

**# 21 – 11 JUNE 2010**

## **NEXT STOP: ZOLDER, BELGIUM**

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> rounds of the 2010 FIA WTCC will take place at Zolder next week.

This event marks the championship's first visit to the 4-km racetrack, that was home to the Formula One Belgian Grand Prix between 1973 and 1982. It will also be the WTCC's return to Belgium after its only visit, in 2005 at Spa-Francorchamps.

Back in 2001, Zolder hosted one meeting of the reborn FIA European Touring Car Championship that was split in two separate categories.

Gabriele Tarquini (Honda Accord) and Fabrizio Giovanardi (Alfa Romeo 156) shared victories in the Super Touring championship, while Duncan Huisman (BMW 320i) won the Super Production race.



The FIA touring cars return to Zolder nine years after the 2001 ETCC

## **40 KG OF EXTRA WEIGHT FOR CRUZE AND LEÓN**

The Chevrolet Cruze and the SEAT León TDI remain the heaviest cars of the field. Like in the previous event at Monza, in Zolder they will again carry the maximum compensation weight of 40 kilos.

The compensation weight has been determined by the lap times set in Brazil, Morocco and Italy. According to this calculation, the León TDI emerged as the fastest car, one tenth faster than the Cruze and half-a-second faster than the BMW 320si. The German cars, that ran in Monza with no compensation weight on board, have been imposed 20 extra kilos for the Belgian event.

The Chevrolet Lacetti and Kristian Poulsen's BMW (an old model) will have 20kg deducted from their minimum weight, while Pierre-Yves Corthals' petrol-powered SEAT León TFSI will also run on the maximum compensation weight because Zolder marks the first appearance of this model car during the current season.

### Compensation weight Zolder

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



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## ENDURANCE FEVER FOR TOURING CAR DRIVERS

WTCC drivers are used to sprint races. However, sometimes they take also part in long distance competitions.

Last week Chevrolet's racers Rob Huff and Vincent Radermecker claimed an outstanding result in the 12 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps, part of the Belgian Touring Car Series. Sharing a Volvo S60 car with Eric van de Poele, they finished in a brilliant second place, losing a comfortable lead after a late safety car intervention.

This weekend Augusto Farfus, Andy Priaulx and Tom Coronel will compete in the GT2 class at the 24 Hours of Le Mans. While the Dutchman joined the Spyker Squadron to share a Spyker C8 with Jeroen Bleekemolen and Peter Dumbreck, Farfus and Priaulx are at the wheel of BMW M3 works cars. The Brazilian is teaming up with Jörg Müller and Uwe Alzen, the Briton joins Dirk Müller and Dirk Werner.

## TARQUINI TO RACE IN BUENOS AIRES 200KM

Reigning World Champion Gabriele Tarquini has signed for Argentine top team Equipo Petrobras to take part in the Buenos Aires 200KM, the 11th round of the TC2000 championship that will take place on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Tarquini will share a Honda Civic car with Argentine raising star José María López, winner of two back to back TC2000 titles in 2008 and 2009.

*"I'm really happy for this opportunity. I had positive comments about the race from my European colleagues who took part in previous years. And I am flattered at having received a proposal from the champion team to share the car with Pécito López. I know he is very fast and I followed sympathetically his failed attempt to join F1. That matter made us united somehow, as I also signed an F1 contract with a team – First Racing – that never raced..."* said Tarquini.

Team principal Victor Rosso commented: *"It is a great honour for us to have such an experienced and competitive driver joining our team. We are extremely happy to enter a team formed by the reigning champions in the world and the Argentine touring cars."*

## MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR PORTIMÃO

Rounds 9 and 10 of the 2010 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Portimão, Portugal, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July.

**The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June.**

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](http://www.fiawtcc.com/Accreditation.asp).

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COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS



to the 2010 FIA WTCC Race of Belgium – 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> June in Zolder

# 2010 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



## ROUNDS 7 & 8 - ZOLDER, 20 June - ENTRY LIST

#	class	competitor	driver	car
1		SR-Sport	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
2		SR-Sport	Tom Coronel (NED)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
3		SR-Sport	Tiago Monteiro (POR)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
4		SR-Sport	Jordi Gené (ESP)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
5		Zengő-Dension Team	Norbert Michelisz (HUN) *	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
6		Chevrolet	Yvan Muller (FRA)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
7		Chevrolet	Robert Huff (GBR)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
8		Chevrolet	Alain Menu (SUI)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
10		BMW Team RBM	Augusto Farfus (BRA)	BMW 320si
11		BMW Team RBM	Andy Priaulx (GBR)	BMW 320si
15	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Franz Engstler (GER)	BMW 320si
16	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Andrei Romanov (RUS)	BMW 320si
17		SUNRED Engineering	Michel Nykjær (DEN) *	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
18		SEAT Swiss Racing by SUNRED	Fredy Barth (SUI) *	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
19	/	bamboo-engineering	Harry Vaulkhard (GBR) *	Chevrolet Lacetti
20	/	bamboo-engineering	Darryl O'Young (HKG) *	Chevrolet Lacetti
21	/	Wiechers-Sport	Mehdi Bennani (MAR) *	BMW 320si
24	/	Poulsen Motorsport	Kristian Poulsen (DEN)	BMW 320si
25	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Sergio Hernández (ESP)	BMW 320si
26	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Stefano D'Aste (ITA)	BMW 320si
27	/	Exagon Engineering	Pierre-Yves Corthals (BEL)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
35		Chevrolet	Vincent Radermecker (BEL)	Chevrolet Cruze LT

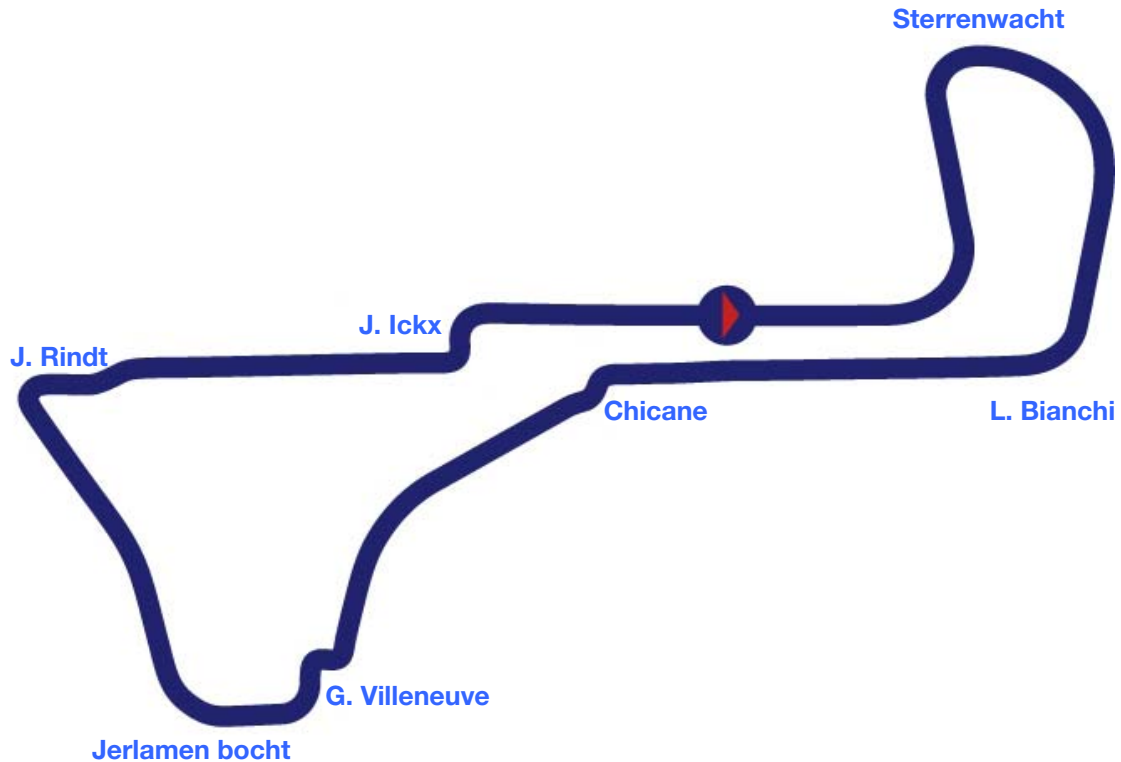
/ = Yokohama Independents' Trophy

\* Drivers eligible for the WTCC Rookie Challenge

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## ROUNDS 7 & 8 – CIRCUIT ZOLDER



**Lap distance – 4,006 m**  
**Race distance – 2 x 13 laps**

- Location:** 80 km East of Brussels, at the crossing between the E313 and E314 motorways
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- Airports:** Maastricht-Aix-la-Chapelle (40 km), Liège-Bierset (50 km), Antwerp-Deune (70 km), Brussels-Zaventem (80 km), Charleroi-Buxelles South (130 km), Ostende (192 km)
- Lap records:** none
- Previous winners:** none



## Rounds 7 & 8 – Zolder (BEL) EVENT TIMETABLE

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010

09.30 – 10.00	FIA Formula Two Championship	Free Practice 1
10.20 – 11.00	Trofeo Maserati Gran Turismo MC	Free Practice 1
11.20 – 11.50	SEAT León Eurocup	Free Practice 1
13.00 – 13.30	FIA Formula Two Championship	Free Practice 2
13.50 – 14.30	Trofeo Maserati Gran Turismo MC	Free Practice 2
<b>15.00 – 15.30</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Testing</b>
15.50 – 16.20	SEAT León Eurocup	Free Practice 2
16.45 – 17.15	FIA Formula Two Championship	Qualifying 1

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010

<b>09.15 – 09.45</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Free Practice 1</b>
10.00 – 10.30	SEAT León Eurocup	Qualifying
<b>11.10 – 11.40</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Free Practice 2</b>
12.15	FIA Formula Two Championship	Race 1
13.05 – 14.00	Trofeo Maserati Gran Turismo MC	Qualifying
<b>14.15 – 14.50</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Qualifying</b>
15.40	SEAT León Eurocup	Race 1

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2010

<b>09.10 – 09.25</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Warm up</b>
09.45 – 10.15	FIA Formula Two Championship	Qualifying 2
10.50	SEAT León Eurocup	Race 2
11.45	Trofeo Maserati Gran Turismo MC	Race 1
<b>13.05</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Race 1 (13 laps)</b>
13.40	FIA WTCC	Podium Race 1
14.00	FIA Formula Two Championship	Race 2
<b>15.20</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Race 2 (13 laps)</b>
15.50	FIA WTCC	Podium Race 2
16.35	Trofeo Maserati Gran Turismo MC	Race 2