

## ROUNDS 13 & 14 – BRNO, CZECH REPUBLIC RACE REPORT

*Weather:* sunny, with dry track

### **PRIAULX AND HUFF CLOSE IN ON THE LEADERS**

British drivers won all today in Brno as Rob Huff took his first victory of the season for Chevrolet in Race 1 and Andy Priaulx scored BMW's 50<sup>th</sup> WTCC win in Race 2.

These results, joint with the bad luck that hit Yvan Muller and Gabriele Tarquini, meant a big leap forward in the championship classification for both, Priaulx and Huff

In Race 1, Huff claimed a lights-to-flag victory despite a short safety car period interrupting proceedings. He crossed the line ahead of reigning world champion Gabriele Tarquini and his teammate Alain Menu.

In Race 2, BMW Team RBM's Priaulx came from fourth on the grid to take an extra special victory at the place where he scored his first win for BMW back in 2003. Colin Turkington finished second after holding off the charge from Menu, who obtained his second podium finish of the day.

Yvan Muller did not score this weekend and remained on 199 points with Tarquini (who retired in the second race) now just 5 points adrift on 194. Priaulx lies third, only 16 points behind the leader, while Huff is fourth and reduced his gap to 32.

Darryl O'Young, the young rookie from Hong Kong, dominated the Independents' category taking two wins. He has now closed the gap in the standings to Sergio Hernández who still leads. O'Young and Michel Nykjær shared victories in the Rookie Challenge that is now led by Fredy Barth.

The championship will resume after the summer break for rounds 15 and 16 at Oschersleben, Germany on September 5.

### PENALTIES FOR THREE DRIVERS

The Stewards investigated three different incidents: two in Race 1 and one in Race 2.

Darryl O'Young was judged guilty of pushing Tiago Monteiro into a spin during the first race. He received a 30-second time penalty that dropped him from 8<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> and handed the Independents' victory to Kristian Poulsen.

The same penalty was imposed to Mehdi Bennani for a collision with Poulsen in Race 2. The Moroccan racer was therefore demoted from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>.

Both O'Young and Bennani were also given a drop of 10-grid positions that will remain suspended for two and one events (respectively).

A drop of grid position was also awarded to Norbert Michelisz for the collision with Colin Turkington after the restart of the first race. In this case the penalty will be applied at the next race in Oschersleben.

### WHO WERE BMW'S RACE WINNERS IN WTCC

17 victories – Andy Priaulx (2005 / 2010)

11 victories – Augusto Farfus (2007 / 2010)

10 victories – Jörg Müller (2005 / 2009)

4 victories – Dirk Müller (2005 / 2006); Alessandro Zanardi (2005 / 2009)

2 victories – Félix Porteiro (2007 / 2009)

1 victory – Sergio Hernández (2008 / 2010); Duncan Huisman (2005 / 2008)



## CHANGES TO THE INDEPENDENTS' TROPHY

WTCC promoter KSO decided to make the following changes to the regulations of 2010 WTCC Yokohama Independents' Trophy with immediate effect:

- the additional point for each point scored in the WTCC overall classification will no longer be awarded
- the BMW 320si O car (A-5696 - O) entered under a race-by-race basis will no longer be eligible to score points in the Independents' Trophy.

KSO general manager Marcello Lotti explained: *"When I met the independent competitors last year in Macau, with the aim to establish the regulations for the 2010 Independents' Trophy, it was decided to make the turbodiesel cars not eligible – because of their performances – and the race-by-race entries eligible, and also to maintain the extra point for each WTCC point. Since then things happened that made those decisions inappropriate: the adoption of the Formula One point scale, the dispute over the 'old' and 'new' cars and the arrival of a race-by-race entered car that has even better performance than the turbodiesels. Therefore I took the decision to make these changes in order to preserve the spirit of both the Trophy and the Macau meeting, and also not to unbalance the competition among the full season competitors."*

## RACE 1 – HUFF WINS AS MULLER RETIRES

Chevrolet's Rob Huff secured his first victory of the season in Race 1 at Brno today ahead of Gabriele Tarquini and Alain Menu. Michel Nykjær took the Rookie honours in seventh while Darryl O'Young fought hard to take the Independents' victory in eighth, also claiming pole position for his bamboo-engineering team in Race 2 later today.

Championship leader Yvan Muller retired after a racing incident.

Huff controlled the rolling start holding off Tarquini and Colin Turkington. Menu moved ahead of Augusto Farfus for fourth while further back a four car incident brought out the safety car before the end of the first lap.

Andy Priaulx touched the back of Tom Coronel's SEAT causing Kristian Poulsen, Fredy Barth and Jordi Gené to also make contact. Priaulx, Poulsen and Barth continued but Gené and Coronel's races ended in the gravel at T4.

The order behind the safety car was Huff leading from Tarquini, Turkington, Menu, Farfus, Michelisz, Muller, Nykjær, Priaulx, Monteiro and O'Young.

On the restart, Turkington dropped back into the grasps of Michelisz and as the Hungarian driver tried to come around the outside at T1 they made contact collecting Muller who limped back to the pits, while Michelisz stopped in the gravel.

Huff was leading at the front with the top four pulling a gap to the rest of the field chasing Turkington in fifth.

Priaulx then tried to attack Nykjær but in doing so lost a position to Tiago Monteiro. Tarquini was also pushing Huff for the lead. O'Young, leading the Independents in ninth, was also hanging on to the back of Priaulx's BMW 320si.

Behind him the Independents were racing hard with Sergio Hernández, Stefano D'Aste, Poulsen, Franz Engstler and Mehdi Bennani all jostling for position when Engstler ran wide losing three places.

On lap nine, Priaulx moved ahead of Monteiro before the latter made contact with O'Young and dropped back further. O'Young moved up into eighth and provisional Race 2 pole. Priaulx continued to move forward overtaking rookie Nykjær for sixth and Turkington for fifth on the final lap.

O'Young came under pressure from Poulsen for the Independents' victory but held off the Dane to also take Race 2 pole position.

Huff completed a lights-to-flag victory scoring his first win of the season for Chevrolet ahead of Tarquini, and team-mate Menu. Farfus held on for fourth ahead of his BMW Team RBM team-mate Priaulx. Turkington was sixth ahead of Nykjær and O'Young making an all rookie front row for the second race of the day.

#### Monroe Performer

Overall: Augusto Farfus 2:12.167; Independent: Kristian Poulsen 2:13.197

#### Withdrawals

T. Coronel: race incident; J. Gené: race incident; N. Michelisz: race incident; Y. Muller: race incident

#### RACE 2 – PRIAULX TAKES BMW'S 50<sup>th</sup> WIN

Andy Priaulx came from fourth on the grid to take BMW's 50<sup>th</sup> WTCC victory in Race 2 at Brno today. Priaulx finished just over two seconds ahead of fellow BMW driver Colin Turkington and Chevrolet's Alain Menu. Darryl O'Young finished seventh to take both the Rookie Challenge and Independents' class victories.

Yvan Muller and Gabriele Tarquini, currently first and second in the championship, did not score points.

From pole position, O'Young had a bad start dropping down to eighth by the end of the first lap. Turkington's clean getaway from third allowed him to take the lead ahead of Priaulx as they both jumped front row starter Michel Nykjær. Augusto Farfus lost three positions as Tarquini, Menu and Huff all came through. Nykjær was fighting hard but ended in the gravel at T4. The order by the end of the first lap was Turkington from Priaulx, Tarquini, Menu, Huff, Farfus, Monteiro, O'Young, Barth and D'Aste.

On lap two Priaulx made his bid for the lead getting ahead of Turkington. Tarquini then began challenging Turkington for second and, as the Ulsterman began defending aggressively, Priaulx was able to edge out a small gap.

By lap four Tarquini was pushing hard but ran wide dropping back to fourth behind Menu while Farfus was also starting to put pressure on Huff for fifth.

Independent racer Franz Engstler went out in the gravel from 12<sup>th</sup> after a clash with Kristian Poulsen.

By lap six Priaulx had a 2.5-second lead out in front from Turkington, Menu, Tarquini, Huff, Farfus, Monteiro, O'Young, Barth and D'Aste.

The field became fairly static for the next few laps before the action continued on the penultimate lap. Poulsen spun out at T9 after making contact with Mehdi Bennani and Tarquini retired with an injector problem costing him a fourth place finish.

Farfus and Huff had a final lap fight for what was now fourth position after Tarquini's retirement. Farfus just about found a way through before Huff made a brilliant move to retake the position and hold on until the chequered flag.

Priaulx crossed the line to win in Brno, the setting of his first ever win for BMW back in 2003. Turkington, Menu, Huff and Farfus were next across the line with Monteiro in sixth. O'Young's seventh gave him both the Rookie Challenge win, ahead of Barth and Independents' victory ahead of D'Aste.

#### Monroe Performer

Overall: Gabriele Tarquini 2:12.737; Independent: Darryl O'Young 2:13.434

#### Withdrawals

M. Nykjær: racing incident; F. Engstler: racing incident; F. Fabiani: racing incident; K. Poulsen: racing incident; G. Tarquini: injection problems

## **THE WORD TO THE WINNERS**

Rob HUFF – winner Race 1: *“Finally I am very happy. Great result for me and the team and is exactly what I needed at this point in the season. I had a good fight with Tarquini before the safety car and then got a good restart. I had to look after the tyres for the last three laps while also keeping a gap but we needed a lucky weekend after the puncture’s we’ve had. It is great for everyone involved with the Chevrolet team, it’s been a cracker.”*

Andy PRIAULX – winner Race 2: *“It is a special day for BMW for sure. We came here really positive but yesterday we struggled and the car was difficult to drive but we got a good balance today which we carried through to the races. It’s getting close and exciting in the championship. I had a couple of DNFs early on in the season which really hurt me but we are back in the fight. We need to improve but we’re challenging. It will be won or lost at Macau which, as we all know, is a casino.”*

**2010 FIA World Touring Car Championship**  
**RACE 1 RESULT**

POS	NO	CLS	DRIVER / TEAM	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	KPH	BEST
1	7		Robert HUFF	GBR	Chevrolet Cruze	28:46.901	12		135.16	2:12.716
2	1		Gabriele TARQUINI	ITA	SEAT Leon TDI	28:47.697	12	0.796	135.09	2:12.641
3	8		Alain MENU	SUI	Chevrolet Cruze	28:48.937	12	2.036	135.00	2:12.261
4	10		Augusto FARFUS	BRA	BMW 320si	28:49.246	12	2.345	134.97	2:12.167
5	11		Andy PRIAULX	GBR	BMW 320si	28:59.775	12	12.874	134.16	2:13.903
6	29		Colin TURKINGTON	GBR	BMW 320si	29:00.103	12	13.202	134.13	2:13.647
7	17		Michel NYKJAER	DEN	SEAT Leon TDI	29:01.157	12	14.256	134.05	2:13.416
8	24	I	Kristian POULSEN	DEN	BMW 320si	29:02.581	12	15.680	133.94	2:13.197
9	3		Tiago MONTEIRO	POR	SEAT Leon TDI	29:03.425	12	16.524	133.88	2:13.635
10	26	I	Stefano D'ASTE	ITA	BMW 320si	29:05.681	12	18.780	133.70	2:14.119
11	25	I	Sergio HERNANDEZ	ESP	BMW 320si	29:07.806	12	20.905	133.54	2:13.928
12	18		Fredy BARTH	SUI	SEAT Leon TDI	29:08.264	12	21.363	133.50	2:14.014
13	15	I	Franz ENGSTLER	GER	BMW 320si	29:09.385	12	22.484	133.42	2:14.108
14	21	I	Mehdi BENNANI	MAR	BMW 320si	29:11.151	12	24.250	133.28	2:13.998
15	19	I	Harry VAULKHARD	GBR	Chevrolet Lacetti	29:13.455	12	26.554	133.11	2:14.382
16	16	I	Andrei ROMANOV	RUS	BMW 320si	29:25.923	12	39.022	132.17	2:14.253
17	20	I	Darryl O'YOUNG	HKG	Chevrolet Lacetti	29:32.368	12	45.467	131.69	2:13.913
18	33	I	Fabio FABIANI	ITA	BMW 320si	30:11.773	12	1:24.872	128.82	2:18.446

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6			Yvan MULLER	FRA	Chevrolet Cruze	30:13.718	6	N.C.F.	64.34	2:25.141
5			Norbert MICHELISZ	HUN	SEAT Leon TDI	8:50.443	3	D.N.F.	110.00	2:24.152
4			Jordi GENE	ESP	SEAT Leon TDI		0	D.N.F.	N/A	
2			Tom CORONEL	NED	SEAT Leon TDI		0	D.N.F.	N/A	

FASTEST LAP

10			Augusto FARFUS		BMW 320si	2:12.167	4	91.44mph	147.16kph
24	I		Kristian POULSEN		BMW 320si	2:13.197	5	90.73mph	146.03kph

Brno

Car 20, + 30 second penalty applied (Stewards Decision No.9 refers)

Circuit Length = 5.4030 km.

Weather/Track: Sun 24C / Dry 48C

Start: 12:03 End: 12:32

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**RACE 2 RESULT**

POS	NO	CLS	DRIVER / TEAM	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	KPH	BEST
1	11		Andy PRIAULX	GBR	BMW 320si	22:22.054	10		144.93	2:12.929
2	29		Colin TURKINGTON	GBR	BMW 320si	22:24.308	10	2.254	144.69	2:13.440
3	8		Alain MENU	SUI	Chevrolet Cruze	22:25.407	10	3.353	144.57	2:13.045
4	7		Robert HUFF	GBR	Chevrolet Cruze	22:27.401	10	5.347	144.35	2:13.175
5	10		Augusto FARFUS	BRA	BMW 320si	22:27.778	10	5.724	144.31	2:12.993
6	3		Tiago MONTEIRO	POR	SEAT Leon TDI	22:29.555	10	7.501	144.12	2:13.273
7	20	I	Darryl O'YOUNG	HKG	Chevrolet Lacetti	22:32.266	10	10.212	143.83	2:13.434
8	18		Fredy BARTH	SUI	SEAT Leon TDI	22:33.752	10	11.698	143.68	2:13.395
9	26	I	Stefano D'ASTE	ITA	BMW 320si	22:34.635	10	12.581	143.58	2:13.937
10	2		Tom CORONEL	NED	SEAT Leon TDI	22:38.638	10	16.584	143.16	2:13.968
11	25	I	Sergio HERNANDEZ	ESP	BMW 320si	22:41.287	10	19.233	142.88	2:14.343
12	6		Yvan MULLER	FRA	Chevrolet Cruze	22:42.070	10	20.016	142.80	2:14.461
13	4		Jordi GENE	ESP	SEAT Leon TDI	22:42.609	10	20.555	142.74	2:14.677
14	5		Norbert MICHELISZ	HUN	SEAT Leon TDI	22:42.891	10	20.837	142.71	2:14.202
15	19	I	Harry VAULKHARD	GBR	Chevrolet Lacetti	22:45.894	10	23.840	142.40	2:14.670
16	21	I	Mehdi BENNANI	MAR	BMW 320si	23:14.123	10	52.069	139.52	2:14.384
17	16	I	Andrei ROMANOV	RUS	BMW 320si	23:14.363	10	52.309	139.49	2:15.979
18	1		Gabriele TARQUINI	ITA	SEAT Leon TDI	17:57.111	8	2 LAPS	144.46	2:12.737
19	24	I	Kristian POULSEN	DEN	BMW 320si	18:12.927	8	2 LAPS	142.37	2:14.046
20	33	I	Fabio FABIANI	ITA	BMW 320si	19:22.898	8	2 LAPS	133.80	2:18.813

NOT CLASSIFIED

15	I	Franz ENGSTLER	GER	BMW 320si	9:09.638	4	D.N.F.	141.55	2:14.058
17		Michel NYKJAER	DEN	SEAT Leon TDI		0	D.N.F.	N/A	

FASTEST LAP

1		Gabriele TARQUINI		SEAT Leon TDI	2:12.737	2	91.05mph	146.53kph
20	I	Darryl O'YOUNG		Chevrolet Lacetti	2:13.434	2	90.57mph	145.77kph

Brno

Car 21, + 30 second penalty applied (Stewards Decision No.10 refers)

Circuit Length = 5.4030 km.

Weather/Track: Sun 25C / Dry 47C

Start: 13:24 End: 13:46

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## 2010 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP - DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

position	driver	Curitiba (BRA) 7 March		Puebla (MEX) 11 April	Marrakech (MAR) 2 May	Monza (ITA) 23 May	Zolder (BEL) 20 June	Portimão (POR) 4 July	Brands Hatch (GBR) 18 July	Brno (CZE) 1 August	Oschersleben (GER) 5 September	Valencia (ESP) 19 September	Okayama (JPN) 31 October	Macau (CHN) 21 November	TOTAL		
		8	18														
1	Yvan MULLER (FRA)	25	12	CANCELLED	8	18	12	25	18	10	18	18	25	10	0	0	199
2	Gabriele TARQUINI (ITA)	12	25		25	8	6	0	25	8	15	25	12	15	18	0	194
3	Andy PRIAULX (GBR)	10	0		4	25	25	10	6	25	0	12	6	25	10	25	183
4	Robert HUFF (GBR)	18	10		18	0	15	15	10	18	0	0	18	8	25	12	167
5	Alain MENU (SUI)	15	15		2	0	0	2	15	12	10	15	0	0	15	15	116
6	Tiago MONTEIRO (POR)	0	6		15	12	2	6	12	15	25	6	4	0	2	8	113
7	Augusto FARFUS (BRA)	8	8		1	0	18	12	2	4	12	10	8	4	12	10	109
8	Tom CORONEL (NED)	4	0		10	15	10	18	4	1	8	8	10	12	0	1	101
9	Colin TURKINGTON (GBR)	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	0	1	15	18	8	18		60
10	Fredy BARTH (SUI)	2	0		12	10	8	0	1	0	4	4	0	0	0	4	45
11	Norbert MICHELISZ (HUN)	1	2		6	1	0	4	8	6	6	0	2	6	0	0	42
12	Jordi GENÉ (ESP)	6	18		0	4	0	8	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	38
13	Michel NYKJÆR (DEN)	0	4		0	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	22
14	Darryl O'YOUNG (HKG)	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	6	9
15	Sergio HERNÁNDEZ (ESP)	0	1		0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
16	Kristian POULSEN (DEN)	-	-		-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
17	Stefano D'ASTE (ITA)	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
18	Mehdi BENNANI (MAR)	0	0		0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
19	Leonel PERNÍA (ARG)	-	-		-	-	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
19	Harry VAULKHARD (GBR)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	

## 2010 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP - MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

position	manufacturer	Curitiba (BRA) 7 March		Puebla (MEX) 11 April	Marrakech (MAR) 2 May	Monza (ITA) 23 May	Zolder (BEL) 20 June	Portimão (POR) 4 July	Brands Hatch (GBR) 18 July	Brno (CZE) 1 August	Oschersleben (GER) 5 September	Valencia (ESP) 19 September	Okayama (JPN) 31 October	Macau (CHN) 21 November	TOTAL		
		30	27														
1	CHEVROLET	43	27	CANCELLED	30	26	27	40	33	30	28	33	43	18	40	27	445
2	SEAT CUSTOMERS TECHNOLOGY	23	43		40	27	18	26	37	25	40	33	22	27	26	18	405
3	BMW	22	18		18	35	43	22	18	33	20	22	23	43	22	43	382