

PREVIEW



ROUND 5 MONTE CARLO MONACO



ALL TIMES LOCAL GMT +2 **THURSDAY**

15:00 Free Practice **FRIDAY**

26 MAY

15:10

Qualifying Session (Group A) 16 min.

15:34

Qualifying Session (Group B) 16 min.

16:20

Press Conference

SATURDAY

14:15 Sprint Race

30 Laps

Grid set by reversing Top 10 of Qualifying Results

15:30 Press Conference **SUNDAY**

09:40 Feature Race

42 Laps

Grid set by Qualifying Results

11:15

Press Conference

WHAT'S UP

Théo Pourchaire has been quietly going about his business after a fast start in Sakhir. While he hasn't had another pole position or win since, his points scoring rate has him leading the Championship. The Frenchman has appeared on the podium in every Feature Race so far minus Jeddah. He leads the way on 65 points.

In Azerbaijan, PREMA was the dominant force, securing the top spot in every single session with Bearman, but Frederik Vesti's form as of late has been impressive also. Following a difficult opening round in Bahrain, the Dane has finished inside the top eight in every race. Despite narrowly missing out on Sprint victory in Baku, he's P2 in the Standings on 62 points.

Ayumu Iwasa and DAMS will be aiming to bounce back immediately after a nightmare weekend in Baku. The team added just one point to its tally courtesy of Arthur Leclerc's P10 in the Feature, while the Japanese

driver left point-less and slipped to P3 in the Championship, still on 58 points.

It was the first time in FIA Formula 2 history that the same driver has topped every session on a race weekend and Oliver Bearman looks to be going from strength to strength in his rookie season. He arrives in Monaco fourth in the standings on

Arguably the most consistent driver on the grid so far in 2023, Kush Maini makes it two rookies in the top five with a point-scoring record containing just a single blemish on it. The Indian driver has scored points in every race bar one and is tied with Bearman on 41 points also.

PREMA's Baku performance helped the team become the first to break the 100-point barrier, leading the Teams' Standings on 103. DAMS remains second despite a tricky Round 4 on 92 points, 10 clear of ART Grand Prix in third position.

Arthur LECLERC

FROM THE GRID

"First, I like it because I was born there. Every year there's been a race and I've watched it with my parents. It feels very special to be a part of it and especially because my friend and family will be around me giving me huge support from Monaco and from all the fans there. It will be a special weekend. I think the first race I watched was 2007. I probably went before but I don't remember. I only remember I didn't have any ear defenders and I was almost crying because

DAMS

"Monaco is really difficult to overtake, especially in Formula 2 because it's a car that's bigger than F3, which makes it difficult. I think the only opportunity is after the tunnel and maybe Rascasse, sometimes you see overtakes there, but it's always tricky. It's definitely the most important track of the year for Qualifying. When you look last year, Qualifying is always important in F2. It should be lower deg without the highspeed corners and with full downforce specification, which should help tyre management so

"The most difficult thing is to keep it outside of the walls and push to the limit. I'm looking forward to the atmosphere, the track and the feeling of racing the track and remember how I felt as a kid watching from the grandstands, it will be really

it should be ok. I couldn't hear afterwards.

TRACK DATAS Circuit de Monaco

Ö LAP RECORD 1:19.309 (151.473 KM/H)

Charles Leclerc (PREMA Racing) in 2017

© 2022 POLE POSITION 1:21.348 (147.676 KM/H) Felipe Drugovich (MP Motorsport)

MAXIMUM SPEED SPEED TRAP :63.2 KM/H

Nyck de Vries (Rapax) in 2017



COUMPOUND ALLOCATION





2022 FEATURE RACE TYRE WINNING STRATEGY

SOFT 19 Laps >> SUPERSOFT 23 Laps Felipe Drugovich (MP Motorsport)









TYRE TALK

Mario ISOLA

Pirelli Motorsport Director

"As in previous years, we will bring our two softest compounds to Monaco: the P Zero Red soft and **P Zero Purple supersoft.** This gives the drivers the optimum grip to attack the demanding and technical street circuit, where tyre wear and degradation are very low together with the average speeds. Given the value of track position for the races, extracting the most from the rubber during the unique split qualifying session is always important. Still, we often see that tyre strategy and the timing of the mandatory pit-stop can be decisive for the result in the feature race, when the pit window is usually fairly wide and the probability for a safety car at any moment is high."

DID YOU KNOW?

With his Monaco victory in 2021, Théo Pourchaire became the youngest ever winner in Formula 2 history, claiming Feature Race glory at 17 years, 9 months and 2 days of age. 2023 title rival Oliver Bearman became the second youngest winner in F2 with his Baku Sprint Race win last month, shortly before turning 18.



STAT PACK



Only Lando Norris has made a better start to life in F2 as a rookie than Kush Maini. The Indian driver has achieved seven points scoring finishes out of a possible eight, one short of Norris' record.



Frederik Vesti has the best points-scoring streak currently on the grid, with six-consecutive scores arriving in Monte Carlo this weekend.



With Oliver Bearman's pole position in Baku, PREMA Racing moved level with ART Grand Prix for most pole positions in FIA Formula 2 history, sharing the top spot with 23 apiece.



Oliver Bearman would become the first Formula 2 driver to win three consecutive races if he were to be victorious in the Monte Carlo Sprint Race on Saturday this weekend. He is currently one of 11 drivers to achieve two wins in a row in the Championship.



Only 2019 Champion Nyck de Vries has won twice in Monaco in F2 (2017 Sprint, 2019 Feature). Théo Pourchaire has the chance to join the Dutchman having won the Feature Race in 2021.

PREVIOUS RESULTS

ROUND 4 🔤 BAKU ^{AZERBAIJAN}



PRACTICE

- 1. Bearman PREMA Racing
- Hadjar Hitech Pulse-Eight
- 3. Maini Campos Racing



QUALIFYING

- 1. Bearman PREMA Racing
- 2. Fittipaldi Rodin Carlin
- 3. Pourchaire ART Grand Prix



SPRINT RACE

- 1. Bearman PREMA Racing
- 2. Vesti PREMA Racing
- 3. Crawford Hitech Pulse-Eight



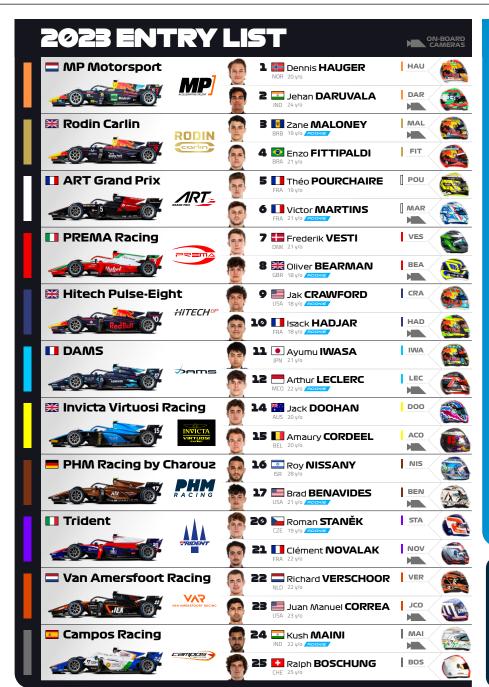
FEATURE RACE

- 1. Bearman PREMA Racing
- 2. Fittipaldi Rodin Carlin
- 3. Pourchaire ART Grand Prix









2023 STANDINGS

DRIVER STANDINGS

POS. DRIVER	SPRINT₹	FEATURE	PTS	SHUFFLE
1. Théo Pourchaire		1¥	65	+1
2. Frederik Vesti		1¥	62	+1
3. Ayumu Iwasa	1 ¥	1¥	58	2
4. Oliver Bearman ROOKIE	1¥	1¥	41	+12
5. Kush Maini R				
6. Dennis Hauger	1¥		38	+1
7. Arthur Leclerc R			34	2
8. Ralph Boschung	1 ¥		33	4
9. Jehan Daruvala				
10. Enzo Fittipaldi			31	+4
11. Zane Maloney R			29	3
12. Richard Verschoor			29	2
13. Jack Doohan			24	2
14. Isack Hadjar R			18	1
15. Victor Martins R			17	3
16. Jak Crawford R			16	1
17. Juan Manuel Correa			5	=
18. Clément Novalak			2	+1
19. Roman Staněk R			1	+3
20. Roy Nissany			0	2
21. Amaury Cordeel			0	1
22. Brad Benavides				1

TEAM STANDINGS

POS. TEAM	SPRINT₹	FEATURE₹	PTS	SHUFFLE
1. PREMA Racing	1¥	2Ψ	103	+4
2. DAMS	1 Ψ	1¥	92	1
3. ART Grand Prix		1¥	82	1
4. Campos Racing	1 Ψ		74	=
5. MP Motorsport	1 Ψ		70	2
6. Rodin Carlin			60	=
7. Hitech Pulse-Eigh	t		34	+2
8. Van Amersfoort R	acing		34	1
9. Invicta Virtuosi Ra	cing		24	1
10. Trident			3	+1
11. PHM Racing by Ch	arouz		0	1

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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	SEAS	ON RECAF			POLE POSITION	SPRINT RACE WINNER Y	FASTEST LAP ⊕ FL BONUS POINT	FEATURE RACE WINNER Y	FASTEST LAP • FL BONUS POINT
1	03-05 March	Sakhir BAHRAIN 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	9		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	NEW (<u>پ</u>	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	(Oliver BEARMAN PREMA Racing	Oliver BEARMAN PREMA Racing	Oliver BEARMAN PREMA Racing	Oliver BEARMAN PREMA Racing	Isack HADJAR Hitech Pulse-Eight
5	19-21 May	Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari	6	S	EVENT CALLED OFF				
6	25-28 May	Monte Carlo MONACO Circuit de Monaco	i	P		:	:		:
7	02-04 June	Barcelona SPAIN Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya	(<u>S</u>	:	:	:		:
8	30 June-02 July	Spielberg AUSTRIA Red Bull Ring	•	B			:	:	:
9	07-09 July	Silverstone GREAT BRITAIN Silverstone Circuit		R)	:	:	:	:	:
10	21-23 July	Budapest HUNGARY Hungaroring		I)			:	:	:
11	28-30 July	Spa-Francorchamps Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps	ELGIUM 6				:	:	:
12	25-27 August	Zandvoort NETHERLANDS Circuit Zandvoort		H			:	:	:
13	01-03 September	Mon2a ITALY Autodromo Nazionale Monza	(:	:	:
14	24-26 November	Yas Island ABU DHABI, UAE Yas Marina Circuit					:		

