

9 June 2019

Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium – Rounds 5 & 6

RACE 2 REPORT

Briché survives the carnage to win Race 2

TCR Europe's second race at Spa-Francorchamps turned into carnage, with no less than five incidents that were investigated by the Stewards, plus a number of contacts and a couple of suspected jump-starts.

Eventually Julien Briché was the toughest guy on the track and scored a third consecutive Race 2 win that propelled him to the top of the standings. Jimmy Claret finished second, claiming his first podium result in the series and completing a Peugeot 1-2. Mat'o Homola benefited from the battles that eliminated a few people in front of him to be classified third ahead of the charging Andreas Bäckman and Ashley Sutton.

Many top drivers paid for the fighting spirit that pervaded the whole field: Dániel Nagy, Stian Paulsen, Natan Bihel, Dušan Borković and Tom Coronel were all sent off by other drivers, though some of them had hit before being hit. Gilles Magnus, the winner of yesterday's Race 1 who was leading the standings, retired on the penultimate lap after making contact with Santiago Urrutia.

The next event of TCR Europe will be at the Red Bull Ring in Austria, on July 12/14.

Key facts

Grid – Files' Hyundai is at the back due to an engine change; Wadoux's Peugeot has been withdrawn after the crash at the end of Race 1, but the French girl is at the track, her left arm in a sling and bruises here and there

Start – Kajaia stalls from second on the grid; Borković takes the lead from the pole ahead of J. Claret, Homola, Briché, Comte and Potty

Lap 1 – Nagy cuts the chicane, clashes with Kangas and crashes; Sutton moves up into fifth overtaking Comte and Potty

Lap 2 – Coronel spins at the Source

Lap 3 – Comte and A. Bäckman overtake Potty for 6th and 7th; Briché elbows his way past Homola for third; Bihel crashes on the straight

Lap 4 – the safety car is deployed

Lap 6 – racing resumes, J. Claret tries to overtake Borković, but goes wide at the Source and drops behind Briché; Briché overtakes Borković who is hit by J. Claret at the braking before the chicane and crashes

Lap 7 – Sutton and Comte clash while fighting for fourth, A. Bäckman takes the opportunity and passes them both

Lap 8 – Coronel and Paulsen collide at the chicane and the latter spins off; Urrutia and Magnus make contact while fighting for eighth and the latter retires; Coronel is hit by L. Filippi and crashes

Lap 9 – Briché wins from J. Claret, Homola, A. Bäckman, Sutton, Comte and Urrutia

Penalties for Jimmy Claret and Santiago Urrutia

Further to the Stewards investigations, the following drivers were penalised: Jimmy Claret (second) for the incident with Dušan Borković and Santiago Urrutia (seventh) for the incident with Gilles Magnus; they were given 30 seconds that dropped them out of the points.

The Uruguayan was also given a reprimand and a drop of five places on the grid for the next race, for causing the incident between Tom Coronel and Stian Paulsen. This promoted Mat'ò Homola and Andreas Bäckman to second and third. Other decisions did not affect the points positions. As far as the standings are concerned, Comte moved up to third, 24 points behind Briché and 11 behind Magnus.

Quotes from the podium finishers in Race 2

Julien Briché (winner): *"It's nice to finish like this such a weekend! We weren't spared a lot of work, with all the accidents and the problems. After my big crash in free practice 1, I really did not believe I could be winning a race, but the guys did a great job and already yesterday, the car was very competitive. We were stopped by a minor problem that we did not notice. Today, instead, everything went well, the car was perfect, I felt concerned only by the safety-car period, but it didn't change the outcome. But the best news of the weekend is that Lilou (Wadoux) is ok."*

Jimmy Clairet (second, but later penalised): *"I am very happy with the result, it has been a good weekend for us. We knew we had an opportunity at Spa, because the car goes well here and the compensation weight was favourable, and we seized it. The race was tough, because of the many incidents and the safety-car period, but we had good pace, although Briché was faster."*

Mat'ò Homola (third, then promoted to second): *"For me, it was a very good result and a very good weekend, it's nice to be back, after the very frustrating previous event at Hockenheim. The car was good but Briché, Clairet and especially Dušan (Borković) were faster than me today, I couldn't keep their pace. It's a pity for Dušan because he really was faster than everybody else today."*

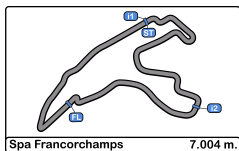
2019 TCR Europe Series – calendar

- 27/28 April – Hungaroring, Hungary (FIA WTCR) *°
- 24/26 May – Hockenheimring, Germany (International GT Open) *
- 8/9 June – Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium (International GT Open) *
- 13/14 July – Red Bull Ring, Austria (International GT Open) *
- 3/4 August – Motorsport Arena Oschersleben, Germany *
- 21/22 September – Circuit de Barcelona Catalunya, Spain (International GT Open) *
- 12/13 October – Monza ENI Circuit, Italy (International GT Open) *°

* With TCR Benelux

° With TCR Eastern Europe

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Final Results



Cls	N°	Driver	Nat	Team	Nat	Vehicle	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Interval	Km/h	Best	Time	Km/h
1	24	Julien Briché	FRA	JSB Compétition	FRA	Peugeot 308 TCR	9	28:04.461			134.7	2	2:32.268	165.5
2	70	Mat'o Homola	SVK	Target Competition	SVK	Hyundai i30 N TCR	9	28:07.512	3.051	3.051	134.4	2	2:32.298	165.5
3	19	Andreas Bäckman	SW	Target Competition	SW	Hyundai i30 N TCR	9	28:07.810	3.349	0.298	134.4	8	2:32.681	165.1
4	116	Ashley Sutton	GBR	Team WRT	GBR	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	9	28:08.167	3.706	0.357	134.4	2	2:32.592	165.2
5	7	Aurélien Comte	FRA	DG Sport Compétition	FRA	Peugeot 308 TCR	9	28:13.541	9.080	5.374	133.9	2	2:32.908	164.8
6	111	Teddy Clairet	FRA	Team Clairet Sport	FRA	Peugeot 308 TCR	9	28:17.354	12.893	3.813	133.6	2	2:32.983	164.8
7	8	Luca Engstler	GER	M1RA Motorsport	GER	Hyundai i30 N TCR	9	28:18.347	13.886	0.993	133.6	7	2:33.419	164.3
8	30	Luca Filippi	ITA	BRC Racing Team	ITA	Hyundai i30 N TCR	9	28:19.880	15.419	1.533	133.4	6	2:34.204	163.5
9	46	Olli Kangas	FIN	WestCoast Racing	FIN	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	9	28:20.526	16.065	0.646	133.4	7	2:32.965	164.8
10	45	Gianni Morbidelli	ITA	WestCoast Racing	ITA	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	9	28:20.653	16.192	0.127	133.4	2	2:34.224	163.4
11	123	Daniel Lloyd	GBR	Brutal Fish Racing Team	GBR	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	9	28:20.910	16.449	0.257	133.4	2	2:33.919	163.8
12	23	Tamás Tenke	HUN	Zengő Motorsport	HUN	CUPRA TCR	9	28:21.414	16.953	0.504	133.3	2	2:33.671	164.0
13	17	Martin Ryba	SVK	Brutal Fish Racing Team	SVK	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	9	28:23.762	19.301	2.348	133.1	7	2:34.233	163.4
14	9	Josh Files	GBR	Target Competition	GBR	Hyundai i30 N TCR	9	28:24.157	19.696	0.395	133.1	7	2:34.189	163.5
15	14	Klim Gavrilov	RUS	VRC Team	RUS	Audi RS 3 LMS	9	28:24.574	20.113	0.417	133.1	7	2:33.794	163.9
16	26	Jessica Bäckman	SW	Target Competition	SW	Hyundai i30 N TCR	9	28:25.075	20.614	0.501	133.0	7	2:34.070	163.6
17	27	John Filippi	FRA	Vuković Motorsport	FRA	Renault Mégane RS TCR	9	28:25.427	20.966	0.352	133.0	7	2:34.551	163.1
18	10	Viktor Davidovski	MKD	PSS Racing Team	MKD	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	9	28:29.778	25.317	4.351	132.7	2	2:34.457	163.2
19	21	Marie Baus-Coppens	FRA	JSB Compétition	FRA	CUPRA TCR	9	28:30.715	26.254	0.937	132.6	7	2:36.103	161.5
20	81	Stéphane Ventaja	FRA	Team Clairet Sport	FRA	Peugeot 308 TCR	9	28:30.997	26.536	0.282	132.6	7	2:35.772	161.8
21	38	Lewis Kent	GBR	Essex & Kent Motorsport	GBR	Hyundai i30 N TCR	9	28:35.708	31.247	4.711	132.2	2	2:35.698	161.9
22	112	Jimmy Clairet	FRA	Team Clairet Sport	FRA	Peugeot 308 TCR	9	28:36.310	31.849	0.602	132.2	2	2:32.462	165.3
23	88	Maxime Potty	BEL	Team WRT	BEL	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	9	28:37.656	33.195	1.346	132.1	2	2:32.989	164.8
24	55	Santiago Urrutia	URU	Team WRT	URU	Audi RS 3 LMS	9	28:46.576	42.115	8.920	131.4	2	2:33.807	163.9
25	50	Tom Coronel	NED	Boutsen Ginion Racing	NED	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	9	29:52.776	1:48.315	1:06.200	126.5	7	2:34.032	163.6
26	16	Gilles Magnus	BEL	Comtoy Racing	BEL	Audi RS 3 LMS	7	23:03.373	2 Laps	2 Laps	127.5	2	2:33.722	164.0
27	34	Stian Paulsen	NOR	Stian Paulsen Racing	NOR	CUPRA TCR	7	23:04.361	2 Laps	0.988	127.4	7	2:34.004	163.7
Not classified: (Requirements: 75% of number laps of leader = 7 Laps)														
62		Dušan Borković	SRB	Target Competition	SRB	Hyundai i30 N TCR	6	20:39.423	3 Laps	1 Lap	122.0	2	2:31.874	166.0
12		Nelson Panciatici	FRA	M Racing	FRA	Hyundai i30 N TCR	5	18:30.231	4 Laps	1 Lap	113.5	2	2:33.649	164.1
25		Natan Bihel	FRA	M Racing	FRA	Hyundai i30 N TCR	2	5:18.704	7 Laps	3 Laps	158.2	2	2:34.858	162.8
96		Abdulla Ali Al-Khelaifi	QAT	QMMF Racing by PCR Sport	QAT	CUPRA TCR	2	5:53.651	7 Laps	34.947	142.5	1	2:46.795	151.1
3		Davit Kajaia	GEO	PCR Sport with Georgia	GEO	CUPRA TCR								
99		Dániel Nagy	HUN	M1RA Motorsport	HUN	Hyundai i30 N TCR								

Fastest lap BORKOVIC in 2:31.874 at 166.0 Km/h in lap 2

CAR #7 5 SECONDS PENALTY JUMP START
 CAR #55 DRIVE THROUGH PENALTY CONVERTING IN TIME PENALTY OF 30 SECONDS.
 CAR #88 5 SECONDS PENALTY JUMP START
 CAR #112 DRIVE THROUGH PENALTY CONVERTING IN TIME PENALTY OF 30 SECONDS.

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