



ROUNDS 7 & 8 - SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS RACE REPORT

KARAMYSHEV AND FULÍN CLOSER TO THE TITLES

Nikolay Karamyshev and Petr Fulín claimed double victories today at Spa and moved one step closer to be crowned champions in their classes: TC2T and TC2 respectively. Karamyshev has built a 20 point margin ahead of Mat'ó Homola who lost a possible win by spinning on the last lap of today's second race, when he was trying to resist his rival's attack.

Fulín won the fight with the Sládečka brothers in both races and stretched his lead to 34 points over his team-mate Michal Matějovský.

In the Single-Make Trophy Dmitry Bragin was finally able to convert his speed in a double race win, his maiden victories in the ETCC. The fight for the class title is wide open with four drivers – Aku Pellinen, Andreas Pfister, Bragin and Sergey Ryabov – all covered by only ten points.

Equally close is the battle for the Super 1600 class. With Ulrike Krafft sidelined by a mechanical failure, Gilles Bruckner also claimed a double race victory and took the lead in the classification, two points ahead of the German girl. Christian Kranenberg is also a title contender as he lies third, 11 points behind Bruckner.

RACE 1 – KARAMYSHEV FROM LIGHTS TO FLAG

Nikolay Karamyshev dominated the first of the Spa races for the FIA European Touring Car Cup from green lights to chequered flag.

For half of the race the Chevrolet driver was followed by his team-mate Igor Skuz, but the latter was passed for second position by Mato Homola on the fifth lap.

Petr Fulin won the TC2 class ahead of the Sládečka brothers, Samuel and Filip.

Dmitry Bragin was the winner in the Single-Make Trophy and finished ahead of fellow countrymen Sergey Ryabov and Mikhail Maleev, while Gilles Bruckner inherited wins in the S1600 class after Ulrike Krafft retired for a technical problem.

Key moments

Start – Karamyshev takes the lead ahead of Skuz going into La Source.

Lap 1 – Turkish team-mates Biter and Önder clash and spin on the straight leading down to Raidillon. Minutes later the third Turkish driver Salargil hits Pellinen and retires.

Lap 2 – Karamyshev and Skuz lead from Homola. Homola tries to pass Skuz at the end of Les Combes. Maleev, Pfister and Ryabov fight a three-way battle for second in the SMT class.

Lap 3 – Fischer spins on his own at the end of the Kemmel straight.

Lap 4 – Filip Sládečka overtakes Matějovský for sixth. Pfister spins at Les Combes.

Lap 5 – Homola tries to pass inside Skuz entering the Bruxelles hairpin, but Skuz closes the door rather firmly. Krafft retires from the S1600 lead. Skuz then overshoots his braking for the chicane and Homola moves up to second. Bruckner leads the S1600 class from Lukas and Niks.

Lap 6 – Lukas, Niks and Kranenberg squabble over second place in the S1600.

Lap 7 – Niks and Kranenberg spin at Bruxelles. Kranenberg then hits Lintgen from behind entering the chicane.

RACE 2 – SAME PLAYERS WIN AGAIN

Nikolay Karamyshev made it two out of two in the FIA European Touring Car Cup in Spa today. Starting eighth, the Chevrolet driver ran an intelligent race and started picking off his competitors from the third lap onwards.

When staging an attack for the lead on Mat'o Homola at the end of the Kemmel straight on the last lap, the BMW driver lost control of his car entering Les Combes, leaving the door wide open for Karamyshev to take his second win of the day.

Petr Fulín also made it two out of two in the TC2 class, winning from Philippe Sládecka and Michal Matějovský. Dmitry Bragin, too, scored a double in the Single-Make trophy, finishing ahead of Andrea Pfister and Sergey Ryabov. In the S1600 class, the winner was again Gilles Bruckner who won from Erwin Lukas and Kseniya Niks.

Key moments

Start – Bragin leads from Matějovský and the Sládecka brothers, but Skuz spins in La Source with a broken right rear wheel.

Lap 1 – Matějovský passes Bragin at the end of Kemmel but runs wide which allows Homola to take the lead. Fulín overtakes Matějovský for second on the downhill part of the track. Maleev spins into the tyre wall but manages to rejoin.

Lap 2 – Homola leads from Fulín and the Sládecka brothers, with Matějovský and Bragin in fourth and fifth. Samuel Sládecka measures up Fulín for size. Karamyshev sets the fastest lap on his way to taking third from Samuel Sládecka.

Lap 3 – Approaching La Source, Karamyshev takes second from Fulín. Samuel Sládecka stops in Les Combes with a technical issue. Fischer passes Rikli for tenth.

Lap 4 – Homola leads by 2.7 seconds from Karamyshev.

Lap 5 – Karamyshev closes the gap by 0.2 seconds. Bragin leads the Single-Make Trophy from Ryabov, who gets hit by Biter. Pfister follows closely.

Lap 6 – Karamyshev closes the gap to just 1.5 seconds with two laps to go. Pfister takes second in the Single-Make Trophy from Ryabov.

Lap 7 – Going into the final lap the difference between the two leaders is just 0.457 seconds. Karamyshev makes a first attempt at Les Combes and Homola promptly loses the car. Karamyshev narrowly manages to avoid T-boning the spinning BMW. Gugger, Fischer, Rikli and Biter have a solid fight for sixth overall.

Finish – Karamyshev wins from Fulín, Homola and Filip Sládecka.

FLASH NEWS

PENALTIES FOR FISCHER AND KRANENBERG

Christian Fischer and Christian Kranenberg were both penalized by the Stewards after today's races.

Kranenberg was given a 30-second time penalty for making contact with Ben Lintgen during the first race. This dropped the German youngster from fourth to fifth in the S1600 class, behind Kseniya Niks.

Fischer received a 30-second time penalty as well, but on the Race 2 results. The Swiss driver was deemed guilty of rejoining after a spin and hitting his fellow countrywoman Andrina Gugger. This demoted him from fifth to seventh in the TC2 class.

THEY SAID... THEY SAID...

Nikolay Karamyshev, 1st in TC2T class: *"First of all I would like to thank the team, because this weekend everything was perfect. The first race was a bit easier than the second one, I only had to pay attention at the start. But once we were through La Source, I could just control it. The second race was tougher, and quite difficult. Once I'd found my rhythm I could chase the others."*

Petr Fulín, 1st in TC2 class: *"It wasn't a bad weekend, was it? I quite like the Spa track and I really enjoyed the racing today, especially the first three or four laps of both races. I'm happy because for the first time this year I scored the maximum points in a weekend and I managed to get closer to the title."*

Dmitry Bragin, 1st in SMT class: *"The biggest problem for me is that this is my first year in ETCC, and with a new car. So at each event I'm still learning. But throughout the season we've managed to improve and finally today we got the reward. The races were interesting, the fights for positions were quite tough but always fair."*

Gilles Bruckner, 1st in S1600 class: *"It was a good weekend in the end. We'd had issues all weekend long, but for the races it all came together and worked out fine. I must say I do feel sorry for Ulrike (Krafft) as she had problems with her car because it would have been nice to have a straightforward fight with her. Hopefully we can have a good scrap in Pergusa when we decide the title."*

Kseniya Niks, 1st in Ladies' Trophy: *"I'm very happy to have won the Ladies' Trophy, but I'm also aware that if Ulrike hadn't had her problems it might not have been me sitting here. Nevertheless, I'm happy with the results even though in the first race I could have finished better. But there was quite a bit of contacts between the cars and I lost some positions on the last lap."*



FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP RACE 1 RESULT

NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	KM/H	BEST	ON
1	12	S2T Nikolai KARAMYSHEV	RUS	Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T	18:25.612	7			159.24	2:37.157	2
2	2	S2T Mato HOMOLA	SVK	BMW E90 320 TC	18:29.596	7	3.984	3.984	158.66	2:37.957	3
3	3	S2T Igor SKUZ	UKR	Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T	18:31.886	7	6.274	2.290	158.34	2:38.234	3
4	22	S20 Petr FULIN	CZE	BMW E90 320 si	18:33.703	7	8.091	1.817	158.08	2:38.873	5
5	18	S20 Samuel SLADECKA	SVK	Alfa Romeo 156 S2000	18:40.140	7	14.528	6.437	157.17	2:38.623	2
6	25	S20 Filip SLADECKA	SVK	Alfa Romeo 156 S2000	18:45.197	7	19.585	5.057	156.46	2:39.193	3
7	20	S20 Michal MATEJOVSKY	CZE	BMW E90 320 si	18:45.994	7	20.382	0.797	156.35	2:39.361	3
8	59	SMT Dmitry BRAGIN	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	18:51.534	7	25.922	5.540	155.59	2:40.773	5
9	10	S20 Andrina GUGGER	CHE	Honda Civic FD	18:56.901	7	31.289	5.367	154.85	2:41.456	4
10	58	SMT Sergei RYABOV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	19:02.299	7	36.687	5.398	154.12	2:41.750	3
11	57	SMT Mikhail MALEEV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	19:03.894	7	38.282	1.595	153.91	2:41.105	3
12	7	S20 Peter RIKLI	CHE	Honda Civic FD	19:04.067	7	38.455	0.173	153.88	2:41.614	3
13	66	SMT Ronny JOST	CHE	SEAT Leon Copa	19:09.070	7	43.458	5.003	153.21	2:42.423	4
14	24	S20 Massimo ZANIN	ITA	BMW 320i E46/4FL	19:12.806	7	47.194	3.736	152.72	2:42.105	4
15	60	SMT Vladimir NIKOLAEV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	19:13.752	7	48.140	0.946	152.59	2:42.745	4
16	55	SMT Andreas PFISTER	DEU	SEAT Leon Copa	19:17.667	7	52.055	3.915	152.08	2:41.841	5
17	32	S16 Gilles BRUCKNER	LUX	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	21:14.446	7	2:48.834	1:56.779	138.14	2:56.704	3
18	36	S16 Erwin LUKAS	DEU	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	21:28.815	7	3:03.203	14.369	136.60	3:00.089	6
19	38	S16 Ben LINTGEN	LUX	Ford Fiesta (B257)	21:40.706	7	3:15.094	11.891	135.35	3:01.620	5
20	56	SMT Aku PELLINEN	FIN	SEAT Leon Copa	16:28.262	6	1 Lap		152.63	2:41.968	4
21	26	S20 Filippo Maria ZANIN	ITA	BMW 320i E46/4FL	16:43.249	6	1 Lap	14.987	150.35	2:41.131	3
22	9	S20 Christian FISCHER	CHE	BMW E90 320 si	16:49.587	6	1 Lap	6.338	149.41	2:38.909	2
23	39	S16 Ksenia NIKS	UKR	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	18:30.743	6	1 Lap	1:41.156	135.80	3:00.702	3
24	35	S16 Christian KRANENBERG *	DEU	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	18:58.068	6	1 Lap	27.325	132.54	3:00.925	4
25	4	S2T Aytac BITER	TUR	BMW E90 320 TC	20:41.958	6	1 Lap	1:43.890	121.45	2:40.908	5

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(S16 2:12.528) (S20 1:59.154) (S2T 1:57.867) (SMT 2:00.579)

D.N.F.	33	S16 Ulrike KRAFFT	DEU	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	9:00.380	3	4 Laps		139.16	2:57.332	3
D.N.F.	16	S20 Kaan ONDER	TUR	BMW E90 320 si			7 Laps				
D.N.F.	23	S20 Selcuk SALARGIL	TUR	BMW E90 320 si			7 Laps				

FASTEST LAP

12	S2T	Nikolai KARAMYSHEV	RUS	Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T	2:37.157	2			160.441 km/h	99.693 mph
18	S20	Samuel SLADECKA	SVK	Alfa Romeo 156 S2000	2:38.623	2			158.958 km/h	98.772 mph
59	SMT	Dmitry BRAGIN	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	2:40.773	5			156.832 km/h	97.451 mph
32	S16	Gilles BRUCKNER	LUX	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	2:56.704	3			142.693 km/h	88.665 mph

*Car 35 - 30 second penalty, (drive through), Stewards decision 7.

Weather/Track: Sun 20C / Dry 25C

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NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	KM/H	BEST	ON
1	12	S2T Nikolai KARAMYSHEV	RUS	Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T	18:31.544	7			158.39	2:36.334	3
2	22	S20 Petr FULIN	CZE	BMW E90 320 si	18:39.927	7	8.383	8.383	157.20	2:38.367	4
3	2	S2T Mato HOMOLA	SVK	BMW E90 320 TC	18:41.547	7	10.003	1.620	156.97	2:37.032	2
4	25	S20 Filip SLADECKA	SVK	Alfa Romeo 156 S2000	18:43.528	7	11.984	1.981	156.70	2:38.799	2
5	20	S20 Michal MATEJOVSKY	CZE	BMW E90 320 si	18:48.367	7	16.823	4.839	156.02	2:39.128	4
6	59	SMT Dmitry BRAGIN	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	18:51.909	7	20.365	3.542	155.54	2:40.215	3
7	10	S20 Andrina GUGGER	CHE	Honda Civic FD	18:59.501	7	27.957	7.592	154.50	2:40.421	2
8	7	S20 Peter RIKLI	CHE	Honda Civic FD	19:00.037	7	28.493	0.536	154.43	2:40.218	2
9	4	S2T Aytac BITER	TUR	BMW E90 320 TC	19:00.308	7	28.764	0.271	154.39	2:40.159	2
10	55	SMT Andreas PFISTER	DEU	SEAT Leon Copa	19:04.059	7	32.515	3.751	153.88	2:40.724	4
11	58	SMT Sergei RYABOV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	19:05.317	7	33.773	1.258	153.71	2:40.572	2
12	24	S20 Massimo ZANIN	ITA	BMW 320i E46/4FL	19:06.016	7	34.472	0.699	153.62	2:41.745	2
13	56	SMT Aku PELLINEN	FIN	SEAT Leon Copa	19:07.072	7	35.528	1.056	153.48	2:40.155	3
14	66	SMT Ronny JOST	CHE	SEAT Leon Copa	19:12.956	7	41.412	5.884	152.70	2:42.485	5
15	57	SMT Mikhail MALEEV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	19:26.167	7	54.623	13.211	150.97	2:41.764	4
16	60	SMT Vladimir NIKOLAEV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	19:26.871	7	55.327	0.704	150.88	2:42.163	7
17	9	S20 Christian FISCHER *	CHE	BMW E90 320 si	19:29.828	7	58.284	2.957	150.49	2:38.105	2
18	23	S20 Selcuk SALARGIL	TUR	BMW E90 320 si	19:38.279	7	1:06.735	8.451	149.41	2:43.266	4
19	32	S16 Gilles BRUCKNER	LUX	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	21:06.531	7	2:34.987	1:28.252	139.00	2:59.547	5
20	36	S16 Erwin LUKAS	DEU	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	21:15.253	7	2:43.709	8.722	138.05	3:00.948	7
21	39	S16 Ksenia NIKS	UKR	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	21:33.934	7	3:02.390	18.681	136.06	3:01.248	3
22	38	S16 Ben LINTGEN	LUX	Ford Fiesta (B257)	21:40.287	7	3:08.743	6.353	135.39	3:01.963	6
23	35	S16 Christian KRANENBERG	DEU	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	20:59.075	6	1 Lap		119.80	3:18.582	2

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(S16 2:14.660) (S20 1:58.775) (S2T 1:57.250) (SMT 2:00.161)

D.N.F.	3	S2T Igor SKUZ	UKR	Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T	12:27.672	4	3 Laps		134.30	2:40.552	2
D.N.F.	18	S20 Samuel SLADECKA	SVK	Alfa Romeo 156 S2000	5:24.269	2	5 Laps		154.14	2:39.081	2

FASTEST LAP

12	S2T	Nikolai KARAMYSHEV	RUS	Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T	2:36.334	3			161.285 km/h	100.218 mph
9	S20	Christian FISCHER	CHE	BMW E90 320 si	2:38.105	2			159.479 km/h	99.096 mph
56	SMT	Aku PELLINEN	FIN	SEAT Leon Copa	2:40.155	3			157.437 km/h	97.827 mph
32	S16	Gilles BRUCKNER	LUX	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	2:59.547	5			140.433 km/h	87.261 mph

Car 33 DNS.

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2014 FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP - SUPER 2000 TC2T																		
position	driver	Le Castellet FRANCE 20 April			Slovakia Ring SLOVAK REPUBLIC 11 May			Salzburging AUSTRIA 25 May			Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM 22 June			Pregusa ITALY 28 September			TOTAL	
		Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2		
1	Nikolay KARAMYSHEV (RUS)	3	10	8	2	6	5	0	10	10	3	10	10					77
2	Mat'o HOMOLA (SVK)	0	0	0	3	8	10	2	8	8	2	8	8					57
3	Igor SKUZ (UKR)	2	8	10	1	5	6	3	0	5	1	6	0					47
4	Aytaç BITER (TUR)	0	6	6	0	0	0	1	6	6	0	5	6					36
5	Mikhail GRACHEV (RUS)	0	0	5	0	10	8	-	-	-	-	-	-					23
6	Franz ENGSTLER (DEU)	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					1

2014 FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP - SUPER 2000 TC2																		
position	driver	Le Castellet FRANCE 20 April			Slovakia Ring SLOVAK REPUBLIC 11 May			Salzburging AUSTRIA 25 May			Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM 22 June			Pregusa ITALY 28 September			TOTAL	
		Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2		
1	Petr FULÍN (CZE)	2	10	10	2	8	10	3	6	8	3	10	10					82
2	Michal MATĚJOVSKÝ (CZE)	1	5	1	1	6	5	2	10	6	0	5	6					48
3	Peter RIKLI (CHE)	0	6	8	0	5	6	0	2	4	0	3	4					38
4	Samuel SLÁDEČKA (SVK)	0	8	5	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	8	0					27
5	Christian FISCHER (CHE)	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	8	10	1	0	2					26
6	Norbert KISS (HUN)	3	0	0	3	10	8	-	-	-	-	-	-					24
7	Andrina GUGGER (CHE)	0	4	2	0	0	3	0	1	3	0	4	5					22
8	Filip SLÁDEČKA (SVK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	6	8					14
9	Plamen KRALEV (BGR)	0	2	4	0	2	2	0	3	1	-	-	-					14
10	Norbert NAGY (HUN)	0	3	6	0	4	0	-	-	-	-	-	-					13
11	Kaan ÖNDER (TUR)	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	5	0	0	0					13
12	Milovan VESNIĆ (SRB)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	-	-	-					7
13	Massimo ZANIN (ITA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	3					5
14	Selçuk SALARGIL (TUR)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1					1
14	Filippo Maria ZANIN (ITA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0					1

2014 FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP - SUPER 1600																		
position	driver	Le Castellet FRANCE 20 April			Slovakia Ring SLOVAK REPUBLIC 11 May			Salzburging AUSTRIA 25 May			Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM 22 June			Pregusa ITALY 28 September			TOTAL	
		Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2		
1	Gilles BRUCKNER (LUX)	0	0	0	2	8	8	2	10	10	2	10	10					62
2	Ulrike KRAFFT (DEU)	3	10	10	3	10	10	3	0	8	3	0	0					60
3	Christian KRANENEKBERG (DEU)	2	8	8	0	5	5	0	8	6	0	4	4					50
4	Patrick WOLF (DEU)	1	6	6	1	6	6	1	4	5	-	-	-					36
5	Erwin LUKAS (DEU)	0	4	5	-	-	-	0	5	4	0	8	8					34
6	Kseniya NIKS (UKR)	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	5	6					29
7	Ben LINTGEN (LUX)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	5					12

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position	driver	Le Castellet FRANCE 20 April			Slovakia Ring SLOVAK REPUBLIC 11 May			Salzburging AUSTRIA 25 May			Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM 22 June			Pregusa ITALY 28 September			TOTAL	
		Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2		
1	Aku PELLINEN (FIN)	1	10	10	1	4	4	3	10	10	0	2	5					60
2	Andreas PFISTER (DEU)	2	0	0	3	10	10	1	8	8	2	3	8					55
3	Dmitry BRAGIN (RUS)	3	0	0	2	8	8	2	0	5	3	10	10					51
4	Sergey RYABOV (RUS)	0	5	6	0	6	6	0	6	6	1	8	6					50
5	Ronny JOST (CHE)	0	6	8	0	5	3	0	5	3	0	5	4					39
6	Mikhail MALEEV (RUS)	0	8	4	0	3	5	0	3	4	0	6	3					36
7	Vladimir NIKOLAEV (RUS)	0	0	5	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	4	2					19

2014 FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP - LADIES TROPHY																		
position	driver	Le Castellet FRANCE 20 April			Slovakia Ring SLOVAK REPUBLIC 11 May			Salzburging AUSTRIA 25 May			Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM 22 June			Pregusa ITALY 28 September			TOTAL	
		Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2		
1	Ulrike KRAFFT (DEU)	3	10	10	3	10	10	3	0	8	3	0	0					60
2	Kseniya NIKS (UKR)	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	5	6					29
3	Andrina GUGGER (CHE)	0	4	2	0	0	3	0	1	3	0	4	5					22