

Second round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup at Slovakia Ring

On 26 -28 April there will be a second round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup. The competitors will race at Slovakia Ring - one of the most modern tracks in Europe, situated less than 40 km east of Bratislava.

Races 3 and 4 will be held on Saturday 27 April at 13:35 and on Sunday 28 April at 13:20. There will be 25 competitors from 8 countries on the field including two VIPs – multiple racing champion Maurycy Kochanski and TVN Turbo journalist Lukasz Byskiniewicz, who is also a rally and racing driver. Volkswagen Castrol Cup will accompany prestigious World Touring Car Championship at Slovakia Ring.

Modern track

All drivers will begin their foreign struggles at Slovakia Ring. It is an venue having a very modern infrastructure, which was officially opened in 2010. One lap has a length of 5922 m and the longest straight is 900 m long. There are 14 curves (seven left and seven right). The one lap record belongs to Sam Bird who in 2012 set the time 1:41:600 s in his Dallara Renault FR35/12

Guest drivers

Among the drivers competing in the season there are VIP Drivers. At Slovakia Ring we will host Maurycy Kochanski I Lukasz Byskiniewicz

The first one is a multiple Polish champion in Formula 2000 (1999, 2005, 2006 and 2008) and Austria F3 Champion Trophy in 2008. Lukasz Byskiniewicz has been cooperating with TVN Turbo for more than eight years. He is also a rally driver, a runner-up of Castrol Edge Fiesta Trophy 2012.

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.

Fierce rivalry

Mateusz Lisowski, Robertas Kupcikas and Michal Slomian are experienced drivers who after the collision retired from Race 2 in Poznan. Jakub Litwin is on the top of the leader board. Those four drivers herald

fierce rivalry at Slovakia Ring. It is worth noticing that from Slovakia Ring on the point scoring system will be doubled

Comments before the weekend

Jakub Litwin, 1. place in overall classification

"There is a big challenge ahead of me. My goal is to maintain the leader position in Volkswagen Castrol Cup classification. There are 720 points to gain - everything is still possible. The last days were marked by intense training. I'm full of optimism as it is the longest and fastest track in the calendar. It is a new venue for me. I've never raced there before. However it is not a problem. Last year all circuits were new for me. In 2012 I was accustomed to the presence of tens of thousands of fans during the DTM weekends, so it's nice that in the oncoming weekend we will face WTCC drivers."

Rasmus Marthen, 9. place overall

It will be a great experience to accompany WTCC. There will be a lot of fans. I'm not happy with the round at Tor Poznan, however I'm pleased with my competitiveness. I'm looking forward to the qualifying session, which was good for me in Poznan.

Aleksandra Furgal, 19. place overall

"It will be a great experience to start in the race with such famous series as the WTCC. To be honest I'm not satisfied with my potential in Poznan. I had to spend a lot of time to get used to the car. I hope it will be better at Slovakia Ring. I like this circuit.

Virtual Volkswagen Castrol Cup

Together with Volkswagen Castrol Cup there is a Virtual Cup competed on Forza Motorsport (Xbox- 360) game. Marcin Piekarczyk (nick: Danteze): „There was a lack of similar concepts in Poland. It was a great idea to launch VW Cup which has a lot of emotions."

Weekend schedule

The time schedule for Slovakiaring races will be very intense. Golf's drivers will begin Friday's activities, as the first practice is scheduled for 8:30. On Friday at 15.55 there will be a qualifying session. The biggest emotions are expected on Saturday at 13.35 (race 1) and on Sunday at 13.20 (race 2)

A detailed schedule of the second round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup accompanying World Touring Car Championship series is as follows:

Practice I – Friday, 26 April, 8:30-9:00

Practice II – Friday, 26 April, 12:00-12:30

Qualifications – Friday, 26 April, 15:55-16:25

Race I – Saturday, 27 April, 13:35-14:25

Race II – Sunday, 28 April, 13:20-14:10