

Great emotions and big stars – Volkswagen Castrol Cup visits Poznan again

On 21-22 June at the Poznan Circuit there will be held the fourth round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup. This will be the second visit of racing Golfs at Polish venue. There will be 25 competitors from 8 countries at the grid. Among them there will be the so-called VIP drivers: Jerzy Dudek - one of the most successful Polish football players, who recently joined the club of prominent Polish representatives, Przemyslaw Saleta - World and European champion in kickboxing and Jacek Jurecki – chief editor of motoryzacja.interia.pl service. During the weekend the fans will also have an opportunity to enjoy the competition in Porsche GT3 CCCE racing series.

Poznan Circuit

Race number seven and eight of Volkswagen Castrol Cup will be held on the well-known track near Poznan. There was the inauguration of the series back in April . Poznan Circuit was officially opened in 1977. The length of one lap is 4.083 m, and the longest straight measures 560 m. It has a total of 14 corners (including 5 left and 9 right), and the single-lap record belongs to Thomas Block (Czech Republic), who in 29 May 2011 covered the distance in 1 min 24.01 s.

Qualifying for the first race of the fourth round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup will begin on Friday, June 21 at 17:00. Its results will determine the order in which the competitors will set off to Saturday's first race that starts at 12:15. According to the rules top eight drivers from the first race will kick off to the second one (17:35 start) in a reverse order. In both races drivers will cover 14 laps.

VIP drivers

During the event in Poznan among with the regular participants there will be specially invited guests as well, the so-called VIP drivers. This time there will be three men: Jerzy Dudek, Przemyslaw Saleta and Jacek Jurecki who will join 23 other driver.

Jerzy Dudek is a character that needs no introduction. He is one of the most successful Polish football players (performances at such clubs as Feyenoord, Liverpool FC and Real Madrid), who recently during the match against Liechtenstein has took part in his sixtieth performance in national team. Thanks to that he joined the club of prominent Polish representatives. Dudek has already had the first contact with the Golf

during the opening round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup in Poznan in April this year. He did a perfect race and took a promising second 13 place.

Behind the wheel of the second car there will sit Przemyslaw Saleta - athlete, boxer and kickboxer. He has, among other achievements, World and European championships champion in kickboxing, as well as intercontinental titles in professional boxing in WBC and IBO.

The third car will be driven by Jacek Jurecki – a journalist and a chief editor of motoryzacja.interia.pl service. He has an extensive experience in motorsport with his numerous outcomes in racing series.

Push – to – Pass

The Golf's engine power is 260 bhp. It is increased by additional 50 bhp thanks to Push – to – Pass system. This allows drivers to fight for positions and enhances the excitement. The use of the system depends on the track. The system is enabled for 10 seconds, with the interval of 10 seconds.

A fight for podium

Currently it is Jan Kisiel who is the leader in overall classification. He took the lead after a great drive in both races in Brno. In second place belongs to Jakub Litwin, for whom Poznan Circuit is very successful. During the first round he took the first position in the classification. After the ill-fated round in Czech Republic third overall Mateusz Lisowski will not give up the fight for the top spots.

Comments before the weekend in Poznan

Martin Wirkijowski, 9. place in overall classification

"At the last race in Brno my result was not ideal. I fell to 9th place in the season's classification. Unfortunately, during the first race I had a puncture and in the second one race I took off as one of the last drivers, which shattered my chances to win in a high place. I think that in spite of this I learned a lot. I would like to use this experience in the next race and finish it in the forefront. This is my first championship, so I do not deny that I still lack experience in setting tire pressure, as well as I don't know the tracks. In the upcoming race in Poznan I have high hopes. Previously I drove a lot of go-karts, so I prefer winding and narrow tracks. Competition is very strong, but we are all fighting fair. In the next race, my goal is to complete it in the top 10 and collect as many points."

Herman Berger, 11. place in overall classification

"Volkswagen Castrol Cup is an initiative that surprised me very positively. It is perfectly organized, the drivers are very fast, and the battle on the track is hard, but within the limits of fair play. During previous races I had a lot of interesting fights and that's what I love about this sport. On the other hand it is not easy for me to battle in completely new tracks. Besides Red Bull Ring I don't know any tracks. That's why I have to concentrate during practice in order to get to know the track and be able to fight during races. I still learn the behavior of my Golf equipped in

Hankook racing tires. To sum up all these facts, I can say that I'm happy with my place in the overall classification. I'm looking forward to racing in Poznan. This is the first time this season when I start on the track, which is familiar for me, so I hope to gain a place in top ten, which will give me more points to the classification!"

Michał Słomian, 16. place in overall classification

"To say that the luck is not on my side would be a slight understatement. Entering the competition my goal was the podium, but out of six previous races, I finished only three, including those held in Slovakia, where indeed arrived at the finish line, but with results far below my expectations. It was a sort of a consequence of an accident during the opening weekend in Poznan. As a result I am currently out of the top ten and I need some strong results to improve my position. The next round will be held in Poznan. I know this track very well. It is very pleasant to drive having the "old" characteristics, and I do not like modern tracks. I treat it as a good card for me before the second half of the season. I hope to fight for top places in oncoming races. "

Mateusz Tyszkiewicz, 20. place in overall classification

"I can not wait for the next round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup, which will take place in Poznan. There will be exciting races during the weeknd. We have a halfway point of the season. Everyone already knows the car. All of us want to show their best side. The track is very interesting . There are several places where you can lose a lot and gain a lot. turns are tricky and technical. For me this is a very important round. We know the track. Until now, every circuit was new to me. This does not mean that it will be easier, but for me it will be much more comfortable situation, because I will not have to learn the track during the practice. This is my first racing season. Everything is new for me and I have a lot to learn, every lap is a very valuable experience. Unfortunately, so far I've had bad luck. Punctures or contact with other drivers robbed me a chance to get to the finish line, which reflected in my points situation. However, I can see a big progress in my performance, which is optimistic for me. I hope that in the second half of the season will be fortunate for me. I hope to finish all the races."

Virtual Volkswagen Castrol Cup

Together with Volkswagen Castrol Cup there is a Virtual Cup competed on Forza Motorsport (Xbox-360) game. So far there have been four rounds held packed with emotions. The gap between the top places is narrow. All news about virtual cup are available at www.liveleague.pl