



ROUNDS 5 & 6 – FRANCIACORTA, ITALY PREVIEW

THE 2010 FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP COMES TO AN END IN ITALY

The 2010 FIA European Touring Car Cup will come to an end in Italy this weekend. Seven months after the opening event at Braga, Portugal, and three months since the second meeting at the Austrian Salzburgring, the three FIA Cups for Super 2000, Super 1600 and Super Production are still at stake and will be awarded at Franciacorta, Italy.

17 cars – 10 in the S2000 class – will take part in the final event.

2010 FIA European Touring Car Cup – calendar

28th March – Braga, Portugal

25th July – Salzburgring, Austria

17th October – Franciacorta, Italy

A THREE-MAN FIGHT FOR THE S2000 CLASS

Reigning FIA European Super 2000 Cup champion James Thompson is well placed to retain the continental crown. However, with 20 points to be awarded, a three-man fight is set for the title.

Thompson and his Hartmann Racing Honda Accord won the first round at Braga and then claimed podium results in the other three races, but Tomas Engström in his own team's Honda Accord is only ten points adrift.

WTCC regular Michel Nykjær – who won the ETCC twice in 2007 and 2008 – joined the series at Salzburgring claiming a double victory in the SUNRED SEAT León TDI that propelled him to third, only two points behind Engström.

The success ballast may be a factor in the final shootout, with Thompson's Honda laden by 61 extra kilos, 11kg and 19kg more than Nykjær's and Engström's cars respectively.

Super 2000 Cup – standings

1. James Thompson (GBR)	Honda Accord	32 points
2. Tomas Engström (SWE)	Honda Accord	22
3. Michel Nykjær (DEN)	SEAT León TDI	20

THE SUPER 1600 CLASS: A GERMAN AFFAIR

Two German drivers, Carsten Seifert and Jens Löhnig, both at the wheel of Ford Fiesta ST cars, are still in contention for the FIA European Super 1600 Cup.

ATM Racing's Löhnig has won three races out of four so far, however he failed to finish the first race at Salzburgring because of a collision with Seifert. This cost him the lead and gave Seifert, the reigning champion, a slim 4-point advantage.

Super 1600 Cup – standings

1. Carsten Seifert (GER)	Ford Fiesta ST	34 points
2. Jens Löhnig (GER)	Ford Fiesta ST	30
3. Sergey Krylov (RUS)	Ford Fiesta ST	14

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FABIANI CHASES LEKIĆ IN SUPER PRODUCTION

The title fight for the FIA Super Production Cup is a private affair between Serbia's Vojislav Lekić and the 2008 champion Italy's Fabio Fabiani.

Lekić and his Honda Civic dominated both races at the Salzburgring, giving him a 4-point lead, but Fabiani hopes to take advantage on home soil to revert the situation.

Super Production Cup – standings

1. Vojislav Lekić (SRB)	Honda Civic	20 points
2. Fabio Fabiani (ITA)	BMW 320i	16