

**ROUNDS 15 & 16 – OSCHERSLEBEN, GERMANY**  
**RACE REPORT**

*Weather:* sunny in Race 1, cloudy in Race 2, the track was dry

**MENU AND PRIAULX SHARES VICTORIES**

Alain Menu and Andy Priaulx won one race apiece in Oschersleben today. The Swiss driver gave Chevrolet their first victory on the German track, while the Briton scored his sixth win of the season and moved further ahead in the Drivers' Championship. In the two latest meetings, Priaulx has recovered 38 points from the leader Yvan Muller, reducing his gap to 11, and now he has also jumped ahead of Gabriele Tarquini (who has scored only 2 points in the three latest races) in second position.

The first race was a Chevrolet show. Rob Huff and Menu took control from the beginning, but the former was later black-flagged for hitting the poleman Augusto Farfus at the start. This enabled Menu to claim his first victory of the year from Farfus and Muller.

In Race 2, Priaulx dashed ahead of the SEAT pair of Michelisz and Nykjær and kissed goodbye to the rest of the field on his way to a solo flight. Farfus and Muller finished far behind him in second and third after Monteiro was given a drive-through for hitting both Nykjær and Michelisz.

There was a Danish domination in both the Rookie Challenge and the Independents' Trophy, with Nykjær and Kristian Poulsen twice victorious in the respective categories. In the second race they were also able to obtain their best results so far in the overall classification: Nykjær fourth and Poulsen sixth.

Chevrolet still keeps a solid 55-point lead in the Manufacturers' Championship ahead of BMW, while SEAT Customers Technology is only six further points adrift.

The championship will resume for rounds 17 and 18 at Valencia, Spain on September 19.

**MASS PENALTY FAVOURS PRIAULX**

15 drivers were awarded 30-second time penalties for exceeding the maximum speed of 90 kmh allowed during the rolling start of the first race.

They were: Coronel, Nykjær, Michelisz, Poulsen, Hernández, Barth, Gené, Engstler, Bennani, D'Aste, Romanov and Taniguchi. However, the only change in the race results concerns Coronel (who slips from fourth to sixth) and the pair Monteiro-Priaulx who gain one position moving up to fourth and fifth respectively.

In terms of Championship points, this reduced the gap between Muller and Priaulx from 13 to 11.

Two other 30-second penalties were awarded for Race 2 to Monteiro (for hitting Michelisz) and Romanov (for collision with Taniguchi).

**RACE 1 – MENU WINS AS HUFF IS BLACK-FLAGGED**

Chevrolet's Alain Menu claimed his first victory of the season, his first since Brands Hatch in 2009, at Oschersleben's Motorsport Arena today while teammate Rob Huff was black-flagged whilst out in front. Poleman Augusto Farfus finished second ahead of championship leader Yvan Muller, while reigning champion Gabriele Tarquini failed to finish.



Kristian Poulsen won the Independents' Trophy and Michel Nykjær took the rookie honours. Norbert Michelisz came through from 15<sup>th</sup> on the grid to finish eighth and winning pole position for Race 2.

In an eventful rolling start, Augusto Farfus was tapped by Huff's Chevrolet whilst trying to brake into the first corner. Farfus ran wide allowing Huff and Menu through. Menu had already made contact with Gabriele Tarquini, the pair collecting Andy Priaulx. Tarquini tried to limp back to the pits but eventually stopped out on track but Priaulx continued although now down in seventh.

Jordi Gené and Fredy Barth made contact spinning off on lap one but both rejoining as Darryl O'Young spun into the gravel at the Bauer-Kurve and made it back to the pits.

By the end of lap one Muller had got back ahead of Nykjær making the order now Huff leading from, Menu, Coronel, Farfus, Nykjær, Muller, Monteiro, Priaulx, D'Aste and Michelisz.

After the first corner contact Huff was then awarded a drive-through penalty which turned into a black flag as the Brit did not come into the pits within three laps.

The action did not stop there as Farfus moved ahead of Coronel with a clean manoeuvre and further down the field Andrei Romanov came together with season newcomer Yukinori Taniguchi with both spinning but rejoining.

The race was on for the Independents' win between Poulsen and Hernández. The pair fought for ten laps with Poulsen pushing the Spaniard hard. He eventually found a way through to take the lead at the final corner, for ninth overall.

After Huff pulled into the pits his teammate Menu took over the lead from Farfus, Muller, Coronel, Monteiro, Priaulx, Nykjær and Michelisz.

Franz Engstler passed Mehdi Bennani for third in the Independents' and despite Farfus closing the gap down on the final lap, Menu took victory for Chevrolet, the first ever for the manufacturer at Oschersleben.

Farfus and Muller completed the podium ahead of Coronel, Monteiro and Priaulx. Nykjær was seventh and would start alongside Michelisz, in eighth, on the front row for Race 2.

#### Monroe Performer

Overall: Alain Menu 1:36.543; Independent: Sergio Hernández 1:37.754

#### Withdrawals

G. Tarquini: race incident; D. O'Young: race incident; F. Fabiani: drive shaft; R. Huff: black flag

#### RACE 2 – PRIAULX LEADS BMW 1-2

Andy Priaulx led Augusto Farfus across the line to take a comfortable 1-2 finish for BMW Team RBM in Oschersleben this afternoon. Priaulx now moved ahead of Gabriele Tarquini to second in the championship just 13-points adrift of leader Yvan Muller who completed the podium.

Kristian Poulsen claimed a clear win in the Independents' Trophy, his second of the day, finishing sixth whilst Michel Nykjær was again the best rookie finishing in a brilliant fourth overall.

Andy Priaulx made a fantastic start to take the lead from third on the grid before the first corner. Poleman Norbert Michelisz and Michel Nykjær fell into line behind him as Farfus moved up to fourth from seventh. The pack made it cleanly through the Hotel-Kurve with Tiago Monteiro going on to take fourth from Farfus. By the end of lap one the order was Priaulx from, Michelisz, Nykjær, Monteiro, Farfus, Muller, Coronel, Poulsen, Menu and Gené.

Gabriele Tarquini and Rob Huff were also making their way up through the order with Huff moving from 17<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> and Tarquini from 20<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> on lap one.

Priaulx began to pull out a gap in front while the battle for second was heating up between Michelisz, Nykjær and Monteiro. The trio continued to push each other until on lap three Monteiro tapped Nykjær sideways. As the Dane ran wide the Portuguese racer went through. Nykjær then continued to drop back falling behind Farfus and Muller. Monteiro was awarded a drive-through penalty but before taking it also made another move tapping Michelisz wide and causing him to run through the gravel, rejoining in P7 although quickly demoted to P8 as Menu moved ahead. After Monteiro served his drive-through penalty the order at the front was now Priaulx from Farfus, Muller, Nykjær, Coronel, Poulsen, menu and Michelisz. Fredy Barth pitted with damage early in the race and then was also served a drive-through penalty for speeding in the pit lane. Michelisz, Huff and Tarquini were now fighting for eighth with the rookie having to defend hard. Huff then tapped the back of Michelisz and nudged his way through. Tarquini tried to follow but made contact sending the Hungarian across the gravel to lose a position to Jordi Gené as he dropped back to 11<sup>th</sup>. Priaulx took the chequered flag to claim his sixth win of the season ahead of Farfus on BMW's home soil in Germany. Muller claimed his second podium finish of the day in third with Nykjær crossing the line fourth to take the rookie victory for the second time today. Tom Coronel finished ahead of Poulsen in sixth. The Dane scored his best overall result of the season as well as taking his second Independent win of the day. His closest rivals, Darryl O'Young and Sergio Hernández, finished 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> respectively. Huff, Menu, Tarquini and Gené rounded out the top ten.

#### Monroe Performer

Overall: Gabriele Tarquini 1:36.890; Independent: Kristian Poulsen 1:37.602

#### Withdrawals

M. Bennani: racing incident

### **THE WORD TO THE WINNERS**

Alain MENU – winner Race 1: *“This win has been a long time coming. My season started well in Brazil but Marrakech was a disaster. Today luck went my way with Huff getting a black flag. It was a bit unfortunate for him as there is always a domino effect going into turn one here, but after I got the lead I just drove my Chevrolet to the end and it was perfect, although I had to drive very carefully in the last laps in order to save my tyres.”*

Andy PRIAULX – winner Race 2: *“It is beyond my expectations; we really didn't expect to win so many races so far during the season. The reverse grids have helped us a lot. The car had good pace but Chevrolet have been very strong. The championship is still alive. We know we are the challengers but we are fighting hard.”*

## 2010 FIA World Touring Car Championship RACE 1 RESULT

POS	NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	KPH	BEST
1	8		Alain MENU	SUI	Chevrolet Cruze	22:50.427	14		135.92	1:36.543
2	10		Augusto FARFUS	BRA	BMW 320si	22:50.918	14	0.491	135.87	1:36.811
3	6		Yvan MULLER	FRA	Chevrolet Cruze	22:55.165	14	4.738	135.45	1:37.094
4	3		Tiago MONTEIRO	POR	SEAT Leon TDI	22:57.855	14	7.428	135.19	1:37.449
5	11		Andy PRIAULX	GBR	BMW 320si	22:58.272	14	7.845	135.15	1:37.139
6	2		Tom CORONEL	NED	SEAT Leon TDI	23:27.262	14	36.835	132.36	1:36.871
7	17		Michel NYKJAER	DEN	SEAT Leon TDI	23:33.490	14	43.063	131.78	1:37.746
8	5		Norbert MICHELISZ	HUN	SEAT Leon TDI	23:36.614	14	46.187	131.49	1:37.395
9	24	I	Kristian POULSEN	DEN	BMW 320si	23:36.876	14	46.449	131.47	1:37.899
10	25	I	Sergio HERNANDEZ	ESP	BMW 320si	23:38.324	14	47.897	131.33	1:37.754
11	18		Fredy BARTH	SUI	SEAT Leon TDI	23:40.573	14	50.146	131.12	1:37.597
12	4		Jordi GENE	ESP	SEAT Leon TDI	23:41.011	14	50.584	131.08	1:37.771
13	15	I	Franz ENGSTLER	GER	BMW 320si	23:52.504	14	1:02.077	130.03	1:38.407
14	21	I	Mehdi BENNANI	MAR	BMW 320si	23:54.432	14	1:04.005	129.86	1:38.786
15	26	I	Stefano D'ASTE	ITA	BMW 320si	23:54.591	14	1:04.164	129.84	1:38.271
16	16	I	Andrei ROMANOV	RUS	BMW 320si	23:56.635	14	1:06.208	129.66	1:38.372
17	72	I	Yukinori TANIGUCHI	JPN	Chevrolet Lacetti	24:05.977	14	1:15.550	128.82	1:38.854
18	7		Robert HUFF	GBR	Chevrolet Cruze	16:59.143	10	4 LAPS	130.55	1:36.832

### NOT CLASSIFIED

33	I	Fabio FABIANI	ITA	BMW 320si	23:17.292	6	N.C.F.	57.13	1:48.989
20	I	Darryl O'YOUNG	HKG	Chevrolet Lacetti	23:39.524	5	N.C.F.	46.86	1:38.579
1		Gabriele TARQUINI	ITA	SEAT Leon TDI		0	D.N.F.	N/A	

### FASTEST LAP

8		Alain MENU		Chevrolet Cruze	1:36.543	2	137.82kph	85.63mph
25	I	Sergio HERNANDEZ		BMW 320si	1:37.754	2	136.11kph	84.57mph

Cars 2, 4, 5, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 26, 72 - 30 second penalty applied.  
Stewards Decisions 19 - 30 refer.

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Circuit Length = 3.6960 km.  
Start: 13:13 End: 13:35

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## 2010 FIA World Touring Car Championship RACE 2 RESULT

POS	NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	KPH	BEST
1	11		Andy PRIAULX	GBR	BMW 320si	22:51.499	14		135.82	1:37.150
2	10		Augusto FARFUS	BRA	BMW 320si	22:54.228	14	2.729	135.55	1:36.990
3	6		Yvan MULLER	FRA	Chevrolet Cruze	23:00.239	14	8.740	134.96	1:37.243
4	17		Michel NYKJAER	DEN	SEAT Leon TDI	23:01.803	14	10.304	134.80	1:37.529
5	2		Tom CORONEL	NED	SEAT Leon TDI	23:02.481	14	10.982	134.74	1:37.486
6	24	I	Kristian POULSEN	DEN	BMW 320si	23:03.488	14	11.989	134.64	1:37.602
7	7		Robert HUFF	GBR	Chevrolet Cruze	23:08.190	14	16.691	134.18	1:37.220
8	8		Alain MENU	SUI	Chevrolet Cruze	23:08.742	14	17.243	134.13	1:37.688
9	1		Gabriele TARQUINI	ITA	SEAT Leon TDI	23:09.418	14	17.919	134.06	1:36.890
10	4		Jordi GENE	ESP	SEAT Leon TDI	23:10.692	14	19.193	133.94	1:37.832
11	5		Norbert MICHELISZ	HUN	SEAT Leon TDI	23:11.794	14	20.295	133.84	1:37.671
12	20	I	Darryl O'YOUNG	HKG	Chevrolet Lacetti	23:14.463	14	22.964	133.58	1:38.103
13	25	I	Sergio HERNANDEZ	ESP	BMW 320si	23:15.081	14	23.582	133.52	1:38.257
14	72	I	Yukinori TANIGUCHI	JPN	Chevrolet Lacetti	23:26.823	14	35.324	132.41	1:38.643
15	15	I	Franz ENGSTLER	GER	BMW 320si	23:30.178	14	38.679	132.09	1:38.224
16	26	I	Stefano D'ASTE	ITA	BMW 320si	23:39.448	14	47.949	131.23	1:38.701
17	16	I	Andrei ROMANOV	RUS	BMW 320si	23:54.330	14	1:02.831	129.87	1:38.545
18	3		Tiago MONTEIRO	POR	SEAT Leon TDI	23:55.817	14	1:04.318	129.73	1:37.401
19	33	I	Fabio FABIANI	ITA	BMW 320si	24:20.016	14	1:28.517	127.58	1:42.564
20	18		Fredy BARTH	SUI	SEAT Leon TDI	24:06.699	13	1 LAP	119.56	1:38.046

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21	I	Mehdi BENNANI	MAR	BMW 320si		0	D.N.F.	N/A
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FASTEST LAP

1		Gabriele TARQUINI		SEAT Leon TDI	1:36.890	2	137.32kph	85.33mph
24	I	Kristian POULSEN		BMW 320si	1:37.602	4	136.32kph	84.70mph

Car 16 - 30 second penalty (Stewards Decision 18 refers)  
Car 3 - 30 second penalty (Stewards Decision 33 refers)

Oschersleben  
Circuit Length = 3.6960 km.  
Start: 15:28 End: 15:51

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