



ROUNDS 5 & 6 – SALZBURGRING RACE REPORT

TITLE FIGHTS HEAT UP AT HALF SEASON

The FIA European Touring Car Cup has passed the half-season mark in Austria and the fight for the different titles is heating up.

Winning both races in the TC2T class, despite being pushed at the back of the grid for Race 1 following a technical infringement in qualifying, Nikolay Karamyshev has built a 14-point lead ahead of his team mate Igor Skuz who was eliminated by an incident with a slower car.

Michal Matějovský and Christian Fischer took one victory apiece in the TC2 class. However, the reigning champion Petr Fulín has stretched his lead to 22 points over his team-mate Matějovský.

In the Single-Make Trophy Aku Pellinen pocketed the maximum score of 23 points (two wins plus the pole position), but thanks to a couple of second places Andreas Pfister remains close, only 11 points behind.

Gilles Bruckner disrupted Ulrike Krafft's winning streak that lasted since the season's opening meeting at Le Castellet. Claiming a double victory in Austria, Bruckner has closed the gap from the German girl to 15 points.

Meanwhile, Krafft has built up a solid 39-point lead in the Ladies' Trophy.

RACE 1 – KARAMYSHEV FROM LAST TO FIRST

Relegated to last row by a post-qualifying sanction, Nikolay Karamyshev shone in Race 1, charging up through the field and taking a brilliant win.

This was slightly facilitated by the incident on lap 8 that eliminated his team-mate and race leader Igor Skuz, who collided with the Fiesta of Ulrike Krafft that was leading the Super 1600..

Mat'o Homola finished second, very close to Karamyshev, with Aytaç Biter taking third in both the overall and TC2T class.

In TC2, Michal Matějovský won ahead of Christian Fischer and Petr Fulín, while Aku Pellinen dominated the Single-Make Trophy ahead of Andreas Pfister and Sergey Ryabov after the early leader Dmitry Bragin went off and crashed on the first lap.

The successful trend of Ulrike Krafft in S1600 ended today, as the German girl was involved in the incident with Karamyshev, with Gilles Bruckner inheriting his first class win.

Key moments

Start – Skuz takes the best start ahead of Homola, Biter and Fulín. Karamyshev starting from the back climbs to 15th

Lap 1 – Bragin, who is leading the SMT, runs wide at turn 13 and hits the Armco but continues.

Lap 3 – Matějovský takes the lead in TC2

Lap 4 – Karamyshev is already 5th.

Lap 5 – Fulín attacks Vesnić for 2nd in TC2, while Karamyshev passes Biter for third overall

Lap 6 – Great fight for third in SMT between Maleev, Ryabov, Jost and Nikolaev. Fulín passes Vesnić for third in TC2.

Lap 8 – Skuz cannot avoid the slower car of Krafft in turn 9 and collides with the Fiesta, with both cars out of the race.

Lap 9 – Karamyshev takes the lead from Homola

Lap 12 – Karamyshev wins with very low margin on Homola, with Matějovský, Pellinen and Bruckner taking the success in the other classes.

RACE 2 – KARAMYSHEV ENCORES

New win for Nikolay Karamyshev, who dominated Race 2 from lap 2 after a very short leadership of Vesnić, who got immediately sanctioned with a drive-through for jumping the start.

The Russian then had the race under control, although he could never get rid of Mat'o Homola, always in his tail. The third spot in TC2T was for Aytaç Biter ahead of Igor Skuz, who climbed through the field after starting from the pits.

In TC2, success for Christian Fischer who passed Michal Matějovský in lap 1, the latter was later demoted to third by his team-mate Petr Fulín.

In the SMT class, there was again a very close fight between Aku Pellinen and Andreas Pfister, with the Finn keeping the advantage and Sergey Ryabov finishing third.

In S1600, Luxembourg's Gilles Bruckner completed his successful weekend with a second win, keeping Ulrike Krafft and Christian Kranenberg at bay.

Key moments

Grid – Skuz starts from the pits after repairs. Vesnić has pole on the top-eight reverse grid.

Start – Vesnić takes the best start ahead of Fulín, Fischer, Homola, Matějovský and Önder, but Vesnić gets a drive-through for jumping the start.

Lap 1 – Fischer passes Fulín for second in turn 13.

Lap 2 – Charging fiercely, Karamyshev climbs to second. Vesnić serves the drive-through. Same sanction imposed on Kraleev also for jump start.

Lap 3 – Both Karamyshev (now in the lead) and Homola pass Fischer.

Lap 6 – Jost (4th in SMT) pits with a puncture. Homola runs wide at turn 13, while Nikolaev goes out in the gravel at turn 11.

Lap 7 – Skuz is fourth in TC2T and 11th overall.

Lap 9 – Fulín passes Matějovský for second in TC2.

Lap 12 – Great fight between Pellinen and Pfister for victory in SMT, but positions don't change. Last show for Maleev who spins entering the straight to avoid another car and crosses the line almost backwards.

FLASH NEWS

IGOR SKUZ INHERITED POLE POSITION

Nikolay Karamyshev, who had set pole position in qualifying, had his times disallowed following the technical checks, because the team failed to place the correct amount of success ballast on board of his Chevrolet Cruze car (43.376 kilos instead of 44).

Karamyshev was sent to the back of the grid for Race 1 and his team-mate Igor Skuz inherited pole position.

WOLF GETS TIME PENALTY IN RACE 1

Patrick Wolf, who had finished Race 1 in position second in the S1600 class was given a 30 second time penalty by the Stewards, for causing a collision with Christian Kranenberg,

The penalty demoted the young Swiss to fifth.

TURKISH TEAM MOURNS FOR MINING VICTIMS

The whole team crew of Borusan Otomotiv Motorsport dressed in black today at the Salzburgring. The Turkish team that runs the BMW cars of Aytaç Biter and Kaan Önder, was in mourning for the victims of the disaster of Soma, in the Manisa province, that claimed the lives of nearly 300 miners.

THEY SAID... THEY SAID...

Nikolay Karamyshev, 1st in TC2T class: *"It was a weird weekend after being deprived of the pole position, but the car was really good and I tried to drive the best I could, so it was a big satisfaction to win Race 1 after starting from the back of the grid. Race 2 was a little bit more normal. Now I have quite a good advantage in the championship, but nothing is decided and I want to stay focused and go for heavy points at Spa."*

Christian Fischer, 1st in TC2 class: *"It's a perfect weekend for Liqui Moly Team Engstler, after the successes of Franz Engstler in TC2T in the WTCC races. For me here, it was the best possible weekend, with a second and a win. Perfect car, no mistakes and many people happy! It was not an easy fight with the BMW cars of Fulín and Matějovský, but we made it and now we have to continue on the same trend."*

Aku Pellinen, 1st in SMT class: *"It was a very good weekend after the disaster in Slovakia, so I am really thankful to the team that was able to fix all the issues we had on the car. We had a very good fight with Andreas Pfister in Race 2, he pushed very hard but I managed to stay in front despite a couple of mistakes and not having chosen the right tire pressures"*.

Gilles Bruckner, 1st in S1600 class: *"Two wins, the first for me this season, after a very difficult start at the Ricard. I am very happy, especially given that we had a new car since this race and we had to work step by step to make it work properly. I had a little bit of luck in Race 1, because of Ulrike's incident, but that too is part of racing..."*

Ulrike Krafft, 1st in Ladies' Trophy: *"My string of successes has been interrupted but the goal remains to win the championship, I really want it! The incident with Skuz in Race 1 was not my fault, it was really unnecessary what he did. In Race 2, it was OK but there was a lot of traffic and it was impossible to overtake Bruckner."*



FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP RACE 1 RESULT

	NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	KM/H	BEST	ON
1	12	S2T	Nikolay KARAMYSHEV	RUS	Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T	18:06.061	12			168.69	1:28.521	2
2	2	S2T	Mato HOMOLA	SVK	BMW E90 320 TC	18:06.321	12	0.260	0.260	168.65	1:29.139	3
3	4	S2T	Aytac BITER	TUR	BMW E90 320 TC	18:12.566	12	6.505	6.245	167.68	1:29.956	5
4	20	S20	Michal MATEJOVSKY	CZE	BMW E90 320 si	18:17.275	12	11.214	4.709	166.96	1:30.281	2
5	9	S20	Christian FISCHER	CHE	BMW E90 320 si	18:17.686	12	11.625	0.411	166.90	1:30.152	4
6	22	S20	Petr FULIN	CZE	BMW E90 320 si	18:18.045	12	11.984	0.359	166.85	1:30.364	3
7	16	S20	Kaan ONDER	TUR	BMW E90 320 si	18:22.365	12	16.304	4.320	166.19	1:30.821	2
8	14	S20	Milovan VESNIC	SRB	BMW E90 320 si	18:22.637	12	16.576	0.272	166.15	1:30.700	2
9	11	S20	Plamen KRALEV	BGR	BMW E90 320 si	18:30.984	12	24.923	8.347	164.90	1:31.132	5
10	56	SMT	Aku PELLINEN	FIN	SEAT Leon Copa	18:37.270	12	31.209	6.286	163.98	1:31.647	3
11	7	S20	Peter RIKLI	CHE	Honda Civic FD	18:38.229	12	32.168	0.959	163.84	1:31.335	3
12	55	SMT	Andreas PFISTER	DEU	SEAT Leon Copa	18:38.743	12	32.682	0.514	163.76	1:31.377	3
13	10	S20	Andrina GUGGER	CHE	Honda Civic FD	18:50.923	12	44.862	12.180	162.00	1:32.190	3
14	58	SMT	Sergey RYABOV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	18:53.684	12	47.623	2.761	161.60	1:32.577	2
15	66	SMT	Ronny JOST	CHE	SEAT Leon Copa	19:03.464	12	57.403	9.780	160.22	1:32.733	2
16	60	SMT	Vladimir NIKOLAEV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	19:04.056	12	57.995	0.592	160.14	1:33.091	4
17	57	SMT	Mikhail MALEEV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	19:07.435	12	1:01.374	3.379	159.67	1:32.546	2
18	32	S16	Gilles BRUCKNER	LUX	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	19:06.808	11	1 Lap		146.44	1:41.093	6
19	35	S16	Christian KRANENBERG	DEU	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	19:16.857	11	1 Lap	10.049	145.17	1:42.067	3
20	39	S16	Ksenia NIKS	UKR	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	19:24.382	11	1 Lap	7.525	144.23	1:43.628	2
21	36	S16	Erwin LUKAS	DEU	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	19:24.849	11	1 Lap	0.467	144.17	1:44.602	3
22	34	S16	Patrick WOLF *	CHE	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	19:44.232	11	1 Lap	19.383	141.81	1:42.463	5

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D.N.F.	3	S2T	Igor SKUZ	UKR	Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T	10:28.674	7	5 Laps		169.99	1:29.093	5
D.N.F.	33	S16	Ulrike KRAFFT	DEU	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	10:18.276	6	6 Laps		148.16	1:41.317	2
D.N.F.	59	SMT	Dmitry BRAGIN	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	3:29.178	2	10 Laps		145.97	1:40.727	2

FASTEST LAP

12	S2T	Nikolay KARAMYSHEV	RUS	Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T	1:28.521	2		172.474 km/h	107.171 mph
9	S20	Christian FISCHER	CHE	BMW E90 320 si	1:30.152	4		169.354 km/h	105.232 mph
55	SMT	Andreas PFISTER	DEU	SEAT Leon Copa	1:31.377	3		167.084 km/h	103.821 mph
32	S16	Gilles BRUCKNER	LUX	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	1:41.093	6		151.025 km/h	93.843 mph

Car 34 - 30 second penalty (drive through). Stewards' decision 11 refers.

Weather/Track: Sun 23C / Dry 37C

Salzburgring

Circuit Length: 4.241 km / 2.635 miles

Start: 16:18 Flag: 16:36

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FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP RACE 2 RESULT

	NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	KM/H	BEST	ON
1	12	S2T	Nikolay KARAMYSHEV	RUS	Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T	18:06.315	12			168.65	1:28.986	3
2	2	S2T	Mato HOMOLA	SVK	BMW E90 320 TC	18:07.442	12	1.127	1.127	168.47	1:28.865	5
3	9	S20	Christian FISCHER	CHE	BMW E90 320 si	18:20.425	12	14.110	12.983	166.49	1:30.384	4
4	22	S20	Petr FULIN	CZE	BMW E90 320 si	18:21.240	12	14.925	0.815	166.36	1:30.030	7
5	4	S2T	Aytac BITER	TUR	BMW E90 320 TC	18:24.117	12	17.802	2.877	165.93	1:29.597	6
6	20	S20	Michal MATEJOVSKY	CZE	BMW E90 320 si	18:24.732	12	18.417	0.615	165.84	1:30.221	4
7	3	S2T	Igor SKUZ	UKR	Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T	18:25.619	12	19.304	0.887	165.70	1:29.098	5
8	16	S20	Kaan ONDER	TUR	BMW E90 320 si	18:30.158	12	23.843	4.539	165.03	1:30.702	5
9	7	S20	Peter RIKLI	CHE	Honda Civic FD	18:33.872	12	27.557	3.714	164.48	1:31.106	3
10	56	SMT	Aku PELLINEN	FIN	SEAT Leon Copa	18:38.618	12	32.303	4.746	163.78	1:30.845	3
11	55	SMT	Andreas PFISTER	DEU	SEAT Leon Copa	18:38.865	12	32.550	0.247	163.74	1:31.553	4
12	10	S20	Andrina GUGGER	CHE	Honda Civic FD	18:46.893	12	40.578	8.028	162.58	1:32.190	3
13	58	SMT	Sergey RYABOV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	18:48.545	12	42.230	1.652	162.34	1:32.521	12
14	59	SMT	Dmitry BRAGIN	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	18:49.559	12	43.244	1.014	162.19	1:32.403	9
15	14	S20	Milovan VESNIC	SRB	BMW E90 320 si	18:50.661	12	44.346	1.102	162.03	1:31.187	6
16	57	SMT	Mikhail MALEEV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	19:02.736	12	56.421	12.075	160.32	1:32.966	8
17	32	S16	Gilles BRUCKNER	LUX	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	18:58.056	11	1 Lap		147.57	1:41.493	9
18	33	S16	Ulrike KRAFFT	DEU	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	18:59.177	11	1 Lap	1.121	147.42	1:40.555	11
19	35	S16	Christian KRANENBERG	DEU	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	19:12.182	11	1 Lap	13.005	145.76	1:42.666	2
20	34	S16	Patrick WOLF	CHE	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	19:13.723	11	1 Lap	1.541	145.56	1:42.776	11
21	36	S16	Erwin LUKAS	DEU	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	19:20.048	11	1 Lap	6.325	144.77	1:42.808	3
22	39	S16	Ksenia NIKS	UKR	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	19:31.039	11	1 Lap	10.991	143.41	1:44.118	9
23	66	SMT	Ronny JOST	CHE	SEAT Leon Copa	19:31.335	11	1 Lap	0.296	143.37	1:33.184	2
24	11	S20	Plamen KRALEV	BGR	BMW E90 320 si	14:25.032	9	3 Laps		158.84	1:30.980	5

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D.N.F.	60	SMT	Vladimir NIKOLAEV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	8:04.193	5	7 Laps		157.66	1:32.642	2
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FASTEST LAP

2	S2T	Mato HOMOLA	SVK	BMW E90 320 TC	1:28.865	5		171.807 km/h	106.756 mph
22	S20	Petr FULIN	CZE	BMW E90 320 si	1:30.030	7		169.583 km/h	105.374 mph
56	SMT	Aku PELLINEN	FIN	SEAT Leon Copa	1:30.845	3		168.062 km/h	104.429 mph
33	S16	Ulrike KRAFFT	DEU	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	1:40.555	11		151.833 km/h	94.345 mph

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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			Salzburg AUSTRIA 25 May			Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM 22 June			Pergusa 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							54
2	Igor SKUZ (UKR)	2	8	10	1	5	6	3	0	5							40
3	Mat'o HOMOLA (SVK)	0	0	0	3	8	10	2	8	8							39
4	Aytaç BİTER (TUR)	0	6	6	0	0	0	1	6	6							25
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			Salzburg AUSTRIA 25 May			Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM 22 June			Pergusa 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							59
2	Michal MATĚJOVSKÝ (CZE)	1	5	1	1	6	5	2	10	6							37
3	Peter RIKLI (CHE)	0	6	8	0	5	6	0	2	4							31
4	Norbert KISS (HUN)	3	0	0	3	10	8	-	-	-							24
5	Christian FISCHER (CHE)	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	8	10							23
6	Samuel SLÁDECKA (SVK)	0	8	5	0	0	4	0	0	0							17
7	Plamen KRALEV (BGR)	0	2	4	0	2	2	0	3	1							14
8	Norbert NAGY (HUN)	0	3	6	0	4	0	-	-	-							13
9	Kaan ÖNDER (TUR)	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	5							13
10	Andrina GUGGER (CHE)	0	4	2	0	0	3	0	1	3							13
11	Milovan VESNIĆ (SRB)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2							7

2014 FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP - SUPER 1600

position	driver	Le Castellet FRANCE 20 April			Slovakia Ring SLOVAK REPUBLIC 11 May			Salzburg AUSTRIA 25 May			Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM 22 June			Pergusa 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							57
2	Christian KRANENEKBERG (DEU)	2	8	8	0	5	5	0	8	6							42
3	Gilles BRUCKNER (LUX)	0	0	0	2	8	8	2	10	10							40
4	Patrick WOLF (DEU)	1	6	6	1	6	6	1	4	5							36
5	Kseniya NIKS (UKR)	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	6	3							18
6	Erwin LUKAS (DEU)	0	4	5	-	-	-	0	5	4							18

2014 FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP - SINGLE MAKE TROPHY

position	driver	Le Castellet FRANCE 20 April			Slovakia Ring SLOVAK REPUBLIC 11 May			Salzburg AUSTRIA 25 May			Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM 22 June			Pergusa 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							53
2	Andreas PFISTER (DEU)	2	0	0	3	10	10	1	8	8							42
3	Sergey RYABOV (RUS)	0	5	6	0	6	6	0	6	6							35
4	Ronny JOST (CHE)	0	6	8	0	5	3	0	5	3							30
5	Dmitry BRAGIN (RUS)	3	0	0	2	8	8	2	0	5							28
6	Mikhail MALEEV (RUS)	0	8	4	0	3	5	0	3	4							27
7	Vladimir NIKOLAEV (RUS)	0	0	5	0	2	2	0	4	0							13

2014 FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP - LADIES TROPHY

position	driver	Le Castellet FRANCE 20 April			Slovakia Ring SLOVAK REPUBLIC 11 May			Salzburg AUSTRIA 25 May			Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM 22 June			Pergusa 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							57
2	Kseniya NIKS (UKR)	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	6	3							18
3	Andrina GUGGER (CHE)	0	4	2	0	0	3	0	1	3							13