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BRITAIN'S FOUR MUSKETEERS... PLUS ONE

Five British racers will take part in their home race meeting this weekend at Brands Hatch. Four of them are WTCC regulars, whilst the fifth is a late addition for the event.

BMW Team RBM's three times World Touring Car champion Andy Priaulx is currently lying third in the Drivers' standings; so far he is also WTCC's only local hero able to claim victory at Brands in 2007's Race 2. In the two following seasons Priaulx has obtained two third places, always in the second races.

Rob Huff, currently fourth in the points, is still chasing his first win on the home soil. The Chevrolet man saw his dream vanish in 2008, when a puncture stopped him in the final moments of the first race whilst he had a comfortable lead. Huff's best result at Brands to date is last year's second position in Race 1, finishing behind his teammate Alain Menu.

Independent competitor Colin Turkington, in his eBay Motors BMW 320si, makes his second appearance in the WTCC at Brands Hatch this weekend. In 2007 he was not eligible to score championship points as he was driving a BMW fitted with a sequential gearbox that was not homologated by the FIA. However Turkington made an impressive debut, finishing third and fourth in the two races.

During his first WTCC season, Harry Vaulkhard has shown consistent progress at the wheel of the bamboo-engineering Chevrolet Lacetti. After scoring his first Independents' Trophy win and overall championship point at Monza, he proved to be one of the fastest in the category clocking the best lap in Portimão's Race 1

A late addition to the home patrol is Tom Boardman who re-joins the championship for a one-off event. Last year, when he took part in the full WTCC season, he claimed his best result in Race 2 at Brands Hatch, winning the Independents' Trophy and being classified 10th overall.



The four musketeers, from the left: Priaulx, Huff, Vaulkard and Turkington

FOUR MODELS ON THE MAXIMUM HANDICAP WEIGHTS

BMW 320si, SEAT León TDI and Chevrolet Cruze will carry the maximum 40kg handicap weights in this weekend's event at Brands Hatch.

The compensation weight was determined by the lap times set in Italy, Belgium and Portugal. According to this calculation, the León TDI emerged as the fastest car, one and two tenths faster than the Cruze and the BMW 320si respectively. Therefore the German cars have 20 kilos added to the compensation weight they were carrying in the two previous events at Zolder and Portimão.

40kg have also been imposed on Robert Dahlgren's Volvo C30 on its first appearance this current season.

The Chevrolet Lacetti, the old BMW cars and Tom Boardman's petrol powered SEAT León (both the latter are old models) will have 20kg deducted from their minimum weight.

Compensation weight Brands Hatch

+ 40 kg BMW 320si, SEAT León TDI, Chevrolet Cruze LT, Volvo C30
- 20 kg Chevrolet Lacetti, BMW 320si (old model), SEAT León TFSI



The BMW, Chevrolet and SEAT cars carry 40kg of extra weight

AN ARTISTIC LIVERY FOR THE LEADING CAR

The leading car used this weekend at Brands Hatch is a Chevrolet Spark 1.4L turbo with a special look. The livery sported by the car was designed by José Rocha from the ESTG-IPVC school in Portugal and who won the Visuals Arts award in the 2010 Young Creative Chevrolet competition.

Young Creative Chevrolet is a pan-European contest for students of Applied Arts organized annually by Chevrolet Europe since 2007 in various artistic fields (Fashion, Music, Photography, Video and Visual Arts). With this project, Chevrolet fosters creativity and supports young artists in the early stages of their careers.

The thirteen entries in this year's Visual Arts contest were judged at the WTCC event in Zolder; the jury was joined by the championship promoter Marcello Lotti and Chevrolet driver Alain Menu.

The jury felt that Rocha's design, entitled "Let the Sparks come out", best met the brief given to the students to re-design the exterior of the Chevrolet Spark in a way that would demonstrate the spirit of the car and electrify the crowd.

Wolfgang Buchwieser, Marketing Manager, RIDE Snowboards Europe and Visual Arts expert on the jury said: "Rocha's design stood out because it was edgy and aggressive. You look at this piece of art and within a second it grabs you and reels you in."



"Let the sparks come out" is the artistic livery sported on the leading car

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR BRNO – LAST DAYS

Rounds 13 and 14 of the 2010 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Brno, Czech Republic, 31st July and 1st August.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 20th July.

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