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Global Rallycross

First win of the season for Foust, Speed defends championship lead

Tanner Foust (USA) claimed his first victory of this season's Global Rallycross Championship (GRC) at the double-header in Thompson (USA). The American won Saturday's opening race in the 560-hp Volkswagen Beetle. He was followed home by Scott Speed (USA), who completed the second one-two of the season for the Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross team. For long periods of race two on Sunday, Foust looked odds on to make it a brace of wins. Starting from pole position, he dominated proceedings until he was struck by misfortune with just a few laps remaining: Foust failed to spot a pothole, which damaged his car. He eventually ended the race down in ninth place. Team-mate Speed finished runner-up again. In doing so, he successfully defended the top spot in the championship. Victory in race two went to Steve Arpin (CDN, Ford). The next GRC race weekend will take place in Ottawa (CDN) on 17 and 18 June, when Rallycross fans can look forward to another double-header.

Tanner Foust (USA), Volkswagen Beetle GRC

"It was almost a perfect weekend. We qualified first both days, won every heat and semifinal, and then won yesterday on Day 1. In the race on Day 2, I had a four-second lead and focused on avoiding pot holes forming in the track as we did all weekend. I thought I had every pothole located, but I missed one. I feel really bad for not giving them the win on Day 2, but it certainly keeps the championship tight."

More information: www.redbullglobalrallycross.com

TCR Benelux

Zolder: Potty claims three podiums with the Golf GTI TCR

The Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR enjoyed a successful outing in Zolder (B): Maxime Potty (B) presented Volkswagen customer team WRT with three podium results at the third race weekend in TCR Benelux. The Belgian showed the potential of the 350-hp touring car from Wolfsburg in the one-hour qualifying race on Saturday, finishing second behind Tom Coronel



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(NL, Honda). Potty then claimed the same result in the first two sprint races on Sunday, before Mathieu Detry (B, WRT) took his place in the cockpit for the final two races. After finishing sixth in race three, Detry narrowly missed out on the podium in the final race, coming home fourth. Giacomo Altoè (I) and Frédéric Caprasse (B) were also in action in the Golf GTI TCR for the Delahaye Racing team. Seventh place for the latter in race three was to prove the team's best result of the weekend. Victory in the final two races went to Benjamin Lessennes (B, Honda).

More information: www.tcrbenelux.eu

TCR Italy

Misano: Two top-ten finishes for Gagliano

Massimiliano Gagliano (I) achieved two top-ten finishes at the second race weekend in TCR Italy in Misano (I). The Italian, at the wheel of a 350-hp Golf GTI TCR, finished ninth in the first of the two races. Gagliano then came home seventh in race two. The races were won by Nicola Baldan (I, Seat) and Eric Scalvini (I, Honda). TCR Italy returns to action in just two weeks, when Monza will host round three of the season from 16 to 18 June.

More information: www.acisport.it

▪ **Chinese Touring Car Championship**

Podium for SAIC Volkswagen: Jiang Tengyi (CHN) finished runner-up with the Volkswagen Lamando GTS at round two of the Chinese Touring Car Championship (CTCC) in Guangdong (CHN). The Chinese driver was ninth in race two.

More information: www.ctcc.com.cn/en/

▪ **Volkswagen Fun Cup UK**

Victory for Peter Belshaw (GB) and Marcus Clutton (GB) at Brands Hatch (GB): the two British drivers came home ahead of Graham Roberts (GB) and Farquini Deott (I) from the JPR Uvio team. Third place went to Paul Wighton (GB), Harry Mailer (GB), Jake Rattenbury (GB) and Anthony Reid (GB).

More information: www.funcup.co.uk

Next up:

09.06.–11.06.2017, FIA World Rallycross Championship, Hell (N)

09.06.–11.06.2017, FIA European Rallycross Championship, Hell (N)



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09.06.–11.06.2017, TCR International Series, Salzburgring (A)

09.06.–11.06.2017, TCR Germany, Red Bull Ring (A)

10.06.–11.06.2017, TCR Portugal / TCR Ibérico / TCR Spain, Portimão (P)

10.06.–11.06.2017, Super Taikyu Endurance Series, Suzuka (J)

10.06.–11.06.2017, British Touring Car Championship, Croft (GB)

10.06.2017, Volkswagen Fun Cup France, Magny-Cours (F)

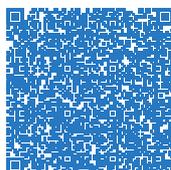


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