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ROSSI RACES TO 2009 IFM ROOKIE TITLE

Leimer breaks record

**F1 simulator
test for top
three drivers**





Alexander Rossi

LEIMER CLINCHES RECORD-BREAKING SEVENTH WIN



Fabio Leimer

Round 15

Jenzer Motorsport's Fabio Leimer clinched a record-breaking seventh win in round 15 of the IFM Series at the Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari in Imola, Italy, running unchallenged from a pole position start.

The 2009 IFM champion secured his sixth pole of the year in the morning's qualifying session before leading the race from start to finish and breaking the record for the most victories in a Formula Master season.

JD Motorsport's Sergey Afanasiev raced to a second-place finish despite starting the race in sixth place. The young Russian climbed to fourth thanks to a strong start before passing team-mate Vladimir Arabadzhiev for third and being promoted to second through Pål Varhaug's retirement. Arabadzhiev followed in third after defending his position from team-mate Josef Kral and ISR's Alexander Rossi for the majority of the race. The faultless performance allowed the Bulgarian to claim his fifth podium of the season.

"It was really important for me to get the seventh win," said Leimer. "I really wanted to break Chris van der Drift's record. That's why it was really important to get a good qualifying and also a good start. Then it was like every race, I was driving at the front, doing my own race and tried to be consistent as much as possible. In the end I was pretty fast and set the fastest time on the last lap."

Round 16

Rossi clinched the 2009 IFM Rookies' Title in the last round of the season on Sunday after winning his third win of the year.

WHAT'S THE POINT

ROUND 15

1. Fabio Leimer (SUI), Jenzer Motorsport (#6)
2. Sergey Afanasiev (RUS), JD Motorsport (#2)
3. Vladimir Arabadzhiev (BUL), JD Motorsport (#1)
4. Josef Kral (CZH), JD Motorsport (#3)
5. Alexander Rossi (USA), ISR (#16)
6. Patrick Reiterer (ITA), Iris Project (#9)
7. Erik Janis (CZH), ISR (#20)
8. Simon Trummer (SUI), Iris Project (#8)

ROUND 16

1. Alexander Rossi (USA), ISR (#16)
2. Josef Kral (CZH), JD Motorsport (#3)
3. Sergey Afanasiev (RUS), JD Motorsport (#2)
4. Erik Janis (CZH), ISR (#20)
5. Patrick Reiterer (ITA), Iris Project (#9)
6. Pål Varhaug (NOR), Jenzer Motorsport (#7)

DRIVERS CLASSIFICATION (TOP EIGHT)

1. Fabio Leimer (SUI), Jenzer Motorsport (#6), 106 points
2. Sergey Afanasiev (RUS), JD Motorsport (#2), 68 points
3. Josef Kral (CZH), JD Motorsport (#3), 62 points
4. Alexander Rossi (USA), ISR (#16), 52 points
5. Pål Varhaug (NOR), Jenzer Motorsport (#7), 49 points
6. Erik Janis (CZH), ISR (#20), 42 points
7. Vladimir Arabadzhiev (BUL), JD Motorsport (#1), 37 points
8. Alessandro Kouzkin (RUS), Cram Competition (#47), 18 points

The 17-year-old American moved to second place from a fourth-place grid slot after an excellent start, before pressuring team-mate Erik Janis for the majority of the race. Rossi eventually took the lead on lap 12, pulling away to win the race unchallenged. Kral claimed his sixth podium of the season after crossing the finish line in second place. Having started fifth on the grid, the Czech driver was third by the end of lap one and passed Janis with three laps to go for P2.

Team-mate Afanasiev used Kral's move to overtake Janis on the same lap and secured third place, his ninth podium of the year, as well as the runner-up title in the drivers' classification.

"It's been fantastic to come out and race in Europe," said Rossi. "This year had quite a few ups and downs but it's definitely been an experience and it's great to win a title in my first season."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Erik Janis

23/09/87 - 22 years old

Patrick Reiterer

28/09/90 - 19 years old



2010 CALENDAR

Rounds	Date	Venue	Partnering
01&02	29-30 May	TBA**, Italy	WTCC
03&04	19-20 June	Zolder, Belgium	WTCC
05&06	3-4 July	Algarve, Portugal	WTCC
07&08	17-18 July	Brands Hatch, United Kingdom	WTCC
09&10	31 July - 1 August	Brno, Czech Republic	WTCC
11&12	4-5 September	Oschersleben, Germany	WTCC
13&14	18-19 September	Valencia*, Spain	WTCC

**subject to the agreement of the ASN concerned*

***the name of the event will be confirmed in due course*



Fact!



Fabio Leimer ran gold markings on his single-seater this weekend to celebrate his 2009 IFM champion title, whilst Jenzer Motorsport team members sported new t-shirts to mark their driver's achievement.

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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 Italy, 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.



TOP ROOKIE FOR ROSSI

Alexander Rossi claimed the 2009 International Formula Master Rookie title on Sunday after clinching his third win of the season. In the rookie classification, the 17-year-old American secured seven top finishes amounting to 110 points, ahead of Norwegian Pål Varhaug who ended the year on 101 points.

Rossi finished fourth in the main drivers' standings, having scored points in 12 of the 16 rounds this year. The season marks the young driver's first year in European racing and his performance in the IFM Series has attracted plenty of attention, including USF1's Peter Windsor who mentions Rossi in this week's GP Week (www.gpweek.com)

2009 ROOKIE CLASSIFICATION

1. Alexander Rossi (USA), ISR (#16), 110 points
2. Pål Varhaug (NOR), Jenzer Motorsport (#7), 101 points
3. Patrick Reiterer (ITA), Iris Project (#9), 51 points
4. Alessandro Kouzkin (RUS), Cram Competition (#47), 39 points
5. Tiago Petiz (POR), Cram Competition (#4), 39 points
6. Kelvin Snoeks (NED), AR Motorsport (#31), 34 points
7. Dennis Retera (NED), AR Motorsport (#32), 25 points
8. Paul Meijer (NED), AR Motorsport (#33), 15 points
9. Jonathan Kennard (GBR), Team JVA (#29), 6 points
10. Duncan Tappy (GBR), Team JVA (#30), 6 points
11. Matteo Davenia (ITA), Cram Competition (#12), 4 points

AFANASIEV TAKES RUNNER-UP SPOT

Sergey Afanasiev became this year's IFM vice-champion, finishing the season six points ahead of rival and team-mate Josef Kral. The pair were the only drivers left in the classification fight as the weekend begun.

A penalty handed to Kral after qualifying hindered the Czech's chances in the runner-up title chase however and it was Afanasiev that secured the honours.

"I knew Josef was my main competitor for the vice-champion spot this weekend but in my mind he has been the main rival all season. It's been hard fighting against him as he is my team-mate but he is also an amazing friend and we have had a great season together."



JD MOTORSPORT RETAINS IFM TITLE

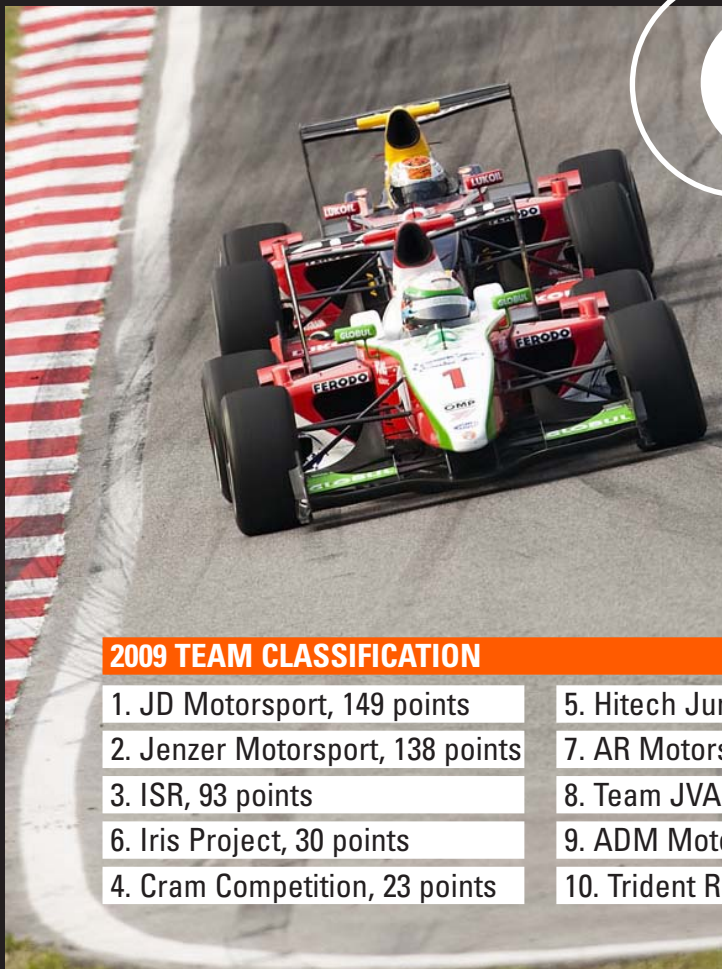
JD Motorsport became the first IFM team to retain their title despite a hard-fought battle with rival Jenzer Motorsport throughout the season.

Having won the team title last year, as well as fielding the 2008 IFM champion Chris van der Drift, JD Motorsport chose to run winning trio Vladimir Arabadzhiev, Sergey Afanasiev and Josef Kral this season.

Although Jenzer Motorsport took an early lead in the teams' classification, a series of podium finishes from their three drivers ensured the Italian outfit retained their title for the second year running.

2009 TEAM CLASSIFICATION

1. JD Motorsport, 149 points	5. Hitech Junior, 18 points
2. Jenzer Motorsport, 138 points	7. AR Motorsport, 18 points
3. ISR, 93 points	8. Team JVA, 4 points
6. Iris Project, 30 points	9. ADM Motorsport, 4 points
4. Cram Competition, 23 points	10. Trident Racing, 2 points





FORMULA MASTER SINGLE-SEAT OFFERED TO TOP OPEN DAY RO



WATER ROOKIE

International Formula Master (IFM) will host an open two-day testing session at the Hungaroring circuit on 6-7 November, where the fastest rookie will be rewarded with a 2009-specification NT Formula Master single-seater to use in the 2010 IFM season. The open test will also allow potential Formula Master drivers to participate for free during the morning session of the first day. All current Formula Master teams will be present for their first 2010 driver evaluations, alongside outfits expecting to enter the new Formula Master light programme next season. Both the current NT Formula Master single-seater and the 2007-2009 specification Tatuus FR2.0 car will be eligible to take part. "We have received a lot of interest in the main Formula Master and the new Formula Master Light class since announcing our plans for 2010," said International Formula Master's General Manager Alessandro Alunni Bravi.

"The open testing days will allow our Formula Master teams to evaluate the several new drivers who have been in touch over the past few weeks, whilst the Formula Master Light class makes its debut on track with new teams and racers.

"As an extra incentive, we are offering a Formula Master single-seater to the fastest rookie testing a Formula Master car, which will be available for the winner to drive in the Formula Master category in 2010.

"In addition, our Formula Master teams have agreed to offer drivers half a day of testing for free, which includes one set of new tyres. This is a great opportunity for everyone involved or, planning to be, to get started on the 2010 season."

Drivers will be considered rookies providing they have never taken part in an official International Formula Master event prior to the Hungarian open test days, be it races or official testing sessions.



2009 CELEBRATIONS



Fabio Leimer



Fabio Leimer

Teams, drivers, friends and organisers gathered on Sunday to celebrate the conclusion of International Formula Master's third season with the traditional prize-giving ceremony. The year's top three teams, top three drivers and best rookie were honoured, receiving their trophies, whilst team principal Andreas Jenzer was handed a special award for 'Best hammer performance on live television'. The Jenzer Motorsport boss was featured during Saturday's live race broadcast on Eurosport using a hammer to fix Pål Varhaug's single-seater, earning himself a special accolade for demonstrating the use of such innovative technology.



Andreas Jenzer



Alexander Rossi



JD Motorsport



WTCC Chevrolet

GENTLEMEN...

COLLECT YOUR PRIZES

As is tradition, this year's top International Formula Master (IFM) drivers will be rewarded with a host of testing prizes arranged with some of the sport's best teams worldwide.

This season's champion Fabio Leimer will test with GP2 team DAMS at the French circuit Paul Ricard on 12 November. The team has fielded IFM's inaugural title winner Jérôme D'Ambrosio for the past two years and will evaluate Leimer during the official GP2 Series test day.

Top rookie Alexander Rossi will be the recipient of an Indy Lights Series test in the United States, following in Leimer's footsteps. The Swiss set the fastest time in last year's test session, which he undertook with team Sam Schmidt Motorsport after winning the rookie title in 2008.

Rossi will also run with the illustrious American team, which holds the Indy Lights race-win record with 30 victories and three series championships to date. The test will take place on 19-20 October at Putnam Park in Indiana.

Vladimir Arabadzhiev, part of the winning team line-up at JD Motorsport, has been chosen to test with the FIA World Touring Car Championship team Chevrolet in October. The test will take place in Banbury, England, near the team's base on 13 October.

The Series' top three drivers, Fabio Leimer, Sergey Afanasiev and Josef Kral will also be given access to the Red Bull Racing Formula 1 Team chassis simulator for a day during the Formula 1 championship's off-season this winter.



Jérôme D'Ambrosio GP2 test

PHOTO GALLERY



Fabio Leimer



Tiago Petiz



Nicolas Maulini



Pál Varhau



Vladimir Arabadzhev



Finish Race two



PHOTO GALLERY

