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TCR Europe

17-year-old Potty finished fourth to shine in the Golf GTI TCR

Maxime Potty was the best-placed Volkswagen driver in the TCR Europe. The 17-year-old Belgian finished in sixth and fourth place in the two heats in the race for the European TCR Trophy at the Adria International Raceway (I). The youngster from the Volkswagen customer sports team WRT Racing finished fourth in the final standings. Potty contested the 2017 season of the TCR Benelux with the 350 hp touring car from Wolfsburg and was one of a total of six Volkswagen drivers on the starting grid for the unofficial TCR European Championship title. Florian Thoma (CH) of Liqui Moly Team Engstler was also in action; he finished in seventh and fifth place and in fifth place overall. Team-mate Luca Engstler (D), rookie champion of the TCR Germany, was not quite so fortunate in Adria. The 17-year-old proved his pace against the European TCR elite in qualifying as he claimed the seventh and fourth fastest lap times. However, Engstler was forced to retire from race one and finished ninth in the second race. The Golf GTI TCR claimed a total of nine of the twelve top 10 positions up for grabs in the two races.

The wins in Adria went to Josh Files (GB, Honda) and Gabriele Tarquini (I, Hyundai), who was not eligible to pick up points. However, it was another driver who claimed the title: Aurélien Comte (F, Peugeot), who finished fourth and second and picked up bonus points from the qualifying sessions to lift the European TCR Trophy.

More information: www.europe.tcr-series.com

▪ **VAG Trophy**

Volkswagen driver Brayden Fletcher (GB, Golf) won the second race in Oulton Park (GB) – it was his first championship win. Brand colleague Paul Taylor (GB, Golf), who had secured the championship ahead of the final, was the best-placed Volkswagen driver in race one, finishing in second place. More information: www.vagtrophyracing.co.uk



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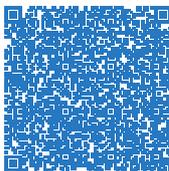


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