

News from this special edition of the international serie

Ladies Trophy, the new category in the SEAT Leon Eurocup

- / **With five female drivers, the single brand competition is the International Series sanctioned by the FIA with the most female participants**
- / **Lucile Cypriano, who took pole position and achieved a podium in the first race at Estoril, leads the standings, ahead of Andrina Gugger (Target, SRL), Amalia Vinyes (Baporo Motorsport), Marie Baus-Coppens and Edina Bús (B3 Hungary KFT)**

Martorell 02/06/2015 – The SEAT Leon Eurocup is set to continue its tour of the European continent after the first two events contested in France and Portugal. This year the championship is proving to be a very dynamic affair full of novelties. Among the talking points, one of the most prominent is that this is currently the International Series sanctioned by the FIA with most female members in its ranks. Five women, Lucile Cypriano, Andrina Gugger (Target, SRL) Vinyes Amalia (Baporo Motorsport), Marie Baus-Coppens and Edina Bús (B3 Hungary KFT), of four different nationalities, make up the grid of this new category of the single make championship: the Ladies Trophy. All of them have extensive track records in the world of racing. They battle every weekend, sharing the track with male drivers in the championship, to become the fastest woman of the SEAT Leon Eurocup. Their results count towards the overall standings and they also compete in their own classification – that of the Ladies Trophy.

Lucile Cypriano has been the fastest of the group so far this season, notching times close to the fastest male drivers in general standings. Cypriano finished third in the first race in Portugal, earning her first podium and becoming the first woman to do so. In addition, the young French driver also took pole position in Estoril and set the fastest time on the opening day of free practice. Cypriano proved once again the great potential she has. Her times speak for themselves and she's a shy character beyond her Cup Racer persona.

Attempts to describe the indescribable: the feeling at the controls of a SEAT Leon Cup Racer, saying, **"Competing against the men forces you to keep pushing and to improve your times every day, which is very rewarding and a great experience for us. When we put on our helmets our personalities are transformed. I feel that without the races, my life would not be the same. I need it,"** adds Cypriano. **"I'm very competitive and I like to improve, constantly, in every aspect of my life. The feelings that I have when I'm competing are inexplicable, it can't really be put into words what I feel at the wheel of the SEAT Leon Cup Racer."**

Many of the women demonstrate a special character and an enthusiastic feeling with their cars. This is the case for Amalia Vinyes, the Andorran driver with a long family history in the world of racing. She looks set to fight for the Ladies Trophy crown at the end of the season. She has no intention of giving any ground and will do her best to keep fighting until the last minute.



"Between us there is a feeling of fair play and a togetherness which is not the same amongst the boys. It seems quite natural that as we are competing in a largely male environment the girls want to bridge the gap. We like to compete among ourselves, and the Ladies Trophy is an ideal formula so that we can fight as equals amongst the five of us," said Vinyes. **"I think we will continue to have so much fun, as was seen in the first races. Let's enjoy it!"**

From Switzerland and with an eternal smile on her face, Andrina Grugger is a high school teacher. As a member of the SEAT Leon Eurocup and also the Ladies Trophy, she tests herself against the other members of the competition every race weekend. Sometimes, she switches role and becomes the one facing examination.

She explained: **"My students wish me luck every weekend. We have a chat where I tell them about my day to day routine and from a distance they support me and always give me a lot of encouragement. The results are dictated by the clock but all my students know very well that each individual earns their own results."**

French lady Marie Baus-Coppens and the Hungarian Edina Bús, who could not compete in Estoril after suffering a setback in a test day at the same Portuguese track, complete the list of women drivers contesting the SEAT Leon Eurocup 2015. The next round, which will be hosted at the English circuit of Silverstone next weekend, 6th and 7th June, will see the latest chapter in the intense battle waged every week by the female drivers in the Ladies Trophy category.

For more information about the SEAT Leon Eurocup, visit www.seat-sport.com/eurocup

The SEAT Leon Eurocup is a SEAT Sport competition which this year celebrates its second edition.

Races were held over six weekends in the first year and the new season will feature seven rounds, at several renowned European circuits. The single-brand competition visits seven different European tracks: Paul Ricard (France), Estoril (Portugal), Silverstone (UK), Red Bull Ring (Austria), Nürburgring (Germany), Monza (Italy) and the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya (Spain).

The drivers will again compete in the SEAT Leon Cup Racer, which captures the innovative spirit of SEAT, combining a striking design and a powerful engine. The image of the SEAT Leon Cup Racer displays all its power at first glance yet the DNA of the Leon family design remains intact. Although it has been developed from scratch by the SEAT Sport team as a race car, the Cup Racer is closely related to the SEAT Leon CUPRA, the brand's most powerful model in terms of sports performance and driving pleasure.

These front wheel drive cars are equipped with a turbocharged two-litre engine which delivers a maximum power of 330hp, also featuring a dual-clutch DSG six-speed gearbox, widely adjustable suspension and powerful competition brakes, plus an FIA homologated roll-over protection system.

Since 1970, the Spanish brand has built a rich automotive heritage, winning two World Touring Car Championships (2008 and 2009) and three titles in the World Rally Championship two litre category



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(1996-1998), in addition to organizing successful single-brand competitions around the world. Through other international and regional programs, SEAT Sport has also won over 25 rally and touring car titles.

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