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## **Volkswagen Castrol Cup 2014 starts with Jerzy Dudek amongst the competitors**

Hungaroring – the famous racing circuit, where the Hungarian Formula 1 Grand Prix takes place every year, will be the venue of the first out of seven rounds of Volkswagen Castrol Cup 2014. 22 drivers from eight countries will visit to the track nearby Budapest on 25 – 27<sup>th</sup> of April. The first battle for points will feature best drivers from the previous season, as well as the strong pack of rookies, some of which participated in such prestigious series as the Scirocco R -Cup, Volkswagen Polo Cup and Porsche Carrera Cup Great Britain. Among the competitors we will also see Jerzy Dudek - former goalkeeper of Real Madrid, FC Liverpool and the Polish national team. Famous football player, continues his racing career, after he quit professional football.

### **From the pitch to the racing car**

In previous season Jerzy Dudek swapped his football outfit for racing overall. The football player took part in three rounds of the Volkswagen Castrol Cup as a VIP driver. Dudek enjoyed driving the racing Golf GTI so much, that in this season we will see the former goalkeeper in all seven rounds of the cup.

*- Golf handles really well. When You go through a fast corner, you feel like everything inside your body moves in opposite direction. This adrenaline shot really turns me on. Reflexes and composure matters behind the wheel, as it can determine your performance and final result. On the track You I am on my own and I have to make my decisions quickly - says Jerzy Dudek, Castrol brand ambassador.*

*- In this year's Volkswagen Castrol Cup I will compete as a regular participant. I spend the whole year for the preparations, but now, there are only few days left to the first race. The closer to the start, the more adrenaline is rushing through my veins. When you're on the track, alone in the car and you have to fight for your result, there is no room for joking. Forces that driver feels in Golf at 180 km/h raise the emotion lever. It really turns me on. Before the start at the Hungaroring I am excited just like I was before my first match in Liverpool or Real Madrid. I'm ready. See you in Hungary - says Jerzy Dudek, the Castrol brand ambassador.*

Dudek's scored his best result in Volkswagen Castrol Cup in the second race of the first round of the 2013 season. Than the goalkeeper took 13<sup>th</sup> place. Behind the wheel of a Volkswagen Golf GTI as a Guest Driver we will also see the well known journalist, editor-in-chief of motoryzacja.interia.pl service, Jacek Jurecki.

### **Crucial qualifying**

Qualifying session, which determines the starting order for the two races, is particularly important at the Hungarian track. This circuit does not have to many places to overtake. This maneuver is not easy here also, because the fact that the track is very narrow in many places. The racing weekend will begin on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> with the free practice session that will be held between 13:05 and 13:35. At 16:25 second practice session will take place. On Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:40 a half-hour qualifying session starts. The results determine the order on the grid (first race - Saturday 14:00 - 14:45). The second best time of the qualifications of each competitor will determine the positions on the grid before the second race. This is scheduled for Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> (start at 10:40). During the two races drivers will have to cover 12 laps.

### **Half of points, full of emotions**

Of course all of the drivers are to begin Volkswagen Castrol Cup 2014 with 0 points. This season, the winner of the race will get 50 points, and successive drivers will receive proportionately fewer points, up to 20<sup>th</sup> competitor on the finish. Currently the last of the scoring places will be awarded by two points. In the first round the scoring scheme will be a bit different than in further part of the season. In the race number 1 and 2 drivers will receive half of the points. This means that the winner of the race

at the Hungaroring will add to his account 25 (instead of 50) points and 20<sup>th</sup> competitor will get not 2, but 1 point.



### **Push – to – Pass**

Overtaking at Hungarian track will be a bit easier in Golfs GTI thanks to Push – to – Pass system. During each race at the Hungaroring drivers will be able to increase the power of a racing Golf by an additional 50 hp (up to 310 hp) 19 times during one race. Each time the power of the car will be increased for 10 seconds, but the next „power shot” can be done no faster than after 10 seconds. Last season we saw how - through the skillful use of this system - driver can achieve success in the race. Therefore racing tactics will be crucial at Hungaroring. You have to know when and where press the button to activate Push - to - Pass system in order to build advantage. Drivers who learned how to use this system during last season are now in a privileged position. Number displayed through the side windows of the car shows how many times the driver can still use an extra 50 hp. Activation of the Push - to - Pass is also indicated by blue light placed behind the windshield of each of the Golf GTI.

### **The legendary track**

The first and second race of the year Volkswagen Castrol Cup will be held at the Hungaroring in Hungary. The circuit nearby Budapest hosts Formula 1 Grand Prix and other well-known series like GP2 and WTCC. One lap of the track has a length of 4381 m, and the longest straight has 700 m. Track configuration consists 16 corners. Track record is held by Rubens Barrichello (Brazil). In 2004 he set a lap time of 1:18:436 s driving the Ferrari F1 car (model 2004). Last year, the Hungarian track was the toughest test for the double-clutch DSG gearbox fitted to the racing Golfs. Within 12 laps each competitor changed gears in his car more than 300 times. During this weekend, at the famous Hungaroring drivers from other racing series will compete as well. One of them is the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Central Europe.

### **Quotes before the round Volkswagen Castrol Cup 2014 at the Hungaroring:**

#### **Marcus Fluch**

*- My goal for this season is to drive in the lead and fight for the final victory. I know that the consistency is the key. I need to score points in every race. Hungaroring is a difficult, treacherous and very demanding track. This makes me very happy, because I prefer such circuits. Before this season I practiced driving on frozen lakes a lot. Every kilometer behind the wheel is extremely valuable and important in the context of competition. Driving on ice is great to learn to control the car. I am very pleased that once again I have the opportunity to race in Volkswagen Castrol Cup. I drove Golf during pre-season testing in Slovakia, but I can't wait for the next kilometers. See you in Hungary!*

#### **Jonas Gelzinis**

*- In the first round I will go rather carefully. I've never driven at the Hungaroring, and what is more I need a little more time to get used to racing Golf. I have no result expectations. I want to get used to the new series and the car. This is important for me. In next rounds my goal is to finish races in the top five. During the tests in Slovakia I spent a lot of time to learn to use the Push - to - Pass system. I know how important it is in the race. I worked on tactics necessary to spread out the benefit of those extra 50 hp. I think the most important thing is to use the system in the early laps to build yourself the greatest advantage, and then skillfully control it.*

#### **Jan Kisiel**

*- The competition this season could be even more fierce than in 2013, I am ready for it. I spent the whole winter to prepare myself to the season. Hungarian track is one of my favorites. Last year I managed to win there, so this season I will try to repeat this result. I have a very positive attitude, I will fight for every second.*

#### **Paweł Krężelok**

*- My preparations for the 2014 season were underway almost since the end of last season. I must admit that the Hungaroring is one of my favorite tracks and I hope to fight for the top positions. Last year was very fast, this year I will be even faster. Tests in Slovakia showed the potential and capabilities of our team. I know I'm ready to fight for victory.*

## Volkswagen Castrol Cup 2014 calendar:

- \* 25-27 April – Hungaroring (Hungary)
- \* 23-25 May – EuroSpeedway Lausitz (Germany)
- \* 13-15 June – Tor Poznań (Poland)
- \* 8-10 August – Autodrom Most (Czech Republic)
- \* 22-24 August – Slovakia Ring (Slovakia)
- \* 12-14 September – Automotodrom Brno (Czech Republic)
- \* 26-28 September – Tor Poznań (Poland)

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