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### **Close to the final – will Kupcikas seal the title in Brno?**

200 points is the number of points, which can be won in the last four races of this season of Volkswagen Castrol Cup. Like last season, many drivers still have the chance to win the championship. Even six competitors can catch Robertas Kupcikas, but Lithuanian driver performance makes this task pretty difficult. There are Jeffrey Kruger and Swede Marcus Fluch who have greatest chance to beat Kupcikas. Oncoming weekend is the penultimate chance to lower Kupcikas' lead. On 12, 13 and 14 September racing Golfs GTI will go to Czech Automotodrom Brno. This circuit will host race number 11 and 12 of Volkswagen Castrol Cup 2014.

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#### **Kupcikas on his way to championship title**

Robertas Kupcikas, who won already six races of the season, leads overall standings with a pretty comfortable gap. 52 points gap means that Kupcikas can seal the title already in Brno. Driver of number 3 Golf scored 408 points in 10 races. Kupcikas to leave the Czech track as a champion must score 48 points more than Jeffrey Kruger – second in standings. Lithuanian driver will grab the final victory if he will win both races, and Jeffrey Kruger will finish race 1 and race 2 on 8th position or lower. We should remember that last year Kupcikas was very successful in Brno, as he won the first race, and in second one finished fourth. Third place in the overall standings belongs to Marcus Fluch (308 points). Driver from Sweden must keep his eye on Jan Kisiel, who scored 292 points already. Other Poles for sure won't give up their podium ambitions. In addition to Kisiel, also Maciek Steinhof (258 pts.) and Krystian Korzeniowski (221 pts.) kept chances to win the title.

Jeffrey Kruger also has to fight to keep his second place. Before the Czech round of Volkswagen Castrol Cup even ten players can reach second place in overall standings. Even Dylan Pereira, who currently occupies 11th spot in overall standings, can do this.

Mathematical chances to finish season on third position still have as many as 17 drivers - from leading Kupcikas to Patryk Strzesak, who is currently on 17th place.

#### **Polish counterattack?**

In the previous round of the Volkswagen Castrol Cup in Slovakia Poles - Janek Kisiel and Maciek Steinhof – showed pretty good performance. Despite good pace, weekend at Slovakia Ring was not perfect for those competitors. Maciek Steinhof won the qualifications and was leading the first race. Unfortunately on the last two laps he ran out of Push - to - Pass usages and could not defend his position. Second race was even more unlucky for the driver from Cracow. Steinhof did not finished it after one a collision caused by Pawel Krezelok. Janek Kisiel also lost many valuable points. The driver from Warsaw finished the first race in third place, but the 25-second penalty for a collision with Ales Jirasek dropped him to 16th position. The driver of the Golf GTI number 2 took his revenge in second race. Great race pace and clever tactics let him quickly catch race leaders - Kruger and Kupcikas. A few laps later, Kisiel was the one who saw chequered flag first. However, again it was Kupcikas who won biggest number of points this weekend (88 pts.). Only four points less gained Jeffrey Kruger. Experience and knowledge about Automotodrom Brno will be a handicap for Kisiel and Steinhof who will try to reduce the advantage of Kupcikas and Kruger.

#### **Over 80 years of history**

The track in Brno is well known thanks to its long history. On its beginnings, in early 30s the route went on public roads, and one lap was nearly 19 km long. Automotodrom Brno is also known as Masarykův Okruh (Masaryk Circuit). The venue was named in honor of Tomas Masaryk, the first president of Czechoslovakia. In all the years of its existence Automotodrom Brno was upgraded many times, but finally it was decided to build a closed race track dedicated to motorsport disciplines. 5.4 km track was opened in 1987. Since then, this venue hosted famous racing series such as WTCC, Formula 2, GT1, Moto GP and Superbike World Championship. Track layout has 14 corners (6 left and 8 right) and longest straight has 637 m. Luca Filippi holds a lap record of this circuit. In 2010, during the Auto GP racing, in Lola B05 / 52 he reached a time of 1:43:260 s. Last season, the best time in qualifying

scored Jonas Gelzinis who drove as a guest than. Lithuanian driver covered one lap in 2:20.196 sec. with an average speed of 138.8 km/h



### **Beginning on Friday**

The first of two 30-minute practice sessions is scheduled for Friday, September 12, at 13:00. According to the regulations of Cup, during the first training session, drivers will be able to use the Push - to - Pass system. In the second session, also scheduled for Friday, 17:10, the system will be disabled. On Saturday, September 13, racing Golfs GTI will appear on the track twice. For the first time – at 10:00 am – drivers will compete in qualifying session. At 13:10 first race will begin. A second chance to win valuable points during the 6th round of the Volkswagen Castrol Cup will be on Sunday morning, from 11:00.

### **Valuable 50 hp**

The additional 50 horsepower, provided by Push - to - Pass system, can be used by each driver 19 times during the race. Push - to - Pass system allows to increase engine power from 260 to 310 hp for 10 seconds. The use of this system is a key element of racing tactics. Well-chosen and implemented strategy is the key to a good result in the race. The numbers displayed on the side windows of racing Golfs show how many times the driver can use the Push - to - Pass. Blue light placed behind the windshield indicates that this system is active at the moment.

### **Quotes before 6th round:**

#### **Gosia Rdest, 15th place in the overall standings:**

*Track near Brno is completely new for me. That's why I tried to learn the layout of this track using the simulator. I had plans to test at this track, but there was no such opportunity. I spoke about this track Janek Kisiel and Adam Gladysz, who told me that it is really amazing and very demanding venue.*

#### **Michael Gadomski, 9th in the overall standings:**

*- I raced in Brno only once, in the season 2012, when I competed in previous racing series. I prepared myself well for this round. I hope that during the training sessions I can quickly catch up with top drivers and fight for a good place both in qualifying and the races. Automotodrom Brno reminds me Poznan Track. There are a lot of fast corners and track is pretty wide. Brno has a really steady rhythm of driving, you just have to find a good idea of your racing line.*

#### **Adam Rzepecki, 10th in the overall standings:**

*I cannot wait to go to Brno. I would like to sit behind the wheel of a race car, because after the round in Slovakia, I am optimistic. At the Slovakia Ring I made my best performance this season, which of course made me feel good. Unfortunately, this season I did not have the opportunity to test and practice in Brno, but together with Zbyszek Szwaigierczak I tried to prepare as good as possible.*

### **Kalendarz siedmiu rund Pucharu Volkswagen Castrol Cup prezentuje się następująco:**

- 25-27 kwietnia – Hungaroring (Węgry)
- 23-25 maja – EuroSpeedway Lausitz (Niemcy)
- 13-15 czerwca – Tor Poznań (Polska)
- 8-10 sierpnia – Autodrom Most (Czechy)
- 22-24 sierpnia – Slovakia Ring (Słowacja)
- 12-14 września – Automotodrom Brno (Czechy)
- 26-28 września – Tor Poznań (Polska)

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