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**Jenzer Motorsport
1-2 finish**



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**AMERICAN IDOL:
ROSSI TAKES
FIRST IFM WIN**



JENZER MOTORSPORT CLAIM ONE-TWO FINISH, ROSSI RACES TO HISTORIC FIRST WIN



Round 05

Jenzer Motorsport claimed this season's first one-two finish with drivers Fabio Leimer and Pål Varhaug in round five at the Automotodrom Brno in the Czech Republic. Leimer took his third victory of the season despite qualifying in P3. A strong start saw the young Swiss pass JD Motorsport's Josef Kral, before overtaking team-mate Varhaug on lap four.

Varhaug held on to second place, claiming his fourth podium in five races, whilst Czech driver Kral secured third place in front of his home crowd, climbing back from a difficult start which saw him drop down to fourth initially.

"I passed Josef [Kral] and then I knew I only had two or three laps where I could overtake," said Leimer. "The circuit is made up of long corners mainly so it's really hard to pass once the race gets underway. I was pushing through the race and was consistent with my times so I'm pretty happy; I won three races in three race weekends!"

Round 06

ISR's Alexander Rossi claimed an historic first win in round six. Taking the lead on lap one from Jenzer Motorsport's Nicolas Maulini, Rossi raced to the chequered flag unchallenged to secure the first ever American win in International Formula Master, as well as the first ever ISR victory in the Series.

Running second for the majority of the race, JD Motorsport's Josef Kral received a black flag for failing to pit with a broken front wing, promoting team-mates Vladimir Arabadzhiev and Sergey Afanasiev to second and third place respectively.

"We had a good result yesterday and were confident with our dry set-up so it really was my race to lose," said Rossi. "I had a good start, my best of the season so far, and the opening laps were pretty close but after that nothing happened."

"We still have a lot of work to do to be consistently at the top but this has definitely broken a barrier. Fabio [Leimer] and Jenzer Motorsport have done very well up until now but we will go to Brands Hatch looking for more strong results."



Alexander Rossi

WHAT'S THE POINT

ROUND 05

1. Fabio Leimer (SUI), Jenzer Motorsport (#6)
2. Pål Varhaug (NOR), Jenzer Motorsport (#7)
3. Josef Kral (CZH), JD Motorsport (#3)
4. Sergey Afanasiev (RUS), JD Motorsport (#2)
5. Erik Janis (CZH), ISR (#20)
6. Vladimir Arabadzhiev (BUL), JD Motorsport (#1)
7. Alexander Rossi (USA), ISR (#16)
8. Nicolas Maulini (SUI), Jenzer Motorsport (#26)

ROUND 06

1. Alexander Rossi (USA), ISR (#16)
2. Vladimir Arabadzhiev (BUL), JD Motorsport (#1)
3. Sergey Afanasiev (RUS), JD Motorsport (#2)
4. Erik Janis (CZH), ISR (#20)
5. Kasper Andersen (DEN), Hitech Junior (#24)
6. Fabio Leimer (SUI), Jenzer Motorsport (#6)

DRIVERS CLASSIFICATION (TOP EIGHT)

1. Fabio Leimer (SUI), Jenzer Motorsport (#6), 38 points
2. Pål Varhaug (NOR), Jenzer Motorsport (#7), 29 points
3. Vladimir Arabadzhiev (BUL), JD Motorsport (#1), 24 points
4. Josef Kral (CZH), JD Motorsport (#3), 18 points
5. Alexander Rossi (USA), ISR (#16), 14 points
6. Sergey Afanasiev (RUS), JD Motorsport (#2), 13 points
7. Alessandro Kouzkin (RUS), Cram Competition (#47), 11 points
8. Kasper Andersen (DEN), Hitech Junior (#24), 11 points

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Duncan Tappy

26/06/84 – 25 years old

Jonathan Kennard

26/06/85 – 24 years old

Earl Bamber

09/07/90 – 19 years old



YOKOHAMA AUTOGRAPH SESSION

As is tradition, this weekend's IFM autograph session took place in the paddock with all the Series' drivers signing away Yokohama promotional items to eager fans. A small change for this event, however, the popular session was hosted at the Yokohama hospitality in the heart of the WTCC paddock. Used Yokohama tyres from previous IFM rounds were signed by each driver and given away to fans; a small form of recycling that has proved popular with international crowds at IFM weekend for the past three seasons!



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For a backstage peek into the world of International Formula Master, follow the Series on Facebook via <http://tiny.cc/FacebookIFM>. With the latest photos and videos from our two rounds in Brno, catch up on what the drivers got up to away from the track, post your own shots from the weekend and let us know what you thought of the races! You can also follow the Series on Twitter at www.twitter.com/FormulaMaster.





Janis and Kral interviewed for national Czech television



CZECH MATES

With two Czech drivers taking part in the International Formula Master rounds in Brno, there was plenty of interest in the Series and its upcoming drivers. JD Motorsport's Josef Kral and ISR's Erik Janis both enjoyed a busy weekend, combining on-track action with TV interviews, autograph sessions, demonstration laps and even an appearance on the podium for Kral! "In some ways it can be more difficult to race on home soil," explained the JD Motorsport driver. "There is definitely more pressure but it also gives you the best motivation to give even more. You want to deliver more than your best!"



Josef Kral preparing for the race, which he finished on the podium

The motivation definitely worked, Kral claimed third place in round five and was on course for a second-place finish in Sunday's round six when a dislodged front wing caused him to retire.

Erik Janis also enjoyed a solid weekend, finishing both races in the points on his team's return to the Series after missing the first two events of the season.



Erik Janis going to the track and signing autographs



VIRTUAL REALITY



Kasper Andersen driving his 2008 Trident Racing car

IFM drivers took over the Simbin simulator stand on Saturday to try out the new version of The Race, featuring Formula Master single-seaters and tracks from 2008. Both Fabio Leimer and Kasper Andersen got to drive around in their cars, with newcomers Patrick Reiterer, Simon Trummer and Kelvin Snoeks trying their best to beat them!



Patrick Reiterer tried out the simulator whilst Fabio Leimer drives his 2008 IFM car



The Race... featuring IFM

ISR IS BACK



ISR wins first IFM victory

Czech team ISR returned to the Series for its first races of the season this weekend, in time to take part in its national rounds and fielding drivers Erik Janis from the Czech Republic and American Alexander Rossi. The team missed out on the first two IFM events, despite completing a successful pre-season campaign, after main driver Filip Salaquarda graduated to World Series by Renault. A keen participant in IFM since the Series first ran in 2007, ISR consolidated their return in style; the team won its first ever Formula Master race with Alexander Rossi on Sunday.

ROOKIES: VARHAUG LEADS BUT ROSSI IS GETTING CLOSER



Pal Varhaug

Rookie leader Pål Varhaug consolidated his classification position with another podium in Brno, the fourth in six races, whilst Alexander Rossi climbed to second in the standings after a strong weekend where he claimed his first win, along with the race's fastest lap on Sunday.

ROOKIES' CLASSIFICATION

1. Pål Varhaug (NOR), Jenzer Motorsport (#7), 46 points
2. Alexander Rossi (USA), ISR (#16), 33 points
3. Dennis Retera (NED), AR Motorsport (#32), 25 points
4. Alessandro Kouzkin (RUS), Cram Competition (#47), 24 points
5. Patrick Reiterer (ITA), Iris Project (#9), 12 points
6. Kelvin Snoeks (NED), AR Motorsport (#31), 11 point
7. Jonathan Kennard (GBR), Team JVA (#29), 6 points
8. Duncan Tappy (GBR), Team JVA (#30), 6 points
9. Matteo Davenia (ITA), Cram Competition (#12), 4 points



Alexander Rossi

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 PREVIEW: BRANDS HATCH

A firm favourite amongst drivers for its fast flowing hills likened to a never-ending rollercoaster ride, Brands Hatch saw the inaugural IFM champion, Jérôme D'Ambrosio clinch his title in 2007. An earlier slot in 2008 turned the English track into the perfect venue to witness the three-way battle between reigning champion Chris van der Drift, Michael Ammermuller and Fabio Leimer, whilst this year could favour several contenders. Leimer has now won all three Saturday races this season and is expected to repeat the feat next month, although past performance suggests Brands Hatch may not be his favourite. The young Swiss' best IFM results there is a lowly eighth. With nine different drivers, from six teams, having already shown they are capable of podium finishes, IFM's rounds seven and eight could see anyone triumph.



BRANDS HATCH: United Kingdom

Lap distance: 3.7030 km

Race distance:

Race 1: 28 laps

Race 2: 21 laps

Location: 30 km from London in Fawkham, Kent

Official website:

www.motorsportvision.co.uk/brands-hatch

IFM LAP RECORDS:

Race:

2007: Race 1 – 1:19.691/167.28 kph, Jérôme D'Ambrosio, 22 September 2007

2008: Race 1 – 1:19.518/124.34 kph, Norbert Siedler, 26 July 2008

Qualifying:

2007: 1:18.659/169.47 kph, Jérôme D'Ambrosio, 21 September 2007

2008: 1:17.812/171.32 kph, Chris van der Drift, 26 July 2008

PREVIOUS IFM WINNERS:

2007 Race 1: Jérôme D'Ambrosio, Cram Competition

2007 Race 2: Arturo Llobell, Cram Competition

2008: Race 1: Chris van der Drift, JD Motorsport

2008: Race 2: Michael Ammermuller, Iris Project



Jérôme D'Ambrosio

RISING STAR

Swiss driver Simon Trummer has been working steadily throughout the year on his first full season of international racing with team Iris Project, ran by Igor Capik and Andreas Jenzer. After completing a successful pre-season testing campaign, the recently-turned 20-year-old has been improving throughout each event. This weekend's free practice showed masterful speed on a heavily soaked track; placing fourth and third on Friday.

How did you start racing?

"I was nine when I started karting in Switzerland, which I kept going until 2006. Then in 2007, I started in formula racing. I got into it because my father was a karter. Now he is a mechanic in Jenzer Motorsport; he is working in the Formula Renault programme at the moment.

"I started with Böhlen Motorsport first which I met through [former IFM driver] Rahel Frey. They signed me and that's how I got started. Andreas Jenzer then came to me a year later and we started working together."

Racing in International Formula Master...

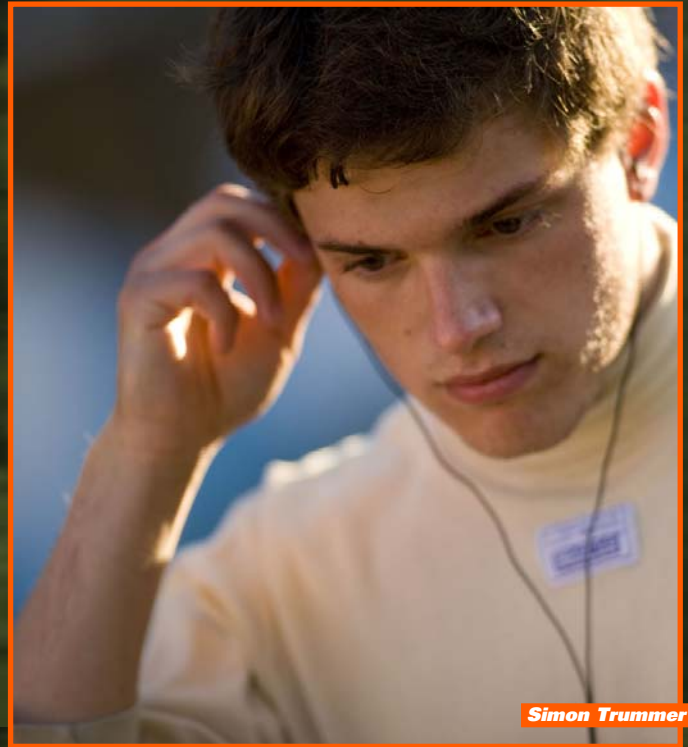
"My first race in the Series was last year in Monza. I really liked driving the car, it was a great experience but what struck me was how much bigger an event the whole weekend is. There is a lot more people around and the whole thing is shown on television. It's much bigger than what I was used to."

How did you prepare for this year?

"This year the racing is a lot more taxing than in smaller formulae so I work a lot on fitness. The level of competition is higher too; I was easily in the top of the field before but this year I have to learn more to be competitive which can be frustrating.

Racing in 2009...

"The first race weekend was in Pau, which was my first time on a street track. It really is like nothing else; it's something which you have to do in your life as a driver, it's on everyone's list! I really like the look of the car this year too. Otherwise as I said, the



Simon Trummer

events are quite big, with a lot of people around, which can be nerve-racking but after two or three weekends you are used to it."

What are your hopes for this season?

"I really want to race in the top eight consistently. I haven't had much luck so far, with crashes and so on but we know that the speed is there, we can see the times so it's only a matter of time before it happens."

IFM Fact!



Once again, IFM had the fastest car during this weekend's races with a quickest lap of 1:49.733 set by JD Motorsport's Josef Kral during Sunday's round. Formula 2 was its closest rival with a best time of 1:49.747.



FAST LEARNER



Italian driver Matteo Davenia stepped up to international racing this weekend when team Cram Competition promoted him from Formula Renault Suisse to International Formula Master. The young 17-year-old stepped into his new single-seater for the first time on Friday for free practice, aiming solely for a chance to learn the car and the track.

"I have never driven a car with paddle gearshifts before so I'm simply aiming to learn how to use it all during free practice," said Davenia. "And the track is new for me too so I'll be learning the basics first, before working on my speed."

With heavy rain dominating the Friday sessions, concentrating on the car's technical aspects wasn't the easiest thing to do but Davenia managed to improve his times nonetheless, decreasing the gap from his lap to the quickest of the session from 13.220 seconds to 8.706. By Saturday, qualifying and the weekend's first race saw his times get within 4.429 seconds of the lead, whilst in Sunday's race, Davenia was within 2.871 seconds of the round's fastest time.

"My aim really was just to learn," explained the Cram Competition driver. "I wanted to make sure I didn't get in



Matteo Davenia

anyone's way, learn as much as possible and then look at my lap times and work on my speed.

"The car is easy to drive, I made a mistake in the first race's start as I wasn't used to the paddle gearshift but aside from that, I got on really well with the way it works.

"Once I felt comfortable I began to push and obviously I wanted to post a decent time but I didn't expect to reduce the gap so steadily and efficiently! Having said that, I can't say I'm happy about a 2.871 gap to the leader... I can be much faster than that!"

	FP 1	FP 2	Qualifying	Race 1	Race 2
Fastest time	2:25.094	2:22.940	2:06.157	1:54.525	1:52.604
Davenia's time	2:11.874	2:14.234	2:01.124	1:50.096	1:49.733
Difference	0:13.220	0:08.706	0:05.033	0:04.429	0:02.871



SINGING IN THE RAIN

Friday's free practices were carried out in heavy rain, soaking track, cars and drivers regardless. Pre-grid was a drenched affair, with IFM's young racers hiding under an array of umbrellas whilst all

waited for the sessions to begin. Rihanna's Umbrella song was heard on several occasions, as well as a small rendition of 'Singing in the rain'... Names of the singers will be not divulged...



BEST OVERTAKING MOVE FOR BAMBER

ADM Motorsport's Earl Bamber was given the Best Overtaking Move award in A1GP by fans thanks to his stunning performance in Zandvoort with team New Zealand. The 18-year-old won the award for his manoeuvre on home favourite Jeroen Bleekemolen during the Dutch sprint race.



Driving his first A1GP race, Bamber attempted to pass local hero Bleekemolen in torrential rain. Bamber's skill shone through as he initially went to pass Bleekemolen on the outside of the Audi-S Bocht chicane, but Bleekemolen reacted by making a slight mistake, and drifted off course on the exit of the corner. Bamber went to the outside on the exit, only for Bleekemolen to

immediately come across his path and block him on his return to the track. However, undeterred, Bamber's extra momentum allowed him to dart back to the inside to take the lead early in the race.

"It's a real honour to be recognized for a passing move from my first ever weekend racing for New Zealand,"



said Bamber. "At the time I never expected to be racing let alone passing someone as experienced as Jeroen at his home track; it was a really special moment!"

KRAL GETS CRUZE CONTROL

Czech driver Josef Kral got his first taste of touring car driving on Saturday evening with the WTCC team Chevrolet. The young IFM racer was chosen to take guests around the Brno track in a two-seat WTCC Cruze for demonstration laps. "That was so much fun," said Kral. "They are so different to single-seaters though, and I was so surprised at how hot the cockpit gets! Brilliant fun though and I think the guests enjoyed themselves too!"



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"I had a bad qualifying session this morning, for me anyway as I took third when I normally qualify on pole."



Fabio Leimer, Jenzer Motorsport, on his Brno qualifying session

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PHOTO GALLERY



Alessandro Kouzkin



Patrick Reiterer



Fabio Leimer and Dennis Retera



Simon Trummer





Nicolas Mauvini and Pal Varhaug



Trummer, Reiterer and Varhaug



Alexander Rossi



Sergey Afanasiev



Kasper Andersen

Vladimir Arabadzhiev



Erik Janis



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