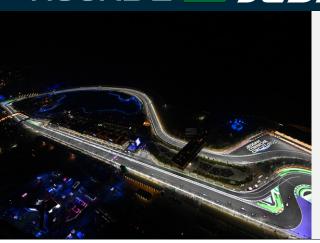


PREVIEW



ROUND 2 STEDDAH SAUDI ARABIA



ALL TIMES LOCAL **GMT +3**

FRIDAY

25 MARCH

Free Practice

18:30

Qualifying Session

10:30

Press Conference

SATURDAY

26 MARCH

Sprint Race

20 Laps

45 min. +1 I an

Grid set by reversing Top 10 of Oualifying Results

16:40

Press Conference

SUNDAY

Feature Race

28 Laps

60 min. +1 I an

Grid set by Qualifying Results

18:20

Press Conference

THE STORY SO FAR



2022 FIA Formula 2 Championship officially kicked off last weekend in Sakhir and it was two second-year drivers -ART Grand Prix's Théo Pourchaire and Carlin's Liam Lawson - who saw their championship campaigns get off to a stellar start. The pair left the Bahrain International Circuit separated by just one point at the top of the standings.

It was Felipe Drugovich who went quickest in the opening session

of the weekend. The Brazilian driver topped a closely contested Free Practice session ahead of DAMS pairing Ayumu Iwasa and Roy Nissany.

Virtuosi Racing rookie Jack Doohan took the first pole position of the year in emphatic style, opting to run in the gap and take advantage of a clear track to set a 1:40.542 in Qualifying. Pourchaire and Hitech Grand Prix's Jüri Vips both tried to beat the Australian driver's efforts in the final stint of the session but were forced to settle for P2 and P3, respectively.

Saturday saw Richard Verschoor take Trident to their first-ever win in Formula 2, with a calm and confident drive under the lights of the Bahrain International Circuit. Iehan Daruvala crossed the line second after seeing off a challenge from Ralph Boschung, who dropped out of podium contention in the late stages of the race. Lawson ultimately snatched the final podium position to finish



Pourchaire won a frenzied Feature Race on Sunday afternoon, charging into the Championship lead with a haul of 25 points. The Frenchman beat out Lawson, who drove his Carlin from sixth on the grid to the second step of the podium and Vips, who dropped from 1st to 12th after a slow pitstop but fought his way back to third at the flag.

THE CHALLENGERS

Théo Pourchaire, the highest returning driver from 2021 campaign, leads Championship with 25 points. One point further back is Lawson, who sits in second with 24 points. Vips is in third with 18 points, ahead of Boschung in fourth with 17 points. Drugovich is fifth with 12 points.



Carlin sits at the top of the Teams' Championship with 33 points, five points ahead of Hitech Grand Prix who are in second with 28. ART Grand Prix is third with 25 points, while Campos Racing and MP Motorsport are fourth and fifth with 17 and 12 points respectively





TRACK DATAS Jeddah Corniche Circuit

6.174 KM

Start/Finish Offset - 0.250 km

Ö 2021 POLE POSITION 1:40.878 (220.329 KM/H)

Oscar Piastri (PREMA Racing)

TE MAXIMUM SPEED SPEED TRAP 315.1 KM/H

Théo Pourchaire (ART Grand Prix) in 2021

® COUMPOUND ALLOCATION



2021 FEATURE RACE TYRE WINNING STRATEGY

Supersoft >> 🔵 Medium Oscar Piastri (PREMA Racing) from P1 Grid Position

SATURDAY 15.30 SPRINT RACE

20 LAPS >> 123.230 KM

1:40.878 (220.329 KM/H) Oscar Piastri (PREMA Racing) in 2021

45 min. +1 Lap

Ö LAP RECORD

SUNDAY 16.35

FEATURE RACE

28 LAPS >> 172.622 KM

60 min. +1 Lap

FROM THE GRID



"I really do like the Jeddah Corniche Circuit, completely irrespective of my results last year I did enjoy it. I think after the Free Practice last year everybody was raving

Marcus ARMSTRONG Hitech Grand Prix

about how cool the track was, myself included. I really enjoyed the flow of the circuit and also the risk and reward nature of the track as well. There was a lot of grip, for

whatever reason that tarmac

provides a lot of grip so I also enjoy that.

I would say the first sector is very fast and flowing and even though I wasn't very strong there last year, I enjoyed it anyway which is unusual. Usually, you like the things you're good at and I was not particularly good at it, but I still really enjoyed it. Turn 22 is the corner where basically everyone crashed in F1, and I thought that corner was cool because you can either win a tenth or put it in the wall. It's very my style of corner, it's all or nothing.

There was not a lot of tyre degradation last year but then again, I was leading, and I think it's way easier to manage tyres when you're leading so for me, it was just like a cruise.

I think the best overtaking opportunity is the last corner, the first corner and maybe the Safety Car restart. I think if you put the guy in front under pressure it's a difficult track to do a good job on. Putting a guy under pressure in Saudi is different to putting a guy under pressure at the Red Bull Ring, for example. The mistakes can be a lot

FYRE TALK

Mario ISOLA

Pirelli Motorsport Director

"The Formula 2 season, which started in Bahrain, continues in leddah where the P Zero Yellow medium and P Zero Red soft compounds are nominated. This is a step harder than the supersoft, which was the softest option last year. The reasons for this choice are multiple: first of all, the soft will present a different challenge for drivers, giving additional flexibility in terms of strategy. Secondly, new rules prohibit refuelling during qualifying this year so the cars will now be heavier at the start of the session: the soft will offer more versatility across different fuel loads and encourage diverse approaches to strategy. Last but not least, the soft also has a longer range in the race than the supersoft, delivering its performance for more laps. Each driver will have five sets of tyres (three medium and two soft) to use across the weekend".

STAT PACK



Théo Pourchaire added a third victory to his tally, after winning the Feature Race in Sakhir. The Frenchman is now level with Felipe Drugovich for the most of wins on this year's grid.



Trident claimed their first-ever win in the second tier in Sakhir, after Richard Verschoor's victory in Saturday's Sprint



Logan Sargeant is the highest placed rookie in the Championship standings after Round 1, having picked up two points finishes in the opening weekend.



Jack Doohan claimed his maiden pole position in Sakhir, going more than 2 seconds guicker than Ġuanyu Zhou's pole lap in 2021.



Four drivers have previously stood on the podium in leddah: Marcus Armstrong, Liam Lawson, lüri Vips and Ralph Boschung all picked up trophies at the Corniche Circuit last vear.



At 6 174 KM the Jeddah Corniche Circuit is the second-longest track on the calendar, shorter only than Spa-Francorchamps.



The Formula 2 race lap record at the leddah Corniche Circuit is 1:40.878, set by Oscar Piastri with PREMA Racing in 2021







2022 STANDINGS

DRIVER STANDINGS

POS. DRIVER	SPRINT₹	FEATURE¶	PTS
1. Théo Pourchaire		1¥	25
2. Liam Lawson			24
3. Jüri Vips			18
4. Ralph Boschung			17
5. Felipe Drugovich			12
6. Richard Verschoor	1¥		10
7. Marcus Armstrong			10
8. Logan Sargeant ROOKIE			9
9. Jehan Daruvala			
10. Roy Nissany			4
11. Jack Doohan R			3
12. Jake Hughes			2
13. Ayumu lwasa R			1
14. Dennis Hauger R			0
15. Enzo Fittipaldi			0
16. Marino Sato			0
17. Frederik Vesti R			0
18. Cem Bölükbaşı R			0
19. Amaury Cordeel R			0
20. Calan Williams			0
21. Olli Caldwell R			0
22. Clément Novalak R			0

TEAM STANDINGS

POS. TEAM	SPRINT	FEATURE	PTS
1. Carlin			33
2. Hitech Grand Prix			28
3. [] ART Grand Prix		1¥	25
4. Campos Racing			17
5. MP Motorsport			12
6. Trident			10
7. PREMA Racing			8
8. DAMS			5
9. Virtuosi Racing			3
10. Van Amersfoort Ra	acing		2
11. Charouz Racing Sy	stem		O

MEDIA PLATFORM

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	SEAS	ON RECAP		POLE POSITION	SPRINT RACE WINNER ₹	FASTEST LAP ⊕ FL BONUS POINT	FEATURE RACE WINNER ¥	FASTEST LAP ⊕ FL BONUS POINT
ı	18-20 March	Sakhir BAHRAIN 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			:	:	:	:
3	22-24 April	Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari	S		:	:	:	:
4	20-22 May	Barcelona SPAIN Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya			:	:	:	:
5	27-29 May	Monte Carlo MONACO Circuit de Monaco		:	:	:	:	:
6	10-12 June	Baku AZERBAIJAN Baku City Circuit			:	:	:	:
7	01-03 July	Silverstone UK Silverstone Circuit		:	:	:	:	:
8	08-10 July	Spielberg AUSTRIA Red Bull Ring	B		:	:		:
9	29-31 July	Budapest HUNGARY Hungaroring	Ŋ	· .	:	:	:	:
10	26-28 August	Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps	E		:	:	:	:
n	02-04 September	Zandvoort NETHERLANDS Circuit Zandvoort			:	:	:	:
12	09-11 September	Monza ITALY Autodromo Nazionale Monza			:	:	÷	:
13	18-20 November	Yas Island ABU DHABI, UAE Yas Marina Circuit						