

20 September 2015

## **Rounds 17 & 18 – Singapore – 18/20 September 2015 SUNDAY REPORT**

### **Gené claims victory in the second race after a solo flight**

Jordi Gené dominated the second race at Singapore's Marina Bay Street Circuit. The Spaniard pipped Tomas Engström at the start, resisted the Swede's attempt to regain the lead during the first lap and then bid farewell to the rest of the field on his way to claim his third race win of the season.

Behind him, Mikhail Grachev seemed capable of achieving a podium position for the Volkswagen Golf, but in the latest stages the Russian's pace faded and he dropped down. Stefano Comini and Pepe Oriola delivered a great show in a fight for the third place that lasted for most of the race; eventually they found themselves promoted to second and third respectively when Grachev slowed down with technical issues.

Gianni Morbidelli managed to score a precious fourth place that keeps him in contention in the fight for the Drivers' title.

The Singapore event propelled Comini on top of the standings, 11 points ahead of Oriola and 30 of Gené; Morbidelli lies fourth with a gap of 47 points.

Michael Choi of Prince Racing encored his yesterday's victory in the TCR Asia Series, beating George Chou and Frank Yu; Kenneth Lau crossed the line in third, but was eventually penalized for jump start.

The championship will resume on October 19 and 20 at Buriram, Thailand, for rounds 19 and 20.

#### Key moments

Grid – Only Mak's Opel is missing, following its crash in the warm up lap for yesterday's Race 1

Start – Gené takes the lead, chased by team Engstler trio of Engström, Grachev and Veglia

Lap 1 – Oriola overtakes Hezemans for sixth; Grachev overtakes Engström for second

Lap 2 – Oriola and Comini overtake Veglia who slips to sixth

Lap 3 – Engström loses a few places and drops to seventh

Lap 4 – Oriola and Comini fight for third; Veglia defends fifth place from Morbidelli

Lap 5 – Gené stretches his leading gap ahead of Grachev; Rangoni pits and retires

Lap 6 – Afanasyev overtakes Hezemans for ninth; Hezemans spins, hits the wall and rejoins

Lap 7 – Comini overtakes Oriola for second

Lap 8 – Morbidelli overtakes Veglia for fifth; Comini overtakes Grachev for second; the Russian loses also third place to Oriola and then drops further back

Lap 9 – Gleason and Veglia run abreast fighting for fifth; Gleason jumps ahead; Afanasyev and Engström make contact

Lap 10 – Gené wins from Comini and Oriola, with Morbidelli in fourth; Choi repeats his victory in the TCR Asia race



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## What the drivers had to say

Jordi Gené, winner: *"Everything went very well today and I am very happy to still be in the fight for the championship. Actually, the car had been excellent throughout the weekend, I only had an unlucky qualifying that put me in a difficult position for Race 1, but my pace was very good yesterday too. Today was a different story and I only needed to stay focused to avoid trouble and mistakes."*

Stefano Comini, second: *"I apologize for not putting the show today! I just tried to preserve the car, the tyres and my energy. It was a good race and I had a good fight with Pepe. For the rest, I slightly scrapped a wall and my brakes got very weak in the closing laps, but nothing serious. I am very happy of the results of this weekend, which are excellent with regard to the championship."*

Pepe Oriola, third: *"It is good to finish the weekend on the podium. I knew it was going to be a difficult round for me, mainly because of the maximum success ballast I was carrying. Still, the car performed well in free practice, then I had a more disappointing qualifying, but the races were ok, and we head now to a very close and exciting final battle for the title."*

Michael Choi, 1<sup>st</sup> in TCR Asia: *"It's nice to win again, it has been a very good weekend for me and the team. Today, we made a very good race, which ended with our two cars."*



## Race 2 Classification after 10 Laps - 50.513 Kms

POS	NO	DRIVER	NAT	CAR	LAPS	TIME	GAP	KPH	BEST	LAP
1	88	J. GENE	ESP	SEAT Leon	10	24:49.621		122.075	2:27.056	3
2	25	S. COMINI	SUI	SEAT Leon	10	24:53.258	3.637	121.778	2:27.592	5
3	74	P. ORIOLA	ESP	SEAT Leon	10	24:55.113	5.492	121.627	2:27.763	4
4	10	G. MORBIDELLI	ITA	Honda Civic TCR	10	25:00.675	11.054	121.176	2:27.760	5
5	24	K. GLEASON	USA	Honda Civic TCR	10	25:04.400	14.779	120.876	2:28.001	4
6	7	L. VEGLIA	ITA	SEAT Leon	10	25:07.855	18.234	120.599	2:27.638	4
7	8	M. GRACHEV	RUS	Volkswagen Golf TCR	10	25:12.383	22.762	120.238	2:27.499	3
8	15	L. HEZEMANS	NED	SEAT Leon	10	25:15.007	25.386	120.030	2:28.272	7
9	4	T. ENGSTROM	SWE	Volkswagen Golf TCR	10	25:21.177	31.556	119.543	2:29.203	2
10	23	R. MUENNICH	GER	Honda Civic TCR	10	25:24.348	34.727	119.294	2:29.551	4
11	35	R. GALIANA *	FRA	SEAT Leon	10	25:38.145	48.524	118.224	2:30.313	5
12	68	M. CHOI	HKG	Honda Civic TCR	10	25:58.692	69.071	116.666	2:32.434	7
13	78	G. CHOU	TPE	SEAT Leon	10	26:05.591	75.970	116.152	2:32.004	3
14	99	F. YU	HKG	SEAT Leon	10	26:06.581	76.960	116.078	2:33.369	6
15	66	F. DE SOUZA	MAC	SEAT Leon	10	26:14.843	85.222	115.469	2:33.829	2
16	38	K. LAU *	HKG	Honda Civic TCR	10	26:15.638	86.017	115.411	2:34.179	7
17	56	S. CHAN	HKG	SEAT Leon	10	27:10.579	140.958	111.522	2:37.280	10
18	77	S. AFANASYEV	RUS	SEAT Leon	9	23:09.875	DNF	117.717	2:29.265	5
19	22	F. MONJE	ESP	Opel Astra OPC	7	18:13.136	DNF	116.311	2:29.454	4
NOT CLASSIFIED										
51		L. RANGONI	ITA	Subaru STi TCR	4	11:08.671	DNF	108.338	2:30.367	2
13		K. MA	HKG	Ford Focus ST	2	5:43.107	DNF	104.850	2:47.244	2
44		H. MAK	HKG	Opel Astra OPC	0		DNS			
FASTEST LAP										
88		J. GENE	ESP	SEAT Leon		2:27.056 on lap 3		123.993		

### PENALTIES

Car 35 - 10 second time penalty - Stewards' decision no. 12

Car 38 - 10 second time penalty - Stewards' decision no. 13

Timekeeper:



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## 2015 TCR INTERNATIONAL SERIES - DRIVERS' CLASSIFICATION

position	driver	Sepang MALAYSIA 29 March			Shanghai Jieding CHINA 12 April			Valencia SPAIN 3 May			Portimão PORTUGAL 10 May			Monza ITALY 24 May			Salzburging AUSTRIA 31 May			Sochi RUSSIA 21 June			Red Bull Ring AUSTRIA 12 July			Marina Bay SINGAPORE 20 September			Buriram THAILAND 25 October			Macau MACAU 22 November			TOTAL
		Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2	Q	R1	R2				
1	25 - Sefano Comini (SUI)	3	25	12	0	12	18	3	8	25	0	10	0	4	0	12	3	18	4	0	12	25	2	25	2	5	18	18						264	
2	74 - Pepe Oriola (ESP)	0	18	18	1	0	12	5	25	10	3	0	12	3	18	0	2	8	18	3	18	18	0	15	18	1	12	15						253	
3	88 - Jordi Gené (ESP)	0	6	25	0	6	1	0	15	0	4	18	15	0	12	18	1	12	1	5	25	10	0	12	15	0	8	25						234	
4	10 - Gianni Morbidelli (ITA)	0	12	15	5	25	15	0	4	15	0	0	0	5	25	25	4	10	15	0	6	0	5	0	0	4	15	12						217	
5	24 - Kevin Gleason (USA)	5	8	6	3	15	8	0	0	12	0	6	18	0	8	0	5	25	8	0	4	8	4	10	10	3	25	10						201	
6	33 - Andrea Belicchi (ITA)	4	10	10	0	10	25	4	12	0	0	0	1	1	15	10	0	15	10	4	15	0	0	18	0	-	-	-						164	
7	77 - Sergey Afanasyev (RUS)	0	15	0	0	1	0	1	18	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	12	0	10	12	1	8	12	2	10	0						110	
8	17 - Michel Nykjær (DEN)	0	4	0	0	2	10	2	6	18	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-						100	
9	8 - Mikhail Grachev (RUS)	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	10	0	0	8	8	0	0	2	0	0	6	1	8	15	0	6	8	0	6	6						90	
10	7 - Lorenzo Veglia (ITA)	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	6	2	15	0	0	6	4	0	6	0	-	-	-	0	4	6	0	4	8						67	
11	23 - René Münnich (GER)	1	0	8	4	18	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1						32	
12	3 - Nicki Thiim (DEN)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	25	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						30	
13	42 - Pol Rosell (ESP)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	25	-	-	-						27	
14	22 - Fernando Monje (ESP)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	10	15	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0						26	
15	6 - Franz Engstler (GER)	2	0	0	0	8	6	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						16	
16	18 - José Monroy (POR)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	4	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						14	
17	9 - Kelvin Van der Linde (RSA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						13	
18	20 - Igor Skuz (UKR)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	8	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	0	0	-	-	-						10	
19	46 - Zsolt Szabó (HUN)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	4	6	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						10	
20	34 - Bas Schouten (NED)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						10	
21	4 - Tomas Engström (SWE)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	-	-	-	0	0	2						9	
22	32 - David Cebrián (ESP)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						8	
23	19 - Oscar Nogués (ESP)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						8	
24	15 - Loris Hezemans (NED)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	4						6	
25	50 - Francisco Mora (POR)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						5	
25	41 - Michela Cerruti (ITA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	4	-	-	-							5	
27	47 - Norbert Tóth (HUN)	-	-	-	0	4	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							4	
28	55 - Ferenc Ficza (HUN)	0	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							3	
28	36 - Antonio D'Amico (ITA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						3	
30	43 - Dániel Nagy (HUN)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0	0	-	-	-							3	
31	99 - Frank Yu (HKG)	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0						2	
31	2 - Aleksey Dudukalo (RUS)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-						2	
31	5 - Tengyi Jiang (CHN)	-	-	-	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						2	
34	71 - Tom Boardman (GBR)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						1	
34	26 - Ildar Rakhmatullin (RUS)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-						1	
34	40 - Gabriele Marotta (MON)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	-	-	-							1	
34	16 - Markus Östreich (GER)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						1	



## 2015 TCR INTERNATIONAL SERIES - TEAMS' CLASSIFICATION

position	team	Sepang MALAYSIA 29 March			Shanghai Jiading CHINA 12 April			Valencia SPAIN 3 May			Portimão PORTUGAL 10 May			Monza ITALY 24 May			Salzburgring AUSTRIA 31 May			Sochi RUSSIA 21 June			Red Bull Ring AUSTRIA 12 July			Marina Bay SINGAPORE 20 September			Buriram THAILAND 25 October			Macau MACAU 22 November			TOTAL
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1	Target Competition	7	35	22	0	27	43	7	25	43	0	13	26	5	15	22	3	33	35	4	27	33	2	43	14	5	22	22							533
2	Team Craft-Bamboo Lukoil	0	33	43	2	12	16	7	43	12	7	20	27	5	30	18	3	20	30	8	43	30	1	27	33	3	22	40							535
3	WestCoast Racing	6	20	23	9	43	25	0	10	27	1	10	20	5	33	33	9	35	23	0	14	14	9	14	12	7	40	22							464
4	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	2	4	8	3	12	14	1	16	6	7	40	8	0	6	6	0	6	8	3	14	21	0	14	35	0	14	14							262
5	Campos Racing	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	10	15	0	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	0							43
6	Zengő Motorsport	0	6	4	1	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	4	6	0	1	0	-	-	-	3	0	0	-	-	-							33
7	Veloso Motorsport	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	12	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							26
8	Bas Koeten Racing	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							18
9	JSB Compétition	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							9
10	B.D. Racing Motorsport	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							3
10	Prince Racing Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	2							3	
12	Proteam Racing	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	-	-	-							1
12	Roadstar Racing Team	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1							1	