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## BACK FOR GOOD



**Best weekend for Trummer**

**Rossi wins again**





# LEIMER DOMINATES SPA; ROSSI CLINCHES SECOND WIN



Afanasiev, Leimer, Trummer



Alexander Rossi

## Round 11

Jenzer Motorsport's Fabio Leimer clinched his fifth win of the season in front of the Formula 1 crowds for round 11 at the Spa-Francorchamps circuit in Belgium. Having qualified on pole position, the Swiss lost the lead briefly to Alexander Sims after a poor start. Leimer was back in front before the race's first lap was completed however, and raced to the finish line unchallenged.

Sergey Afanasiev secured second place from a P6 grid position, whilst Simon Trummer crossed the finish line in third to collect his and team Iris Project's first podium of the season. "I had a lot of wheel spin at the start and saw that Reiterer was close to overtaking me but then I saw that he had a jump start," said Leimer. "Sims passed me early on but I got the place back as soon as I started pushing properly. The rest of the race was good. I'm pretty happy because our first race with Formula 1, at the Hungaroring, I didn't score a win but now I've been able to do it here, so I'm pretty pleased!"

## Round 12

ISR's Alexander Rossi stormed to his second win of the season on Sunday. Starting fourth, the young American was up to second as the field charged through the first corner, before the safety car was deployed following an incident on the grid.

Sims had been left stranded on his P3 slot as the lights went out, with Kelvin Snoeks unable to avoid him, resulting

in three laps of safety car period.

Rossi took the lead of the race a lap after the restart, racing to the chequered flag unchallenged, despite a strong drive from Leimer who finished the 12-lap race less than a second behind.

Erik Janis claimed his share of overtaking in the unrelenting round, climbing from fifth to the last podium-finish position in third, ahead Afanasiev.

"I had a good start with Sims dropping out," said Rossi. "Then the safety car was out for three laps and I worked very hard to keep the tyres and brakes as warm as possible. I had a very good restart; I was able to get the lead straight away and we almost had a 1-2 for the team but getting both cars in the top three is pretty great too."

## WHAT'S THE POINT

### ROUND 11

1. Fabio Leimer (SUI), Jenzer Motorsport (#6)
2. Sergey Afanasiev (RUS), JD Motorsport (#2)
3. Simon Trummer (SUI), Iris Project (#8)
4. Erik Janis (CZH), ISR (#20)
5. Alexander Rossi (USA), ISR (#16)
6. Alexander Sims (GBR), TSP (#40)
7. Josef Kral (CZH), JD Motorsport (#3)
8. Pål Varhaug (NOR), Jenzer Motorsport (#7)

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3. Erik Janis (CZH), ISR (#20)
4. Sergey Afanasiev (RUS), JD Motorsport (#2)
5. Pål Varhaug (NOR), Jenzer Motorsport (#7)
6. Frankie Provenzano (ITA), Cram Competition (#5)

### DRIVERS CLASSIFICATION (TOP EIGHT)

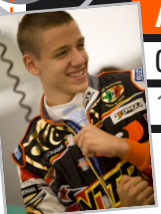
1. Fabio Leimer (SUI), Jenzer Motorsport (#6), 80 points
2. Sergey Afanasiev (RUS), JD Motorsport (#2), 45 points
3. Josef Kral (CZH), JD Motorsport (#3), 43 points
4. Pål Varhaug (NOR), Jenzer Motorsport (#7), 40 points
5. Alexander Rossi (USA), ISR (#16), 37 points
6. Erik Janis (CZH), ISR (#20), 30 points
7. Arabadzhiev (BUL), JD Motorsport (#1), 25 points
8. Alessandro Kouzkin (RUS), Cram Competition (#47), 18 points

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alessandro Kouzkin

03/09/92

17 years old



Unique Water Exciting Indescribable Easy  
 Arabadzhiev Kral Provenzano Leimer Varhaug  
 Special Cool Fantastic Flatout Amazing  
 Trummer Nice **EAU ROUGE** Reiterer  
 A Font Nice Compression  
 Roda Janis Maulini Snoeks  
 Scary Awesome Legendary  
 Rossi Jowsey Sims Buttarelli  
 Rollercoaster

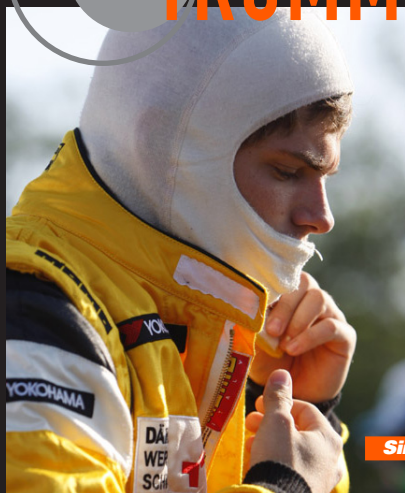
## F1 TEST CONFIRMED FOR ROSSI

ISR's Alexander Rossi, the reigning American Formula BMW champion and winner of the 2008 Formula BMW World Final, took his second IFM win at the F1 track this weekend. The young driver is set to receive his first taste of Formula 1 with the BMW-Sauber F1 Team this December, after the team confirmed his test would not be affected by the manufacturer's decision to leave the championship. He was handed his official BMW-Sauber F1 overalls on Saturday by Mario Theissen, and said: "It's great to be given this during a successful race weekend and the test is something which I am very much looking forward to."



Alexander Rossi and Mario Theissen

## TRUMMER'S BEST IFM WEEKEND



Simon Trummer

Iris Project's Simon Trummer enjoyed his best IFM weekend to date in Spa, setting the fastest lap during free practice, before qualifying fourth and finishing race one on the podium. "My start was ok; I was able to catch Alexander [Rossi] for third place but Sergey [Afanasiev] was pushing to pass me really early on," said Trummer. "I was

faster in the quick corners but he definitely had more speed on the straights. When he closed the gap to me on the straight, I had no chance to block him. "After that, the back of my car was sliding quite a bit so I worked against that but I finished on the podium for the first time here so it's a great result!"





Alexander Sims

# IFM'S TALENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

The IFM Talent Support Program was once again in force at Spa-Francorchamps, enabling four young drivers to compete in front of the Formula 1 crowds. England's Alexander Sims and Italy's Samuele Buttarelli reprised their seats, whilst British driver Edwin Jowsey and Andrea Roda, from Italy, made their debut.

Returning Sims qualified third before racing to a solid sixth place in the weekend's first race. Sunday's round proved unlucky for the Brit however, when he was left stranded on the starting grid.

"We made a couple of adjustments between the

first and second set of tyres and the pace of the car was fantastic," said Sims on his qualifying performance. "It's a shame not to get pole as we were only three tenths from it but we can still find speed in the car, as well as in my driving, and it's not a bad place to start from the grid." Buttarelli fared better in race two, finishing tenth, whilst taking part in several solid on-track battles during both rounds. Newcomers Roda and Jowsey put the TSP opportunity to good use and completed as many laps of the famous Belgian track as possible in their new IFM single-seaters throughout the event.



# INTRODUCING JOWSEY...

**NAME:** Edwin Jowsey

**Nationality:** English

**Birth date:** 05.05.86

**Birth place:** Middleborough, England

**Lives in:** Whitby, England

**Official website:** [www.team-jowsey.co.uk](http://www.team-jowsey.co.uk)

**Height:** 165 cm

**Weight:** 60 kg

**Hobbies:** Flying

**Best IFM finish:** 2009 Rookie



## CAREER HISTORY:

**2009** International Formula Master

IFM Talent Support Program

**2008** Historic Formula Junior Championship – 3<sup>rd</sup>

**2007** Formula 3 Asia Pacific - Aran Racing

**2006** World Series by Renault - Comtec Racing

**2005** Formula Palmer Audi

**2004** Historic Formula Junior Championship – Champion

# ... AND RODA

**NAME:** Andrea Roda

**Nationality:** Italian

**Birth date:** 11/04/90

**Birth place:** Como, Italy

**Lives in:** Como, Italy

**Official website:** [www.andrearoda.com](http://www.andrearoda.com)

**Height:** 187 cm

**Weight:** 73 kg

**Hobbies:** Cars, skiing and football

**Best IFM finish:** 2009 Rookie



## CAREER HISTORY:

**2009** International Formula Master

IFM Talent Support Program

**Formula Renault 2.0 Italy** BVM Minardi Team

**Formula Renault 2.0 Eurocup** BVM Minardi Team

**2008** **Formula Renault 2.0 Italy** Tomcat Racing

**2007** **Formula Renault 2.0 Italy** Tomcat Racing

**Formula Renault 2.0 Switzerland** Tomcat Racing

**Winter Series Formula Renault 2.0** Tomcat Racing

**2006** **Challenge Formula Ford** **Formula Junior 1600**

**Winter Series Formula Renault 2.0** Tomcat Racing

# 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



## OSCHERSLEBEN: GERMANY

**Lap distance:** 3.696 km

**Race distance:**

Race 1: 28 laps

Race 2: 21 laps

**Location:** Situated in the Bode region,  
30 km from the city of Magdeburg

**Official website:** [www.motorsportarena.com](http://www.motorsportarena.com)

**IFM LAP RECORDS:**

**Race:**

2007: Race 1 – 1:22.620/161.04 kph, Kasper Andersen  
(JD Motorsport), 26 August 07

2008: Race 1 – 1:21.619/163.02 kph, Chris van der Drift,  
30 August 2008

**Qualifying:**

2007: 1:22.073/162.11, Chris van der Drift (JD Motorsport),  
25 August 2007

2008: 1:21.082/164.10 kph, Chris van der Drift,  
29 August 2008

**PREVIOUS IFM WINNERS:**

2007 Race 1: Jérôme D'Ambrosio, Cram Competition

2007 Race 2: Chris van der Drift (JD Motorsport)

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

2008: Race 2: Josef Kral, Team JVA

## CIRCUIT PREVIEW: OSCHERSLEBEN

Oschersleben has traditionally been the scene of JD Motorsport triumph with 2008 Champion Chris van der Drift setting pole position and securing a win in both 2007 and 2008. With van der Drift graduating to World Series by Renault this season, the challenge falls to Vladimir Arabadzhev, Sergey Afanasiev and Josef Kral this year. Kral took his first IFM victory here last season, producing a masterful performance to clinch the win for Team JVA.





# RISING STAR PÅL VARHAUG

Jenzer Motorsport's Pål Varhaug is the current rookies' classification leader, counting four podiums to his debut International Formula Master season. The 18-year-old is the first Norwegian to join the Series and has already made his mark with ten point-finishes in 12 races.

## On starting out:

"My father was in karting so after my brother started, I had a go; I was five years-old. I didn't do races then, it was just practice laps and enjoying karting as a hobby.

## Getting serious:

"Then I did my first kart race when I was ten and kept going until I was 15 years-old. That's when we started looking at single-seaters, in particular we looked at Formula Renault. A team had approached my father and I for a test; they wanted to see what I could do, but unfortunately the day fell through at the last minute.

## Single-seater career:

"By then we had decided that it was time to find out what I could do in that level of racing so we contacted Andreas Jenzer and we had a good test! Things went from there; I raced in Switzerland, Italy and the NEC in 2007, finishing second in the Swiss championship. Then in 2008 I concentrated on the Eurocup and the Italian championship, winning the Italian title, all with Jenzer. Then this year, I'm racing in Formula Master with him too.



## Support:

"My family is very supportive; my father has some good experience in driving so he knows what to do to help me! I'd love to see him drive my IFM car though so we can really compare ourselves together!

"The Norwegian media is also helping; there aren't that many drivers from my country racing in single-seaters so there is a good amount of interest in what I am achieving in Formula Master. Most Norwegians go to rallying so I'm a bit different.

## The future:

"Future-wise, it always depends on budgets unfortunately but the goal is always Formula 1. It is the best and now there is a clear path to it with the GP2 Series... We'll see!"

## Fact!



Fastest single-seater laps from the weekend:  
Formula 1: 1:44.503 – Jarno Trulli in qualifying  
GP2 Series: 1:54.970 – Alvaro Parente in qualifying  
Formula Master: 2:12.885 – Fabio Leimer in qualifying  
Formula BMW: 2:30.066 – Jim Pla in race one



Pål Varhaug

# IT'S NOT JUST THE DRIVERS...

Team members from Jenzer Motorsport and Iris Project put their drivers' fitness regime to shame a few weeks ago by taking part in the Inferno Triathlon, completing the event in 9 hours 08 minutes 14 seconds and finishing in the

top half of the final rankings. The event, taking place on 22 August, consisted of a 3.1 km lake swim, a 97 km road bike course with over 2000m of climbing, a 30km mountain bike track over a mountain pass and a 17 km mountain run

featuring an elevation gain of 850m. Entered as team Sixpack Racing, Nicole Häberli, Gerard Rooney, Erik Schuivens and Brett Osler completed their chosen events throughout the day, with

swimmer Nicole starting the proceedings at 06.30. Jamie Codyre was present as official photographer to immortalise the team's efforts and kindly commented: "A fantastic effort from a bunch of tourists."



## 2007 CHAMPION TARGETS F1

2007 IFM Champion Jérôme d'Ambrosio competed alongside the Series at Spa-Francorchamps, his home track, this weekend in

the GP2 Series with team DAMS. The Belgian explained his goal was firmly set on reaching the highest single-seater

championship, Formula 1: "My aim's still the same; get into Formula 1 in the near future. The difficult period the sport's gone through in the past few months hasn't helped young drivers, and until recently all negotiations were frozen. Today, things are clearer. In addition, the arrival of young competitive drivers has shown the teams that it's possible to bring in a rookie who's on the pace straight away, and that GP2 is a good training ground. I've got contacts but I can't talk about them as you can well imagine. The situation's looking good, and it'd be great for Belgium!"



Jérôme d'Ambrosio



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## 2009 TITLE FIGHT

Fabio Leimer



This weekend in Oschersleben could see Jenzer Motorsport's Fabio Leimer claim the 2009 Drivers' title; the young Swiss needs only to increase his lead by a further three points over second-placed JD Motorsport's Sergey Afanasiev to secure the championship. Leimer currently holds 80 points, ahead of Afanasiev and Kral with 45 and 43 points

respectively, with a maximum of 38 points left to score in the last two events of the season (Oschersleben and Imola).

Varhaug still leads the rookies' classification with 81 points ahead of Rossi (75 points).



# PHOTO GALLERY



Fabio Leimer



Edwin Jowsey



Alexander Rossi



Patrick Reiterer





Vladimir Arabadzhev



Nicolas Maulini



Sergey Afanasiev



Erik Janis



Andrea Roda



Samuele Buttarelli



Josef Kral



Kelvin Snoeks

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