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BMW LOOKING STRONG IN PORTUGAL

BMW Team RBM's Andy Priaulx (1:56.810) finished quickest in Portimão testing as the FIA WTCC prepares for its first ever event at the Autódromo Internacional de Algarve this weekend.

The WTCC drivers had their first taste of the 4.6km circuit in beaming sunshine this afternoon with Rob Huff's last lap of 1:56.890 splitting the BMW's at the top, demoting Augusto Farfus (1:56.890) to third.

Local hero Tiago Monteiro (1:57.149) finished fourth in the top SEAT León TDI for SR-Sport. Series newcomer Colin Turkington (1:57.189) made an impressive debut to finish fifth overall and top of the Independents in his eBay Motors BMW 320si.

Chevrolet's Yvan Muller (1:57.191) and Alain Menu (1:57.376) were sixth and seventh ahead of SR-Sport teammates Jordi Gené (1:57.797) and Gabriele Tarquini (1:57.821). Hong Kong's Darryl O'Young (1:58.172) rounded out the top ten putting in some strong lap times once again to finish as top Rookie and second in the Independents. His bamboo-engineering teammate Harry Vaulkhard (1:58.548) was 12th overall finishing third fastest Independent and second quickest Rookie.

Scuderia Proteam Motorsport's Stefano D'Aste only completed five laps before spinning at T7 and having to sit out the remainder of the session.



Andy Priaulx's BMW was the fastest car during today's test at Portimão

YOKOHAMA CELEBRATES 100th WTCC RACE

The 10th WTCC round in Portimão this weekend will mark Yokohama's 100th race as the championship's Official Tyre Supplier since the Japanese company was appointed by the FIA in 2006. To celebrate the event, the WTCC cars sport a 100th race logo on windscreen stripes and race number plates.

Mr Shigeo Komatsu, General Manager Tire Global Product Planning Division of Yokohama, commented: "We wish to express our sincere thanks to all the parties involved in the World Touring Car Championship, such as FIA, KSO, Eurosport, manufacturers and teams for their support. It is our great honour to celebrate our 100th WTCC race in Portimão and we undertake to keep on supplying the WTCC with high quality tyres."

Marcello Lotti, General Manager of KSO, added: "Yokohama's participation in 100 WTCC races shows the level of commitment of this valuable partner and the strong belief that they have in the continuous development of the WTCC. We are delighted to work with Yokohama in a successful partnership for both the commercial and technical aspects and we are also grateful to them because their involvement has led to a lot of interest, especially in Japan." **37,956 tyres** (dry and wet) have been supplied by Yokohama to WTCC teams since 2006.



WTCC cars sport the Yokohama 100th Race windscreen stripe

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR BRANDS HATCH – LAST DAYS

Rounds 11 and 12 of the 2010 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Brands Hatch, UK, 17th and 18th July.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 6th July.

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.

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COUNTDOWN: - 2 DAYS



to the 2010 FIA WTCC Race of Portugal – 3rd / 4th July in Portimão

2010 FIA World Touring Car Championship TESTING

POS	NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	KPH
1	11		Andy PRIAULX	GBR	BMW 320si	1:56.810	14		143.40
2	7		Robert HUFF	GBR	Chevrolet Cruze	1:56.890	12	0.080	143.30
3	10		Augusto FARFUS	BRA	BMW 320si	1:56.959	13	0.149	143.21
4	3		Tiago MONTEIRO	POR	SEAT Leon TDI	1:57.149	11	0.339	142.98
5	29	I	Colin TURKINGTON	GBR	BMW 320si	1:57.189	15	0.379	142.93
6	6		Yvan MULLER	FRA	Chevrolet Cruze	1:57.191	11	0.381	142.93
7	8		Alain MENU	SUI	Chevrolet Cruze	1:57.376	11	0.566	142.71
8	4		Jordi GENE	ESP	SEAT Leon TDI	1:57.797	9	0.987	142.20
9	1		Gabriele TARQUINI	ITA	SEAT Leon TDI	1:57.821	12	1.011	142.17
10	20	I	Darryl O'YOUNG	HKG	Chevrolet Lacetti	1:58.172	14	1.362	141.74
11	2		Tom CORONEL	NED	SEAT Leon TDI	1:58.283	11	1.473	141.61
12	19	I	Harry VAULKHARD	GBR	Chevrolet Lacetti	1:58.548	13	1.738	141.30
13	25	I	Sergio HERNANDEZ	ESP	BMW 320si	1:58.791	13	1.981	141.01
14	17		Michel NYKJAER	DEN	SEAT Leon TDI	1:59.214	12	2.404	140.51
15	15	I	Franz ENGSTLER	GER	BMW 320si	1:59.249	12	2.439	140.46
16	24	I	Kristian POULSEN	DEN	BMW 320si	1:59.274	12	2.464	140.44
17	5		Norbert MICHELISZ	HUN	SEAT Leon TDI	1:59.292	11	2.482	140.41
18	26	I	Stefano D'ASTE	ITA	BMW 320si	1:59.443	5	2.633	140.24
19	21	I	Mehdi BENNANI	MAR	BMW 320si	1:59.964	14	3.154	139.63
20	18		Fredy BARTH	SUI	SEAT Leon TDI	2:00.046	13	3.236	139.53
21	16	I	Andrei ROMANOV	RUS	BMW 320si	2:02.840	15	6.030	136.36

Weather/Track: Sun 31C / Dry 41C

Portimao
Circuit Length = 4.6530 km.
Start: 15:00 End: 15:30

Race Director:	Steward:	Timekeeper:
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