

Lisowski's double victory in Volkswagen Castrol Cup at Slovakia Ring

Slovakia Ring, 28 April 2013 r. – In 26-28 April, at Slovakia Ring near Bratislava there were held races number 3 and 4 of Volkswagen Castrol Cup. There were 25 drivers among eight countries in the field. Volkswagen Castrol Cup accompanied two other prestigious racing series, WTCC and ETCC. Mateusz Lisowski won both races and there were lots of big duels where drivers used innovative Push – to – Pass system that gives 260-bhp Golfs additional 50 bhp.

Qualifying session

2:24.332 – was the time Mateusz Lisowski needed to cover his fastest lap during qualifying session at Slovakia Ring. Thanks to this result, the 22-year-old driver from Wieliczka gained a pole position before the first race.

For a long time the best result of one lap belonged to Robertas Kupcikas. In the second part of the qualifying session it was Mateusz Lisowski who charged for the leadership. Finally he reached the time 0.455 s better than the driver from Vilnius, Lithuania. Marcus Fluch scored third best time.

First race

Just like two weeks ago in Poznan, it was Mateusz Lisowski who won the first race at Slovakia Ring having less than a 9-second advantage over Jan Kisiel. Krystian Korzeniewski was third.

Mateusz Lisowski made a very good start, so that he was able to fend off the attack of Robertas Kupcikas and Marcus Fluch. Lithuanian driver, however, had very bad luck, because on the 7th lap he was hit by Fluch's car. Both competitors were forced to retire.

While Lisowski built up his advantage over the rivals using Push - to – Pass in an optimal way, there was a fierce battle for second place. Two laps from the end of the race it seemed that Maciej Steinhof would finally grab 48 points. However at the end of the competition he lacked Push - to – Pass under his sleeve and was overtaken by Jan Kisiel, Krystian Korzeniewski, Martin Wirkijowski and Rasmus Marthena. This time the fastest lady was Aleksandra Furgał, and among the VIPs triumphed thirteenth overall Lukasz Byskiniewicz.

Comments after race 1:

Krystian Korzeniowski: qualifications: 8, race: 3

„Of course I did not expect such a good place. It only confirms that the races are unpredictable. I am very happy with my pace and tactics when using the Push - to - Pass.”

Maciej Steinhof: qualifications: 7, race: 6

"At the end of the race I was second, and everything was going fine. Unfortunately, as a result of contact with other drivers I had bent geometry and no Push - to - Pass in reserve. That's why I was overtaken by my rivals."

Maurycy Kochański: qualifications: 17, race: 17

"I had a very late start, so I started the fight with the last position. A lot has happened during the race. The result could be much better. I had a great break starts, which is easily seen."

Second race

After a very fierce competition, starting from the eighth grid Mateusz Lisowski once again outstretched his competitors and won the second race of Volkswagen Castrol Cup held at the Slovakia Ring. With a full set of points, that 22-year-old Wieliczka driver gained in Slovakia, he leads the Cup's classification. As on Saturday, the second place went to Jan Kisiel and Swedish driver Rasmus Marthen was third.

During Sunday's race Jakub Litwin started from pole position. He made a perfect start and for most of the race was ranked as the leader. Almost at the very beginning Maciej Steinhof was promoted to second place.

Slightly weaker start was moving around Sebastian Ramirez, who eventually finished the race in thirteenth place. A huge bad luck had Robertas Kupcikas who, as a result of contact with another driver, damaged a radiator in his car and was forced to retire.

Already on the first lap Mateusz Lisowski broke into the top five skillfully using the Push - to - Pass system. A similar strategy was chosen by Jan Kisiel. The same cannot be said about Jakub Litwin and Maciej Steinhof who at the end of the race lacked Push - to - Pass. This situation was used by Lisowski, who on the penultimate lap, slipped into the lead. Jan Kisiel crossed the finish line in second position.

Once again the fastest woman was Aleksandra Furgal while Lukasz Byskiniewicz triumphed among VIPs.

The next round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup will be held on 17-18 May at Automotodrom Brno.

Comments after the second race:

Mateusz Lisowski: grid: 8, race position: 1

"The race was great. I really did not expect that I will manage to break through to the first place. Especially since this year's the competition in Volkswagen Castrol Cup is very strong. There was a lot of sharp, yet clean fight."

Jan Kisiel: grid: 7, race position: 2

"The tactics concerning the use of Push - to - Pass is quite specific and during each race looks different. Today I didn't make any mistake in that issue so I'm very happy."

Jakub Litwin: grid: 1, race position: 4

"For most of the race I led the field. This track is very specific. It is very important to drive in a wind tunnel, which is impossible being the first. So that I used Push - to - Pass much faster than my rivals."

TV coverage

There also be a detailed TV coverage of the second round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup held this weekend at Slovakia Ring.

The rivalry will be shown by TVP Sport, TVN Turbo and TVP Info. The time schedule is as follows:

TVP Sport – „Wyścigi samochodowe Volkswagen Castrol Cup”

30 April, Tuesday – 22:20

1 May, Wednesday – 19:45

5 May, Sunday – 10:45

6 May, Monday – 22:35

TVN Turbo – „Auto Sport”

2 May, Thursday – 16:30

4 May, Saturday – 8:20

6 May, Monday – 13:25

6 May, Monday – 19:55

TVP Info – regional channels – „Wyścigi samochodowe Volkswagen Castrol Cup”

TVP Poznań – 5 May, Sunday – 19:10

TVP Kraków – 5 May, Sunday – 18:00

TVP Kielce – 5 May, Sunday – 19:25

TVP Wrocław – 4 May, Saturday – 18:50

TVP Łódź – 3 May, Friday – 17:00

TVP Katowice – 5 May, Sunday – 10:30

TVP Lublin – 4 May, Saturday – 19:30

TVP Szczecin – 5 May, Sunday – 17:00

All programmes shown by TVP Info will also be available online at <http://tvp.info/tvp-info-online/wideo>.