



Chevrolet Brings Home Its Second Manufacturers' World Title!

**Another triumphant day for the Cruzes, with a 1-2 in Race 1 and a 1-2-3 in Race 2!
Muller, with a double win, becomes the new leader in the Drivers' standings**

VALENCIA, 4th September 2011 – Chevrolet today achieved its second consecutive title of the Manufacturers' Championship in the WTCC. In a warm and exciting weekend of racing at Valencia, the Cruzes and the RML team finished the job with another superb team result, as Yvan Muller and Alain Menu made a 1-2 in Race 1 and Yvan Muller, Rob Huff and Alain Menu took a 1-2-3 in Race 2...

With regard to the Drivers' title, it is now mathematically certain that it cannot elude one of the three Chevrolet drivers, but the battle is more open than ever: with his double success in Spain, Yvan has now taken the lead from Rob and is 16 points ahead of the Brit and 80 ahead of Alain Menu.

In Race 1, after battling with Tarquini in the very initial stages, Yvan Muller won ahead of Alain Menu, who emerged well from the fight for the runner-up position. Rob Huff took fifth after being trapped in the turmoil of the first few corners, saving some precious points. The Brit was third but lost a number of positions when he was sent off track after Monteiro hit Menu, sending the Swiss into the back of Rob's car.

Race 2 seemed promising for the BMWs, as three of them led most of the race, with the Cruzes right behind, but an incident between Coronel and Villa opened the way for Muller and a spin from Michelisz in the very last corner which allowed Huff and Menu to secure the rest of the podium.

The team will stay over in Valencia for a testing session on Monday and Tuesday, while the WTCC cars and equipment start the long journey by sea to Asia, where the last three rounds will be dominated by the fight for the Drivers' championship.

• QUOTES

Yvan Muller (1st / 1st): *"First of all, a very big and heartfelt "well done" to all the guys for a well deserved second Manufacturers' title! For the rest, it is obviously a very good weekend for me, as I arrived here six points behind Rob and I am leaving with a 16 point advantage. Still, nothing is done and I will have to stay completely focused. In Race 1, I managed to pass Tarquini, who took an excellent start, and built a sufficient advantage. In Race 2, we could keep the pace of the BMWs but were not in a position to attack them. Luckily, they eliminated themselves and it was good to be in the right position at the right moment. This said, both races were very hard on the tyres, and I finished both of them on the metal rather than on the rubber, especially at the rear left, which caused some lock ups in the closing laps."*

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Alain Menu (2nd / 3rd): *"I am very pleased for the team and very pleased with my results, especially after the disappointment in qualifying. A second and a third is really good, considering where I was coming from. In Race 1, Monteiro hit me from behind a couple of times at the very beginning and I couldn't avoid bumping Rob's car. I am sorry for him, but there is nothing I could do to avoid that, as the TV images show very clearly. When they told me on the radio I had received a drive through for that, I couldn't believe it but was very pleased when the stewards reviewed the decision soon after. Contrary to what is customary, Race 2 was much tougher, maybe because of the warm weather, but towards the end the car got better, with a lot of drive."*

Rob Huff (5th / 2nd): *"It was not the best weekend for me, but nothing is lost. We have to move forward and use the weeks from now up to Japan to understand why I lost ground to Yvan in the last 4-5 rounds, take it from there and improve our form. I look forward to the challenge! In Race 1, I was lucky to finish fifth after everything that happened in the initial lap. There is little I can say, my race was ruined by race incidents I did not provoke, but these things happen... Race 2 was much better, I had a good start and then, just like Yvan, I took advantage when it all went wrong with for the rivals ahead of us."*

Eric Nève: *"To conquer the title in the last European round, with three events still to go, is simply fantastic. I am elated for Chevrolet, for RML and every member of the team. There is a lot of work behind this second title. We took the challenge of designing and building the new 1.6 turbo engine and were the first ones ready with it. Nothing was granted but it did pay off!"*

Stuart Cowie: A great result from what was a difficult weekend with so much expectation. Now we have to focus on the last three rounds in Asia and provide all of our drivers with the equipment to go out and win the Drivers' Championship.

VALENCIA RACE 1 RESULTS

1. Y Muller	Chevrolet Cruze	14 laps in 25m39s052
2. A Menu	Chevrolet Cruze	+ 1s103
3. T Coronel	BMW 320 TC	+ 6s345
4. K Poulsen	BMW 320 TC	+ 9s961
5. R Huff	Chevrolet Cruze	+15s404

VALENCIA RACE 2 RESULTS

1. Y Muller	Chevrolet Cruze	13 laps in 23m14s296
2. R Huff	Chevrolet Cruze	+ 4s434
3. A Menu	Chevrolet Cruze	+ 1s143
4. T Coronel	BMW 320 TC	+ 2s184
5. G Tarquini	SEAT SR León 1.6T	+ 2s966



MEDIA INFORMATION

DRIVERS POINTS STANDINGS AFTER RACE 18 OF 24

1. Y Muller (Chevrolet), 333 points; 2. R Huff (Chevrolet), 317; 3. A Menu (Chevrolet), 253; 4. T Coronel (BMW), 164; 5. G Tarquini (SEAT), 155; ... 12. D O'Young (Chevrolet), 43; 14. C Bueno (Chevrolet), 25; ... etc

MANUFACTURERS POINTS STANDINGS AFTER RACE 18 OF 24

1. Chevrolet, 734 points; 2. BMW, 433; 3. SEAT, 393; 4. Volvo, 126.

NEXT RACE: Race of Japan, Suzuka, 22-23 October 2011.

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