

Volkswagen Castrol Cup – season 2013 launch at Tor Poznan

On 12-13 April there will be a season 2013 launch of Volkswagen Castrol Cup at Tor Poznan. In first two races of the season there will start 23 drivers, both men and women, as well as two VIP Drivers.

In Poznan we will see competitors from eight countries, including 14 Poles. There are two guest drives on the field - Jerzy Dudek, former Polish goalkeeper, who played for clubs such as Real Madrid, Liverpool FC and Feyenoord Rotterdam and Jacek Jurecki, chief editor of automotive department of Interia.pl.

Tor Poznan

The first round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup will be held at Tor Poznan. The venue was officially opened in 1977. The length of one lap is 4.083 m, and the longest straight measures 560 m. The record the track having a total of 14 corners (including 5 left and 9 right) belongs to Thomas Kostka (Czech Republic), who at the wheel of Mercedes Benz C-Klasse DTM reached the time 1 minute 24.01 s on May 29, 2011. During the following weekend besides the first round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup, there will be a race of Porsche GT3 series.

The qualifying session will be held on Friday at 17:05. It will decide the starting order for the first race that starts at 12:05. The second race is scheduled for 16:15.

VIP Drivers

During the weekend in Poznan at the wheel of Golfs GTI there will start two VIPs. One of them will be Jerzy Dudek – a former Polish national team goalkeeper who played for such football clubs as Real Madrid, Liverpool FC and Feyenord Rotterdam.

Jerzy Dudek is one of the most recognizable and respected Polish athletes. He participated in the 2006 FIFA World Cup and as many as 59 times in a national team. This number will change soon, as in June 2013 he will play in the national team friendly against Liechtenstein. This will be a farewell performance of Jerzy Dudek in the national team that will give him a membership in "Klub Wybitnego Reprezentanta".

Jerzy Dudek has also won Champions League, and is one of three Poles, who reached the European Cup trophy. Behind the wheel of the second car there will sit Jacek Jurecki, a chef editor of Interia.pl service.

Push – to – Pass

The Golf's engine power is 260 bhp. It will be increased by additional 50 bhp thanks to Push- to–Pass system. This will allow drivers to fight for positions and will enhance the excitement. The use of the system depends on the track. In Poznan drivers will be allowed to use Push-to-Pass 19 times during each race. The system will be enabled for 10 seconds, with the interval of 10 seconds.

Safety Car

Caddy Sport is a concept car manufactured by Volkswagen Poznań factory. Inconspicuous from a distance indistinguishable from the serial VW Caddy van has as many as 235 bhp under the hood. It was built by the pilot organization department, where serial interior is balanced and suitable for the race track. The serial engine was replaced by the 2.0 TSI unit EA 888. The torque of an engine is 350 Nm, which makes the car accelerates in 6.5 seconds to 100 km/h and there is still a Volkswagen commercial vehicle. The maximum speed the car can reach is 250 km/h.

TV coverage

Volkswagen Castrol Cup will be shown not only live, but also on TV and internet. Additionally Livestream will be shown at www.volkswagencastrolcup.pl

Below there is a detailed TV schedule from Poznan (12-13 April).

TVP Sport:

„Wyścigi samochodowe Volkswagen Castrol Cup”

Tuesday, 16 April – 20:30

Wednesday, 17 April – 18:05

Friday, 19 April – 15:00

Sunday, 21 April – 13:05

TVN Turbo:

„Turbo Moto Sport”

Thursday, 18 April – 19:05

Saturday, 20 April – 8:30

Monday, 22 April – 13:25

Monday, 22 April – 19:55

„Raport Turbo”

Monday, 15 April 18:00 and 19.25

TVP Info (regional channels)

TVP Kraków 14 April 18.00

TVP Katowice 14 April 10.00 (channel 10.00 – 11.00)

TVP Poznań 14 April 19.05

TVP Wrocław 14 April 18.50

TVP Szczecin 14 April 19.00

TVP Łódź 14 April 19.00

All races will be shown in Internet in TVP Stream (for tablets and smartphones) and on www.krakow.tvp.pl