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Racing is better than football - World Cup starts in Brazil, while Jerzy Dudek competes in Volkswagen Castrol Cup at Poznan Circuit.

During the weekend of 13th-15th June every football fan can come to Poznań Circuit to see former goalkeeper Jerzy Dudek in his new role. Racing venue in Poznan will host the 3rd round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup 2014. Robertas Kupcikas arrives to Poland as a leader of the series, but other competitors, like Poles: Maciek Steinhof, Jan Kisiel and Pawel Krezelok will do everything to replace him at the top of the standings. While Dudek, 2005 Champions League winner, 18th in current cup standings, hopes to see lot of his supporters in Poznan. In addition to the 22 regular drivers, who will fight for valuable points, VIP drivers will also appear on the track. During this round Agnieszka Szulim and Filip Chajzer will suit up to this role.

Morning qualifying, afternoon racing

What is important for racing fans – this entrance to Poznan Circuit is free of charge this weekend. Track guests only have to pay for the parking (10 zł for passenger car, 5 zł for motorbike). This season of Volkswagen Castrol Cup qualifying session has gained importance. The fastest eight drivers in the first race are no longer starting the second race in reverse order, as it was in the last season. Starting order for the second race is determined by the second-best times of qualifying. This means that you have to be very quick and consistent. The racing weekend will begin in Poznań Circuit on Friday with two 30-minute practice sessions - at 14:15 and 17:55. On Saturday morning, the VIP duel will heat the fans. Agnieszka Szulim and Filip Chajzer face off at 9:05, while cup drivers will spectate this race.

[Who will be faster? Filip or Agnieszka? Check this out the movie!](#) An hour later, the racing drivers will fight for the starting position during a 30-minute qualifying session. Start of the first race is scheduled for 14:25. Race number two will take place on Sunday at 12:30. This weekend, the track in Poznań will also be an arena of battles in other racing series. In addition to Volkswagen Castrol Cup fans will have chance to see Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Central Europe, Polish Championship, as well as participants of the Polish Endurance Championship. Round in Poznan is an exclusive chance for football fans. In the track paddock fans will be able to find out who will win the Brazilian World Cup according to Jerzy Dudek, former football star.

Will Pole take the lead? Steinhof, Kisiel and Kręzelok are the challengers

After the first round at Hungaroring Marcus Fluch was leader of classification having won both races in Hungary. At the EuroSpeedway Lausitz Robert Kupcikas drove in similar style. The Lithuanian left Germany as a cup leader. The second position, 18 points behind, belongs to Marcus Fluch. Jeffrey Kruger has the same amount of points, but Fluch has win on his account, so he is classified in higher position. Debutant Kruger is the revelation of the first phase of the season. The driver from Cape Town had been on podium three times this season, but he is yet to step on the top of it. Will he do this in Poznań? Or maybe there will be Pole on the top of the table after Polish round? Just two points behind Kruger there is experienced Maciek Steinhof. Jan Kisiel, third in previous season, closes the top six. 83 points were already won by Pawel Krezelok. Youngest driver in the pack of competitors is currently 7th in the standings. This Szczecin-born driver hopes to get a lot of points during his home round. Gosia Rdest, the only woman in the competition, in Germany showed solid performance and took respectively the 9th and 8th place. She is currently at ninth place in standings with 70 points. Jerzy Dudek took 26 points in Germany after two nearly equal races – when he was 16th and 17th. The former goalkeeper of Real Madrid already had some experience at Poznań Circuit. Last year, he started in all three rounds on this track as a VIP driver and his best position was 13th place.

According to the rules, during a round in Poznań a single driver can score maximum of 100 points. Victory in just only one race is worth 50 points, so we can be sure that there will be a lot of changes in standings.

Szulim: I am looking forward to this challenge

Organizers of Volkswagen Castrol Cup make sure that the weekend in Poznań will be special. Apart from two passionate races of Volkswagen Castrol Cup on circuit in Przeźmierowo, we'll also see a duel between VIP drivers. Agnieszka Szulim, TV journalist will race with Filip Chajzer who is known from TV screen as well. Agnieszka and Filip will set up at the starting line of Poznań Circuit on Saturday at 9:05. - *I'm very curious how our battle will unfold* - said Agnieszka Szulim - *Filip is*

probably pretty sure, that he will be able to overtake me. I look forward to this challenge! Filip, get ready - Szulim added. - For me it will be the first meeting with this car. Fortunately, we have planned a day of intense training before our duel. I will try to make the most of my time on the track and to make use of all advice from instructors, because I can't let her be in front on me - says journalist known from TVN.

Poznan Circuit – well-known and mysterious

Two races of the third round of the Volkswagen Castrol Cup 2014 will be held at Poznań Circuit. After races on famous tracks like Hungaroring and German EuroSpeedway Lausitz drivers taking part in the Volkswagen Cup for the first time this year will have the compete to race in Poland. Tor Poznan was officially opened in 1977. The length of one lap is 4083 m. Track has 14 corners - 5 lefts and 9 rights, and the longest straight is 560 meters long. Lap record belongs to the Czech driver Thomas Kostka, who in 2011 season, in Mercedes C-klasse DTM did it in 1:24,01. A large group of drivers, especially Poles, know Poznań Circuit inside out. This does not necessarily have to transform to success. Last season, Marcus Fluch showed that the drivers, for whom this is a new object, can be incredibly fast. A year ago, the Swede, the current classification Cup runner-up, won qualifications and the first race. For the drivers who made their debut this year in the Cup, especially non-Polish, a little more than 4-km loop in Poznań is an enigma. Soon we will see how they would cope with this challenge.

Push – to – Pass

Races in Poznań, as usual, will be boosted up by Push - to - Pass. Thanks to this system, the power of a racing Golf increases from 260 to 310 hp for 10 seconds. Each driver can use a 50-horsepower "booster" a 19 times during one race. Previous rounds of VWCC showed that the use of this system is a key element of strategy. Who will make best use of the 19 "power shots" in Poznan? The numbers displayed on the side windows of Golfs shows how many times the driver can use the system Push - to - Pass. Activation is indicated by blue light placed behind the windshield.

Challenge yourself at the track

Another attraction prepared for motorsport fans will be Volkswagen Castrol Cup Road Show, the first of four this year's edition will take place during the race weekend in Poznan. At Poznan Circuit fans will be given a chance to try out virtual Golf GTI badged with Castrol EDGE in Forza Motorsport video game. This season, Volkswagen Castrol Cup Roadshow will visit four Polish cities - Poznań, Katowice (4 - 6 July), Cracow (11 - 13 July) and Warsaw (18 - 20 July). Best virtual drivers from particular cities will take part in the national final at the last round of the Cup on Tor Poznan (26 - 28 September). In the final, the best four will compete for prizes, including free use of the Volkswagen Golf GTI, and co-drive racing Golf.

Quotes before the second round of the Volkswagen Castrol Cup 2014 on Poznań Circuit

Jakub Litwin, 12th place in the overall standings:

Last racing weekend was very unlucky for me, but I'm optimistic for the next start. I lost a lot of points and I can no longer afford any mistakes, but I know that I'm still able to fight for the top places. Tor Poznan is well known to me, although this time it will not be more important, because it's similar in the case of my opponents. The competition this weekend will be extremely high, so success will be decided by the details. In each race I want to fight for the win. I know in which areas I need to improve and I will try to do this. To make this easier I will receive help from the one of the best racing engineers in Europe, which is undoubtedly Kevin Mirocha. I hope, that a lot on fans will come to the track!

Krystian Korzeniowski, 8th place in the overall standings:

I would like to leave Poznań with a trophy. Looking at those that I won last season grows in me the desire to compete and the will to fight. I know that it won't not be easy during the third round. Many drivers are very familiar with the track and the competition is incredibly strong, but it motivates me even more to fight. I really like this track. The first race of my career took place on it. In addition, I know him best from all the tracks on the calendar Volkswagen Castrol Cup.

Jonas Gelzinis, 5th in the overall standings:

Before the round in Poznań, my attitude is very positive, especially that I had the opportunity to drive on this track before. Qualifying will be very important, because the track is quite narrow and not easy to overtake. The competition is very close, and many of my competitors have much more in car with front-wheel drive. In Germany, I was fourth twice, so now it's time for a podium. I will try to fight for it.

Marcin Jaros, 11th place in the overall standings:

I am very positive about upcoming weekend. Poznań Circuit is well known to me, because that's where I started my racing career. I am convinced that knowledge of the track will help me achieve better times. After a change for a much stronger and faster Golf, I'm making progress with every meter. Races are often unpredictable, but I can promise that I will do everything to achieve my goals.

Maciek Steinhof, 4th place in the overall standings:

I know Poznań Circuit very well. Last season my performance here was pretty good. I had a few successful races - three times I was on the podium here. I hope that this weekend won't be as hot as the last days. I'm in fourth place in standings, but we are only at the halfway point of the season. The fight is sure to be an incredibly even, so you can not even afford a moment of distraction, if you want to fight for the podium, and maybe even for the win.

Paweł Krężelok, 7th place in the overall standings:

I miss racing so much. I can't wait to get into my racing Golf. I hope that I will be quick just after the practice, and I will perform well in the qualifying. I'm not entirely happy with my results achieved in the second round. I hope for a better result in Poznań. I have reason to be optimistic, because during the previous round on Tor Poznań showed very good pace.

Jerzy Dudek, 18th place in the overall standings:

The first two rounds of this season I started by learning new track for me. First on the wet asphalt, then dry, which wasn't easy. In Poznań, I will have more comfort, because I know this track. It doesn't mean however, that much I'm expecting a lot from it. I'll be happy if my results are slightly better than those achieved at the EuroSpeedway Lausitz. I know that my learning is going in the right direction, I'm making a number of minor adjustments to my driving and I would like to maintain progress of my results. In Poznań we probably see a lot of fans, including those from my region, which further motivates me for good driving.

Calendar of Volkswagen Castrol Cup:

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

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