

25 January 2019

**Rounds 1 & 2**  
**Dubai Autodrome, Dubai – 25 / 26 January 2019**

**RACE 2**

**TCR Middle East Series - René Münnich goes two-for-two in season opener**

René Münnich has collected his second win of the weekend at the Dubai Autodrome to close out the opening round of the 2019 TCR Middle East Series.

Münnich, who started at the back of the reverse grid for the 30-minute race, was on a charge around the 5.39km Autodrome in the early stages in the #77 ALL-INKL.COM Münnich Motorsport Honda Civic FK7 TCR. The race one winner set an even quicker pace than he'd managed earlier in the afternoon as he dispatched the CUPRA TCRs of Luc Breukers and Zoltán Zengő.

The ALL-INKL.COM Münnich Motorsport team founder, who last year completed a full season in the FIA European Rallycross Championship, set a fastest lap of 1m 46.919s, almost a full second quicker than the 1m 47.791s he achieved in race one. The German now leads the overall TCR Middle East Series driver standings heading into the second round of the season in Abu Dhabi, but admits it's a little early to be thinking about the championship.

"We made a few changes after race one," René began, "but I think the track changed quite a bit between races too. The sun is down, we have better air for the power, and that probably helped the lap times. So yeah, another good race.

"I'm here to have fun, and it's a nice series especially because you can't race in Europe during the winter. Obviously if we have more wins that makes the racing even more fun, but I'm not focusing on the championship just yet. So much could change in Abu Dhabi."

Luc Breukers meanwhile completed the first TCR and international race weekend of his career in strong form with his second consecutive 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the #101 Red Camel-Jordans.nl CUPRA TCR. The young Dutchman is also set to continue his TCR Middle East Series campaign at the Yas Marina Circuit in Abu Dhabi next weekend.

Zoltán Zengő finished on the podium for the second time this weekend at the Dubai Autodrome. The Hungarian team owner of Zengő Motorsport, which has regularly competed in the World Touring Car Cup (formerly the World Touring Car Championship) since 2010, is confident he can retain this podium-finishing pace heading into the next round in Abu Dhabi.

“I am really enjoying these races, and that was my priority,” explained Zoltán, who started race two from pole position in the #8 CUPRA TCR. “I’d like to thank my team for preparing a good car this weekend, and congratulations to both René and Luc, they drove great races. But I am very happy with my results this weekend.”

“We will be back for the next races in Abu Dhabi and also Dubai, and I think we will continue competing in TCR Europe. It will always be my job to manage the team, but I’m really enjoying my racing.”

Round two of the 2019 TCR Middle East Series is scheduled for 1-2 February, just one week before the season finale at the Dubai Autodrome on 7-8 February. Further information about the TCR Middle East Series, including championship standings and race results, can be found at <http://middleeast.tcr-series.com>



UAE National Race Day

Sorted on Laps

TCR ME International Circuit 4.290 km  
 Race 2 25/01/2019 17:15  
 Race (30:00 Time) started at 17:16:43

Pos	No.	Class	Name	Laps	Total Tm	Diff	Gap	Best Tm
1	77	TCR	Rene MUNNICH	17	30:34.421			1:46.919
2	101	TCR	Luc BREUKERS	17	31:17.008	42.587	42.587	1:49.302
3	8	TCR	Zoltan ZENGO	17	31:44.632	1:10.211	27.624	1:50.466

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Margin of Victory	Avg. Speed	Best Lap Tm	Best Speed	Best Lap by
42.587	143.123	1:46.919	144.446	77 - Rene MUNNICH

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