

Racing Golfs visit Formula 1 circuit

The following weekend brings Volkswagen Castrol Cup at the famous Hungaroring circuit near Budapest when the penultimate round of the series will take place. It is there where the final results in the overall classification might be decided. There will be 22 drivers from 8 eight countries on the grid. The big star of the event will be a guest outing of the Volkswagen Motorsport works driver, Andreas Mikkelsen who arrives in Hungary right from distant Australia where the round of the FIA World Rally Championship took place.

Legendary venue

The eleventh and twelfth race of Volkswagen Castrol Cup will be held at Hungaroring. This is the next venue abroad hosting the racing Golfs. The circuit near Budapest was opened on 24th March 1986 and since then has been visited by Formula 1 Grand Prix as well as other famous racing series including GP2 or WTCC. The single lap of Hungaroring is 4381 meters long and the longest straight measures 700 meters. There are 16 corners in the venue and Rubens Barrichello (Brazil) is a record holder of the single lap. In 2004 driving his Ferrari F1 he set the time of 1:18,436 s.

Qualifying session

On Friday 20th September at 16.00 there will be a 30-minute qualifying session whose results will set the starting grid for the Saturday's race. The first run will takes place at 11:00 and the second one is scheduled for 15:30. There will be 12 laps to cover in both races.

A pure VIP

At Hungaroring the pack of regular Volkswagen Castrol Cup drivers will be joined by Volkswagen Motorsport works driver Andreas Mikkelsen who is about to change his Polo R WRC to a racing Golf. The 24-year-old Norwegian started competition in 2006. Right from the beginning he got onto the WRC machine competing in the rally highest level. During next years he tackled numerous rounds of the FIA World Rally Championship driving Ford Focus WRC. In 2011 behind the wheel of Volkswagen Motorsport Skoda Fabia S2000 he won the prestigious IRC series. From 2013 on he competes in Polo R WRC and currently occupies 10th position in an overall classification. He started competition in mid-season during Rally Portugal.

Push – to – Pass

At Hungaroring competitors will have an opportunity to strengthen the power of their Golfs by additional 50 bhp from 260 bhp to 310 bhp. Thanks to Push – to – Pass system drivers will be able to launch the system as many as 19 times. The system is enabled for 10 seconds, with the interval of another 10 seconds.

Chasing the leader

Having 374 points collected during past 5 rounds, Mateusz Lisowski is a current leader of Volkswagen Castrol Cup overall classification. After a perfect weekend at Red Bull Ring he gained first and second position and cemented his lead by 59 points over the Swede Rasmus Marthen (315 points). Rasmus who wants to chase Lisowski must not forget about the drivers behind him. Namely Jan Kisiel who has 311 points and Jakub Litwin who loses to Kisiel just a single point. Maciej Steinhof and Robertas Kupcikas who recover after a mishap at the beginning of the season also think of podium positions.

Comments before Hungaroring

Mateusz Lisowski, 1st place in the overall classification

„The layout of Hungaroring circuit suits me very well and I know it well. Particularly challenging is the second sector, where the driver has to be very focused. There are sequences of turns coming quickly one after another, so there is no room for error. Losing the ideal racing line causes heavy time losses. The track is very narrow, which makes wheel to wheel fight very difficult. Very fast section, over blind crest also provides lot of emotion. Despite the leading position in the overall classification I do not calculate the points. My goal for this weekend is just to win. If it turns out that it is enough to win the series I'll be very happy. It is still too early to approach this weekend strategically. I really like this track and I'm usually quite fast here.”

Maciej Steinhof, 5th place in the overall classification

„I have very positive approach after my last victory at the Red Bull Ring. After a 2-year-gap in racing, from one race to another I feel more confident in the Golf GTI. Hungaroring is a nice and interesting track. There are fast and slow corners so we have almost everything here. A few years ago I raced on it and really liked it. This weekend, I will fight to repeat the result from the last race.”

Maciej Dreszer, 14th place in the overall classification

„I am happy with the fact that one of the Volkswagen Castrol Cup rounds takes place on this track. This is certainly a very prestigious and well known venue. I personally like Hungaroring, because it is a very fast and demanding track where I practiced a few times this season. There has always been a superb weather and I hope that this time it will be the same. A result in top ten will be a good outcome for me, but I'm aiming for the top five. I am a rookie, so finishing the cup in top ten overall was my dream plan. Anyway maintaining the 14th position will also be a good result among pack of such competitive drivers.”

Małgorzata Rdest

„I can't wait for this weekend! Definitely it will be very exciting! Not very often you get a chance to drive on the track where Formula 1 drivers compete. I am also pleased with Thursday's testing session that will allow me to understand the car even better. I hope I will finish this event with even bigger smile on my face than it was at the Red Bull Ring!”

Virtual Volkswagen Castrol Cup

Together with Volkswagen Castrol Cup there is a Virtual Cup competed on Forza Motorsport (Xbox-360) game. All news about virtual cup are available at www.liveleague.pl.

Latest news at www.volkswagencastrolcup.pl

At cup website there is lot of information about all rounds, drivers, car and racing circuits. During the race weekend there will be published up-to-date information about results of the practice and qualifying sessions and both of the races.

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