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## Volkswagen Castrol Cup to visit Volkswagen homeland

**EuroSpeedway Lausitz is one of two new tracks in Volkswagen Castrol Cup 2014 calendar. This modern venue, located near the town of Klettwitz in Brandenburg, eastern Germany, will host the second round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup. This time fans will be able to watch the races not only at the circuit, but on the internet as well. For the first time the series will be hosted in the homeland of Volkswagen and the first time the racing weekend will be attended by Agnieszka Szulim. The journalist will show at the track as a VIP driver. Jerzy Dudek, now as a regular participant, will have another chance to score valuable points. The dates of May 23-25<sup>th</sup> were booked for this unique racing weekend.**

### From the TV screen to the race track

The round held in the German circuit will also be Agnieszka Szulim's first encounter with the cup's edition of Volkswagen Castrol Cup. The radio and TV journalist, in addition to Filip Chajzer and Marcin Prokop is one of this year's VIP drivers in Volkswagen Castrol Cup. During the round at EuroSpeedway Lausitz Agnieszka Szulim is going to have her first meeting with racing car. With instructors' attendance she will learn the secrets of the machine. Agnieszka will also receive a range of useful information about the race. - *I must admit that I am very excited before coming to Lausitz and treat it as a new experience. My participation in the second round is a very valuable practice before the start of the third round in Poznań. I already know the Poznań Circuit. Not only did I cover many laps there on the motorbike, but also trained there before my racing license exam. I'm going to Germany with one goal - I want to make the most of time with instructors to learn as much as possible and to talk to drivers as well. I think it will help me to beat Filip and Marcin* - says Agnieszka Szulim, Volkswagen Castrol Cup 2014 VIP driver.

For Jerzy Dudek, who this season race as a Volkswagen Castrol Cup regular participant, it will also be first kilometers on the track in Brandenburg. One of Polish top football players arrives in Germany full of motivation after the promising outing during the first round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup held at Hungaroring at the end of April. Facing totally new circuit, the former member of national team and such clubs as: FC Liverpool and Real Madrid had a very good performance in rainy qualifying, during which he set 15<sup>th</sup> time. In both races he scored 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> result respectively beating some more experienced rivals. - *I'm looking forward to the second round of the cup, especially since I've heard a lot of good things about this track. It's technical, demanding circuit, although not as fast as the Hungaroring. I expect that it will be my next very valuable racing experience* - says Jerzy Dudek.

### Live coverage

Those of motor sports fans who can't join the action at the German track, will have the opportunity to watch the online live coverage of the Volkswagen Castrol Cup races. Thanks to live streaming technology we will be able to watch Golf GTI drivers competing in front of a tablet or a computer or even a TV with access to the internet. The coverage will be available on this website: <http://volkswagencastrolcup.pl/index.php/livestream-ii-runda-vwcc/>

### Full points for Fluch

It is Marcus Fluch who will arrive in Germany as a Volkswagen Castrol Cup leader. 25-year-old Swede perfectly began his second season in the cup, as he won both races at the Hungaroring. Thanks to this performance Fluch gathered 50 points – 10 more than Maciej Steinhof – second in the standings. Driver from Kraków finished both races in Hungary on the podium. In the first race he was second and the next one he finished third. Third place in overall standings is occupied by Jeffrey Kruger, who won the Polo R Cup India last year. The 21-year-old driver from South Africa won as many as 38 points at the Hungaroring thanks to fourth and second position in races. Jan Kisiel, who finished Volkswagen Castrol Cup 2013 in third position, holds just 4 points less than the driver from Cape Town. 19-year-old from Warsaw was on the podium in the first race of the season. In the second race he crossed the finish line in sixth place. Robertas Kupcikas showed his maturity and consistency. The driver from Lithuania was 5<sup>th</sup> in both races. 31-year-old competitor is currently fifth in the standings with 32 points under his belt. At the end of the top ten is Gosia Rdest, the only woman in the field. Jerzy Dudek, as a full participant of the cup, scored his first points in the classification of Volkswagen Castrol Cup. In Hungary the driver of the Golf with the number 7 took 19<sup>th</sup> place in both races. Thanks to that Jerzy got his first five points in the cup.

### 100 points to collect

Results of the racing weekend in Germany may cause many changes in overall standings. In Germany, as in all the other rounds of the season, drivers will score points according to a slightly different scenario than at the Hungaroring. The winner of the race will get 50 points, which is twice more than in the first round of the season. Twenty fastest drivers of every race will be awarded with points. 20<sup>th</sup> driver will receive two points, and not one as in Hungary. Drivers who will finish on places from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, will get points according to this scheme: 42 - 38 - 34 - 32 - 30 - 28 - 26 - 24 - 22 - 20 - 18 - 16 - 14 - 12 - 10 - 8 - 6 - 4.

### From training to racing

The first ever Volkswagen Castrol Cup race weekend in Germany starts on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This day there will be two free practice sessions, lasting half an hour each. Cup cars will go to the track at 13:05 and 18:25. On Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am the qualifying session will start. Its results will decide about starting order before both races. According to the new rules second best time of each driver will determine the grid positions before second race. The first one will be held on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 14:50, and the second - on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 14:30.

### Thousands of spectators and the world champion

The arena of Volkswagen Castrol Cup's second round is located about 70 kilometers from the German-Polish border. On the track, originally called Lausitzring, hosted racing series such as DTM (one of the most important touring car series) and World Superbike. In the past, Scirocco R-Cup drivers competed here as well. EuroSpeedway Lausitz was opened on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2000. Just one week later the first races were organized there. The track has 8 layout variants prepared for car or motorcycle racing. The longest loop is 4,5 km. The track record, of 4,35 kilometers lap is held by Heikki Kovalainen. The Finn set the fastest time in 2004 during the World Series by Renault event. Over the weekend, Volkswagen Castrol Cup drivers will compete in the loop of 3,44 km. The width of the track varies from 12 to 24 metres, and the longest straight is almost 650 m long. EuroSpeedway Lausitz is ready to welcome up to 120 000 of fans. In the last weekend of May one of the attractions at the EuroSpeedway Lausitz will be the competition of drivers in the ADAC GT Masters series. Spectators will be also able to watch the World Rally Champion in action. This time, Sebastien Ogier – Volkswagen Motorsport works driver, will swap his Polo R WRC for an racing Audi LMS Ultra. Ogier will compete in two ADAC GT Masters races behind the wheel of an Audi.

### Push - to - Pass

In Germany, as in all rounds of the season, drivers will be able to use of the Push - to - Pass. Thanks to this the power of racing Golf rises from 260 to 310 hp for 10 seconds. Each driver has the right to use this extra 50 hp 19 times during one race. So far we saw that the skillful use of this system is very important for the races results. Who will use Push – to – Pass wisely on the EuroSpeedway Lausitz? Fans who choose to visit Brandenburg track, should pay attention to the side windows of racing Golfs. The numbers displayed there shows how many times the driver still can use the Push - to – Pass system. Its activation is indicated by the blue light placed behind the windshield.

### Quotes before the second round of the Volkswagen Castrol Cup 2014 on track EuroSpeedway Lausitz:

#### Michał Gadomski

*- Switching from 85 hp Picanto to a car, which sometimes develops 310 hp, is a radical difference. During testing session at Slovakia Ring we covered a lot of laps so I could get familiar with the Golf pretty quickly. But I see that I need a little bit more driving to improve my overall feeling in the car. Also, the Push - to - Pass system proved to be an important part of the race. Without leaving a few „shots” for the last laps, you can forget about a good result. I have a lot of thoughts regarding driving techniques, the use of Push – to Pass, and the tactics for the race. I'm Pretty sure that this will pay off at the EuroSpeedway Lausitz. The car and level of organisation surprised me positively. Cars are professionally prepared. Every Golf is even so drivers fight head to head in every race. Cup car is competitive and it can go really fast, the brakes do not fail, tires are adequate, and the gear change is a pleasure.*

#### Adam Rzepecki

*- The new track in the calendar is a good idea. But for me it does not matter, because I know this venue, as most of the tracks in this part of Europe. I trained at German circuit on April 21<sup>st</sup>, and also drove over there last year. I would like and I need to improve in qualifying, but I'm not sure if this will happen already in Germany. If I will perform well in qualifying session, I think I will be able to finish in top seven. For me, the ideal scenario would be qualifications on a dry track and racing in the wet. This*

track is difficult to drive in rainy weather, and this can be my chance, as I can perform well on wet tarmac, which I showed last year at Red Bull Ring.



### **Barstys Tautvydas**

- First of all Volkswagen Castrol Cup is really well organized, I would like to thank the organizers for a well done job. Here the competition in races is really quite fair. The atmosphere is excellent. Two years ago I began to compete in races in the Clio Cup. Compared to Clio, Golf is much easier to drive, very stable. It is the perfect car to start racing career. Push - to - Pass adds more thrill to our competition. I like this system, as it reminds me of one of the video games from my childhood. In Germany I would to finish in the top ten, but the same target has many talented drivers, so it will be difficult. This will be my first race at this track.

### **Artem Vokhrintsev**

- In Hungary I was able to feel the car in dry conditions, but there is still much to do. With practice in the rain, the situation is different. In Hungary it was my first practice in the rain so its not possible to already feel the car really well. Push - to - Pass is a good addition to the race, makes it more interesting and competitive. The highlight of the weekend were certainly two races - the first in my life. I especially remember the second race was very intense battle with competitors. In Germany, if there is no rain, the goal is to qualify for the top ten and the struggle for higher positions.

### **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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