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RACE 2 REPORT

Colciago and Gleason victorious in two eventful races in Malaysia Craft-Bamboo Lukoil secures Teams' title

The unpredictability of the TCR International Series reached a new level at Sepang in Malaysia. The two races – supporting Formula One for the third and final time this season – saw victories by a driver competing in the series for the first time (Roberto Colciago in Race 1) and a driver who has missed much of the season (Kevin Gleason in Race 2), bringing the number of different race winners during 2016 to ten.

The Malaysian event was also a remarkable advertisement for the TCR community, which keeps on growing at a global level. It demonstrated that drivers coming from national and regional TCR championships (like Colciago, who won the Italian title last week, or Tin Sritrai, who is a front-runner in TCR Asia) can join the International Series and fight on equal terms with its leading competitors.

With just the two races in Macau remaining, four men are still in contention for the Drivers' title – James Nash, Stefano Comini, Pepe Oriola and Jean-Karl Vernay – with 39 points covering the four and 55 still available, although Nash has now edged closer to the title, showing an impressive maturity that has helped him to steer away from trouble and consistently score crucial points.

The Teams' title, on the other hand, was decided in Sepang, with Craft-Bamboo Lukoil now uncatchable.

TCR Asia competitors once again joined the International Series field and Race 2 saw Sritrai start from pole position on the reverse grid and lead for the first four laps before being hit by Comini, an incident that deprived him a possible overall podium. By finishing ninth overall in Race 2, Andy Yan of Liqui Moly Team Engstler secured the Drivers' title.

Both TCR International and TCR Asia will end the season in Macau on November 20.

Kevin Gleason wins as Stefano Comini gets penalty

TCR International Series competitors delivered another breath-taking race at Sepang, full of overtaking manoeuvres, clashes, spins, position-swapping and safety car interventions. Kevin Gleason emerged as the winner, stepping back on top of the podium one year after his last victory at Singapore. The WestCoast Racing driver overtook the early leader Tin Sritrai just in time to avoid the carnage behind him.

The young Thai, who had been sidelined yesterday by a turbo failure, seemed well on the way to claim a sensational result – possibly an overall podium – but saw his dream swept away by contact with Stefano Comini.

That contact cost the reigning champion dearly; he was given a drive-through penalty, which was translated into a 30-second time penalty because he was informed during the last three laps of the race.

On top of this, after Pepe Oriola was involved in a door-to-door fight with a group of other drivers during the last lap, he eventually finished out of the points.

While all of this was happening, James Nash emerged as the biggest winner of the Malaysian weekend, as he re-took the Drivers' series lead with an advantage of 17 points.

Key facts

Grid – All 23 cars are on the grid, including Galiana's SEAT on which a new turbo has been installed

Warm up lap – The engine of Pastorelli's Ford blows and spills oil onto the right side of the starting line; the field is stopped by the marshals at the end of the lap while dust is sprinkled onto the oil slick; the race will start behind the safety car in a single line over the reduced distance of 10 laps instead of 11

Lap 2 – The actual race starts, Sritrai leads from Gleason and Nash; Comini overtakes Morbidelli for fourth at Turn 15

Lap 3 – Gleason tries to dive through the inside in Turn 1, but Sritrai closes the gap; Comini overtakes Nash for third

Lap 4 – Comini, Nash and Morbidelli are in a close battle for third; Gleason overtakes Sritrai and takes the lead; Comini hits Sritrai who spins at Turn 14 and re-joins in 11th position

Lap 5 – Gleason leads from Comini, Nash, Morbidelli, Homola, Vernay; Oriola overtakes Grachev for 7th and Vernay for 6th

Lap 6 – Grachev and Colciago make contact while fighting for 8th; Colciago goes off onto the gravel trap and Grachev spins having lost one rear tyre

Lap 7 – The safety car is deployed

Lap 8 – The race resumes, Vernay outbrakes himself at Turn 1 and goes wide, dropping from 7th to 10th; Comini is given a drive-through for the incident with Sritrai; Vernay overtakes Hezemans for 9th

Lap 9 – Homola, Oriola and Borković are in a tough fight over 6th

Lap 10 – Gleason wins ahead of Comini (who did not observe the penalty), Nash and Morbidelli; the fight for 5th heats up between Homola, Oriola, Vernay, Borković, Hezemans and Afanasyev; there are contacts and eventually Borković finishes 5th ahead of Vernay, Hezemans and Homola, while Oriola drops to 14th

Quotes from the podium finishers in the second race

Kevin Gleason (winner): *"It feels amazing to be back and to get a win. It was really frustrating not to do the whole season and so I'm grateful I could come back with WestCoast to race at Singapore and here in Sepang. With every race I missed, I dreamed about coming back with the team, so I'm really grateful I could reward them with a win like this. I had to work for the victory and that made it all the more satisfying. Soon after I took the lead, I saw some action going on behind me, but I could concentrate on staying out of trouble and hold on to win."*

James Nash (second): *"Always being in the thick of the action is really hard and picking my moment to push or to attack is complicated, but it worked really well today. The point gap isn't enough for me to be able to relax, but it's nice to go to the last round in the lead. I think Comini was too aggressive and made the wrong move, but that's how it is. He saw me coming up behind him going into Turn 10 and closed the door, which caused me an anxious moment, but once I knew about his drive-through I could relax for the rest of the race."*

Gianni Morbidelli (third): *"I have been struggling with the power steering since the beginning of the year, but I have to say that it is not the fault of the WestCoast team. I feel really sorry for them and I'm really frustrated. I'm just happy we are nearly at the end of the season, to be honest. When you have to think about the steering instead of driving, this does not help your performance at all."*

Andy Yan (9th and winner of TCR Asia): *"I'm very happy and I need to thank my team for doing a fantastic job, especially yesterday because my car had a problem in Race 1 and so they worked all night to prepare a good car for me for Race 2. Today was a good performance to achieve our target and finish first. I really love the TCR Asia series because we have good drivers and all the cars are very balanced. I think Tin Sritrai has been very unlucky this year because he has had so many problems but hopefully we can have another good fight again next year."*

Homola receives ten-second penalty after Race 2

Following today's second race, the Stewards discussed a number of incidents that had been reported to them, but concluded that only one was serious enough to warrant a penalty.

Mat'o Homola was judged to have caused collisions with Pepe Oriola during the race and so ten seconds were added to his time, dropping him from seventh position to sixteenth.

Sergey Afanasyev, Andy Yan, Attila Tassi and Davit Kajaia all therefore moved up a place and gain points in the revised results.



Race 2 Classification after 10 Laps - 55.430 Kms

POS	NO	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	LAPS	TIME	GAP	KPH	BEST	LAP
1	24	K. GLEASON	USA	Honda Civic TCR	10	24:37.307		135.075	2:17.558	6
2	54	J. NASH	GBR	SEAT Leon TCR	10	24:39.042	1.735	134.917	2:17.604	2
3	10	G. MORBIDELLI	ITA	Honda Civic TCR	10	24:39.728	2.421	134.854	2:17.563	2
4	62	D. BORKOVIC	SRB	SEAT Leon TCR	10	24:45.268	7.961	134.351	2:17.690	2
5	2	J. VERNAY	FRA	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	10	24:47.160	9.853	134.180	2:17.580	2
6	50	L. HEZEMANS	NED	SEAT Leon TCR	10	24:47.548	10.241	134.145	2:17.390	3
7	77	S. AFANASYEV	RUS	SEAT Leon TCR	10	24:48.157	10.850	134.090	2:18.035	4
8	3	A. YAN	HKG	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	10	24:48.167	10.860	134.089	2:18.434	3
9	9	A. TASSI	HUN	SEAT Leon TCR	10	24:48.432	11.125	134.065	2:17.727	3
10	7	D. KAJAIA	GEO	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	10	24:49.107	11.800	134.005	2:18.418	2
11	28	K. TSE	MAC	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	10	24:51.021	13.714	133.833	2:19.297	2
12	74	P. ORIOLA	ESP	SEAT Leon TCR	10	24:52.060	14.753	133.739	2:17.985	6
13	83	T. SRITRAI	THA	Honda Civic TCR	10	24:52.353	15.046	133.713	2:18.332	2
14	20	M. FERRARIS	ITA	Alfa Romeo Giulietta TCR	10	24:52.711	15.404	133.681	2:19.883	10
15	68	F. DE SOUZA	MAC	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	10	24:53.817	16.510	133.582	2:19.266	3
16	70	M. HOMOLA *	SVK	SEAT Leon TCR	10	24:57.820	20.513	133.225	2:17.595	2
17	65	D. KHOO	MAS	SEAT Leon TCR	10	25:01.902	24.595	132.863	2:21.573	4
18	1	S. COMINI *	SUI	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	10	25:08.521	31.214	132.280	2:17.196	2
19	27	W. O'BRIEN	HKG	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR	10	25:13.545	36.238	131.841	2:22.675	2
20	35	R. GALIANA	FRA	Honda Civic TCR	10	25:23.490	46.183	130.980	2:22.975	10
NOT CLASSIFIED										
	8	M. GRACHEV	RUS	Honda Civic TCR	6	16:28.462	DNF	121.126	2:18.211	2
	5	R. COLCIAGO	ITA	Honda Civic TCR	5	12:38.620	DNF	131.520	2:17.780	2
	72	N. PASTORELLI	ITA	Ford Focus TCR	0		DNS			
FASTEST LAP										
	1	S. COMINI	SUI	Volkswagen Golf Gti TCR		2:17.196 on lap 2		145.447		

* PENALTIES

Car 1 - 30 second time penalty - Causing a collision - Stewards' decision no. 5

Car 70 - 10 second time penalty - Causing a collision - Stewards' decision no. 6

Timekeeper:

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2016 TCR INTERNATIONAL SERIES - DRIVERS' CLASSIFICATION

pos	driver	Sakhir BAHRAIN 2/3 April			Estoril PORTUGAL 24 April			Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM 7 May			Imola ITALY 22 May			Saeburgring AUSTRIA 5 June			Oschersleben GERMANY 19 June			Sochi RUSSIA 3 July			Buriram THAILAND 28 August			Marina Bay SINGAPORE 17/18 September			Sepang MALAYSIA 1/2 October			Macau MACAU 20 November			TOTAL			
		Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2							
		1	James Nash (GBR)	3	15	18	0	8	25	1	4	8	0	0	0	0	18	12	3	15	15	0	4	12	0	18	25	0	10	15	0	15	18					262
2	Stefano Comini (SUI)	0	6	0	2	15	18	0	0	18	2	25	15	0	4	15	0	0	8	5	25	10	2	12	12	3	18	12	0	18	0				245			
3	Pepe Oriola (ESP)	1	25	25	0	4	1	4	18	6	4	18	10	3	0	0	0	1	25	4	18	0	5	25	0	1	15	0	4	12	0				229			
4	Jean-Karl Vernay (FRA)	0	0	0	3	18	10	0	0	25	0	0	12	4	10	25	0	8	0	3	10	18	3	10	4	5	25	8	2	10	10				223			
5	Mat'o Homola (SVK)	0	4	0	5	12	4	0	12	12	0	10	18	0	15	10	4	25	10	0	2	2	1	0	1	4	12	10	1	1	0				175			
6	Gianni Morbidelli (ITA)	2	18	6	4	25	15	0	10	0	5	0	0	2	12	8	0	6	1	2	15	0	4	15	0	2	1	6	0	0	15				174			
7	Dušan Borković (SRB)	4	8	15	0	0	0	5	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	18	18	0	0	8	0	6	15	0	6	18	0	8	12				161			
8	Mikhail Grachev (RUS)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	25	0	25	2	0	0	0	0	12	25	0	0	18	0	0	25	3	0	0				141			
9	Sergey Afanasyev (RUS)	5	12	10	1	10	12	2	2	2	0	12	0	0	0	18	1	12	12	0	0	6	0	2	6	0	8	0	0	2	6				141			
10	Davit Kajaia (GEO)	0	2	12	0	0	6	0	6	0	3	15	4	0	6	0	0	4	0	0	6	0	0	1	10	0	0	4	0	0	1				80			
11	Attila Tassi (HUN)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	8	4	0	0	6	0	1	15	0	4	8	0	2	0	0	6	2				68			
12	Aku Pellinen (FIN)	0	10	1	0	6	8	3	25	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			63		
13	Kevin Gleason (USA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	4	1	0	4	25				46			
14	Roberto Colciago (ITA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	25	0				30			
15	Antti Buri (FIN)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			28		
16	Jordi Oriola (ESP)	0	0	8	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	2	1	0	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-			17	
17	Jordi Gené (ESP)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			16	
18	Peter Fulin (CZE)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	-			15	
19	Kantadhee Kusiri (THA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			10	
19	Loris Hezemans (NED)	-	-	-	0	2	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	8				10			
21	Niklas Mackschin (GER)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			6	
22	Harald Proczyk (AUT)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			5	
23	Luigi Ferrara (ITA)	0	0	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			4	
23	Andy Yan (HKG)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	4				4			
25	Florian Janits (AUT)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			3	
25	Francisco Mora (POR)	-	-	-	0	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			3	
25	Michela Cerruti (ITA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			3
28	Salman Al Khalifa (BRN)	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			2	
28	Carlotta Fedeli (ITA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			2
30	Alain Menu (SUI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			1
30	Alessandra Neri (ITA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			1
30	Pierre-Yves Corthals (BEL)	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			1
30	Vladimir Sheshenin (RUS)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			1



2016 TCR INTERNATIONAL SERIES - TEAMS' CLASSIFICATION

pos	team	Sakhir BAHRAIN 2/3 April			Estoril PORTUGAL 24 April			Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM 7 May			Imola ITALY 22 May			Salzburgring AUSTRIA 5 June			Oschersleben GERMANY 19 June			Sochi RUSSIA 3 July			Buriram THAILAND 28 August			Marina Bay SINGAPORE 17/18 September			Sepang MALAYSIA 1/2 October			Macau MACAU 20 November			TOTAL
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		1	Team Craft-Bamboo Lukoil	8	40	43	1	18	37	6	24	18	4	30	10	3	18	30	4	27	40	4	22	18	5	43	31	1	25	15	4	27	24		
2	Leopard Racing	0	8	0	5	33	28	0	4	43	2	25	27	4	14	40	0	8	10	8	35	28	5	22	16	8	43	20	2	28	10				476
3	WestCoast Racing	3	30	10	4	31	23	3	35	18	6	4	26	7	37	10	0	6	5	2	27	25	4	15	18	2	10	31	3	4	40				439
4	B3 Racing Team Hungary	4	16	15	5	12	4	6	27	15	0	16	24	0	23	14	9	43	30	0	3	23	1	10	23	4	20	28	1	14	14				404
5	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	0	6	12	0	1	7	0	10	0	3	23	12	0	8	1	0	6	10	0	6	3	0	2	10	0	0	4	0	0	5				129
6	Target Competition	0	1	10	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	2	1	0	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	5	27	8				60
7	Mulsanne Racing	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0	0	1	6	1	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0				23
8	LMS Racing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	0	-	-	-	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-				12
9	Team Eakie BBR Kaiten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	8	2	-	-	-	-	-				10	
10	Baporo Motorsport	-	-	-	0	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				8	
11	Top Run Motorsport	0	0	6	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-				6	
11	Ferry Monster Autosport	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				6	
13	Bas Koeten Racing	0	0	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				5	
14	B.D. Racing Motorsport	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	3	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				3	
14	Kissling Motorsport	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	1	-	-	-				3	
16	Sébastien Loeb Racing	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				2	
17	Vattana Motorsport	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	-				1	
17	Krating Daeng Racing Team	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-				1	
17	FRD Racing Team	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0	0	0	0				1	
17	TeamWork Motorsport	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0				1		



2016 TCR INTERNATIONAL SERIES - CAR MODEL OF THE YEAR

pos	car	Sakhir BAHRAIN 2/3 April			Estoril PORTUGAL 24 April			Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM 7 May			Imola ITALY 22 May			Salzburgring AUSTRIA 5 June			Oschersleben GERMANY 19 June			Sochi RUSSIA 3 July			Buriram THAILAND 28 August			Marina Bay SINGAPORE 17/18 September			Sepang MALAYSIA 1/2 October			Macau MACAU 20 November			TOTAL
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		1	SEAT León	9	40	43	6	22	37	9	33	25	4	30	28	4	33	30	9	43	43	4	24	27	6	43	40	5	27	33	5	27	30		
2	Volkswagen Golf Gti	1	18	19	5	33	28	3	14	43	5	40	27	4	18	40	3	25	27	8	35	28	5	22	22	8	43	22	2	28	18				594
3	Honda Civic	5	30	16	4	33	23	3	37	20	6	10	33	7	37	18	3	12	14	2	27	31	4	23	26	2	18	33	8	33	40				558
4	Alfa Romeo Giulietta	0	2	0	0	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	6	0	0	14	10	1	12	8	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	4	6				87
5	Opel Astra	0	8	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	6	4	-	-				30	
6	Peugeot 308	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	14	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				24	
7	Subaru WRX STi	0	4	8	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-				12	
8	Ford Focus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	4	2	0	6	0				12