

The last shall be the first

Spectacular podium drive by champion Gustav Rickhamre in junior STCC in Denmark

Denmark 6 September 2010. Something is rotten in the kingdom of Denmark...it seemed to be another lost battle this year for the reigning Swedish Renault Junior Cup Champion, Gustav Rickhamre. His engine had already stalled at the qualification session Saturday at Denmark's Jyllands Ring and it was impossible to repair in time for Race 1.

The 19 year old talent therefore had to take his position at the rear end of the field as the last car when Race 2 was about to take place in front of the TV cameras Sunday afternoon.

But suddenly the flow that brought him a double championship in 2009 came back. Gustav delivered a spectacular drive in front of the cameras and roared up the field from last position among the absolute top junior drivers in the Nordics, all the way up to a 3rd place podium position. The crowd was ecstatic! In the last lap he passed an unwilling driver with a move that brought back memories of the racing performance of his boss, the double DTM champion, Mathias Ekström.

- This was the right way to break the ice, the former go-kart ace commented with a big smile although still looking exhausted coming off the track. Not much has worked out this season and to run through the whole field in – as everybody now knows – a not too fast car, is of course every drivers dream. The battle for the overall points is lost this season, but now we know we can finish on the podium.

Gustav drives a Volkswagen Golf for the double DTM champion Mathis Ekström in his Mattias Ekström Junior Team.



"Walk the Pit Lane – in a happy mood"

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Gustav drives a Volkswagen Golf in Mattias Ekström Junior Team in the junior STCC touring car championship, JTCC.

He scored double national championships in touring car year 2009: SSK and Renault Junior Cup
He qualified and participated in FIA World Cup in Paris in kart racing 2006.

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