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COUNTDOWN
TO 2009 SEASON



**GRADUATING
FROM IFM**

NEW DEVELOPMENT

FOR 2009



COUNTDOWN TO 2009 SEASON

After months of waiting, the 2009 International Formula Master (IFM) season is finally upon us. A host of young drivers, some returning, some brand new, are ready to produce yet another year of exciting racing at the wheel of a car that has once again been upgraded to produce an even stronger performance.

The past three months haven't been without action however, pre-season testing has been keeping everyone busy with a few surprises; no-one could have foreseen the Belgian two-day test at Spa-Francorchamps cancelled due to heavy snow!

With four other test sessions, taking place in Valencia, Imola, Brno and the Hungaroring, plenty of kilometres have still been covered. 2008 IFM Champion JD Motorsport and Swiss team Jenzer Motorsport have shown the strongest test pace so far with Czech outfit ISR hot on their heels.

As this year's first race approaches, several new drivers have taken to the wheel of the 2009-specification Formula Master single-seater, including Henry Surtees who tested with Team JVA at the Spanish, Italian and Czech tests, accompanied by his legendary father John Surtees.

Amongst the top rookies features Norwegian Pål Varhaug who, along with Alessandro Kouzkin, Patrick Reiterer and Alexander Rossi, has shown plenty of potential talent. All have focused on getting to the grips with the car as quickly as possible so that dealing with the tight and twisting track of Pau is all they need to concentrate on come race day.



Henry Surtees



Josef Kral

WHAT'S THE POINT

If each test day had been a race with FIA points-ranking... Jenzer Motorsport's Fabio Leimer would be well on his way towards the 2009 IFM title. Testing is just testing though and times are rarely fully indicative of race form. It's worth noting that JD Motorsport's Sergey Afanasiev and Josef Kral are ready to challenge Leimer's pace however, with Pål Varhaug shining as the top rookie. Team ISR is a contender too, showing the most potential after heavyweights JD Motorsport and Jenzer Motorsport.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Filip Salaquarda

11 January - 25 years old

Chris van der Drift

08 March - 23 years old

Vladimir Arabadzhev

16 March - 25 years old

Sergey Afanasiev

25 March - 21 years old

Fabio Leimer

17 April - 20 years old



DRIVER

POINTS

Fabio Leimer	71
Sergey Afanasiev	52
Josef Kral	52
Pål Varhaug	28
Vladimir Arabadzhev	23
Erik Janis	20
Alessandro Kouzkin	15
Patrick Reiterer	12
Alexander Rossi	12
Simon Trummer	11
Filip Salaquarda	7
Henry Surtees	4
Mihai Marinescu	3
Edoardo Piscopo	2
Tiago Petiz	0
Tim Sandtler	0
Kelvin Snoeks	0
Zoel Amberg	0
Kazimeiras Vasiliauskas	0
Jason Moore	0

MEET THE CLASS OF 2009

Name: **Vladimir Arabadzhiev**

Team: **JD Motorsport**

Race number: **1**

Birthday: **16.03.84**

Nationality: **Bulgarian**

Best IFM finish: **1st (Estoril 2008)**

Favourite 2009 IFM track: **Pau**



Name: **Fabio Leimer**

Team: **Jenzer Motorsport**

Race number: **6**

Birthday: **17.04.89**

Nationality: **Swiss**

Best IFM finish: **1st (Estoril, Imola & Monza 2008)**

Favourite 2009 IFM track: **Spa**



Name: **Sergey Afanasiev**

Team: **JD Motorsport**

Race number: **2**

Birthday: **25.03.88**

Nationality: **Russian**

Best IFM finish: **1st (Pau 2008)**

Favourite 2009 IFM track:

Hungaroring



Name: **Pål Varhaug**

Team: **Jenzer Motorsport**

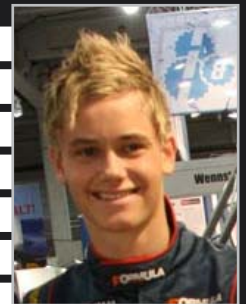
Race number: **7**

Birthday: **26.01.91**

Nationality: **Norwegian**

Best IFM finish: **2009 Rookie**

Favourite 2009 IFM track: **Spa**



Name: **Josef Kral**

Team: **JD Motorsport**

Race number: **3**

Birthday: **15.06.90**

Nationality: **Czech**

Best IFM finish:

1st (Oschersleben 2008)

Favourite 2009 IFM track: **Spa**



Name: **Simon Trummer**

Team: **Iris Project**

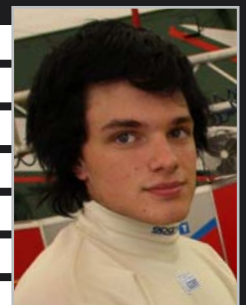
Race number: **8**

Birthday: **08.06.89**

Nationality: **Swiss**

Best IFM finish: **10th (Monza 2008)**

Favourite 2009 IFM track: **Valencia**



Name: **Frankie Provenzano**

Team: **Trident Racing**

Race number: **4**

Birthday: **12.02.86**

Nationality: **Italian**

Best IFM finish: **5th**

(Brands Hatch 2007 & 2008)

Favourite 2009 IFM track:

Brands Hatch



Name: **Patrick Reiterer**

Team: **Iris Project**

Race number: **9**

Birthday: **28.09.90**

Nationality: **Italian**

Best IFM finish: **2009 Rookie**

Favourite 2009 IFM track: **Spa**



Name: **Tiago Petiz**

Team: **Trident Racing**

Race number: **5**

Birthday: **09.01.88**

Nationality: **Portuguese**

Best IFM finish: **2009 Rookie**

Favourite 2009 IFM track: **n/a**



Name: **Harald Schlegelmilch**

Team: **Cram Competition**

Race number: **10**

Birthday: **06.12.87**

Nationality: **Latvian**

Best IFM finish: **1st (Brno 2008)**

Favourite 2009 IFM track:

Brands Hatch



MEET THE CLASS OF 2009

Name: **Earl Bamber**

Team: **ADM Motorsport**

Race number: **14**

Birthday: **09.07.90**

Nationality: **New Zealander**

Best IFM finish: **1st (Imola 2008)**

Favourite 2009 IFM track: **Imola**



Name: **Marcello Puglisi**

Team: **ADM Motorsport**

Race number: **15**

Birthday: **17.05.86**

Nationality: **Italian**

Best IFM finish: **1st (Monza 2007 & Pau 2008)**

Favourite 2009 IFM track: **Valencia**



Name: **Alexander Rossi**

Team: **Hitech Junior**

Race number: **16**

Birthday: **25.09.91**

Nationality: **American**

Best IFM finish: **2009 Rookie**

Favourite 2009 IFM track: **Spa**



Name: **Filip Salaquarda**

Team: **ISR**

Race number: **19**

Birthday: **11.01.84**

Nationality: **Czech**

Best IFM finish: **6th (Valencia 2008)**

Favourite 2009 IFM track: **Pau**



Name: **Erik Janis**

Team: **ISR**

Race number: **20**

Birthday: **23.09.87**

Nationality: **Czech**

Best IFM finish: **7th (Porto 2007)**

Favourite 2009 IFM track: **Brno**



Name: **Kasper Andersen**

Team: **Hitech Junior**

Race number: **24**

Birthday: **03.08.84**

Nationality: **Danish**

Best IFM finish: **1st (Valencia &**

Anderstorp 2007)

Favourite 2009 IFM track:

Oschersleben



Name: **Jonathan Kennard**

Team: **Team JVA**

Race number: **29**

Birthday: **26.06.85**

Nationality: **British**

Best IFM finish: **2009 Rookie**

Favourite 2009 IFM track: **n/a**



Name: **Duncan Tappy**

Team: **Team JVA**

Race number: **30**

Birthday: **26.06.84**

Nationality: **Team JVA**

Best IFM finish: **2009 Rookie**

Favourite 2009 IFM track: **n/a**



Name: **Kelvin Snoeks**

Team: **AR Motorsport**

Race number: **31**

Birthday: **12.09.87**

Nationality: **Dutch**

Best IFM finish: **2009 Rookie**

Favourite 2009 IFM track: **Oschersleben**



Name: **Dennis Retera**

Team: **AR Motorsport**

Race number: **32**

Birthday: **11.07.86**

Nationality: **Dutch**

Best IFM finish: **2009 Rookie**

Favourite 2009 IFM track: **n/a**



Name: **Alessandro Kouzkin**

Team: **Cram Competition**

Race number: **47**

Birthday: **03.09.92**

Nationality: **Russian**

Best IFM finish: **2009 Rookie**

Favourite 2009 IFM track: **Imola**



2009 CALENDAR

Rounds	Date	Venue	Partnering
01&02	16-17 May	Pau, France	WTCC
03&04	30-31 May	Valencia, Spain	WTCC
05&06	20-21 June	Brno, Czech Republic	WTCC
07&08	18-19 July	Brands Hatch, United Kingdom	WTCC
09&10	25-26 July	Hungaroring, Hungary	F1
11&12	29-30 August	Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium	F1
13&14	05-06 September	Oschersleben, Germany	WTCC
15&16	19-20 September	Imola, Italy	WTCC



CIRCUIT DE PAU VILLE: France

Lap distance: 2.760km

Race distance:

Race 1: 37 laps

Race 2: 28 laps

Location: Downtown Pau

Official website:

www.grandprixautomobilepau.com

IFM LAP RECORDS:

Race:

2007: 1:13.288/135.57 kph, Jérôme D'Ambrosio (Cram Competition), 3 June 2007

2008: 1:13.291/135.56 kph, Fabio Leimer (Jenzer Motorsport), 01 June 2008

Qualifying:

2007: 1:12.165/137.68 kph, Maximilian Götz (ISR), 1 June 2007

2008: 1:11.179/139.59 kph, Chris van der Drift (JD Motorsport), 30 May 2008

PREVIOUS IFM WINNERS:

2007 Race 1: Chris van Der Drift (JD Motorsport)

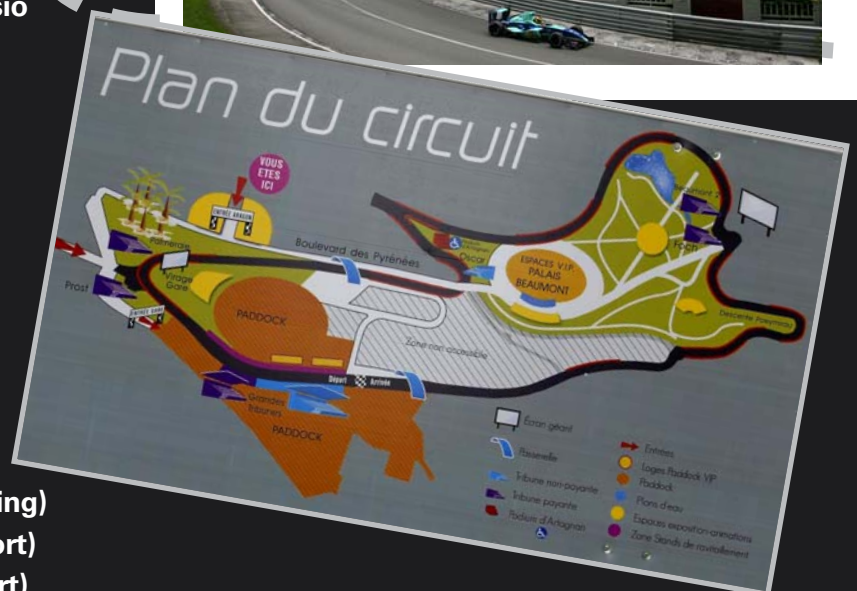
2007 Race 2: Pablo Sanchez Lopez (Alan Racing)

2008: Race 1: Sergey Afanasiev (JD Motorsport)

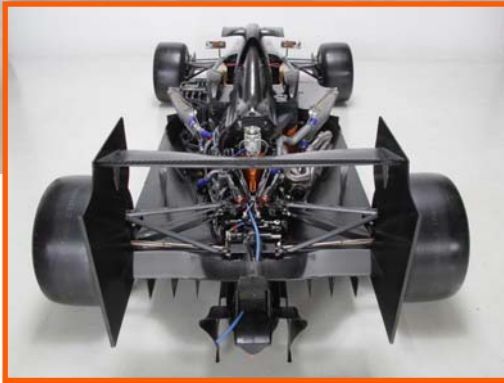
2008: Race 2: Marcello Puglisi (Pro Motorsport)

CIRCUIT PREVIEW

Close racing can be expected for the Series' season opener and the only street circuit in 2009. Rookies should be prepared for a baptism of fire with their cars more likely to be close to the walls and barriers than other competitors. With limited overtaking opportunities and the first corner likely to cause incidents, a strong qualifying lap is key. Expect the unexpected however, heavy rain played its part last year and caused the race to end early with Marcello Puglisi, driving for Pro Motorsport at the time, claiming the win.



WHAT'S NEW FOR 2009?



Each season to date, IFM organizers have reviewed the Series single-seater and produced an upgrade kit to ensure the car stays at the top of the technological tree. 2009 is no different and pre-season testing has already shown a step forward in performance. Developments include the introduction of a new exhaust system 4-2-1 as well as having the Engine Control Unit (ECU) reprogrammed in order to increase the overall efficiency of the car. The car's torque at low-to-mid revs has also been increased. The newly-developed kit includes a new engine cover, featuring a more pronounced dorsal fin similar to the latest Formula 1 concept. The updated design offers a more streamlined profile, granting better aerodynamics and a cleaner air flow to the car's rear wings. In addition, new aerodynamics include a redesigned rear wing with a new rear lower main plane featuring different side plates fittings, giving an increased rigidity to the whole package. The update also includes two new side plates to reduce turbulence from the wing and facilitate overtaking manoeuvres. Air brake ducts have been introduced to render the braking system more efficient in high temperatures, as expected at the 2009 Hungaroring rounds, and to introduce a new technical aspect for teams and drivers.

The kit aims to enhance the car's performance as well as align it to the latest Formula 1 designs. Once updated for 2009, the Formula Master car is expected to be one second a lap faster than its 2008 version in race trim.

Also new for 2009, IFM race will be produced in High Definition throughout the season by official broadcaster Eurosport. Each round, shown live on the pan-European channel, will benefit from the FIA World Touring Car Championship (WTCC) broadcast array of track-side HD and RF HD cameras, as well as newly developed Digital TV outside-broadcast facilities.

A host of test prizes is once again available to the Series' top drivers, headed by access to the Red Bull Racing Formula 1 Team chassis simulator for a day for this season's top three IFM drivers.

The Red Bull Racing Formula 1 Team has gone from strength to strength during its participation in the Formula 1 World Championship, scoring its first pole and victory in China this April.

At least one of this year's top racers will be awarded the chance to get behind the wheel of the 2009 WTCC Chevrolet Cruze, Chevrolet's newest entry in the WTCC. Chevrolet has taken part in the WTCC since its inception in 2005, scoring numerous race victories to its name over the past four seasons.



In addition, and for the third year running, one IFM driver will be rewarded with a test in a top GP2 Series team.

Running the 2007 Formula Master Champion Jérôme D'Ambrosio since his graduation from the Series to GP2 two years ago, DAMS has been competing in international motorsport since its creation in 1988 by Jean-Paul Driot and René Arnoux.

The team hold a great record in single-seater racing, GT cars and sports cars with championship titles in Formula 3000 and Formula Renault Eurocup, as well as podium finishes in the GP2 Series, the 24 Hours of Le Mans and the FIA GT Championship.

Finally, IFM drivers will once again compete for an Indy Lights test in 2009, thanks to the Series' collaboration with Sam Schmidt Motorsport and the Firestone Indy Lights Series.

The American team, holder of the Indy Lights race-win record with 27 victories and three series championships to date, ran 2008 Formula Master Vice-Champion Fabio Leimer last November as a reward for his performance in IFM, and has confirmed the prize again for this season.

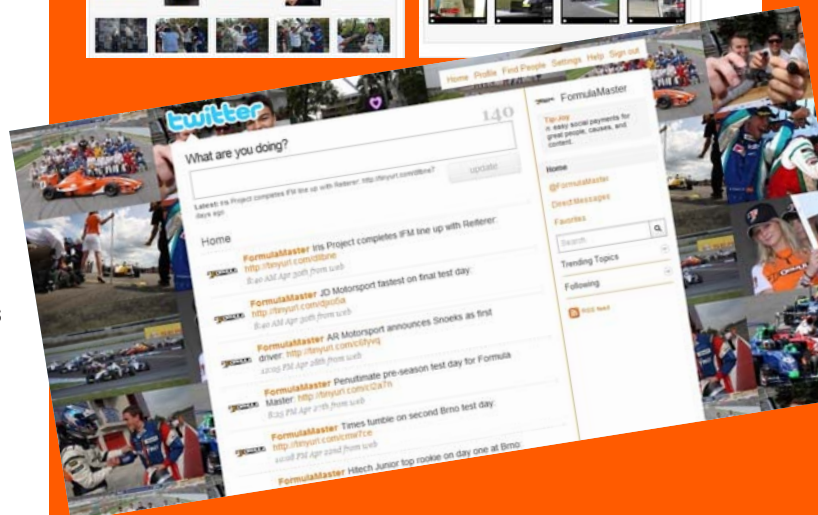
One driver will be given the chance to test the 3.5 litre V8-powered Indy Lights car in the United States after the 2009 Formula Master season ends.

GET INTERACTIVE WITH FORMULA MASTER

Fans around the world can follow the latest from Formula Master and its drivers on www.formulamaster.net. The official website holds all race and test results, driver and team profiles as well as news, photos and videos.

The fun doesn't end there however, for exclusive backstage gossip, photos and videos, go to IFM's page on Facebook via <http://tiny.cc/FacebookIFM> or follow the Series on Twitter at www.twitter.com/FormuLaMaster.

Let us know what you think of IFM via Facebook and Twitter, we love to hear from you! And don't forget to join the Facebook page as a fan, competitions are likely to pop up on there throughout the season!





GRADUATING FROM IFM

Following on from a strong performance in the inaugural Formula Master season two years ago, 2007 IFM Champion Jérôme D'Ambrosio has gone from strength to strength in the GP2 main and Asia series with French team DAMS. The young Belgian's efforts have finally cumulated into a result worth of his determination with a

vice-championship finish in GP2 Asia. "We knew that Jérôme had a chance of snatching second place in the championship in the last race of the season," said Eric Boullier, DAMS Team Manager. "He didn't miss the opportunity, and drove magnificently managing to get past some very tough rivals after a long

battle. So he's now one of the

favourites for the main series. The championship has finished on highest possible note for DAMS."

After a stab at GP2 Asia with Trident Racing, 2008 Champion Chris van der Drift is now racing in the World Series by Renault with team Epsilon Euskadi. The 23-year-old enjoyed a strong debut in Barcelona last month with a podium finish. "That was a great first weekend with a strong result to complete it," said van der Drift. "It's a fairly different set-up to IFM but both cars run with similar paddle-shift gear systems so it was good not to have to think about that at all."



Chris van der Drift

“ We are looking forward to seeing a Formula Master driver at the wheel of one of



our cars. The Series is a strong part of our weekend, and we always keep an eye on how well its young drivers are doing. It will be good to see how one of them fares at the wheel of our world touring car.

Chevrolet Europe Motorsport Manager Eric Neve **”**

RISING STAR

Amongst the host of new drivers taking part in pre-season testing 16-year-old Italian Alessandro Kouzkin has made a strong impression with 2007 IFM Champion Cram Competition. The Italian team tested with Kouzkin in Spain, Italy and Hungary with the young driver improving steadily throughout the sessions, securing third fastest in the overall timings on the last day at Imola. "I'm 16 years old and Formula Master is a good category to compete in for my future," said Kouzkin. "It's fast and has good promotional coverage; it's the best category for me right now. The car is a lot more competitive and a lot faster than a Formula Renault. The tyre



Alessandro Kouzkin

grip and aerodynamic package are more advanced too and the engine has a stronger acceleration although the top speed is quite similar. I think Formula Master has about 10 or 20 km or more. "The first race is going to be a real test for me," added the experienced karter whose father, Ernesto Vita, owned the former Formula 1 team Life Racing. "It's my debut in the Series as well as the first time I will race a single-seater on a street circuit! It will be difficult but I'm really looking forward to the challenge."

IFM Fact!

To date 14 IFM drivers have competed in GP2 or GP2 Asia races

2009 INTERNATIONAL FORMULA MASTER TEAMS

Name: **JD Motorsport**

Nationality: Italian

Team principal: Roberto Cavallari

IFM highlight: 2008 Champion,

2007 Vice-Champion



Name: **Trident Racing**

Nationality: Italian

Team principal: Maurizio

Salvadori

IFM highlight: 2008

Vice-Champion



Name: **Jenzer Motorsport**

Nationality: Swiss

Team principal: Andreas Jenzer

IFM highlight: Winner in Estoril,

Imola and Monza 2008



Name: **Iris Project**

Nationality: Swiss

Team principal: Igor Capik

IFM highlight: Winner in Brands

Hatch 2008



Name: **Cram Competition**

Nationality: Italian

Team principal: Marcello Rosei

IFM highlight: 2007 Champion



Name: **ADM Motorsport**

Nationality: Italian

Team principal: Renato

Melchiorretto

IFM highlight: Winner in Porto,

Anderstorp 2007 and Imola 2008



Name: **Euronova Racing**

Nationality: Italian

Team principal: Vincenzo Sospiri

IFM highlight: Podium finisher in

Oschersleben 2007 and Brands

Hatch 2008



Name: **ISR**

Nationality: Czech

Team principal: Igor Salaquarda

IFM highlight: Podium finisher in

Pau, Brno 2007 and Estoril 2008



Name: **Scuderia Fama**

Nationality: Italian

Team principal: Nino Fama

IFM highlight: Podium finisher in

Monza 2007 and

Brands Hatch 2008



Name: **Hitech Junior**

Nationality: British

Team principal: David Hayle

IFM highlight: 2009 rookie



Name: **Team JVA**

Nationality: British

Team principal: John Village

IFM highlight: Winner in

Oschersleben 2008



Name: **AR Motorsport**

Nationality: Dutch

Team principal: Francisco Freitas

IFM highlight: 2009 rookie



THE STORY SO FAR



Jérôme D'Ambrosio



2009 sees International Formula Master reach its third season. Since the Series' creation in October 2006, a host of teams and drivers have taken part in races throughout Europe, with statistics collected along the way. Here we take a look at the numbers so far...

Most wins: 6 – Chris van der Drift 2008

Most poles: 7 – Chris van der Drift 2008

Winning drivers: 15 (D'Ambrosio, van der Drift, Sanchez Lopez, Gatto, Puglisi, Siedler, Andersen, Llobell, Leimer, Schlegelmilch, Kral, Arabadzhev, Afanasiev, Ammermüller, Bamber)

Point-scoring drivers: 49

Podium-finishing drivers: 28

Drivers to date: 67 (pre Pau 2009)

Youngest race winner: Pablo Sanchez Lopez with Alan Racing in Pau 2007 at 17 years, 3 months and 25 days.

Most spectacular crashes:

2007 – Luca Persiani tested his car's limits on the street circuit of Pau in style, resulting in contact with the wall on the main straight.

2008 – An overzealous field of racers collided in the penultimate race of the season in Monza, with Filip Salaquarda becoming airborne.

IFM - 2007 DRIVER STATISTICS - TOP EIGHT

#	Driver	Team	Car #	PP	FL	1	2	3	Top 3	LL	KML	TP
1	Jérôme D'Ambrosio	Cram Competition	25	1	7	5	3	3	11	38	159	100
2	Chris van Der Drift	JD Motorsport	7	1	2	2	1	4	7	33	115	65
3	Pablo Sanchez Lopez	Alan Racing	12	1	0	2	1	1	4	27	94	50
4	Salvatore Gatto	Promotorsport	15	0	0	1	2	0	3	7	28	50
5	Marcello Puglisi	Promotorsport	9	0	0	1	2	1	4	7	41	47
6	Norbert Siedler	ADM Motorsport	41	0	2	2	0	2	4	22	97	40
7	Kasper Andersen	JD Motorsport	8	0	2	2	0	0	2	27	108	33
8	Johnny Cecotto Jr	Ombra Racing	29	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	30

Key: "PP = pole position; FL = fastest lap; LL = laps led; KML = kms led; TP = total points"

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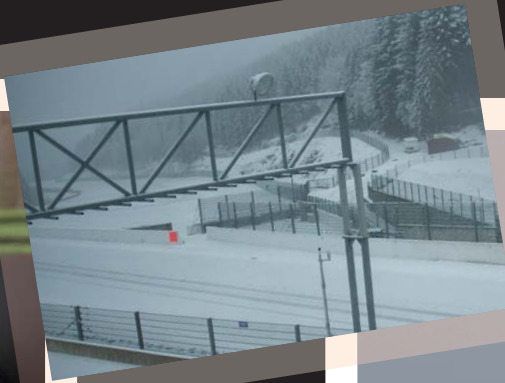
#	Driver	Team	Car #	PP	FL	1	2	3	Top 3	LL	KML	TP
1	Chris van Der Drift	JD Motorsport	6	7	8	6	3	1	10	87	379,697	101
2	Fabio Leimer	Jenzer Motorsport	23	1	3	3	3	2	8	41	194,371	79
3	Michael Ammermüller	Trident Racing	27	0	0	1	1	4	6	25	92,575	74
4	Harald Schlegelmilch	Trident Racing	31	2	1	1	1	0	2	29	142,707	46
5	Arturo Llobell	Cram Competition	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	29,5
6	Josef Kral	Team JVA	29	1	0	1	1	1	3	38	160,534	29
7	Vladimir Arabadzhev	JD Motorsport	4	0	1	1	0	2	3	24	100,368	29
8	Sergey Afanasiev	JD Motorsport	5	0	0	1	0	0	1	17	46,92	28

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PHOTO GALLERY



Mihai Marinescu



Chris van der Drift



Alexander Rossi



Pål Varhaug



Tiago Petiz



Sergey Afanasiev



Kelvin Snoeks



Josef Kral



Henry Surtees

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2009 CALENDAR

10 OFFICIAL TESTING DAYS

- 1-2 MARCH VALENCIA (E)
- 18-19 MARCH IMOLA (I)
- 25-26 MARCH SPA (B)
- 21-22 APRIL BRNO (CZ)
- 27-28 APRIL HUNGARORING (H)

8 EVENTS - 16 RACES

- 16-17 MAY PAU (F)
WITH FIA WTCC
- 30-31 MAY VALENCIA (E)
WITH FIA WTCC
- 20-21 JUNE BRNO (CZ)
WITH FIA WTCC
- 18-19 JULY BRANDS HATCH (UK)
WITH FIA WTCC
- 25-26 JULY HUNGARORING (H)
WITH FORMULA 1
- 29-30 AUGUST SPA (B)
WITH FORMULA 1
- 5-6 SEPTEMBER OSCHERSLEBEN (D)
WITH FIA WTCC
- 19-20 SEPTEMBER IMOLA (I)
WITH FIA WTCC

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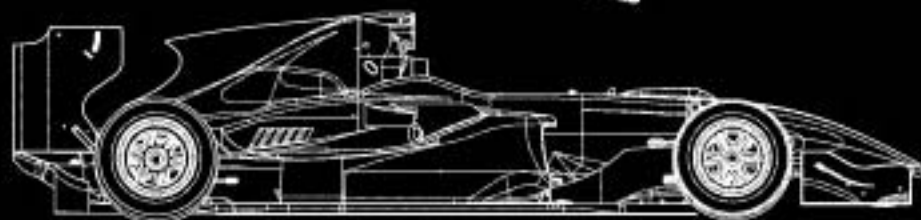
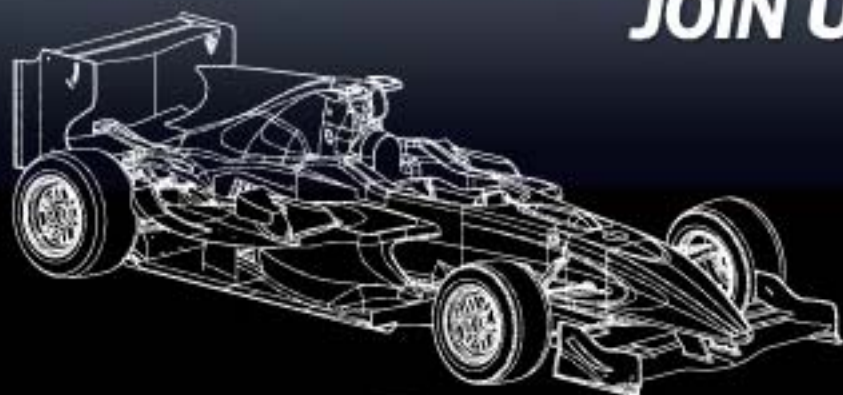
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