



ROUNDS 3 & 4 – SLOVAKIA RING RACE REPORT

DOUBLE VICTORIES FOR KRAFT AND PFISTER

German girl Ulrike Kraft (S1600) and her countryman Andreas Pfister (SMT) scored a double victory at the Slovakia Ring in their respective categories. Norbert Kiss and Petr Fulín claimed one race apiece in TC2.

Local hero Mat'o Homola retained his Race 2 victory but was stripped of that in the first race after a penalty for a grid infringement that promoted Milhail Grachev to winner.

Both races were quite lively and Homola excited the Slovak fans with two dominant victories. He benefited from a clash between Campos Racing team-mates Nikolay Karamyshev and Igor Skuz to win the first race; later he encored after a tough and fair fight with Grachev. Karamyshev is still leading the standings by two points ahead of Skuz.

In the TC2 class, Kiss' Alfa Romeo led the first race from lights to flag and finished second overall behind Homola. He was imitated by Fulín in the second race. The Czech has already built solid leading gaps ahead of Peter Rikli (17 points) and Kiss (18).

Pfister had no rivals in the Single-Make Trophy, leaving Dmitri Bragin and Sergey Ryabov to fight for second place. Aku Pellinen retained the point lead in a classification that sees six drivers covered by ten points.

Krafft repeated the perfect weekend she had in France three weeks ago, but this time she had to win two very close battles with Gilles Bruckner. Krafft has already built a margin of 18 points in the standings and claimed a solid stake on the Ladies' Trophy.

RACE 1 – WINS FOR HOMOLA AND KISS

Mat'o Homola took his first win at home, on an almost dry track, but the Slovak, who started from the pole, needed some luck to achieve victory in front of his fans. Starting from the pole, he was passed by Karamyshev and later by Skuz but the two collided at the end of the straight in lap 5, clearing the way for the BMW of the local hero.

He preceded Kiss, Fulín and Matějovský, who trusted the podium in TC2, with the Hungarian of Unicorse signing a brilliant show on the Alfa 156.

In SMT, Andreas Pfister was an undisturbed leader for the entire race, while battle was fierce behind him, with Bragin and Ryabov taking podium honours.

In S1600, the duel between the two Fiestas of Ulrike Krafft and Gilles Bruckner lasted until the very last meters, with the German managing to keep the Luxembourg driver at bay by a very narrow margin.

Key moments

Grid – Grachev starts from the last spot after missing qualifying due to technical problems

Start – Karamyshev takes the lead from Homola, Kiss and Skuz

Lap 1 – Önder and Nagy have a close fight for eighth

Lap 2 – Skuz moves up to second overtaking Kiss and Homola

Lap 2 – Niks crashes into the tyre-wall at T2; the safety car is deployed

Lap 5 – the race resumes; Önder runs wide at T2

Lap 5 – Skuz and Karamyshev make contact and go out together at T3; Homola leads from Kiss

Lap 6 – Fulín overtakes Matějovský for third; Grachev overtakes Fischer for ninth

Lap 7 – Maleev hits Gugger and sends her into a spin

Lap 9 – Sládecka runs wide in an attempt of overtaking Fischer

Lap 10 – Pellinen onto the gravel at T13

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Lap 11 – contact between Karamyshev and Nikolaev who goes onto the gravel
Lap 11 – Kraft resists Bruckner's pressure and wins S1600 by inches

RACE 2 – HOMOLA MAKES IT DOUBLE WIN

It was a triumphant home round for Mat'ó Homola as the Slovak took victory also in Race 2. This time too he had to fight hard to take the lead, after an intense fight with Mikhail Grachev, the early leader, and Petr Fulín, who won the TC2 class ahead of Norbert Kiss and Peter Rikli.

In the TC2T class, Igor Skuz took third behind Homola and Grachev, following a mistake of Nikolay Karamyshev in the last lap.

In SMT, it was a replica of the scenario of Race 1, with Andreas Pfister imposing himself since scratch, with Dmitri Bragin and Sergey Ryabov again taking the other spots on the podium.

In S1600, it was again a duel between Ulrike Krafft and Gilles Bruckner, with the Luxembourg driver able this time to take the lead at the start, but only for a couple of laps, before the German lady took over again.

Key moments

Grid – Fischer, Önder, Biter, Vesnić and Niks fail to make the grid

Start – Pfisters sprint from the reverse pole followed by Grachev and Fulín

Lap 1 – Grachev overtakes Pfister for the lead

Lap 2 – Fulín and Homola moves up to second and third

Lap 3 – Kiss and Karamyshev fight for fourth; Krafft takes S1600 leadership from Bruckner

Lap 3 – Nagy slows down, Jost swerves in avoidance and hits Nikolaev

Lap 4 – Homola overtakes Fulín for second

Lap 6 – Homola ousts Grachev from the lead after a fair fight

Lap 8 – Skuz overtakes Rikli for sixth; Karamyshev drives wide and drops behind Skuz

Lap 9 – Fulín overtakes Grachev for second; Sládecka overtakes Pfister for ninth

FLASH NEWS

GRACHEV INHERITS RACE 1 VICTORY

A 30-second time penalty stripped Mat'ó Homola of his Race 1 victory and dropped him to second behind Mikhail Grachev.

The Slovak driver was punished for a grid infringement as his BMW was still up on the air-jacks when the 5-minute board was shown.

Samuel Sládecka was penalised for the same infringement, but he received a 40-second time penalty as his Alfa Romeo was still up at the three-minute board. This demoted Sládecka from 7th to 9th in the TC2 Race 1.

Also in Race 1, Mikhail Maleev was given a 30-second time penalty for sending Andrina Gugger into a spin. Maleev dropped from fourth to sixth in the Single-Make Trophy.

THEY SAID... THEY SAID...

Mat'ó Homola, 1st in TC2T class: *"I couldn't expect anything better for my home race! It was a great weekend after the accident at Paul Ricard and I really want to thank again my team for the great job they did. The two races were tough. In the first one, I had a relatively bad start but then I could catch up. Race 2 was one of the hardest ever for me, as Grachev was very fast on the straights, and then also Fulín was very competitive. In the last laps, my tires were almost destroyed, I was sliding everywhere, but it worked well. Now comes Salzburgring where I will have a lot of ballast but we'll see."*

Norbert Kiss, 1st in TC2 class: *"It was two lively races, we hesitated on the tire choice this morning, but dry tires was definitely the good option. Qualifying proved crucial, and it was important to be on pole. In Race 1, the first laps were very closely-fought, but afterwards, the two Chevys eliminated each other. Race 2 was quieter, standing start is always more difficult for us, but I could take P2 and kept it, that was good enough for me."*

Ulrike Krafft, 1st in Super 1600 and Ladies' Trophy: *"It's the best start of the season I could ever dream of, with two poles and four wins out of four events. I am really happy. It was much closer with Bruckner this time, especially at the beginning of Race 2 when he passed me but luckily I was able to retake the lead."*

Andreas Pfister, 1st in Single-Make Trophy: *"I have always been quite successful here at the Slovakia Ring, and it's nice to see that it was so this time too. I had a very competitive car, especially in Race 1, I struggled a little bit more in Race 2, but took heavy points and that's what we should continue doing."*

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RACE 1 RESULT

POS	NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	KPH	BEST
1	15	S20	Norbert KISS	HUN	Alfa Romeo 156 S2000	27:06.358	11		143.93	2:16.503
2	22	S20	Petr FULIN	CZE	BMW E90 320 si	27:07.381	11	1.023	143.84	2:16.626
3	20	S20	Michal MATEJOVSKY	CZE	BMW E90 320 si	27:11.049	11	4.691	143.51	2:16.972
4	7	S20	Peter RIKLI	CHE	Honda Civic FD	27:11.541	11	5.183	143.47	2:17.075
5	27	S2T	Mikhail GRACHEV	RUS	BMW E90 320 TC	27:17.426	11	11.068	142.95	2:16.464
6	8	S20	Norbert NAGY	HUN	Chevrolet Cruze LT	27:21.063	11	14.705	142.64	2:18.308
7	55	SMT	Andreas PFISTER	DEU	SEAT Leon Copa	27:21.835	11	15.477	142.57	2:18.612
8	16	S20	Kaan ONDER	TUR	BMW E90 320 si	27:22.578	11	16.220	142.50	2:18.117
9	2	S2T	Mato HOMOLA	SVK	BMW E90 320 TC	27:34.762	11	28.404	141.46	2:16.113
10	59	SMT	Dmitry BRAGIN	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	27:39.474	11	33.116	141.05	2:19.199
11	58	SMT	Sergey RYABOV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	27:40.695	11	34.337	140.95	2:19.361
12	11	S20	Plamen KRALEV	BGR	BMW E90 320 si	27:43.427	11	37.069	140.72	2:18.769
13	9	S20	Christian FISCHER	CHE	BMW E90 320 si	27:52.420	11	46.062	139.96	2:19.589
14	12	S2T	Nikolay KARAMYSHEV	RUS	Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T	28:02.671	11	56.313	139.11	2:23.206
15	3	S2T	Igor SKUZ	UKR	Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T	28:02.896	11	56.538	139.09	2:22.002
16	66	SMT	Ronny JOST	CHE	SEAT Leon Copa	28:02.956	11	56.598	139.09	2:22.310
17	56	SMT	Aku PELLINEN	FIN	SEAT Leon Copa	28:07.105	11	1:00.747	138.74	2:20.783
18	18	S20	Samuel SLADECKA	SVK	Alfa Romeo 156 S2000	28:22.763	11	1:16.405	137.47	2:17.505
19	57	SMT	Mikhail MALEEV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	28:29.795	11	1:23.437	136.90	2:21.452
20	33	S16	Ulrike KRAFFT	DEU	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	29:17.247	11	2:10.889	133.21	2:31.725
21	32	S16	Gilles BRUCKNER	LUX	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	29:17.523	11	2:11.165	133.18	2:31.544
22	60	SMT	Vladimir NIKOLAEV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	25:36.832	10	1 LAP	138.44	2:22.407
23	34	S16	Patrick WOLF	CHE	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	27:16.590	10	1 LAP	130.00	2:35.924
24	35	S16	Christian KRANENBERG	DEU	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	27:18.934	10	1 LAP	129.81	2:35.116

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14	S20	Milovan VESNIC	SRB	BMW E90 320 si	18:27.288	7	D.N.F.	134.38	2:19.259
10	S20	Andrina GUGGER	CHE	Honda Civic FD	13:39.061	5	D.N.F.	129.62	2:23.624
4	S2T	Aytac BITER	TUR	BMW E90 320 TC	15:34.545	4	D.N.F.	90.79	2:22.597
39	S16	Ksenia NIKS	UKR	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	2:49.974	1	D.N.F.	122.90	2:49.974

FASTEST LAP

2	S2T	Mato HOMOLA		BMW E90 320 TC	2:16.113	10	156.62kph	97.32mph
15	S20	Norbert KISS		Alfa Romeo 156 S2000	2:16.503	10	156.18kph	97.04mph
55	SMT	Andreas PFISTER		SEAT Leon Copa	2:18.612	10	153.80kph	95.57mph
32	S16	Gilles BRUCKNER		Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	2:31.544	10	140.68kph	87.41mph

Cars 57, 2: +30s penalties applied, Stewards' decisions 13, 15 refer.
Car 18: +40s penalty applied, Stewards' decisions 14 refers.

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Circuit Length = 5.9220 km.
Start: 09:59 End: 10:26

Steward:	Steward:	Steward:
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NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	DIFF	KM/H	BEST	ON	
1	2	S2T	Mato HOMOLA	SVK	BMW E90 320 TC	20:32.980	9		155.26	2:15.180	2	
2	22	S20	Petr FULIN	CZE	BMW E90 320 si	20:33.698	9	0.718	0.718	155.17	2:15.527	2
3	27	S2T	Mikhail GRACHEV	RUS	BMW E90 320 TC	20:37.475	9	4.495	3.777	154.70	2:15.732	3
4	15	S20	Norbert KISS	HUN	Alfa Romeo 156 S2000	20:42.292	9	9.312	4.817	154.10	2:16.278	2
5	3	S2T	Igor SKUZ	UKR	Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T	20:47.254	9	14.274	4.962	153.49	2:16.398	4
6	7	S20	Peter RIKLI	CHE	Honda Civic FD	20:50.864	9	17.884	3.610	153.04	2:17.059	3
7	20	S20	Michal MATEJOVSKY	CZE	BMW E90 320 si	20:52.476	9	19.496	1.612	152.85	2:16.604	4
8	12	S2T	Nikolay KARAMYSHEV	RUS	Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T	20:53.154	9	20.174	0.678	152.77	2:16.071	6
9	18	S20	Samuel SLADECKA	SVK	Alfa Romeo 156 S2000	20:59.875	9	26.895	6.721	151.95	2:17.996	6
10	55	SMT	Andreas PFISTER	DEU	SEAT Leon Copa	21:00.614	9	27.634	0.739	151.86	2:18.365	2
11	59	SMT	Dmitry BRAGIN	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	21:01.206	9	28.226	0.592	151.79	2:18.596	9
12	58	SMT	Sergey RYABOV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	21:02.518	9	29.538	1.312	151.63	2:18.614	8
13	10	S20	Andrina GUGGER	CHE	Honda Civic FD	21:10.262	9	37.282	7.744	150.71	2:18.559	3
14	57	SMT	Mikhail MALEEV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	21:12.885	9	39.905	2.623	150.40	2:19.224	3
15	56	SMT	Aku PELLINEN	FIN	SEAT Leon Copa	21:13.670	9	40.690	0.785	150.30	2:19.933	6
16	66	SMT	Ronny JOST	CHE	SEAT Leon Copa	21:16.443	9	43.463	2.773	149.98	2:19.813	8
17	60	SMT	Vladimir NIKOLAEV	RUS	SEAT Leon Copa	21:24.560	9	51.580	8.117	149.03	2:20.667	5
18	11	S20	Plamen KRALEV	BGR	BMW E90 320 si	21:49.122	9	1:16.142	24.562	146.23	2:18.759	7
19	33	S16	Ulrike KRAFFT	DEU	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	22:52.215	9	2:19.235	1:03.093	139.51	2:30.513	2
20	32	S16	Gilles BRUCKNER	LUX	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	22:53.250	9	2:20.270	1.035	139.40	2:31.070	2
21	34	S16	Patrick WOLF	CHE	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	20:52.628	8	1 Lap		135.81	2:34.802	7
22	35	S16	Christian KRANENBERG	DEU	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	20:53.237	8	1 Lap	0.609	135.74	2:34.676	2

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D.N.F.	8	S20	Norbert NAGY	HUN	Chevrolet Cruze LT	4:44.454	2	7 Laps		148.38	2:17.573	2
D.N.F.	16	S20	Kaan ONDER	TUR	BMW E90 320 si		0	9 Laps				

FASTEST LAP

2	S2T	Mato HOMOLA	SVK	BMW E90 320 TC	2:15.180	2			157.710 km/h	97.996 mph
22	S20	Petr FULIN	CZE	BMW E90 320 si	2:15.527	2			157.306 km/h	97.745 mph
55	SMT	Andreas PFISTER	DEU	SEAT Leon Copa	2:18.365	2			154.079 km/h	95.740 mph
33	S16	Ulrike KRAFFT	DEU	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	2:30.513	2			141.644 km/h	88.013 mph

Weather/Track: Cloud 18C / Damp 22C

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