

7 February 2019

**Rounds 5 & 6
Dubai Autodrome, Dubai – 7-8 February 2019**

RACE 1

TCR Middle East Series - René Münnich on the brink of 2019 title

René Münnich took a step closer to securing the 2019 TCR Middle East Series with victory in race one at the Dubai Autodrome aboard the #77 ALL-INKL.COM Münnich Motorsport Honda Civic FK7 TCR.

René Münnich came into the weekend with a 30-point lead over Red Camel-Jordans.nl's Luc Breukers' extending this further by taking his third consecutive pole position of the season. The 2018 FIA European Rallycross Championship regular then went on to set the fastest lap around the 5.39km Dubai Autodrome Grand Prix Circuit - a 2m 10.287s – and collect a series record-breaking fifth win of the season, placing him on the cusp of championship glory.

Having recovered from turbo issues that cost the team time during this morning's Free Practice session, Luc Breukers continued his debut TCR campaign with another strong run to finish 2nd in the #101 Red Camel-Jordans.nl CUPRA TCR DSG. Though pleased with his weekend's work so far after this morning's delays, the young Dutchman – brother of two-time Rolex 24 at Daytona class winner, Rik – admitted that he would like to sign off the 2019 season with his first win in the TCR Middle East Series.

Zoltán Zengő meanwhile took a fighting 3rd place in the eponymous #8 Zengő Motorsport CUPRA TCR DSG. The Hungarian team owner was in a tight battle for the final podium spot in the early going against teammate Tamás Tenke in the sister #10 car, the latter of which having set a faster time in qualifying.

The final round of the 2019 TCR Middle East Series will get underway at 12.15 hrs later this afternoon at the Dubai Autodrome. Live timing of the races will be available on <http://tcr-series.tv/>. 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 Raceday		Sorted on Laps	
TCR ME	GP Circuit 5.390 km		
Race 1	07/02/2019 10:40		
Race (30:00 Time) started at 10:42:25			

Pos	No.	Name	Laps	Total Tm	Diff	Gap	Best Tm
1	77	Rene MUNNICH	14	30:59.262			2:10.287
2	101	Luc BREUKERS	14	31:23.147	23.885	23.885	2:13.337
3	8	Zoltan ZENGO	14	32:56.476	1:57.214	1:33.329	2:13.676
DNF	10	Tamas TENKE	13	30:26.412	DNF	1 Lap	2:14.185

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Margin of Victory	Avg. Speed	Best Lap Tm	Best Speed	Best Lap by
23.885	146.110	2:10.287	148.933	77 - Rene MUNNICH
Clerk of the Course				Orbits
Chief Timekeeper				



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