

ROUND 9 LE CASTELLET FRANCE



ALL TIMES LOCAL GMT +2

FRIDAY
22 JULY

11:35
Free Practice
45 min.

18:30
Qualifying Session
30 min.

20:30
Press Conference

SATURDAY
23 JULY

18:00
Sprint Race

21 Laps
45 min. +1 Lap

Grid set by reversing Top 10 of Qualifying Results

19:10
Press Conference

SUNDAY
24 JULY

09:35
Feature Race

30 Laps
60 min. +1 Lap

Grid set by Qualifying Results

11:00
Press Conference

THE STORY SO FAR

It was an unforgettable weekend of racing last time out for Round 8 of the 2022 FIA Formula 2 Championship at the Red Bull Ring, with a new title contender throwing down the gauntlet and unpredictable weather delivering a Feature Race for the ages.

Jake Hughes set the pace in a hotly contested Free Practice session after a late effort saw the Van Amersfoort Racing driver clear the rest of the field by four-tenths. The Briton led the ART Grand Prix duo of Théo Pourchaire and Frederik Vesti, as a mere 0.230s separated the second-placed Frenchman from the tenth-placed Logan Sargeant.

Vesti followed up on his best-ever Free Practice performance by claiming a maiden pole in the second tier on Friday afternoon. After having his first time deleted

for a track limit infringement, the Dane had just one run to deliver, eventually setting a blistering 1:14.123. Hitech Grand Prix's Jüri Vips was forced to settle for second, and Sargeant put himself firmly in the fight finishing third.

Marcus Armstrong was unassailable in the Sprint Race on Saturday, commanding the field from lights to flag after a fantastic getaway from reverse grid pole. The Hitech driver took a second win of the season ahead of Pourchaire, who clung to second after immense late-race pressure from third-placed Jack Doohan.



Weather wrought havoc on tyre strategies before Sunday's Feature race had even begun, and it was a last-minute decision from Richard Verschoor to start on slicks that saw him rise through the field from eight to cross the line with a 13.7s lead. However, moments after triumphantly taking the chequered flag, the Dutchman came to a stop on track. It was later found that there was not enough fuel left in his Trident as required by

the Sporting Regulations, resulting in his disqualification.

Jehan Daruvala, who crossed the line second, was also demoted off the podium after receiving a post-race penalty for a starting grid infringement. The penalties promoted Sargeant, who delivered a remarkable recovery drive on the opposite strategy, not only to the Feature Race win but, crucially, to second in the Championship fight.

THE CHALLENGERS

Felipe Drugovich continues to lead the way in the Drivers' Championship however a new title-contender rises to second, with Logan Sargeant moving ahead of Théo Pourchaire. Jehan Daruvala remains fourth with 80 points, while Enzo Fittipaldi moves up to fifth on 75 points.



It's now neck and neck in the Teams' Championship with Carlin not only overtaking ART Grand Prix for second place but also closing the gap to long-time leaders MP Motorsport. Just six points now separate the top three teams in the standings.



David Beckmann returns to Van Amersfoort Racing this weekend, stepping into Jake Hughes' black and orange car for Rounds 9 and 10 in Le Castellet and Budapest after the British driver tested positive for Covid-19.

TRACK DATAS Circuit Paul Ricard

5.842 KM Start/Finish
Offset + 0.064 km

LAP RECORD

1:42.226 (205.732 KM/H)

Lando Norris (Carlin) in 2018*

*Pre-Season Tests

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SATURDAY 18:00

SPRINT RACE

21 LAPS >> 122.746 KM

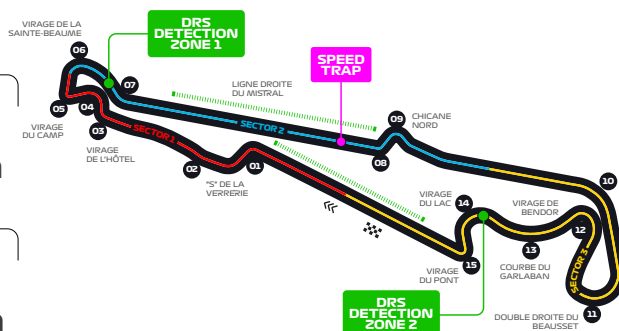
45 min. +1 Lap

SUNDAY 09:35

FEATURE RACE

30 LAPS >> 175.324 KM

60 min. +1 Lap



2019 POLE POSITION

1:43.024 (204.138 KM/H)

Sérgio Sette-Câmara (DAMS)

MAXIMUM SPEED SPEED TRAP

319.4 KM/H

Lando Norris (Carlin) in 2018

COMPOUND ALLOCATION

2019 FEATURE RACE
TYRE WINNING STRATEGY

SOFT ● 8 Laps >> HARD ○ 22 Laps

Nyck de Vries (ART Grand Prix)
from P4 Grid Position

FROM THE GRID

Logan SARGEANT
Carlin

"I'm looking forward to getting out on track at Paul Ricard. I think it's a circuit that has suited me in the past. It's also been a good track in terms of results and I'm confident that Carlin is going to put a good car underneath me, as they have done every weekend so far.

"I particularly like the last sector of the track, starting with the flat-out right-hander into the long double right of Turn 11 which is one of the most challenging corners we face this year. I'd say that's

my favourite section and it's a place where there's a lot of time either won or lost.

"I'm expecting tyre management to be similar to what we've faced throughout the year so far. Management is important on the Pirelli tyres, but I feel like we've done a really good job at that at every round so I'm quite confident on that side of things. We're looking at some extremely high temperatures at Paul Ricard so that's an extra variable to think about, but I think it will be fairly similar to what we've been facing all year.

"Paul Ricard offers quite a few overtaking opportunities. Starting at Turn 1 it's a good opportunity, both the inside

and outside line can work there. The chicane in the middle of the circuit is another great overtaking opportunity and if you are overtaken into that chicane, you can fight back into the exit. Then there are chances to make a move in the last sector as well, with many different lines to choose from. It's going to be a dicey pass in Sector 3 but it's definitely doable and I think you'll see some overtaking there too.

"This weekend I'm hoping to continue the momentum we built up in the last few rounds. I'm feeling really confident in the car and my driving so we need to aim for another good Qualifying and a good Feature Race result."

TYRE TALK

Mario ISOLA

Pirelli Motorsport Director

"With this being Formula 2's first race weekend at the Paul Ricard circuit since 2019,



it will be the first time we have seen the championship racing there on 18-inch tyres. The track will provide a varied challenge for the tyres with some long straights as well as several corners with high lateral loads, particularly in the final sector. At the same time, the surface roughness is about average, and this means that degradation should be generally low on the hard tyre. High temperatures are a given in the south of France in July so the drivers will need to manage the P Zero Red soft tyre carefully, while the extra step to the P Zero White hard tyre should provide some exciting differences in strategy, as we have seen in several rounds already this season."

STAT PACK

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Logan Sargeant is on a charge after back-to-back Feature Race wins, scoring 77 points in the last three rounds - more than double the number of points he scored in the first five rounds of the season.

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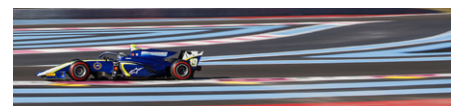
Felipe Drugovich is the only driver to have scored points in every round of the campaign so far, with 14 points finishes from 16 races.

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Olli Caldwell collected his maiden points in the second tier after his sixth-place finish in the Feature Race at Red Bull Ring, meaning there are now 20 points scorers on the current Formula 2 grid.



A victory for Felipe Drugovich in Le Castellet would see the Brazilian driver equal the record for race wins in Formula 2, an accolade currently jointly held by 2019 F2 Champion Nyck de Vries and Artem Markelov.




The lap record at Le Castellet is 1:42.226, set by Lando Norris with Carlin in 2018.

The 5.842 KM long Circuit Paul Ricard re-joins the Formula 2 calendar in 2022. The Championship last visited the French circuit in 2019.

2022 ENTRY LIST

ON-BOARD
CAMERAS

			1  Dennis HAUGER NOR 19 y/o <i>ROOKIE</i>		
			3  Jack DOOHAN AUS 19 y/o <i>ROOKIE</i>		
			4  Marino SATO JPN 23 y/o		
			5  Liam LAWSON NZL 20 y/o		
			6  Logan SARGEANT USA 21 y/o <i>ROOKIE</i>		
			7  Marcus ARMSTRONG NZL 21 y/o		
			8  Jüri VIPS EST 21 y/o		
			9  Frederik VESTI DNK 20 y/o <i>ROOKIE</i>		
			10  Théo POURCHAIRE FRA 18 y/o		
			11  Felipe DRUGOVICH BRA 21 y/o		
			12  Clément NOVALAK FRA 21 y/o <i>ROOKIE</i>		
			14  Olli CALDWELL GBR 20 y/o <i>ROOKIE</i>		
			15  Roberto MERHI ESP 31 y/o		
			16  Roy NISSANY ISR 27 y/o		
			17  Ayumu IWASA JPN 21 y/o <i>ROOKIE</i>		
			20  Richard VERSCHOOR NLD 21 y/o		
			21  Calan WILLIAMS AUS 22 y/o <i>ROOKIE</i>		
			22  Enzo FITTIPALDI BRA 21 y/o		
			23  Cem BÖLÜKBAŞI TUR 24 y/o <i>ROOKIE</i>		
			24 David BECKMANN DEU 22 y/o		
			25 Amaury CORDEEL BEL 20 y/o <i>ROOKIE</i>		

2022 STANDINGS

DRIVER STANDINGS

POS.	DRIVER	SPRINT	FEATURE	PTS	SHUFFLE
1.	Felipe Drugovich <i>ROOKIE</i>	1	3	154	=
2.	Logan Sargeant		2	115	+1
3.	Théo Pourchaire		2	114	-1
4.	Jehan Daruvala			80	=
5.	Enzo Fittipaldi			75	+4
6.	Marcus Armstrong	2		69	=
7.	Dennis Hauger <i>R</i>	1	1	67	+3
8.	Jüri Vips			67	-1
9.	Jack Doohan <i>R</i>	1		63	-1
10.	Liam Lawson	1		60	-5
11.	Frederik Vesti <i>R</i>	1		56	=
12.	Richard Verschoor	1		45	=
13.	Ayumu Iwasa <i>R</i>			44	=
14.	Ralph Boschung			34	=
15.	Jake Hughes			26	+1
16.	Clément Novalak <i>R</i>			22	-1
17.	Roy Nissany			16	=
18.	Roberto Merhi			15	<<
19.	Olli Caldwell <i>R</i>			8	+3
20.	Marino Sato			6	-2
21.	Calan Williams <i>R</i>			5	-2
22.	David Beckmann			4	-2
23.	Cem Bölükbaşı <i>R</i>			0	-2
24.	Amaury Cordeel <i>R</i>			0	-1

TEAM STANDINGS

POS.	TEAM	SPRINT	FEATURE	PTS	SHUFFLE
1.	MP Motorsport	1	3	176	=
2.	Carlin	1	2	175	+1
3.	ART Grand Prix	1	2	170	-1
4.	PREMA Racing	1	1	147	=
5.	Hitech Grand Prix	2		136	=
6.	Charouz Racing System			79	+1
7.	Virtuosi Racing	1		69	-1
8.	DAMS			60	=
9.	Campos Racing			57	+1
10.	Trident	1		50	-1
11.	Van Amersfoort Racing			26	=




























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SEASON RECAP

POLE
POSITIONSPRINT RACE
WINNERFASTEST LAP
FL BONUS POINTFEATURE RACE
WINNERFASTEST LAP
FL BONUS POINT

1	18-20 March	 Sakhir SAHRAINI Bahrain International Circuit		Jack DOOHAN Virtuosi Racing	Richard VERSCHOOR Trident	Amaury CORDEEL Van Amersfoort Racing	Théo POURCHAIRE ART Grand Prix	Jüri VIPS Hitech Grand Prix	+
2	25-27 March	 Jeddah SAUDI ARABIA Jeddah Corniche Circuit		Felipe DRUGOVICH MP Motorsport	Liam LAWSON Carlin	Jüri VIPS Hitech Grand Prix	Felipe DRUGOVICH MP Motorsport	Jack DOOHAN Virtuosi Racing	+
3	22-24 April	 Imola ITALY Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari		Jüri VIPS Hitech Grand Prix	Marcus ARMSTRONG Hitech Grand Prix	Jüri VIPS Hitech Grand Prix	Théo POURCHAIRE ART Grand Prix	Jehan DARUVALA PREMA Racing	+
4	20-22 May	 Barcelona SPAIN Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya		Jack DOOHAN Virtuosi Racing	Felipe DRUGOVICH MP Motorsport	Felipe DRUGOVICH MP Motorsport	Felipe DRUGOVICH MP Motorsport	Jack DOOHAN Virtuosi Racing	+
5	26-29 May	 Monte Carlo MONACO Circuit de Monaco		Felipe DRUGOVICH MP Motorsport	Dennis HAUGER PREMA Racing	Jack DOOHAN Virtuosi Racing	Felipe DRUGOVICH MP Motorsport	Richard VERSCHOOR Trident	
6	10-12 June	 Baku AZERBAIJAN Baku City Circuit		Jüri VIPS Hitech Grand Prix	Frederik VESTI ART Grand Prix	Dennis HAUGER PREMA Racing	Dennis HAUGER PREMA Racing	Jüri VIPS Hitech Grand Prix	
7	01-03 July	 Silverstone GREAT BRITAIN Silverstone Circuit		Logan SARGEANT Carlin	Jack DOOHAN Virtuosi Racing	Ayumu IWASA DAMS	Logan SARGEANT Carlin	David BECKMANN Van Amersfoort Racing	
8	08-10 July	 Spielberg AUSTRIA Red Bull Ring		Frederik VESTI ART Grand Prix	Marcus ARMSTRONG Hitech Grand Prix	Felipe DRUGOVICH MP Motorsport	Logan SARGEANT Carlin	Jack DOOHAN Virtuosi Racing	
9	22-24 July	 Le Castellet FRANCE Circuit Paul Ricard							
10	29-31 July	 Budapest HUNGARY Hungaroring							
11	26-28 August	 Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps							
12	02-04 September	 Zandvoort NETHERLANDS Circuit Zandvoort							
13	09-11 September	 Monza ITALY Autodromo Nazionale Monza							
14	18-20 November	 Yas Island ABU DHABI, UAE Yas Marina Circuit	