

Grand finale in Poznań

On 4 and 5 October at Poznań Circuit the final round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup will be held. Races in Poznań will decide the fate of the championship, which can be won even by as many as seven drivers. At the start we will see 25 drivers from nine countries. As usual there will be VIP drivers among the regular competitors, this time Jerzy Dudek and Jacek Jurecki will race in Golfs GTI. Dudek need no introduction as he is one of the most successful Polish football players in recent years. For him it will be the third opportunity to test his skills among regular Volkswagen Castrol Cup drivers. Dudek has already made a start behind the wheel of the racing Golf during previous rounds in Poznań where he finished one of the races on thirteenth position. In addition, Sebastian Arriola and Dominik Kotarba-Majkutewicz will start as a guest drivers.

Venue of final clash

The last two races in the Volkswagen Castrol Cup 2013 will be held at the track in Poznań. After races at the famous international circuits in Austria (Red Bull Ring) and Hungary (Hungaroring) drivers taking part in the Volkswagen Castrol Cup return for the final competition to Poland. Poznań Circuit was officially opened in 1977. The length of one lap is 4083 m. The track has 14 corners – 5 left and 9 right, and the longest straight is 560 m long. Lap record belongs to the Czech driver Thomas Kostka, who in 2011, in a Mercedes C-klasse DTM covered it in 1:24,01 min.

Qualifying session

Qualifying for the first race of the seventh round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup at Poznań Circuit will be held on Friday, October 4. This 30-minutes long session will start at 16:20 and will determine the order on the grid before of the first race on Saturday (October 5) that will start at 10:30. The second afternoon race begins on the same day at 14:35. Drivers in both races will cover 14 laps.

VIP Drivers with experience

During the final race at the track in Poznań the pack of regular participants will be joined by two VIPs – Jerzy Dudek and Jacek Jurecki. Both drivers have had a chance to race in previous rounds on this venue. Jerzy Dudek has already finished four races behind the wheel of the Golf GTI. One of the most successful Polish footballers (played in clubs such as Feyenoord, Liverpool FC and Real Madrid), who reached 60 caps in

the Polish national team and recently joined the prestigious Outstanding National Players Club, in the previous round in Poznań scored very good 13th place. The second car will be driven by Jacek Jurecki - the chief editor of motoryzacja.interia.pl service, who also raced during the previous rounds at the Poznań Circuit. Additionally, there will be guest drivers such as Sebastian Arriola, Guatemalan who will compete in the Volkswagen Castrol Cup thanks to talent exchange program run by Volkswagen Motorsport and Dominik Kotarba-Majkutewicz.

Push – to – Pass

At Poznań Circuit 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.

The decisive stage and valuable prizes

Before the final round as many as seven drivers have mathematical chances to win Volkswagen Castrol Cup, but most likely one of first three drivers will wear the crown. The current leader of the standings is Mateusz Lisowski who gained 450 points. The second in the overall standings is Jan Kisiel. His good performances during the final round at Hungaroring secured second place in the current classification (403 points). Just behind Kisiel is another Pole Jakub Litwin (398 points). Rasmus Marthen from Sweden also hopes to join the fight for the final victory, as he has 375 points. The situation in the standings is also good for the next drivers – Maciej Steinhof (348 points), Robertas Kupcikas (338 points) and Marcus Fluch (337 points). If not for the win, they for sure will fight for a place on the podium. The winner will receive an award, which is the new Volkswagen Golf 7 and a 30 000 euros. Runner-up will get amount of 20 000 euros, and the driver who will be classified in third position 10 000 euros. The money will be dedicated to further racing career development.

Comments before Poznań

Mateusz Lisowski, 1st place in the overall classification

„I am very positive about the oncoming weekend. Of course, my goal is to leave Poznań with a title and I will do my best to reach it. Together with my team we carefully looked at the overall classification and we know that we can already be victorious after the first race. Once again I will do my best to win the qualifications, and the first race. If I succeed, and my biggest competitor Jack Kisiel won't finish second, the title will be already mine. However, there is still long way to go and, as we all know, motorsport is unpredictable. Anything can happen, but I hope that this time the fortune will be on my side.”

Jan Kisiel, 2nd place in the overall classification

„Almost entire season is behind us, and the last hot round in Poznań is just a few days from us. Emotions are great, but I am not thinking about

final results. I just concentrate on fast and perfect driving. At the moment Kuba Litwin is my main competitor. He is just a few points behind me in overall classification, so I will need to drive fast to keep my good second place. Still, I have an ambition to win, but I am not obsessed with it. After races at Hungaroring my approach is great and positive so I am looking forward to race in Poznań.”

Jakub Litwin, 3rd place in the overall classification

„At the end of the season we will race in Poznań, what makes me very happy. In four races at Poznań Circuit, three times I was standing on the podium and twice I assumed the leadership position in the overall standings. I hope that it will be the same this time. I will fight for the championship, I am also encouraged by my recent results in Hungary, where both of the races I finished on podium. I want to show good performance, and I hope for a great result. I have an optimistic approach and I promise to do my best. What makes me more motivated is fact that many guests, which are very important to me, will visit Poznań. I will do everything to satisfy them. Keep your fingers crossed for me!”

Marcus Fluch, 7th place in the overall classification

„Last round on this track I remember very positive – I was able to take pole position and then to finish the race on first position. I really like the layout of this track. It suits my driving style. There are many tight corners which makes the fight on the track very interesting. My expectations are clear – to take a good place in qualifying and finish the race on the podium! However, I must note that I still have a chance to be on the podium in season overall classification, so I need to remember about scoring as many points as possible. I can’t wait for the upcoming round. I look forward to an interesting event, both for drivers and the spectators.”

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.

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