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Circuit Zandvoort, Netherlands – 19 / 21 May 2017**RACE 2 REPORT****Josh Files wins a thrilling race
Local boys van Lagen and Kroes finish on the podium**

Josh Files completed a spotless performance in Zandvoort's Race 2, claiming his and Honda's first victory in the TCR Europe Series. The Briton took a perfect start from fourth on the grid, stole the lead from Jens Reno Møller after a few hundred metres and never looked back.

The drivers behind him put in a great show, as they were involved in a series of tough fights for the positions. Local boys Jaap van Lagen and Danny Kroes claimed well deserved podium results, finishing second and third respectively.

Van Lagen elbowed his way through the field from ninth on the grid to second in eight laps; afterwards he tried to close the gap from Files, but to no avail. As for Kroes who had started from the pole, he clenched his teeth and managed to keep a charging Attila Tassi at bay. During the final lap they made contact, swapped positions and paints, but eventually Kroes was tougher and retained the third position.

Yesterday's Race 1 winner Mikel Azcona grabbed a sixth place that helped him to join Dušan Borković on top of the standings on equal points; Files moved up to third, 16 points adrift.

The TCR Europe will resume at Spa-Francorchamps on June 8th to 10th.

Key fact

Grid – Barr is missing after his Hyundai was wrecked in the crash at the start of yesterday's Race 1

Start – Møller starts first, followed by Files, Kroes and Nagy

Lap 1 – Files and Kroes overtake Møller; Richard overtakes Nagy for fourth; Borković pits and rejoins with a drop of power

Lap 2 – Richard overtakes Møller for third, Van Lagen and Nagy make contact at the Tarzan bend; van Lagen takes fifth; Briche pits with a broken turbo manifold

Lap 3 – Van Lagen overtakes Møller for fourth

Lap 4 – Tassi and Nagy clash at the Tarzan bend; Nagy slips to eighth between Tassi and Azcona; Nagy and Paulsen collide at Turn 8, the latter crashes

Lap 5 – Van Lagen puts the pressure on Richard; Mora overtakes Abreu for ninth

Lap 6 – Van Lagen overtakes Richard for third

Lap 7 – Tassi overtakes Møller for fifth

Lap 8 – Van Lagen overtakes Kroes for second; Azcona overtakes Møller for sixth; Mora overtakes Nagy for eighth

Lap 9 – Tassi overtakes Richard for fourth

Lap 11 – Files increases his leading margin to five seconds; Tassi is chasing Kroes

Lap 12 – Kroes closes the door at the Tarzan and keeps Tassi behind

Lap 14 – Files wins from van Lagen; Kroes retains third position after a tough fight with Tassi; Richard and Azcona finish fifth and sixth

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Kroes demoted to fourth behind Tassi

The Stewards of the meeting decided to penalise Danny Kroes for his contacts with Attila Tassi during the fight they had in today's Race 2 while fighting for the third position. They have dropped the Dutch driver to fourth in the race results, promoting Tassi to third. The competitor renounced to use his right of appeal. Dániel Nagy was given a ten second penalty for the collision with Stian Paulsen, this dropped him from ninth to 12th.

Quotes after the second race at Zandvoort

Josh Files (winner): *"It was a perfect day for me and I am happy it happened on such a fantastic track and close to home, as I live virtually across the Channel. Again, I had a good start and after a short fight with Møller, I took the lead. From there, it was a matter of avoiding mistakes and preserving tyres. I was not under any direct threat, but this is a track where you cannot relax. The car was perfect and the team did a perfect job. Now we can focus on reducing the points gap and join the fight for the title."*

Jaap Van Lagen (second): *"It was a great race and it feels really special to be on the podium in front of this huge crowd. Unlike yesterday, I had a very good start and could gain some positions staying on the outside line. Then, I did a couple of overtaking manoeuvres and found myself behind Kroes. I noticed that he was having some trouble with his tyres, and eventually I could pass him. The car was really strong and allowed me to push hard throughout the entire race."*

Danny Kroes (third): *"It was a good result and a nice way to finish the weekend. The start was lively and there were some contacts, but Files was faster and pulled slightly away. I had to fight for the entire race, notably with Van Lagen and then Tassi. I think that last fight was quite entertaining for the spectators. Attila kept pushing all the time, there was also some bumping, but I managed to resist and I am quite proud of this podium."*

2018 TCR Europe Series – calendar

5/6 May – Circuit Paul Ricard, France (International GT Open)

19/21 May – Circuit Zandvoort, Netherlands (Jumbo Racing Days) *

9/10 June – Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium (International GT Open) *

7/8 July – Hungaroring, Hungary (International GT Open) *

18/19 August – TT Circuit Assen, Netherlands (Gamma Racing Days) *

22/23 September – Autodromo di Monza, Italy (International GT Open)

20/21 October – Circuit de Barcelona Catalunya, Spain (International GT Open) **

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TCR Benelux - Europe

Circuit Zandvoort (4.307 km)

Race 2

Classification on the total laps

Final Ranking

Pos.	No.	Driver	Nat	Competitor	Car	C	Total time	Laps	Gap 1st	Gap Prev	Avg.Sp	Best Lap	On lap	Penalty
1	99	Josh Files	GBR	Hell Energy Racing with KCMG	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR		00:25:25.863	14	-	-	143.8	1:47.753	2	-
2	46	Jaap van Lagen	NED	Leopard Lukoil Team	Audi RS3 LMS TCR	BENELUX	00:25:30.159	14	4.296	4.296	144.1	1:47.590	3	-
3	9	Attila Tassi	HUN	Hell Energy Racing with KCMG	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR		00:25:33.707	14	7.844	3.548	143.0	1:48.397	11	-
4	38	Danny Kroes	NED	PCR Sport	Cupra TCR	BENELUX	00:25:33.271	14	7.408	-	143.4	1:48.078	3	-
5	94	Kris Richard	SUI	Target Competition	Hyundai i30 N TCR		00:25:34.071	14	8.208	0.800	143.2	1:48.275	3	-
6	25	Mikel Azcona	ESP	PCR Sport	Cupra TCR		00:25:34.456	14	8.593	0.385	143.0	1:48.362	12	-
7	11	Jens Reno Møller	DEN	Reno Racing	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR		00:25:39.012	14	13.149	4.556	142.4	1:48.856	3	-
8	26	Francisco Mora	POR	M1RA	Hyundai i30 N TCR		00:25:39.622	14	13.759	0.610	142.9	1:48.429	10	-
9	23	Francisco Abreu	POR	Sports & You	Peugeot 308 TCR		00:25:44.943	14	19.080	5.321	142.8	1:48.573	11	-
10	88	Maxime Potty	BEL	Comtoy Racing	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR	BENELUX	00:25:49.114	14	23.251	4.171	142.3	1:48.956	12	-
11	999	Daniel Nagy	HUN	M1RA	Hyundai i30 N TCR		00:25:54.137	14	28.274	5.023	142.2	1:48.987	10	10.000
12	14	Loris Cencelli	LUX	Autodis Racing by Piro Sports	Hyundai i30 N TCR	BENELUX	00:25:54.571	14	28.708	0.434	142.0	1:49.191	3	-
13	20	Márk Jedlőczy	HUN	JLG Sport	Cupra TCR		00:25:57.926	14	32.063	3.355	141.8	1:49.271	3	-
14	13	Cedric Piro	GER	Autodis Racing by Piro Sports	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR	BENELUX	00:25:58.964	14	33.101	1.038	142.0	1:49.137	3	-
15	10	Viktor Davidovsky	MKD	PSS Racing Team	Honda Civic Type R FK7 TCR		00:26:04.782	14	38.919	5.818	141.1	1:49.858	9	-
16	7	Igor Stefanovski	MKD	Stefanovski Racing Team	Hyundai i30 N TCR		00:26:07.150	14	41.287	2.368	141.5	1:49.508	3	-
17	21	Marie Baus-Coppens	FRA	JSB Compétition	Cupra TCR DSG	BENELUX	00:26:33.633	14	1:07.770	26.483	139.1	1:51.463	3	-
18	62	Dušan Borkovic	SRB	Target Competition	Hyundai i30 N TCR		00:26:34.189	14	1:08.326	0.556	143.3	1:48.126	9	-
19	17	Martin Ryba	SVK	Brutal Fish Racing Team	Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR		00:25:19.118	13	1 Lp.	1 Lp.	141.4	1:49.638	9	-

NOT CLASSIFIED (Requirements : 75% of number laps of leader = 11 Lp.)

20	34	Stian Paulsen	NOR	Stian Paulsen Racing	Cupra TCR		00:05:38.139	3	11 Lp.	10 Lp.	142.1	1:49.072	3	-
21	4	Julien Briché	FRA	JSB Compétition	Peugeot 308 TCR	BENELUX	00:11:12.714	3	11 Lp.	5:34.575	-	-	0	-

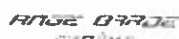
Best Lap : 1:47.590 (144.1 km/h). (No.46) Jaap van Lagen

Car n°999 : Time penalty of 10 seconds (to be added to the Competitor's total time), Stewards' decision N°11 refers

Car n°38 : One position penalty to the result of race 2, Stewards' decision N°12 refers

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Veather/Track : 1016 hPa - Dry 26 °C - Humidity 36 %

Start : 14:55, Finish flag : 15:20

