



ROUNDS 5 & 6 – FRANCIACORTA, ITALY RACE REPORT

THOMPSON, SEIFERT AND LEKIĆ WIN EUROPEAN CUPS

On a rainy day James Thompson, Carsten Seifert and Vojislav Lekić were sacred winners of the 2010 FIA European Touring Car Cups.

WTCC regular Michel Nykjær was today's hero as he won both races at the wheel of a SUNRED SEAT León TDI. The Dane claimed his first victory overtaking Thompson at the start and then encored in Race 2 beating Tomas Engström in an exciting fight. Nykjær only joined the series at the second race meeting in Austria and since then he won all the four races, but Thompson's consistency was the winning card and gave Honda and Hartmann Racing the second consecutive FIA Super 2000 cup.

Just like Thompson, Seifert confirmed himself as the Super 1600 champion. At the wheel of his NK Racing Ford Fiesta the German managed to win both races in Italy, cutting short the hopes of fellow countryman Jens Löhnig.

Serbian rookie Lekić and his AK Djelmas Sport Honda Civic clinched the Super Production Cup with two victories in Franciacorta. Lekić had a clear round during the season as he won all the four races he took part in.

The Nations' Cup was awarded to Denmark, thanks to Nykjær's victories.

RACE 1 – NYKJÆR MASTERS THE RAIN

Danish racer Michel Nykjær dominated the first race at Franciacorta on a wet and tricky asphalt.

The SUNRED driver took the lead at the start, overtaking pole sitter James Thompson on the outside of Turn 1 and immediately created a gap.

Before the end of the first lap Thompson also lost second place to Tomas Engström who outbraked him at Turn 13.

During the first half of the 20-lap race Thompson and Engström fought for the position, while Nykjær's SEAT León TDI was comfortably in the lead.

Eventually Engström was able to create a small gap and crossed the line in second, four seconds behind Nykjær.

Peter Rikli recovered from the back of the grid up to fifth, but Ibrahim Okyay managed to overtake him on lap 16 to be classified in fifth position behind Wolfgang Tremel.

A spin at the last turn cost Italian driver Massimo Zanin eighth position and pole position on the reverse grid for Race 2 which was inherited by Aytaç Biter.

Carsten Seifert emerged victorious in the Super 1600 class from Jens Löhnig and Sergey Krylov.

The Super Production race was decided by the drivers' mistakes. Vojislav Lekić took the lead at the start but lost it to Fabio Fabiani after spinning on lap 2. However the Serbian managed to re-take first place and soon afterwards Fabiani spun and lost ground.

These results meant that Thompson's leading margin in the Super 2000 classification was cut to 8 points ahead of Nykjær and Engström.

Withdrawals: M. Bellin: DNS.

RACE 2 – NYKJÆR WINS, THOMPSON IS CHAMPION

Michel Nykjær claimed a brilliant victory in the second race after an exciting fight with Tomas Engström on a drying track.

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James Thompson was classified third and this was all he needed to clinch the Super 2000 European Cup with a margin of only 4 points ahead of the race winner.

Carsten Seifert from Germany and Vojislav Lekić from Serbia won the Super 1600 and Super Production cups respectively.

At the start Ibrahim Okyay jumped into the lead, ahead of team-mate Aytaç Biter who was sitting on pole position. During the first lap Engström was able to climb to second while Nykjær spun after being hit by Biter in the fight for third. The Turkish racer was given a drive-through for the incident.

Engström took the lead from Okyay during the second lap, as Thompson was chasing his team-mate Wolfgang Tremel for third.

The Briton overtook Tremel on lap 4. On lap 5 Thompson and Nykjær got past Okyay and moved to second and third. One more lap and Nykjær stole second from Thompson.

The second part of the race saw the Dane chasing the leader Engström. On lap 19 the SEAT was on the Honda's tail and when the pair lapped Massimo Zanin, Nykjær benefitted from the situation and took the lead as Engström found himself squeezed between the SEAT and the Italian's BMW.

Nykjær resisted Engström's final attempt and claimed his second victory of the day, with Thompson in third. On the last lap Tremel and Okyay tangled while fighting for fourth place and this cost the former a 30-second penalty that dropped him to sixth.

Lekić edged Fabio Fabiani again to win the Super Production; in the S1600 Seifert won from Charlie Geipel.

THE DRIVERS' QUOTES

James THOMPSON (Honda Accord) – 1st in Super 2000: *"I retained the title and this is all that counts. I came here with this goal in mind and I adopted a very conservative driving style to reach it. Today, with this weather, it would have been easy to jeopardize the job done during the season by taking risks. I knew that with all the ballast I had on my car it was impossible to beat Nykjær's SEAT on the race distance and therefore I focused on finishing both races in the points. I wish to thank the team for their job. In two seasons together we have won two FIA titles."*

Michel NYKJÆR (SEAT León TDI) – 2nd in Super 2000: *"I really enjoyed today's races. The first one was perfect as I took the lead at the start and kissed the field goodbye. In Race 2 I had to recover after I was hit by another car and I had a very tough, but fair battle with Engström. Certainly if I had joined the series from the first event I would have had a chance to win my third title."*

Tomas ENGSTRÖM (Honda Accord) – 3rd in Super 2000: *"My team did a great job. Yesterday my car was out balance. They changed everything overnight and today it was perfect. I made a great start in Race 2 and built a comfortable margin, but at the end, when I started overtaking slower cars, I lost ground and Nykjær managed to close the gap. On the last-but-one lap Zanin closed the door and this enabled Michel to take the inside line and move ahead."*

Vojislav LEKIĆ (Honda Civic) – 1st in Super Production: *"We had a perfect season. Four wins out of four races on our first international appearance is a great result. However, today it was not easy. In Race 1 I had to recover after a spin and at the end of Race 2 my gearbox failed and I managed to shift to second gear and limp until the finish line."*

Carsten SEIFERT (Ford Fiesta) – 1st in Super 1600: *"I am very happy. The S1600 Cup is a kind of rematch of the German ADAC Procar. Same drivers, same cars. For me and the team it means a step ahead on the international stage. Today I really enjoyed winning both races on the wet track. And my car was absolutely perfect!"*

2010 FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP RACE 1 RESULT

POS	NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	KPH	BEST
1	21	S20	Michel NYKJAER	DEN	SEAT Leon 2.0 TDI	29:20.063	20		102.59	1:27.012
2	2	S20	Tomas ENGSTROM	SWE	Honda Accord Euro R	29:22.278	20	2.215	102.46	1:27.245
3	1	S20	James THOMPSON	GBR	Honda Accord Euro R	29:41.341	20	21.278	101.37	1:27.467
4	4	S20	Wolfgang TREML	AUT	Honda Accord Euro R	30:28.682	20	1:08.619	98.74	1:30.364
5	13	S20	Ibrahim OKYAY	TUR	BMW 320si	30:32.277	20	1:12.214	98.55	1:29.998
6	19	S20	Peter RIKLI	SUI	Honda Civic FD2	30:36.736	20	1:16.673	98.31	1:30.143
7	20	S20	Jorg SCHORI	SUI	Honda Accord Euro R	29:33.009	19	1 LAP	96.73	1:32.220
8	10	S20	Aytac BITER	TUR	BMW 320si	29:45.163	19	1 LAP	96.07	1:31.607
9	29	S20	Massimo ZANIN	ITA	BMW 320i E46	29:58.336	19	1 LAP	95.37	1:31.997
10	71	S16	Carsten SEIFERT	GER	Ford Fiesta ST	30:01.736	19	1 LAP	95.19	1:33.426
11	54	SP	Vojislav LEKIC	SRB	Honda Civic Type-R	30:39.758	19	1 LAP	93.22	1:33.845
12	72	S16	Jens LOHNIG	GER	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	30:44.109	19	1 LAP	93.00	1:35.733
13	74	S16	Sergey KRYLOV	RUS	Ford Fiesta ST	29:57.833	18	2 LAPS	90.35	1:37.643
14	52	SP	Fabio FABIANI	ITA	BMW 320i E46	30:36.126	18	2 LAPS	88.47	1:36.190
15	75	S16	Zeljko MARKOVIC	HRV	Citroen C2 VTS	30:24.487	17	3 LAPS	84.06	1:44.515
16	76	S16	Charlie GEIPEL	GER	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	30:14.134	16	4 LAPS	79.54	1:35.054

FASTEST LAP

21	S20	Michel NYKJAER	SEAT Leon 2.0 TDI	1:27.012	16	104.22kph	64.76mph
71	S16	Carsten SEIFERT	Ford Fiesta ST	1:33.426	15	97.06kph	60.31mph
54	SP	Vojislav LEKIC	Honda Civic Type-R	1:33.845	12	96.63kph	60.04mph

Weather/Track: Light Rain/Wet

Franciacorta
Circuit Length = 2.5190 km.
Start: 12:02 End: 12:31

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2010 FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP

RACE 1 RESULT - S2000

POS	NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	KPH	BEST
1	21	S20	Michel NYKJAER	DEN	SEAT Leon 2.0 TDI	29:20.063	20		102.59	1:27.012
2	2	S20	Tomas ENGSTROM	SWE	Honda Accord Euro R	29:22.278	20	2.215	102.46	1:27.245
3	1	S20	James THOMPSON	GBR	Honda Accord Euro R	29:41.341	20	21.278	101.37	1:27.467
4	4	S20	Wolfgang TREML	AUT	Honda Accord Euro R	30:28.682	20	1:08.619	98.74	1:30.364
5	13	S20	Ibrahim OKYAY	TUR	BMW 320si	30:32.277	20	1:12.214	98.55	1:29.998
6	19	S20	Peter RIKLI	SUI	Honda Civic FD2	30:36.736	20	1:16.673	98.31	1:30.143
7	20	S20	Jorg SCHORI	SUI	Honda Accord Euro R	29:33.009	19	1 LAP	96.73	1:32.220
8	10	S20	Aytac BITER	TUR	BMW 320si	29:45.163	19	1 LAP	96.07	1:31.607
9	29	S20	Massimo ZANIN	ITA	BMW 320i E46	29:58.336	19	1 LAP	95.37	1:31.997
FASTEST LAP										
21	S20	Michel NYKJAER		SEAT Leon 2.0 TDI	1:27.012	16	104.22kph	64.76mph		

Weather/Track: Light Rain/Wet

Franciaorta
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2010 FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP RACE 1 RESULT - S1600

POS	NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	KPH	BEST
1	71	S16	Carsten SEIFERT	GER	Ford Fiesta ST	30:01.736	19		95.19	1:33.426
2	72	S16	Jens LOHNIG	GER	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	30:44.109	19	42.373	93.00	1:35.733
3	74	S16	Sergey KRYLOV	RUS	Ford Fiesta ST	29:57.833	18	1 LAP	90.35	1:37.643
4	75	S16	Zeljko MARKOVIC	HRV	Citroen C2 VTS	30:24.487	17	2 LAPS	84.06	1:44.515
5	76	S16	Charlie GEIPEL	GER	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	30:14.134	16	3 LAPS	79.54	1:35.054
						FASTEST LAP				
71	S16	Carsten SEIFERT		Ford Fiesta ST	1:33.426	15	97.06kph	60.31mph		

Weather/Track: Light Rain/Wet

Franciaorta
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2010 FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP RACE 1 RESULT - SUPER PRODUCTION

POS	NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	KPH	BEST
1	54	SP	Vojislav LEKIC	SRB	Honda Civic Type-R	30:39.758	19		93.22	1:33.845
2	52	SP	Fabio FABIANI	ITA	BMW 320i E46	30:36.126	18	1 LAP	88.47	1:36.190
FASTEST LAP										
54	SP	Vojislav LEKIC			Honda Civic Type-R	1:33.845	12	96.63kph	60.04mph	

Weather/Track: Light Rain/Wet

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2010 FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP RACE 2 RESULT

POS	NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	KPH	BEST
1	21	S20	Michel NYKJAER	DEN	SEAT Leon 2.0 TDI	29:23.296	20		102.41	1:26.838
2	2	S20	Tomas ENGSTROM	SWE	Honda Accord Euro R	29:23.987	20	0.691	102.37	1:27.228
3	1	S20	James THOMPSON	GBR	Honda Accord Euro R	29:48.800	20	25.504	100.95	1:28.279
4	19	S20	Peter RIKLI	SUI	Honda Civic FD2	30:09.421	20	46.125	99.80	1:29.394
5	13	S20	Ibrahim OKYAY	TUR	BMW 320si	30:25.530	20	1:02.234	98.91	1:28.800
6	4	S20	Wolfgang TREML	AUT	Honda Accord Euro R	30:37.206	20	1:13.910	98.29	1:28.964
7	20	S20	Jorg SCHORI	SUI	Honda Accord Euro R	29:26.197	19	1 LAP	97.10	1:30.678
8	10	S20	Aytac BITER	TUR	BMW 320si	29:47.534	19	1 LAP	95.94	1:30.541
9	71	S16	Carsten SEIFERT	GER	Ford Fiesta ST	29:52.237	19	1 LAP	95.69	1:32.985
10	76	S16	Charlie GEIPEL	GER	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	30:10.251	19	1 LAP	94.74	1:33.459
11	54	SP	Vojislav LEKIC	SRB	Honda Civic Type-R	30:11.500	19	1 LAP	94.67	1:32.803
12	52	SP	Fabio FABIANI	ITA	BMW 320i E46	30:22.723	19	1 LAP	94.09	1:34.200
13	72	S16	Jens LOHNIG	GER	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	30:29.551	19	1 LAP	93.74	1:34.947
14	74	S16	Sergey KRYLOV	RUS	Ford Fiesta ST	30:57.458	19	1 LAP	92.33	1:35.645
15	75	S16	Zeljko MARKOVIC	HRV	Citroen C2 VTS	31:05.720	17	3 LAPS	82.20	1:45.802

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29	S20	Massimo ZANIN	ITA	BMW 320i E46	29:30.817	12	N.C.F.	61.00	1:30.376
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FASTEST LAP

21	S20	Michel NYKJAER		SEAT Leon 2.0 TDI	1:26.838	18	104.42kph	64.88mph
54	SP	Vojislav LEKIC		Honda Civic Type-R	1:32.803	14	97.71kph	60.71mph
71	S16	Carsten SEIFERT		Ford Fiesta ST	1:32.985	19	97.52kph	60.60mph

Car 4, +30s penalty applied, Stewards decision 6.
Weather/Track: Cloud/Wet.

Franciacorta
Circuit Length = 2.5190 km.
Start: 13:18 End: 13:48

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2010 FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP

RACE 2 RESULT - S2000

POS	NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	KPH	BEST
1	21	S20	Michel NYKJAER	DEN	SEAT Leon 2.0 TDI	29:23.296	20		102.41	1:26.838
2	2	S20	Tomas ENGSTROM	SWE	Honda Accord Euro R	29:23.987	20	0.691	102.37	1:27.228
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FASTEST LAP										
21	S20	Michel NYKJAER		SEAT Leon 2.0 TDI	1:26.838	18	104.42kph	64.88mph		

Car 4, +30s penalty applied, Stewards decision 6.
Weather/Track: Cloud/Wet.

Franciacorta
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2010 FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP RACE 2 RESULT - S1600

POS	NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	KPH	BEST
1	71	S16	Carsten SEIFERT	GER	Ford Fiesta ST	29:52.237	19		95.69	1:32.985
2	76	S16	Charlie GEIPEL	GER	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	30:10.251	19	18.014	94.74	1:33.459
3	72	S16	Jens LOHNIG	GER	Ford Fiesta 1.6 16V	30:29.551	19	37.314	93.74	1:34.947
4	74	S16	Sergey KRYLOV	RUS	Ford Fiesta ST	30:57.458	19	1:05.221	92.33	1:35.645
5	75	S16	Zeljko MARKOVIC	HRV	Citroen C2 VTS	31:05.720	17	2 LAPS	82.20	1:45.802
NOT CLASSIFIED										
FASTEST LAP										
71	S16	Carsten SEIFERT		Ford Fiesta ST	1:32.985	19	97.52kph	60.60mph		

Weather/Track: Cloud/Wet.

Franciacorta
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POS	NO	CL	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	TIME	LAPS	GAP	KPH	BEST
1	54	SP	Vojislav LEKIC	SRB	Honda Civic Type-R	30:11.500	19		94.67	1:32.803
2	52	SP	Fabio FABIANI	ITA	BMW 320i E46	30:22.723	19	11.223	94.09	1:34.200
NOT CLASSIFIED										
FASTEST LAP										
54	SP	Vojislav LEKIC			Honda Civic Type-R	1:32.803	14	97.71kph	60.71mph	

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2010 FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP - SUPER 2000

position	driver	Braga (POR)		Salzburg (AUT)		Franciacorta (ITA)		TOTAL
		28 March		25 July		17 October		
1	James THOMPSON (GBR)	10	6	8	8	6	6	44
2	Michel NYKJÆR (DEN)	-	-	10	10	10	10	40
3	Tomas ENGSTRÖM (SWE)	8	2	6	6	8	8	38
4	Ibrahim OKYAY (TUR)	4	5	2	3	4	4	22
5	Wolfgang TREML (AUT)	-	-	5	5	5	3	18
6	César CAMPANIÇO (POR)	5	10	-	-	-	-	15
7	Kristian POULSEN (DEN)	6	8	-	-	-	-	14
8	Peter RIKLI (SUI)	-	-	0	0	3	5	8
9	Michaël ROSSI (FRA)	3	0	0	4	-	-	7
10	Aytaç BİTER (TUR)	-	-	4	1	1	1	7
11	Marin ČOLAK (CRO)	2	3	-	-	-	-	5
11	Andrii KRUGLYK (UKR)	-	-	3	2	-	-	5
13	Timur SADREDINOV (RUS)	0	4	-	-	-	-	4
14	Jörg SCHORI (SEUI)	-	-	0	0	2	2	4
15	Yuriy PROTASOV (UKR)	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
16	Leonid PROTASOV (UKR)	0	0	1	0	-	-	1

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position	driver	Braga (POR)		Salzburg (AUT)		Franciacorta (ITA)		TOTAL
		28 March		25 July		17 October		
1	Vojislav LEKIĆ (SRB)	-	-	10	10	10	10	40
2	Fabio FABIANI (ITA)	-	-	8	8	8	8	32

2010 FIA EUROPEAN TOURING CAR CUP - SUPER 1600

position	driver	Braga (POR)		Salzburg (AUT)		Franciacorta (ITA)		TOTAL
		28 March		25 July		17 October		
1	Carsten SEIFERT (GER)	8	8	10	8	10	10	54
2	Jens LÖHNIG (GER)	10	10	0	10	8	6	44
3	Sergey KRYLOV (RUS)	-	-	8	6	6	5	25
4	Charlie GEIPEL (GER)	-	-	-	-	4	8	12
5	Florian HEITMEIER (GER)	6	6	-	-	-	-	12
6	Zeljko MARKOVIC (HRV)	-	-	-	-	5	4	9