

Monroe-sponsored car leads WTCC Trophy

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The Monroe-sponsored SEAT Leon driven by Belgian Pierre-Yves Corthals has taken the lead in the Independents' Trophy after the latest round of the World Touring Car Championship (WTCC).

In front of a crowd of more than 110,000 in Porto (Portugal), Corthals finished round six of the championship with a nine-point lead in the Independents' Trophy and his first point in the overall WTCC Championship after finishing in a strong eighth place in the second heat.

The Independents' Trophy is the hotly-contested title for non-manufacturer teams in the WTCC.

"I got some unexpected help from manufacturers' drivers making mistakes (in the second heat) so that I finally finished eighth, scoring my first point in the WTCC Championship," Corthals said.

"Moreover, I increased my lead in the Trophy. I can't find the words to describe that fantastic feeling on my way to my pits after the finish. Indeed, this is a dream come true for me. You can imagine that I am looking forward to the next meeting in Anderstorp."

The WTCC is the biggest touring car championship in the world and is contested over 22 rounds across eleven countries including China, Sweden, Italy, Brazil and the Czech Republic. It features a host of leading drivers including ex-Formula One drivers Gabriele Tarquini, Tiago Monteiro, Nicola Larini and Alex Zanardi.

Germany's Jorg Muller leads the WTCC on 58 points, with Brazilian Augusto Farfus and Britain's Andy Priaulx a further two points behind. Corthals now leads the Independents' Trophy by nine points from Stefano D'Aste.

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