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Fifth round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup goes live! Racing emotions featuring Marcin Prokop and Jerzy Dudek are coming this weekend!

Volkswagen Castrol Cup season is entering its decisive phase. There are three rounds, remaining, with two races each. Next two races will be held on most modern track in whole calendar - Slovakia Ring. The competition on the venue near Bratislava will begin on Friday 22 August with practice sessions and will last until Sunday, August 24, when two races will be held. Both races will be available live online at www.volkswagencastrolcup.pl. Special guest and VIP driver in this round will be journalist and presenter known from TVN television - Marcin Prokop. Meanwhile Robertas Kupcikas remains the leader of the overall standings. Behind there are Jeffrey Kruger and Marcus Fluch respectively. Janek Kisiel – highest ranked Pole is fourth.

Watch video with a summary of the fourth round of the Volkswagen Castrol Cup

Time for Kruger's counterattack?

Robertas Kupcikas dominated round in the Czech town of Most. Litwin won both races and grabbed full set of points. The best chance of catching the leader has Jeffrey Kruger. Driver from Cape Town player loses to Kupcikas 48 points, but remember that in there is 50 points in every race to win. All tracks where first four rounds of the season were held were an absolute novelty for Kruger. Despite this 21-year-old showed that he could quickly get into the zone, even on unknown circuit. In Slovakia, Jeffrey, for the first time this season, will have an easier job, since he had already drive at Slovakia Ring during the two-day test, which took place on this object before the season. Will Kruger beat Kupcikas to grab his second win of the season? Meanwhile Janek Kisiel still waits for his first victory of the season. Last season, driver from Warsaw scored second place in Slovakia twice. Other Poles were fast here too. Krystian Korzeniowski was third in the first race, and Kuba Litwin and Maciek Steinhof finished second race on 4th and 5th position respectively. In overall standings Kruger and Kupcikas are followed by Marcus Fluch (256 pts.), Jan Kisiel (232 pts.), Maciek Steinhof (224 pts.). Top eight is completed by Jonas Gelzinis (198 pts.), Krystian Korzeniowski (175 pts.) and Pawel Krężelok (161 pts.). After the losses incurred in the Czech Republic, Gosia Rdest dropped to 15th place in the standings (100 pts.). Jerzy Dudek also lost some points in Most. Famous goalie did not finish the first race and now occupies the 17th position with 73 points.

TV celebrities

Marcin Prokop will be the third, after Agnieszka Szulim and Philip Chajzer, TV star, who will be driving the Cup racing Volkswagen Golf with as many as 310 bhp. Marcin Prokop, a true petrolhead, will have the opportunity to test their skills while competing with regular participants Cup including Jerzy Dudek. This experienced press, radio and TV journalist in his career was an editor in chief of Machina, Przekrój and Film magazine. We were able to see him on TV screens of such channels as MTV Poland, Polsat, TVN Turbo and TVN, where Prokop runs such Automaniak or Dzień Dobry TVN.

Modern track

Slovakia Ring, Located close to Bratislava, is the most modern of the six tracks where Volkswagen Castrol Cup competitors will race this year. Slovak venue was built in 2010 and it offers lot of attraction for the drivers including 14 corners and over crests straights. Interestingly, the track has been designed in a very modern way. Spectators at track stands can virtually watch all action happening on the track. Surface and configuration of Slovakia Ring is quite demanding for the tires. Particularly heavily exposed to wear is the front left tire, especially in fast right corners. Therefore, during the Fifth Round of Volkswagen Castro Cup proper tyre management may be the key to success. One lap Slovakia Ring has a length of 5922 m, and the longest straight - 900 m. Record holder is Sam Bird. This record was set in 2012, in the Renault Dallara FR35 / 12 and is 1:41,600 s.

Livestreaming – live broadcast

Similarly, as the EuroSpeedway Round, the Slovak races will be broadcasted live on the Internet. With livestreaming technology, fierce competition and numerous overtaking maneuvers in both Sunday

races, can be watched not only by the fans gathered in the stands of Slovakia Ring circuit. Both, the first and second Sunday race, will be available live on the official website of the cup (www.volkswagencastrolcup.pl).

Sunday emotions

Apart from the Volkswagen Castrol Cup drivers this weekend at the Slovak track there will be competitors from other racing series. These will include Volkswagen Castrol Cup 2013 winner - Mateusz Lisowski. The driver from Wieliczka this season competes in the Belgian Audi team and fights for points in the Blancpain GT Series behind the wheel of the R8 LMS model. Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Central Europe races will be another exciting event.

All Volkswagen Castrol Cup competitors already know Slovak track, as preseason tests were held here. This weekend cup cars will go to the track for the first time on Friday at 11:00 am, when the first of two 30-minute practices sessions will begin. Next one is scheduled for the same day, at 17:25. Qualifying for two Sunday races will begin on Saturday, August 23 at 15:55. First race is scheduled to start at 10:00, and the second - at 14:55.

More power for overtaking

As in previous rounds of the competition drivers will use Push - to - Pass system, which allows increasing the engine power from 260 to 310 hp for 10 seconds. Each of the drivers has the right to use a 50-horsepower "booster" 19 times during one race. The numbers displayed on the side windows of racing Golfs shows how many times the driver can use the system Push - to - Pass. Its activation indicates blue light placed behind the windshield.

Quotes before fifth round of the cup:

Pawel Krężelok, 8th place in the overall standings:

We did not have to wait long until next round, so I hope to keep my performance high at the Slovakia Ring. It certainly helps, because I do not practice a lot during the season. We all are very familiar with this track, as we had pre-season tests here, so the battle should be levelled. Qualifying will be very important particularly that the differences should be very small. I have a good race pace, which I presented in Most. Unfortunately I lacked a good starting position there and I hope that now this can be improved in Slovakia

Dominik Kotarba-Majkutewicz, 19th place in the overall standings:

- Slovak track a circuit that already know. I raced there in previous seasons in another racing series. It is not an easy object. I know that cause I experienced some problems here during pre-season testing. There are a lot of very fast corners, so the key will be choosing proper tire pressure. Telemetry data analysis will be important as well. Leszek Kuzaj – my helper will help me with this. I look forward to a positive weekend full of good racing emotions.

Krystian Korzeniowski, 7th place in the overall standings:

- I am positive about the next round of the cup, despite the fact that I didn't leave most in best mood. A year ago at this track I scored podium spot just in the third race in my racing career. Before this season I had a lot of laps here during the pre-season testing. I feel confident at the Slovakia Ring. This venue requires a smooth ride. I feel very well especially in the fast corners of the track. I know that the track literally eats left front tire, because in the fast corners this tyre has to cope with extreme pressure. Therefore, I will try to manage tires wisely to achieve the best time in qualifying and, consequently, in the race, because it is my priority.

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