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Global Rallycross

Foust wins in Ottawa, ahead of Speed, to move to the top of the GRC

Tanner Foust and Scott Speed claimed a one-two in the Global Rallycross Championship (GRC). The two Americans from the Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross team, at the wheel of the 560-hp Volkswagen Beetle GRC, dominated proceedings in race two in Ottawa (CDN). Foust, who started the final from second on the grid behind Speed, leapfrogged ahead of his team-mate to take his second win of the season on the extremely muddy track in Canada. Foust had previously finished runner-up behind Steve Arpin (CDN, Ford) in the opening race on Saturday. Speed failed to finish the final on day one. He was forced to replace his engine following difficulties in heat 3B, which brought his day of racing to a premature end. Last year's champion consequently surrendered the lead in the Drivers' Championship. The new man at the top of the table is his team-mate Foust with 418 points. Speed is currently third with 381 points. The next round of the GRC will take place from 8 to 9 July in Indianapolis (USA), the home of Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross.

Tanner Foust (USA), Volkswagen Beetle GRC #34

"What a finish! It's been an extremely long weekend. I think we made a lot of Rallycross fans up here in Canada, and that's what it's all about – showing this sport in new places. It's an amazing sport, which you can take to all of these different tracks. I'm incredibly happy and it is great vindication for Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross for us to get a one-two after such a long weekend. It's really spectacular."

More information: www.redbullglobalrallycross.com

FIA Formula 3 European Championship

Volkswagen driver Eriksson wins in Hungary to defend his championship lead

Joel Eriksson (S) won race three at the Hungaroring (H) to maintain his lead at the top of the drivers' standings in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship. The young driver from



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Volkswagen customer team Motopark had previously struggled in the opening race, and was forced to settle for tenth place. Race winner Maximilian Günther (D, Mercedes) temporarily took the lead in the Drivers' Championship. Jehan Daruvala (IND, Carlin) finished third to take his place on the podium, making him the top Volkswagen driver in the opening race. Eriksson had more joy in race two, finishing runner-up behind Callum Hogg (GB, Mercedes). Eriksson (183 points) then led from start to finish in race three to regain the overall lead in the most prestigious junior series in Europe. His lead over Günther now stands at five points. Lando Norris (GB, Carlin) was an impressive third in race three – a result that sees him retain his lead in the Rookie competition. The Norisring (D) hosts races 13 to 15 from 1 to 2 July.

Joel Eriksson (S), F3 Dallara Volkswagen-Spiess #1

"I had a weak start to my weekend, with a poor performance in the first qualifying session and tenth in race one. However, we then worked hard and did our utmost to make the next two races more successful. I am obviously happy with the fact that I am now back in the lead of the championship."

More information: www.fiaf3europe.com

Swedish Touring Car Championship

King Ironfoot: Kristoffersson wins twice at the Solvalla Arena

Johan Kristoffersson's impressive run continues: The Swede, at the wheel of the Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR, won the opening two races of round three of the Swedish Touring Car Championship (STCC). He then finished runner-up in race three at Sweden's national Solvalla Arena, which is usually used for horse racing. Fredrik Ekblom (S), Kristoffersson's team-mate at Kristoffersson Motorsport, came home third in races two and three, but was forced to concede the lead in the Drivers' Championship to Robert Dahlgren (S). The SEAT driver won race three and finished runner-up in the other two races. Now with five wins from just six of a possible nine STCC outings this season, Kristoffersson (148 points) is currently second in the championship – 19 points behind Dahlgren. Ekblom is third with 141 points.

The success is all the more impressive, as Kristoffersson's appearance at the Solvalla weekend was a doubt for a long time, due to a foot injury. Kristoffersson suffered the injury at the previous race weekend in the FIA World Rallycross Championship (WRX) in Hell (N), when a car drove over his foot on the Friday. However, "King Ironfoot" refused to let this misfortune knock him out of his stride, and was back winning the finale in the Polo GTI Supercar just two days later.

More information: www.stcc.se



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TCR International Series

Podium for Volkswagen driver Vernay in Hungary

Jean-Karl Vernay (F) earned another podium result for the Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR in the TCR International Series. The Frenchman from Volkswagen customer team Leopard Racing finished third in the opening race at the Hungaroring (H), following a thrilling battle with eventual runner-up Norbert Michelisz (H, Honda). Giacomo Altoè (I, West Coast Racing), in the 350-hp touring car from Wolfsburg, also claimed a top-ten finish in eighth, just ahead of team-mate Gianni Morbidelli (I) in ninth. Altoè in fourth place was the best-placed Volkswagen driver in race two at the Hungarian Formula 1 circuit. Vernay, who started the race from ninth on the grid, came home seventh to score six points towards the championship. Victory in both races in Hungary went to local favourite Attila Tassi (H, Honda), who leads the Drivers' Championship in the international TCR series with 151 points. Vernay has 138 points to his name and travels to the next race weekend in Oschersleben (7 to 9 July) in third place overall.

Jean-Karl Vernay (F), Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR #2

"It was a pleasure to fight with Norbi Michelisz. A really great moment. I made a good start, but not good enough to pass the Hondas, which are so fast at the start. Still, I did pass Roberto Colciago. We fought for a couple of corners, but I managed to stay ahead. I am happy with this result, as the objective was ultimately to score some big points."

More information: www.tcr-series.com

TCR Italy

Bravissimo, Massimo! Two podiums for Gagliano

Massimiliano Gagliano (I) claimed two podium results at the third race weekend of TCR Italy in Monza (I). The Italian crossed the finish line third in both races at the wheel of his 350-hp Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR. Victory in the two races at the Italian Formula 1 circuit went to Nicola Baldan (I, SEAT). The next races will take place from 14 to 16 July in Mugello (I).

More information: www.acisport.it



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▪ **Global Touring Cars South Africa**

Zwartkops Raceway (ZA): Keagan Masters (ZA) presented the Volkswagen Golf GTI with another victory in the GTC 2 class. Mathew Hodges (ZA) was third overall in the GTC class in a Volkswagen Jetta. More information: www.gtcafrica.co.za

▪ **Engen Volkswagen Cup South Africa**

Devin Robertson (ZA) won both races at the Zwartkops Raceway (ZA). Race one saw Robertson take the chequered flag in the Volkswagen Polo, ahead of Tasmin Pepper (ZA) and Shaun La Réservée (ZA). He was then followed over the line by Pepper and Juan Gerber (ZA) in race two.

Next up:

24/06/2017, VLN Endurance Championship Nürburgring, Nürburgring (D)

23/06–25/06/2017, TCR Thailand, Buriram (T)

23/06–25/06/2017, Japanese Formula 3 Championship, Suzuka (J)

25/06/2017, Chinese Touring Car Championship, Guizhou (CHN)

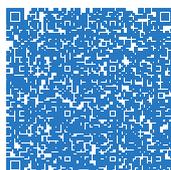


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