engineering	Harry Vaulkhard (GBR) *	Chevrolet Lacetti
20	/	bamboo-engineering	Darryl O'Young (HKG) *	Chevrolet Lacetti
21	/	Wiechers-Sport	Mehdi Bennani (MAR) *	BMW 320si
23	/	Čolak Racing Team	Marin Čolak (CRO)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
24	/	Poulsen Motorsport	Kristian Poulsen (DEN)	BMW 320si
25	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Sergio Hernández (ESP)	BMW 320si
26	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Stefano D'Aste (ITA)	BMW 320si
33	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Fabio Fabiani (ITA)	BMW 320si
36		Chevrolet Motorsport Sweden	Leonel Pernía (ARG)	Chevrolet Cruze LT

/ = Yokohama Independents' Trophy

\* Drivers eligible for the WTCC Rookie Challenge

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## Rounds 5 & 6 – AUTODROMO DI MONZA



**Lap distance – 5,793 m**  
**Race distance – 2 x 9 laps**

- Location:** 20 km North of Milan
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- Airports:** Milan-Linate (25 km), Bergamo-Orio al Serio (30 km), Brescia (55 km),  
Milan-Malpensa (60 km), Verona-Villafranca (130 km)
- Lap records:** Qualifying - 1:59.009/175.23 kph, Dirk Müller (BMW 320i), 10 Apr 2005  
Race - 1:59.058/175.16 kph, Jörg Müller (BMW 320i), 10 Apr 2005
- Previous winners:** 2005 Race 1: Dirk Müller (BMW 320i)  
2005 Race 2: James Thompson (Alfa Romeo 156)  
2006 Race 1: Andy Priaulx (BMW 320si)  
2006 Race 2: Augusto Farfus (Alfa Romeo 156)  
2007 Race 1: Yvan Muller (SEAT León TDI)  
2007 Race 2: Jordi Gené (SEAT León TDI)  
2008 Race 1: Yvan Muller (SEAT León TDI)  
2008 Race 2: Gabriele Tarquini (SEAT León TDI)



## Rounds 5 & 6 – Monza (ITA) EVENT TIMETABLE

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010**

09.30 – 10.00	FIA Formula Two Championship	Free Practice 1
10.15 – 10.45	SEAT León Eurocup	Free Practice 1
11.00 – 11.40	Trofeo Maserati Gran Turismo MC	Free Practice 1
12.00 – 12.30	FIA Formula Two Championship	Free Practice 2
13.45 – 14.15	SEAT León Eurocup	Free Practice 2
14.30 – 15.10	Trofeo Maserati Gran Turismo MC	Free Practice 2
<b>15.30 – 16.00</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Testing</b>
16.15 – 16.45	FIA Formula Two Championship	Qualifying 1

### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010**

<b>09.00 – 09.30</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Free Practice 1</b>
09.45 – 10.15	SEAT León Eurocup	Qualifying
11.15	FIA Formula Two Championship	Race 1
<b>12.15 – 12.45</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Free Practice 2</b>
14.05	SEAT León Eurocup	Race 1
14.45 – 15.45	Trofeo Maserati Gran Turismo MC	Qualifying
<b>16.00 – 16.35</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Qualifying</b>
17.00 – 17.30	FIA Formula Two Championship	Qualifying 2

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010**

<b>09.00 – 09.15</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Warm up</b>
09.40	Trofeo Maserati Gran Turismo MC	Race 1
10.50	SEAT León Eurocup	Race 2
11.45	Trofeo Maserati Gran Turismo MC	Race 2
<b>13.05</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Race 1 (9 laps)</b>
13.20	FIA WTCC	Podium Race 1
14.00	FIA Formula Two Championship	Race 2
<b>15.20</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Race 2 (9 laps)</b>
15.50	FIA WTCC	Podium Race 2