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## **Chevrolet Starts The Season As Championship Leader!**

### **Fantastic 1-2-3 Of Muller, Huff And Menu In Race 1, More Heavy Points In Race 2: Chevrolet On Top Of Both Driver And Manufacturer Standings**

**CURITIBA, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010** – It has been the sweetest possible start of the 2010 WTCC season for Chevrolet: a triple win in race 1, another podium in race 2 and six finishes in the points in total have put the team in the lead of the Manufacturers' standings, while Yvan Muller tops, together with Tarquini, the Drivers' ranking.

Race 1 in a rain-soaked track in Curitiba was a Chevrolet show, with the three Cruzes of Yvan Muller, Rob Huff and Alain Menu dominating from the start and signing an impressive triple victory. In race 2, despite the reversed grid, the Cruzes were again able to repeat a trio, this time in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> positions, with a different order: Menu, Muller and Huff, respectively.

Curitiba marked a great team achievement, with the Cruze impressing both for its performance level and its reliability. The team is leaving Brazil as leader in both championships, a position which is both the best reward for the hard work done by the entire team and a wonderful start to 2010.

#### **• QUOTES**

**Yvan Muller (1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>):** *"What can I say? I couldn't have dreamt of a better start for the season, both for the team and myself. Race 1 was just perfect, from start to finish, but it wasn't as easy as it would seem, as staying on the track was really a challenge. In the early laps, you needed really to break at the right place, and not half a meter further, as Gené, our closest rival discovered. Then, it was a matter of choosing carefully the right line and staying completely concentrated on the driving. In race 2, I went for some good points. Towards the end, when Alain slowed a bit, I thought he may have some problems and I was ready to pass him, but then he pulled away again and we finished maintaining our positions".*

**Alain Menu (3<sup>rd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>):** *"It was a great weekend for Chevrolet and I have achieved two podium finishes, which was my objective before the race. In race 1, I took a good start, then went a little bit straight at first braking, losing one position to Rob. I had done few set-up changes to the car with respect to set-up for the dry, so I knew I could not keep the pace of Yvan and Rob and focused on securing third place, which was a great result anyway. In race 2, once I took the third position in lap 3, everything went smoothly. My pace declined a bit in the final laps, and maybe Yvan thought I was having some problems, but I could find again a good rhythm and stay in front of him".*

**Rob Huff (2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>):** *"It has been a terrific start of the season for the entire team and we are all very happy. Race 1 was a fantastic race for the team. I took a good start and took 2<sup>nd</sup> after corner 2. Four or five laps into the race, my pace improved and I was really close to Yvan, but there was no point in attacking him, so I pulled off and just stay behind to make sure we brought home the*



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*brilliant result we did. In race 2, I had again a good start and took third position behind the two leading SEATs, but then had to let Alain and Yvan pass because my oil temperature was rising. It was important to finish the race and score some good points, and I am happy I could defend the 5<sup>th</sup> position from Farfus' attacks".*

**Eric Nève:** "We are of course delighted with today's results. This is the best way to start the season and we are delighted to be leading both championships for the first time since we are competing in the WTCC. RML has done a terrific job throughout the last months and the three drivers have put together today a perfect team effort in both races".

### CURITIBA RACE 1 RESULTS

1. Y Muller	Chevrolet Cruze	16 laps in 26m57s181
2. <b>R Huff</b>	<b>Chevrolet Cruze</b>	<b>+1s053</b>
3. <b>A Menu</b>	<b>Chevrolet Cruze</b>	<b>+5s582</b>
4. G Tarquini	SEAT León TDI	+7s136
5. A Priaulx	BMW 320si	+11s625

### CURITIBA RACE 2 RESULTS

1. G Tarquini	SEAT León TDI	14 laps in 20m13s311
2. G Gené	SEAT León TDI	+1s276
3. <b>A Menu</b>	<b>Chevrolet Cruze</b>	<b>+5s407</b>
4. <b>Y Muller</b>	<b>Chevrolet Cruze</b>	<b>+5s985</b>
5. <b>R Huff</b>	<b>Chevrolet Cruze</b>	<b>+8s295</b>

### DRIVERS POINTS STANDINGS AFTER RACE 2 OF 24

1. **Y Muller (Chevrolet)** and G. Tarquini (SEAT), **37 points**; 3. **A Menu (Chevrolet)**, **30** ; 4. **R Huff (Chevrolet)**, **28** ; 5. J Gené (SEAT), 24; 6. A Farfus (BMW), 16; etc

### MANUFACTURERS POINTS STANDINGS AFTER RACE 2 OF 24

1. **Chevrolet, 70 points**; 2. SEAT, 66; 3. BMW, 40.

**NEXT RACE:** Round 2, Race of Mexico, Puebla, 9-11 April 2010.

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