

ROUND 4 BAKU AZERBAIJAN



ALL TIMES LOCAL GMT +4

FRIDAY 28 APRIL

11:05
Free Practice
45 min.

15:00
Qualifying Session
30 min.

16:15
Press Conference

SATURDAY 29 APRIL

15:00
Sprint Race

21 LAPS >> 125.959 KM
45 min. +1 Lap

Grid set by reversing Top 10 of Qualifying Results

16:10
Press Conference

SUNDAY 30 APRIL

11:25
Feature Race

29 LAPS >> 173.983 KM
60 min. +1 Lap

Grid set by Qualifying Results

13:20
Press Conference

WHAT'S UP

Breaking new ground, Formula 2 put on a show to remember on debut at Melbourne's Albert Park, as Ayumu Iwasa stamped his authority on the Drivers' Championship. Now the field will be looking to run the streets once again as they head to the Baku City Circuit for the fourth round of the season.

Dennis Hauger held his nerve to make history as the Championship's inaugural Australia victor with a steely lights-to-flag performance in the Sprint Race. Meanwhile, Iwasa overcame wet Qualifying conditions and a chasing Théo Pourchaire in the Feature Race to become the first repeat winner of the season. Taking control of the standings for the

first time, the Japanese driver holds an eight-point advantage over the Frenchman.

Earning a 1-3 finish in the Feature Race has allowed DAMS to take the lead of the Teams' Standings. Securing a 47-point haul, Iwasa and teammate Arthur Leclerc have put the French squad 24 points clear of compatriots ART Grand Prix.

Three rookies brought home their first pieces of silverware in 2023, with Leclerc, Campos Racing's Kush Maini and Hitech Pulse-Eight's Jak Crawford each achieving podium finishes. As it stands, over half the field have finished on the rostrum in the opening six races.

FROM THE GRID

Dennis HAUGER MP Motorsport



"I've had some good moments in Baku so far. Last year was my first time there and I got the Feature Race win, which was a cool moment. It's a really technical track because it's got quite a long straight at the end of Sector 3 and quite a few straights with some 90-degree corners at Turns 1, 2 and 3 in Sector 1. After that, it goes into a technical, tight part under the castle, so it's a tricky one with many different parts. It's easy to get stressed out or do a few mistakes through the middle sector and then it can open up for opportunities along the straight. It's an unforgiving circuit, but also a really cool one and a lot of stuff happens there all the time. It's never over until it's over on that track, which I figured out last year.

"I tried to make a move in Turn 3 last year, which didn't work out as I ended up in the wall. Definitely the main point to overtake is on the main straight, which is easiest if you get a good exit and have the DRS on as you don't waste any energy or tyres to get by. If not, obviously into Turn 3 – they are the biggest spots to do it.

"On the first lap, there are always a lot of opportunities on the outside and inside depending on the circumstances. I think this type of track is really cool for the opening lap where you can really put in a lot of energy and get a few positions. Otherwise, I think that the main straight makes the track quite interesting in terms of the fighting.

"Tyre degradation is pretty low but has a bit of thermal deg there because it's a street circuit. Obviously, there's not too much grip there, especially as the weekend builds up it becomes more and more. For the race, the supersoft tyres could not last forever, but the medium is pretty good around there, so it's more about just keeping it consistent and quick. Also, in terms of when you come in for the pit stop, it was quite interesting last year and I bet it's going to be like that this year as well.

"This has become a big thing in Norway now and it's growing more and more, so I definitely think there's going to be a few Norwegian people around the tracks this year – we'll see! Hopefully, it's going to be as many as last year in Baku and that we can do well there one more time."

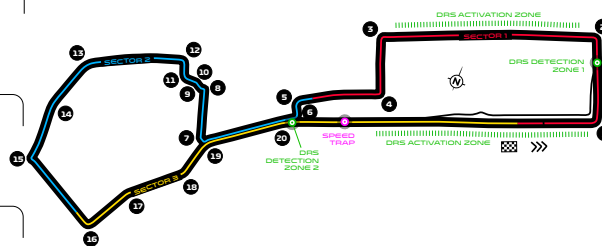
TRACK DATAS Baku City Circuit

6.003 KM Start/Finish
Offset - 0.104 km

LAP RECORD
1:52.159 (192.731 KM/H)
Charles Leclerc (PREMA Racing) in 2017

2022 POLE POSITION
1:53.762 (189.965 KM/H)
Jüri Vips (Hitech Grand Prix)

MAXIMUM SPEED FINISH LINE
335.0 KM/H
Jüri Vips (Hitech Grand Prix) in 2022



COMPOUND ALLOCATION



2022 FEATURE RACE TYRE WINNING STRATEGY

SUPERSOFT 8 Laps >> **MEDIUM** 18 Laps
Dennis Hauger (PREMA Racing)
from P3 Grid Position

TYRE TALK

Mario ISOLA

Pirelli Motorsport Director

"In Baku, the Formula 2 drivers will have the P Zero Yellow medium and P Zero Purple supersoft tyres available, just as in previous years. With the circuit's long main straight providing plenty of opportunities to overtake, we always see some exciting racing there in F2. Track position is not as crucial as on a typical street circuit, and with the extra step between the compounds, there is the possibility to try something different with strategy, enabling the drivers to prove their skills in wheel-to-wheel action with their rivals. At the same time, the teams need to be aware of the likelihood of a safety car intervention, which is always high in Baku, and can directly influence strategy.

"There are two new challenges for drivers and teams. Firstly, the track in Baku has been completely resurfaced and it will be interesting to see if the roughness is as low as it used to be. Secondly, we could expect lower temperatures compared to recent races in Azerbaijan as the race has been brought forward to April from June. In 2018 and 2019, the race was also in April but now we use 18-inch tyres. As a result, drivers will need to know how to maintain the right tyre temperature despite asphalt temperatures that are expected to be around 10 degrees lower."

DID YOU KNOW?

PREMA Racing are the most successful team around the Baku City Circuit, having achieved their first wins at this level with Antonio Giovinazzi's back-to-back victories in 2016. The Italian team have scored a further three wins around the Azerbaijani track in the Formula 2 era with Charles Leclerc (2017), Robert Shwartzman (2021) and Dennis Hauger (2022), as well as five second places and two third place finishes.

Additionally, their 2023 driver Frederik Vesti secured his first Formula 2 win in Baku after a last-lap shootout in last year's Sprint Race.

STAT PACK



Over half the grid have earned a podium across the opening three rounds, with Jak Crawford, Kush Maini and Arthur Leclerc's first appearances taking the total up to 12 so far.

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Eight drivers have led a lap across the first six races of the season. Ayumu Iwasa currently tops the table with 34 laps, five more than ART Grand Prix's Théo Pourchaire. Overall, DAMS have been out front for almost a third of the laps so far this year, leading 50 laps in total.



Ayumu Iwasa has also become the 15th different driver in Formula 2 history to head the standings following the end of a round, and the third this season – tying with the 2020 campaign.

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Four drivers have previously finished on the podium in Baku, including Juan Manuel Correa in 2019 and last year's Sprint and Feature Race winners Frederik Vesti and Dennis Hauger. MP Motorsport's Jehan Daruvala is the only repeat top three finisher, after he achieved third and second place finishes in 2021 and 2022.

PREVIOUS RESULTS

ROUND 3 MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA



PRACTICE

- 1. | Doohan**
Invicta Virtuosi Racing
- 2. | Hadjar**
Hitech Pulse-Eight
- 3. | Martins**
ART Grand Prix



QUALIFYING

- 1. | Iwasa**
DAMS
- 2. | Pourchaire**
ART Grand Prix
- 3. | Martins**
ART Grand Prix



SPRINT RACE

- 1. | Hauger**
MP Motorsport
- 2. | Crawford**
Hitech Pulse-Eight
- 3. | Maini**
Campos Racing



FEATURE RACE

- 1. | Iwasa**
DAMS
- 2. | Pourchaire**
ART Grand Prix
- 3. | Leclerc**
DAMS

2023 ENTRY LIST

ON-BOARD CAMERAS

MP Motorsport			1 Dennis HAUGER NOR 20 y/o	HAU	
			2 Jehan DARUVALA IND 24 y/o	DAR	
Rodin Carlin			3 Zane MALONEY BRB 19 y/o <small>ROOKIE</small>	MAL	
			4 Enzo FITTIPALDI BRA 21 y/o	FIT	
ART Grand Prix			5 Théo POURCHAIRE FRA 19 y/o	POU	
			6 Victor MARTINS FRA 21 y/o <small>ROOKIE</small>	MAR	
PREMA Racing			7 Frederik VESTI DNK 21 y/o	VES	
			8 Oliver BEARMAN GBR 17 y/o <small>ROOKIE</small>	BEA	
Hitech Pulse-Eight			9 Jak CRAWFORD USA 17 y/o <small>ROOKIE</small>	CRA	
			10 Isack HADJAR FRA 18 y/o <small>ROOKIE</small>	HAD	
DAMS			11 Ayumu IWASA JPN 21 y/o	IWA	
			12 Arthur LECLERC MCO 22 y/o <small>ROOKIE</small>	LEC	
Invicta Virtuosi Racing			14 Jack DOOHAN AUS 20 y/o	DOO	
			15 Amaury CORDEEL BEL 20 y/o	ACO	
PHM Racing by Charouz			16 Roy NISSANY ISR 28 y/o	NIS	
			17 Brad BENAVIDES USA 21 y/o <small>ROOKIE</small>	BEN	
Trident			20 Roman STANĚK CZE 19 y/o <small>ROOKIE</small>	STA	
			21 Clément NOVALAK FRA 22 y/o	NOV	
Van Amersfoort Racing			22 Richard VERSCHOOR NLD 22 y/o	VER	
			23 Juan Manuel CORREA USA 23 y/o	JCO	
Campos Racing			24 Kush MAINI IND 22 y/o <small>ROOKIE</small>	MAI	
			25 Ralph BOSCHUNG CHE 25 y/o	BOS	

2023 STANDINGS

DRIVER STANDINGS

POS.	DRIVER	SPRINT	FEATURE	PTS	SHUFFLE
1.	Ayumu Iwasa	1	1	58	+2
2.	Théo Pourchaire		1	50	=
3.	Frederik Vesti		1	42	+1
4.	Ralph Boschung	1		33	-3
5.	Arthur Leclerc <small>ROOKIE</small>			33	+7
6.	Jehan Daruvala			32	-1
7.	Dennis Hauger	1		30	=
8.	Zane Maloney <small>R</small>			29	+3
9.	Kush Maini <small>R</small>			26	=
10.	Richard Verschoor			25	-2
11.	Jack Doohan			24	-5
12.	Victor Martins <small>R</small>			17	-2
13.	Isack Hadjar <small>R</small>			11	+1
14.	Enzo Fittipaldi			9	-1
15.	Jak Crawford <small>R</small>			8	+2
16.	Oliver Bearman <small>R</small>			3	=
17.	Juan Manuel Correa			2	-2
18.	Roy Nissany			0	=
19.	Clément Novalak			0	+1
20.	Amaury Cordeel			0	+1
21.	Brad Benavides <small>R</small>			0	+1
22.	Roman Stanek <small>R</small>			0	-3

TEAM STANDINGS

POS.	TEAM	SPRINT	FEATURE	PTS	SHUFFLE
1.	DAMS	1	1	91	+2
2.	ART Grand Prix		1	67	=
3.	MP Motorsport	1		62	+1
4.	Campos Racing	1		59	-3
5.	PREMA Racing		1	45	=
6.	Rodin Carlin			38	=
7.	Van Amersfoort Racing			27	+1
8.	Invicta Virtuosi Racing			24	-1
9.	Hitech Pulse-Eight			19	=
10.	PHM Racing by Charouz			0	=
11.	Trident			0	=

MEDIA PLATFORM

The FIA Formula 2 Media Kit and stats sheet are available via our media platform, along with a selection of driver interviews.

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SEASON RECAP

POLE POSITION

SPRINT RACE WINNER

FASTEST LAP
FL BONUS POINT

FEATURE RACE WINNER

FASTEST LAP
FL BONUS POINT

1	03-05 March	Sakhir SAUDI ARABIA Bahrain International Circuit		Théo POURCHAIRE ART Grand Prix	Ralph BOSCHUNG Campos Racing	Oliver BEARMAN PREMA Racing	Théo POURCHAIRE ART Grand Prix	Richard VERSCHOOR Van Amersfoort Racing
2	17-19 March	Jeddah SAUDI ARABIA Jeddah Corniche Circuit		Victor MARTINS ART Grand Prix	Ayumu IWASA DAMS	Victor MARTINS ART Grand Prix	Frederik VESTI PREMA Racing	Arthur LECLERC DAMS
3	31 March-02 April	Melbourne AUSTRALIA Albert Park Circuit	<small>NEW VENUE</small>	Ayumu IWASA DAMS	Dennis HAUGER MP Motorsport	Dennis HAUGER MP Motorsport	Ayumu IWASA DAMS	Frederik VESTI PREMA Racing
4	28-30 April	Baku AZERBAIJAN Baku City Circuit						
5	19-21 May	Imola ITALY Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari						
6	25-28 May	Monte Carlo MONACO Circuit de Monaco						
7	02-04 June	Barcelona SPAIN Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya						
8	30 June-02 July	Spielberg AUSTRIA Red Bull Ring						
9	07-09 July	Silverstone GREAT BRITAIN Silverstone Circuit						
10	21-23 July	Budapest HUNGARY Hungaroring						
11	28-30 July	Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps						
12	25-27 August	Zandvoort NETHERLANDS Circuit Zandvoort						
13	01-03 September	Monza ITALY Autodromo Nazionale Monza						
14	24-26 November	Yas Island ABU DHABI, UAE Yas Marina Circuit						