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ROUND 8 - SPIELBERG AUSTRIA



ALL TIMES LOCAL GMT +2

FRIDAY

30 JUNE

11:05 Free Practice

Free Practice 45 min.

15:55

Qualifying Session

30 min.

10:10

Press Conference

SATURDAY

OJ JULY

13:45 Sprint Race

28 LAP5 >> 120.778 KM

45 min. +1 Lap

Grid set by reversing Top 10 of Qualifying Results

14:55

Press Conference

SUNDAY

OZ JULY

09:55

Feature Race

40 LAPS >> 172.594 KM 60 min. +1 Lap

60 ПШ. +1 Lap

Grid set by Qualifying Results

11:20

Press Conference

WHAT'S UP

Frederik Vesti followed up his Monte Carlo Feature Race victory in style, keeping title rival Théo Pourchaire at bay to snatch victory in a wet-to-dry Sprint Race around the Spanish circuit. A fifth-place finish on Sunday allowed the Dane to strengthen his advantage over the ART Grand Prix driver as they return to the site of his maiden pole position last year, with Vesti on 110 points to Pourchaire's 99.

40 points separate the top four drivers in the Standings, with Ayumu Iwasa losing some ground to the leading duo on 82. Oliver Bearman bounced back into the hunt with a second pole position of the season and a masterful

Feature Race victory. Moving up four places, the Briton now leads the rookie charge in fourth.

Further back, MP Motorsport's Dennis Hauger remains fifth on 57 points. Meanwhile. Richard Verschoor's points-scoring streak extends to 11 consecutive rounds and Budapest year. His run puts the Van Amersfoort Racing driver seven points off Hauger.

PREMA Racing's third successive victory has seen them break 36 points clear of their nearest rivals ART Grand Prix, on 180 points to their 136. DAMS continue to sit in third, a further 26 points behind.

FROM THE GRID

ISACK HADJAR Hitech Pulse-Eight

"I like racing at the Red Bull Ring, especially given the results I had there in F3 with my maiden pole and Feature Race win. It's a shorter up-and-down track, really fast flowing and easy to overtake on. I enjoy being there, the atmosphere is good and the fans are a bit crazy.

"I really love the last sector. The double right to end the lap is really tricky, especially track limit-wise, I had a lot of laps cancelled for that. I really enjoy the blind entry in Turn 9, it's really fast and the last corner going downhill, smacking the floor on the car is great.

"I like to overtake into Turn 3, uphill braking for the hairpin. I think you can go from quite far back. Also, the move for the lead that Jak did on Caio (Collet) in F3 last year in Turn 7 was quite good. That first left high-speed corner is great. I think it's the easiest track for tyre degradation. Actually, you set best lap times towards the end of the race, there's really low deg so can push through the whole race.



"It's a special race as a Red Bull Junior. In F3 last year, we had Jak (Crawford) winning the Sprint and I won the Feature Race, so to have two Red Bull juniors winning at the Red Bull Ring was great. Hoping for the same again and to share the podium with my teammate."

TRACK DATAS Red Bull Ring

4.318 KM Start/Finish offset • 0.126 km

LAP RECORD 1:13.396 (211.793 KM/H)

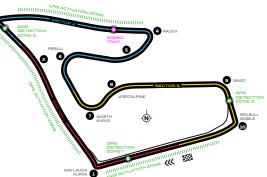
Charles Leclerc (PREMA Racing) in 2017

2022 POLE POSITION 1:14.123 (209.716 KM/H)

Frederik Vesti (ART Grand Prix) in 2022

MAXIMUM SPEED INTERMEDIATE 1
303.2 KM/H

Marino Sato (Virtuosi Racing) in 2022



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2022 FEATURE RACETYRE WINNING STRATEGY

WET 7 Laps >> MEDIUM 33 Laps Logan Sargeant (Carlin)









TYRE TALK

RACE STRATEGY

Tyres will be one step softer for the field's return to the Red Bull Ring. Whilst the purple-walled supersoft tyres remain the same, Pirelli have opted to go one step softer for their option tyres, with the red-walled soft compounds in action this time around.

Time will be off the essence in the 30-minute Qualifying session. Drivers will need to set their laps quickly and efficiently to avoid the possibility of losing their best chances to traffic but leave enough

performance in the tank to capitalise on track evolution late on. Whilst the softs are the likely choice for the Sprint, the small performance difference between the two compounds opens the window for a lengthy stint on the supersofts on Sunday. Expect teams to switch up their strategies, with those on the primes looking to benefit from the additional grip off the line to sweep past those ahead on the short run uphill to the tricky blind righthander at Turn 1.

However, rain could throw another curveball the drivers' way, with the previous two Feature Races getting underway in wet-to-drying conditions and the forecasts anticipating scattered showers throughout the weekend. Last year, Logan Sargeant overcame the disadvantage of starting on wet tyres on a damp circuit by flying through the field on slicks to claim the victory following post-race penalties for Richard Verschoor and Jehan Daruvala.

Mario ISOLA

Pirelli Motorsport Director

"The Red Bull Ring is all about acceleration and braking, so managing the performance of the rear tyres is especially important. The most demanding corners for the tyres are the two consecutive left-handers in the middle of the lap, with every major corner being right-handed. The lap is very short, so the field is close together and the drivers have to deal with the traffic. An unpredictable element during the weekend could be the weather. The nominated compounds for the Austrian circuit are Soft and Supersoft, a versatile pair of tyres with a slight difference in performance on the track."

YOU KNOW



Fielding the most juniors of any Formula 2 season, Red Bull will have six drivers taking to the track at the team's home event. The Red Bull Ring has been a happy hunting ground for them in recent years, with Jak Crawford and Isack Hadjar doing the double with Sprint and Feature Race victories in Formula 3 last year, whilst Dennis Hauger claimed P1, P3 and P2 finishes in the three races at the Austrian circuit on his way to his 2021 F3 title.

STAT PACK



11 drivers have led at least one lap this season, with Frederik Vesti having led the most with 87 laps led to Ayumu lwasa's 61.

PREMA Racing are only two wins away from matching their season-best haul, having scored eight in their title-winning 2021 campaign.

Kush Maini has raced the most laps so far this season with 340, one more than Clément Novalak, totalling 1707km.

PREMA Racing could become the first team to score over 2000 points in Formula 2 history this weekend. They need to collect 63.5 points out of a possible 65.

PREVIOUS RESULTS

ROUND 7 🔤 BARCELONA SPAIN



PRACTICE

1. Vesti PREMA Racing

Bearman PREMA Racing

3. Daruvala MP Motorsport



QUALIFYING

1. Bearman PREMA Racing

2. Fittipaldi Rodin Carlin

3. Doohan Invicta Virtuosi Racing



SPRINT RACE

1. Vesti PREMA Racing

2. Pourchaire ART Grand Prix

3. Martins ART Grand Prix



FEATURE RACE

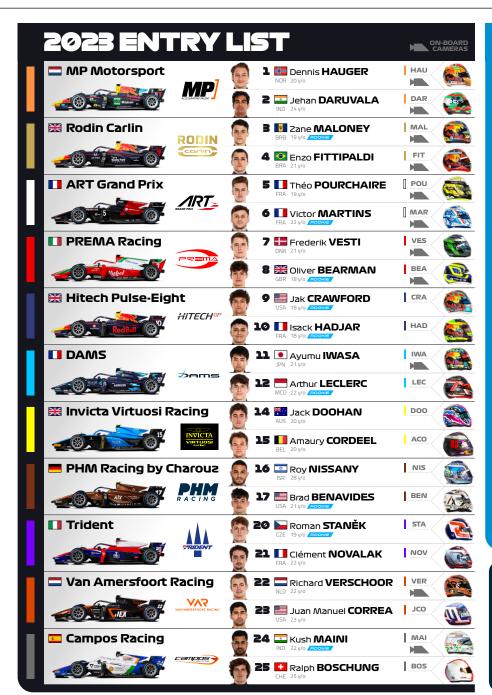
1. Bearman PREMA Racing

2. Fittipaldi Rodin Carlin

3. Martins ART Grand Prix







2023 STANDINGS

DRIVER STANDINGS

POS. DRIVER	$SPRINT\Psi$	FEATURE₹	PTS	SHUFFLE
1. Frederik Vesti	1¥	2Ψ	110	
2. Théo Pourchaire				=
3. Ayumu Iwasa	2¥	1¥	82	=
4. Oliver Bearman ROOKIE	1¥	2Ψ	70	+4
5. Dennis Hauger	1¥		57	=
6. Richard Verschoor			50	+1
7. Enzo Fittipaldi			49	+5
8. Kush Maini R			49	4
9. Zane Maloney R			48	3
10. Victor Martins R			45	+5
11. Jehan Daruvala			40	2
12. Jack Doohan			40	+1
13. Arthur Leclerc R			36	3
14. Ralph Boschung	1¥		33	-3
15. Jak Crawford R			24	1
16. I Isack Hadjar R			18	=
17. Roman Staněk R			7	=
18. Juan Manuel Correa			5	=
19. Clément Novalak			2	=
20. Roy Nissany			0	=
21. Amaury Cordeel			0	=
22. Brad Benavides R			0	=

TEAM STANDINGS

POS. TEAM	$SPRINT\Psi$	FEATURE₹	PTS	SHUFFLE
1. PREMA Racing	2¥	4¥	180	
2. ART Grand Prix				
3. DAMS	2¥	1¥	118	=
4. MP Motorsport	1		97	=
5. Rodin Carlin			97	+1
6. Campos Racing	1		82	1
7. Van Amersfoort Racir	ng		55	=
8. Hitech Pulse-Eight			42	=
9. Invicta Virtuosi Racin	g		40	=
10. Trident	_		9	=
11. PHM Racing by Chard	uz		0	=

MEDIA PLATFORM

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	SEAS	ON RECAP		POLE POSITION	SPRINT RACE WINNER ₹	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		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	W C	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		EVENT CALLED OFF				
6	25-28 May	Monte Carlo MONACO Circuit de Monaco		Frederik VESTI PREMA Racing	Ayumu IWASA DAMS	Jack DOOHAN Invicta Virtuosi Racing	Frederik VESTI PREMA Racing	Victor MARTINS ART Grand Prix
7	02-04 June	Barcelona SPAIN Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya		Oliver BEARMAN PREMA Racing	Frederik VESTI PREMA Racing	Théo POURCHAIRE ART Grand Prix	Oliver BEARMAN PREMA Racing	Clément NOVALAK Trident
8	30 June-02 July	Spielberg AUSTRIA Red Bull Ring				:		:
9	07-09 July	Silverstone GREAT BRITAIN Silverstone Circuit	Ø	:	:	:	:	:
10	21-23 July	Budapest HUNGARY Hungaroring	D			:		:
n	28-30 July	Spa-Francorchamps BELGIU Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps	JW 🧟		:	:		:
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				:		:

