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Kupcikas: fast but unlucky

Robertas Kupcikas didn't have a chance to fight for a good result in the final round of Scirocco R-Cup 2014. Volkswagen Castrol Cup winner finished qualification in promising eighth place. Unfortunately, after a very good start he had to withdraw from the race, after being knocked out of the track by one of the competitors.

On 17th and 18th October, the German Hockenheim was the venue of the final round of Volkswagen Scirocco Cup 2014 season. This was also the last race of this series as Scirocco R-Cup says goodbye after this season. Polish racing champion - Robertas Kupcikas was given the chance to compete behind the wheel of cup Scirocco as a guest driver. This was possible thanks to Volkswagen racing series drivers exchange program.

In Saturday's qualifying at Hockenheim it was Manuel Fahnauer who showed impressive pace. German driver was the fastest to cover one lap of Hockenheimring. Kupcikas in qualifying was very consistent. Finally Lithuanian came in eighth position, just behind the winner of this year's Scirocco R-Cup - Jordan Lee Pepper. Kupcikas came 0.749 sec. behind the winner and just 0.002 sec. behind Lee Pepper!

Kupcikas solid performance in his debut in Scirocco R-Cup let us look forward to the race with optimism. Lithuanian driver shortly after the start showed that the hopes and expectations are not unfounded. Robertas immediately gained two positions and continued to push just millimetres behind very fast Jordan Lee Pepper.

Unfortunately, this promising race ended too soon for Kupcikas. Victor Bouveng, who drove behind Kupcikas, delayed his breaking too much and hit rear end of Robertas' car. Lithuanian driver tried to save, but there was not enough space for any maneuvers. Track barrier was too close and Kupcikas didn't have any chance to avoid the crash. After hitting the barrier it was clear that cooling system is broken, what meant disappointing end of the race for Kupcikas.

- I am very disappointed. In practice session and qualifying I had a pretty good feeling behind the wheel of the Scirocco. Eighth position in qualifying showed that I didn't need too much time to get used to Hockenheim track. However, race was the most important part of the weekend and I've been waiting for it whole weekend. My start was very good and effective, so I gained two positions quickly. Unfortunately in racing I can't completely control what is going on behind my car. Suddenly I felt a hit from behind, I lost control over the car and hit the barrier. Too bad, because I felt that in the last race of the Scirocco R-Cup I would show a really good performance – clearly unhappy Kupcikas summed up.

Finally, it was Jordan Lee Pepper who won the race, while Marc Coleselli - known from his guest appearances in the Volkswagen Castrol Cup, came third.

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