

# PREVIEW



# ROUND II SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS BELGIUM



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#### FRIDAY 26 AUGUST

11:35
Free Practice

**18:30**Qualifying Session

-30 min

19:30

Press Conference

### **SATURDAY**

**27 AUGUST** 

**18:00**Sprint Race

18 Laps

45 min. +1 Lap

Grid set by reversing Top 10 of Qualifying Results

10:10

Press Conference

### **SUNDAY**

28 AUGUST

**10:20**Feature Race

**25** Laps

60 min. +1 Lap

Grid set by Qualifying Results

11:45

Press Conference

### THE STORY SO FAR

It was another unforgettable weekend last time out in Budapest as Théo Pourchaire closed in on long-time championship leader Felipe Drugovich, the ART driver rounding out the double-header on a triumphant high after returning to the top step of the podium for the first time since Round 3 in Imola.

Jack Doohan got his weekend in the Hungarian capital off to a flying start, narrowly edging out fellow rookie Ayumu lwasa to go quickest in Free Practice. The pair were separated by a mere 0.001s at the end of the session. Meanwhile, Van Amersfoort Racing's David Beckmann clocked in a late lap to take P3.

He might have missed out on the quickest time in Free Practice by a hair, but Iwasa left nothing on the table in Qualifying to set a blisteringly quick 1:27.930 and

seal his maiden pole position in Formula 2. Hitech Grand Prix's Marcus Armstrong took second, ahead of Drugovich who pipped his nearest Championship rival Pourchaire to third.

Saturday saw Doohan secure his second victory of the campaign, going almost entirely unchallenged for 28 laps around the Hungaroring. Staring from reverse grid pole the Australian driver eventually crossed the line more than five





seconds ahead of the secondplaced Jüri Vips. Charouz Racing System's Enzo Fittipaldi completed the rostrum.

Pourchaire threw down the gauntlet to Drugovich in the final race before the summer break, taking his third Feature Race

victory of the year and reducing the Brazilian's advantage down to just 21 points. Fittipaldi was the second driver to take the chequered flag, and brought home back-to-back podiums, while polesitter Iwasa nursed his tyres to the end of the race to take third.

# THE CHALLENGERS

Felipe Drugovich continues to lead the way in the Drivers' Championship for a seventh consecutive round, but Théo Pourchaire slashes down his advantage at the head of the standings to just 21 points. Logan Sargeant is third on 119 points, ahead of Enzo Fittipaldi in fourth and Jehan Daruvala in fifth.

It's ART Grand Prix that leads the way in the Teams' Championship with 250 points, after a strong haul of points in the Budapest Feature Race. Meanwhile, Carlin and MP Motorsport are neck and neck in second and third, with the British team ahead by a single point.

Ralph Boschung returns to his green-liveried #15 Campos Racing car this weekend after taking time off to recover from a neck injury. Meanwhile Lirim Zendeli will make an appearance on the opposite side of the garage, filling in for Olli Caldwell for Round 11 in Spa-Francorchamps. David Beckmann

remains at Van Amersfoort Racing in car #24. Finally, Tatiana Calderón returns to Formula 2 this weekend, replacing Cem



Bölükbasi at Charouz Racing System for the remainder of the season.

# TRACK DATAS circuit de Spa-Francorchamps 7.004 KM Start/Finish offset · 0.124 km

#### **Ö LAP RECORD** 1:56.054 (217.264 KM/H)

Nyck de Vries (PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing) in 2018

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**SATURDAY 18:00** 

#### SPRINT RACE 18 LAPS >> 125.948 KM

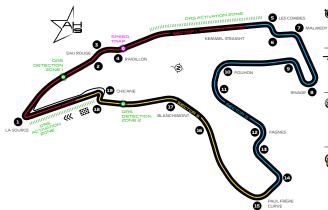
45 min. +1 Lap

**SUNDAY 10:20** 

### **FEATURE RACE**

25 LAPS >> 174.976 KM

60 min. +1 Lap



#### **© 2020 POLE POSITION** 1:57.593 (214.420 KM/H)

Yuki Tsunoda (Carlin)

MAXIMUM SPEED INTERMEDIATE 1 3**1.1** KW/H

Nikita Mazepin (Hitech Grand Prix) in 2020

#### COUMPOUND ALLOCATION

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#### 2020 FEATURE RACE TYRE WINNING STRATEGY

SOFT 10 Laps >> MEDIUM 15 Laps

Yuki Tsunoda (Carlin) from P1 Grid Position

# FROM THE GRID



#### "I'm very excited to be racing at Spa-Francorchamps this year, it's one of my favourite circuits, especially on this year's calendar. I had a pretty good round there last year (in F3) and I really enjoy driving the circuit so I can't wait to experience it in a Formula 2 car.

#### Jack DOOHAN Virtuosi Racina

"The undulation of the track is unique, especially thinking about how high you can be up at Les Combes, looking back down at the paddock is quite a cool sight. The circuit is super high speed but also mixed with very tight sections in the last chicane and Turn 1, but then Sector 2 is very on the limit. It's also a circuit where you can play around with downforce levels, some people go fully low and others medium. It's a place where it's in the middle neither fully low nor medium is favoured. It's an all-round circuit, but it's also very unique and historic.

"The best place for overtaking at Spa is up into Les Combes, if you make a move into the

Bus Stop you have two DRS zones down into Turn 1 and up through Eau Rouge so your chances of getting overtaken are quite high. Whereas if you make a move up into the Combes chicane then the car behind you is going to struggle with dirty air so you have the opportunity to make a bit of a gap before the next DRS zone comes around.

"I would like to get a win in Spa for sure, especially as it's getting to that point in the season, and a solid points haul from two races inside the top five ideally. If we could get a podium and a win, or a win and a top-five finish I would be more than happy!"

## 'YRE TALK

#### **Mario ISOLA**

Pirelli Motorsport Director

"Spa is the longest lap of the season and also one of the fastest, placing a range of different forces on the tyres. This year, there's the extra challenge of the modifications that have been made to the track, with some new gravel traps and asphalt, adding some extra elements to think about. As the middle compounds in the range, the P Zero Yellow medium and P Zero Red soft are well-suited to Spa, but some management is likely to be required in the races if it stays dry."



# STAT PACK



Théo Pourchaire becomes the second driver this season to take home three Feature Race wins, the first driver to do so was Championship leader Drugovich.

The points deficit between P1 and P2 in the Championship is the narrowest it's been since Round 3 in Imola, when Pourchaire led Drugovich by 2 points.

Felipe Drugovich remains the only driver to score points in every round of the campaign so far, with 18 points finishes from 20 races.

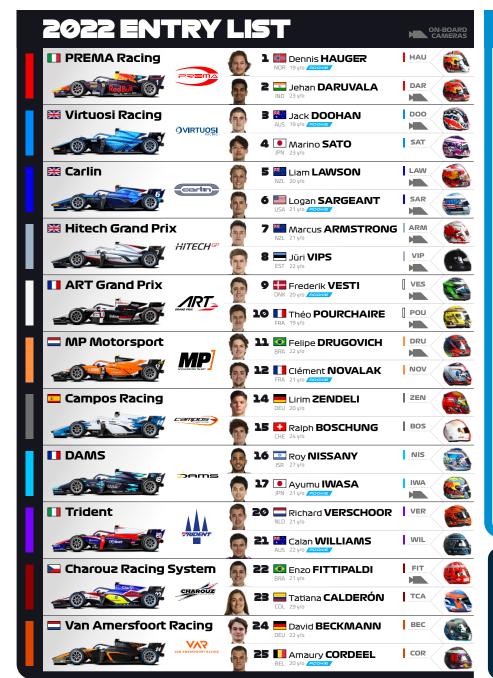


A return to the top step of the podium for Felipe Drugovich in Spa-Francorchamps would see him equal the record for race wins in Formula 2, an accolade currently jointly held by Nyck de Vries and Artem Markelov



Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps is the longest track on the 2022 calendar at 7.004 KM.

The lap record at the Belgian circuit is 1:56.054, set by Nyck de Vries with PÉRTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing in 2018



# **2022 STANDINGS**

#### **DRIVER STANDINGS**

POS. DRIVER	SPRINT₹	FEATURE₹	PTS	SHUFFLE
1. Felipe Drugovich	1¥	3Ψ	180	=
2. Théo Pourchaire				
3. Logan Sargeant ROOKIE		2Ψ	119	=
4. Enzo Fittipaldi				
5. Jehan Daruvala			94	1
6. Frederik Vesti R	1¥		91	+2
7. Ayumu Iwasa R		1¥	90	+2
8. Liam Lawson	2¥		88	3
9.   Jack Doohan R	2¥		88	3
10.   Jüri Vips			85	+2
11. Marcus Armstrong	2¥		79	1
12. Dennis Hauger	1¥	1¥	67	1
13. Richard Verschoor	1¥		49	=
14. Ralph Boschung			34	=
15. Clément Novalak R			26	=
16. Jake Hughes			26	=
17. Roy Nissany				
18. Roberto Merhi			15	=
19.   Olli Caldwell R			8	=
20. Marino Sato			6	=
21. Calan Williams R			5	=
22. David Beckmann			4	=
23. Cem Bölükbaşı R			0	=
24. Amaury Cordeel			0	=

#### TEAM STANDINGS

POS. TEAM	SPRINTΨ	FEATURE	PTS	SHUFFLE	
1. ART Grand Prix	1¥	3¥	250		
2. Carlin	2¥	2Ψ	207	+1	
3. MP Motorsport	<b>1</b> ¥	3¥	206	1	
4. Hitech Grand Prix	2¥		164	+1	
5. PREMA Racing	1¥	1¥	161	1	
6. DAMS					
7. Charouz Racing Syster	n		104	+1	
8. Virtuosi Racing					
9.   Campos Racing					
10. Trident					
11. Van Amersfoort Racing					

### **MEDIA PLATFORM**

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SEAS	SON RECAP		POLE Position	SPRINT RACE WINNER ₹	FASTEST LAP  ⊕ FL BONUS POINT	FEATURE RACE WINNER ₹	FASTEST LAP  ⊕ FL BONUS POINT
18-20 March	Sakhir BAHRAIN Bahrain International Circuit		Jack <b>DOOHAN</b> Virtuosi Racing	Richard <b>VERSCHOOR</b> Trident	Amaury <b>CORDEEL</b> Van Amersfoort Racing	Théo <b>POURCHAIRE</b> ART Grand Prix	Jüri <b>VIPS</b> Hitech Grand Prix
25-27 March	Jeddah SAUDI ARABIA Jeddah Corniche Circuit	~~	Felipe <b>DRUGOVICH</b> MP Motorsport	Liam <b>LAWSON</b> Carlin	Jüri <b>VIPS</b> Hitech Grand Prix	Felipe <b>DRUGOVICH</b> MP Motorsport	Jack <b>DOOHAN</b> Virtuosi Racing
3 22-24 April	Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari	NEW J	Jüri <b>VIPS</b> Hitech Grand Prix	Marcus <b>ARMSTRONG</b> Hitech Grand Prix	Jüri <b>VIPS</b> Hitech Grand Prix	Théo <b>POURCHAIRE</b> ART Grand Prix	Jehan <b>DARUVALA</b> PREMA Racing
20-22 May	Barcelona SPAIN Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya	©	Jack <b>DOOHAN</b> Virtuosi Racing	Felipe <b>DRUGOVICH</b> MP Motorsport	Felipe <b>DRUGOVICH</b> MP Motorsport	Felipe <b>DRUGOVICH</b> MP Motorsport	Jack <b>DOOHAN</b> Virtuosi Racing
26-29 May	Monte Carlo MONACO Circuit de Monaco	P	Felipe <b>DRUGOVICH</b> MP Motorsport	Dennis <b>HAUGER</b> PREMA Racing	Jack <b>DOOHAN</b> Virtuosi Racing	Felipe <b>DRUGOVICH</b> MP Motorsport	Richard VERSCHOOR Trident
10-12 June	Baku AZERBAIJAN Baku City Circuit		Jüri <b>VIPS</b> Hitech Grand Prix	Frederik <b>VESTI</b> ART Grand Prix	Dennis <b>HAUGER</b> PREMA Racing	Dennis <b>HAUGER</b> PREMA Racing	Jüri <b>VIPS</b> Hitech Grand Prix
01-03 July	Silverstone GREAT BRITAIN Silverstone Circuit	Ø	Logan <b>SARGEANT</b> Carlin	Jack <b>DOOHAN</b> Virtuosi Racing	Ayumu <b>IWASA</b> DAMS	Logan <b>SARGEANT</b> Carlin	David <b>BECKMANN</b> Van Amersfoort Racing
08-10 July	Spielberg AUSTRIA Red Bull Ring		Frederik <b>VESTI</b> ART Grand Prix	Marcus <b>ARMSTRONG</b> Hitech Grand Prix	Felipe <b>DRUGOVICH</b> MP Motorsport	Logan <b>SARGEANT</b> Carlin	Jack <b>DOOHAN</b> Virtuosi Racing
22-24 July	Le Castellet FRANCE Circuit Paul Ricard		Logan <b>SARGEANT</b> Carlin	Liam <b>LAWSON</b> Carlin	Liam <b>LAWSON</b> (+)	Ayumu <b>IWASA</b> DAMS	Felipe <b>DRUGOVICH</b> MP Motorsport
O 29-31 July	Budapest HUNGARY Hungaroring	D	Ayumu <b>IWASA</b> DAMS	Jack <b>DOOHAN</b> Virtuosi Racing	Richard VERSCHOOR Trident	Théo <b>POURCHAIRE</b> ART Grand Prix	Dennis <b>HAUGER</b> PREMA Racing
1 26-28 August	Spa-Francorchamps BELL Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps	SIUM C	:	:	:		:
2 02-04 September	Zandvoort NETHERLANDS Circuit Zandvoort	NEW A	:	:	:	:	:
3 09-11 September	Mon2a ITALY Autodromo Nazionale Monza			:	:	:	:
4 18-20 November	Yas Island ABU DHABI, UAE Yas Marina Circuit		:	:	:	:	: