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ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ADAC FORMULA 4

ADAC Formula 4 is a continuation of the flourishing junior formula programme run by the ADAC. After making a successful debut in 2015, the competition is now about to enter its second season. Around 45 talented youngsters will be contesting a series of 24 races over eight separate weekends. They will be driving Formula 4 racing cars with a chassis built by Italian manufacturer Tatuus and powered by an Abarth turbocharged engine. The races will be broadcast live on the TV channels SPORT1 and SPORT1+ and also streamed live on the internet.

„We managed to instantly establish ADAC Formula 4 in its debut season as one of the strongest junior series,“ says ADAC Sport President Hermann Tomczyk. „We can see that the series is continuing to develop for the long term this year after its successful launch. Looking at Formula 1, it is obvious how important junior series such as ADAC Formula 4 are to the sport. All four German Formula 1 contestants this year started out on their career path to the premier class by winning a title in the ADAC junior formula series.“

ADAC Director of Motorsport and Classic Motoring Lars Soutschka: „The starting line-up for this year’s ADAC Formula 4 is at an even higher level than last time, both in the number of entrants and the quality

of the teams. After an exciting debut season, all indications are that this year will be even more interesting.“

THE CAR:

All ADAC Formula 4 cars have an identical chassis manufactured by Tatuus. The ADAC decided to opt for the Italian company after careful deliberation. The Tatuus chassis complies with the stringent safety requirements of the FIA. The tyres for ADAC Formula 4 will be supplied by Pirelli, the Italian premium manufacturer well known from Formula 1. In Motec, ADAC has stuck with the same rim manufacturer who served the predecessor Formel ADAC series.

THE ENGINE:

ADAC Formula 4 racing cars are powered by production-based engines from Abarth. The 1.4-litre 414 TF turbo engine produces around 160 horsepower with a maximum torque of 250 Newton metres. The top speed is about 210 kilometres per hour. The four-cylinder engine is based on the production version of the Abarth 500 but has been specially modified for use in racing.

THE DRIVERS:

In its debut season, ADAC Formula 4 instantly estab-

lished itself as one of the world’s strongest junior race series. A total of 51 drivers from 16 countries competed in the 2015 ADAC Formula 4. Contestants with experience from other Formula series are pitted against ambitious newcomers from karting. There will be four young women drivers on this year’s ADAC Formula 4 grid: Michelle Halder, Marylin Niederhauser, Carrie Schreiner and Sophia Flörsch.

THE FORMAT:

An ADAC Formula 4 weekend consists of a free practice and a qualifying session. Because of the large number of entrants, free practice and qualifying are split into two groups (A and B). Drivers are allocated to groups A and B by drawing lots. The fastest eleven qualifiers from the two groups automatically go forward to the three races. The remaining drivers compete for the starting positions still available for the first race.

In compliance with FIA and DMSB track inspection records, the maximum starting field for Formula 4 cars is limited to between 35 and 37 starters at certain race venues. If, for example, a track has a permit for only 35 starters but the number of entrants is greater, the outcome of the qualifying race determines the size of the starting grid for the three races that weekend. The starting order for Race 2 is determined by the second-fastest lap times in qualifying. In the third race, the Top Ten finishers from Race 1 line up in reverse order, i.e.

the winner starts from grid position ten. The starting order for all the other cars is the same as the order they finished in Race 1.

THE ROOKIE CHAMPIONSHIP:

The 2016 „ADAC Formula 4 Rookie Cup“ will be awarded to the best ADAC Formula 4 newcomer who has not competed in a formula or touring car race at a licensed circuit either at home or abroad before 1st January 2016. Participation in the „ADAC Formula 4 Rookie Cup“ does not exclude contestants from challenging for points and prizes in the ADAC Formula 4 general classification.

ADAC FORMULA 4 ON TV:

The TV channels SPORT1 and/or SPORT1+ will be showing all three ADAC Formula 4 races live or time-shifted on the ADAC race weekend. In addition, SPORT1 will be broadcasting a 45-minute magazine featuring talented youngsters from ADAC Formula 4. Comprehensive online and mobile coverage on SPORT1.de, adac.de/formel-4 and the SPORT1 apps completes the multimedia package.



ADAC BRINGING ON TOMORROW'S STAR DRIVERS

For more than 25 years now, the ADAC youth development programme for aspiring single-seater racing drivers has been producing the stars of the future. Formula 1 drivers such as four-time world champion Sebastian Vettel, last year's runner-up Nico Rosberg, Nico Hülkenberg and Ralf Schumacher or DTM stars such as Martin Tomczyk and Timo Glock all started out on their thriving careers in the ADAC junior formula series. The success of the ADAC support programme for young talent in single-seater racing is evident from the current crop of Formula 1 drivers: all four of the German-born contestants are graduates of the ADAC junior formula series, and the youngest of them, reigning DTM champion Pascal Wehrlein who won the 2011 Formel ADAC title, has just now made it into highest echelon of the sport.

The ADAC youth development programme dates back to the year 1991 with the establishment of the ADAC SONAX Formula Junior Championship, a competition designed to offer drivers and teams equal opportunities, staying within a reasonable budget while maintaining the required safety standards. In its inaugural season of 1991, the title was won by Christian Abt who went on to compete in the DTM and who now manages Bentley Team ABT, one of the entrants for the 2016 ADAC GT Masters.

Over the years, there have been numerous champions in the BMW ADAC Formula Junior Cup (later the BMW Formula ADAC Championship) who went on to illustrious careers, including the 1998 World Sports Car Champion and three-time Le Mans winner André Lotterer.

Other graduates of the ADAC formula academies include two former F1 drivers Christian Klien and Ralf Schumacher who made his debut in the 1992 ADAC SONAX Formula Junior Championship. Timo Glock was the last winner of the BMW Formula ADAC Championship in its final season (2001), after picking up the BMW ADAC Formula Junior Cup in the previous campaign.

In 2002, the ADAC joined with engine partner BMW to usher in a new era in junior formula sport. The racing car used in the Formula BMW ADAC Championship was of a completely new design. Nico Rosberg won the championship in the first season. That same year, the then 17-year-old completed his first test in a Formula 1 racing car for Williams.

Maximilian Götz may have lost out to close rival Rosberg in the 2002 Formula BMW ADAC Championship, but he subsequently went on to secure the title in the following year. The 2012 ADAC GT Masters

champion and current DTM star prevailed over no less an opponent than Sebastian Vettel. Vettel's moment of triumph was to come in the 2004 season when he won 18 out of 20 races, thereby setting an all-time record in the Formula BMW ADAC Championship. In 2005, Nico Hülkenberg succeeded the future four-time Formula 1 world champion.

THE ADAC SPORTS FOUNDATION HAS SPONSORED SOME OF THE BEST-KNOWN NAMES IN THE SPORT, INCLUDING SEBASTIAN VETTEL, NICO HÜLKENBERG, ADRIAN SUTIL, PASCAL WEHRLEIN, TIMO GLOCK AND MARCO WITTMANN.

Between 2008 and 2014, the series under its new name of Formel ADAC continued the longstanding ADAC tradition (and mission) of bringing on the next generation of racing drivers. Formel ADAC served as a springboard not only for the 2011 champion Pascal Wehrlein but also for Denmark's Kevin Magnussen, both of whom have since advanced to Formula 1.

Another ex-Formel ADAC driver, Roy Nissany, has also made it onto the fringes of the top tier of racing – the Israeli, who contested the 2011 and 2012 Formel ADAC campaigns, was last year invited to test for the Sauber F1 team.

Two former champions from Formel ADAC have furthered their careers on the international motor racing scene. The 2009 champion, Daniel Abt, is already into his second season in the FIA Formula E Championship and is now about to make his debut in the 2016 ADAC GT Masters. Another youngster on a meteoric rise is Marvin Kirchhöfer from Leipzig. The winner of the 2012 ADAC Junior Racing Driver of the Year finished his rookie season in the 2014 GP3 in third place. Kirchhöfer had previously clinched the Formel ADAC title at the first attempt. This year, he will be competing in the GP2 championship which is staged as a support series to Formula 1.

Closely associated with the ADAC youth development programme is the ADAC Sports Foundation. Since 1999, the ADAC Sports Foundation has been sponsoring talented youngsters in their chosen career and providing them with a basis for their future development as professional racers. In recent years, the ADAC Sports Foundation has sponsored some of the best-known names in the sport, including Sebastian Vettel, Nico Hülkenberg, Adrian Sutil, Pascal Wehrlein, Timo Glock and Marco Wittmann.



ADAC FORMULA 4 STARTING LIST

NR.	DRIVER	NAT.	COMPETITOR	TEAM
2	Jannes Fittje		US Racing	US Racing
3	Carrie Schreiner		US Racing	US Racing
4	TBA		ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.	ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.
5	Lirim Zendeli		ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.	ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.
6	Mike David Ortmann		ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.	ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.
7	Oliver Söderström		ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.	ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.
8	Luca Engstler		Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Liqui Moly Team Engstler
9	Ricardo Feller		ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.	ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.
10	Andreas Estner		RS Competition	RS Competition
11	TBA		KUG-Motorsport	KUG-Motorsport
12	TBA		KUG-Motorsport	KUG-Motorsport
13	Yannick Brandt		Lechner Racing	Lechner Racing
14	Thomas Preining		Lechner Racing	Lechner Racing
15	Michael Waldherr		Lechner Racing	Lechner Racing
17	Diego Ciantini		Jenzer Motorsport	Jenzer Motorsport
18	Jan-Erik Meikup		Jenzer Motorsport	Jenzer Motorsport
19	Fabio Scherer		Jenzer Motorsport	Jenzer Motorsport
20	Kevin Kratz		Jenzer Motorsport	Jenzer Motorsport
21	Michelle Halder		Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Liqui Moly Team Engstler
22	TBA		Motopark	Motopark
23	Julian Hanses		Team Timo Scheider GmbH	Team Timo Scheider GmbH
24	Robin Brezina		Robin Brezina	
25	Moritz Müller-Crepon		Van Amersfoort Racing	Van Amersfoort Racing

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26	TBA		Van Amersfoort Racing	Van Amersfoort Racing
27	Louis Gachot		US Racing	US Racing
28	Kim Luis Schramm		US Racing	US Racing
29	Mick Schumacher		Prema Powerteam	Prema Powerteam
30	Kenneth Gulbrandsen		Team Timo Scheider GmbH	Team Timo Scheider GmbH
33	Jonathan Aberdein		Motopark	Motopark
35	Kami Laliberté		Van Amersfoort Racing	Van Amersfoort Racing
40	Leonard Hoogenboom		RS Competition	RS Competition
44	Juri Vips		Prema Powerteam	Prema Powerteam
45	Toni Wolf		KUG-Motorsport	KUG-Motorsport
46	Mauro Auricchio		Team Timo Scheider GmbH	Team Timo Scheider GmbH
50	TBA		Rennsport Rössler	Rennsport Rössler
55	Marylin Niederhauser		Rennsport Rössler	Rennsport Rössler
66	Simo Laaksonen		Motopark	Motopark
68	Juan Manuel Correa		Prema Powerteam	Prema Powerteam
74	TBA		Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Liqui Moly Team Engstler
77	Job van Uitert		Jenzer Motorsport	Jenzer Motorsport
79	TBA		SMC Schwärzler Motorsport Concepts	SMC Schwärzler Motorsport Concepts
80	Felipe Drugovich		Neuhauser Racing	Neuhauser Racing
81	Nickolas Nielsen		Neuhauser Racing	Neuhauser Racing
90	Cedric Piro		Team Piro Sport Interdental	Team Piro Sport Interdental
96	Joey Mawson		Van Amersfoort Racing	Van Amersfoort Racing
99	Sophia Flörsch		Motopark	Motopark



ADAC FORMULA 4 – THE TEAMS

ADAC BERLIN-BRANDENBURG E.V.

Since its inception in 1998, Berlin-based Mücke Motorsport have trained seven drivers who have made the move up into F1 – Sebastian Vettel, Pascal Wehrlein, Sergio Pérez, Robert Kubica, Sebastian Buemi, Markus Winkelhock and Christian Klien. In the first year of the ADAC Formula 4, the outfit won the title in the rookie standings with David Beckmann and took second place with Mike David Ortmann, getting away immediately to a good start, on which team principal Peter Mücke aims to build in 2016. „Wins are nice, but it's the training of young drivers that's paramount for us. Participating in the ADAC Formula 4 is the best thing you can do in that respect,“ said Mücke, who reckons that the series is among the best in the world and a brilliant step towards gaining entry into Formula 3. „The number of entrants this year proves its tremendous importance.“

www.muecke-motorsport.de

JENZER MOTORSPORT

Jenzer Motorsport was founded in 1993 by Swiss driver Andreas Jenzer, who was still actively competing in motor racing at the time. In the years that followed, the well-established team won many championships in various European open-wheel series. Jenzer Motorsport have trained and sup-

ported a number of successful racing drivers, including current DTM drivers Bruno Spengler and Nico Müller. During the 2014 season, the team raced in a number of series, including the Italian Formula 4 championship, and increased its involvement in 2015 to encompass the ADAC Formula 4. „In my opinion, the ADAC Formula 4 is the most important junior formula series. The enormous interest shown by teams and drivers lining up this year demonstrates that,“ said Jenzer. „We're really excited about the start of the new season and our second year in the ADAC Formula 4.“

www.jenzermotorsport.ch

KUG-MOTORSPORT

Team KUG was set up in 1975 and is one of the oldest and best-known teams for young racing drivers in Germany. For more than 40 years, the outfit has supported both young talents starting out in motor racing and Formula 1 drivers like André Lotterer, Christian Klien, Timo Glock, Ralf Schumacher and DTM driver Martin Tomczyk, who have in the past all been trained by KUG Motorsport to become successful racing drivers. KUG Motorsport achieved their greatest success in the BMW Formula ADAC championship and in the German Formula König championship between 1989-2002. Founder and team principal Kurt Gewinnus then

successfully brought the experience he had previously accumulated from 2007 to 2013 to bear on the Formel ADAC. KUG Motorsport GmbH are now headquartered in premises of more than 800 square metres in Kleinwallstadt/Lower Franconia which is located in the region between Frankfurt/Main and the Hockenheim grand prix circuit. This year, the experienced team are supporting three rookies as they start their driving careers in the ADAC Formula 4. „I see Formula 4 as a huge springboard for young talents. As an established team, we intend to be successful competitors during the 2016 season,“ said team principal Kurt Gewinnus.

www.kug-motorsport.de

LECHNER RACING

For decades, Lechner Racing from Austria have been the byword in training juniors in international motor racing, bringing on ex-Formula 1 drivers like Stefan Bellof and Roland Ratzenberger and two-time Le Mans winner Alexander Wurz among others. After achieving numerous successes and the championship title in the Porsche Supercup during the past ten years, the Salzburg-based team made a successful comeback in formula racing in the 2014 season. The outfit won the drivers' and team championships in Formula Renault 1.6 at their first attempt led by Robert and Walter Lechner. The next step then followed in 2015 with entry into the ADAC Formula 4. Team principal Robert Lechner is keenly

anticipating the start of the season, as he told us: „In 2016, the ADAC Formula 4 championship will again be better and stronger than last year. Those who are successful in this series have a real future in motor racing.“

www.lechnerracing.com

LIQUI MOLY TEAM ENGSTLER

The team, founded in 1996 and based in Wiggensbach, has evolved into a professional partner in national and international racing with many successes to its name. First-class technology, coupled with a strong team, good partners and sponsors, plus years of experience in racing make Engstler Motorsport an outfit that enjoys international success and are reliable partners. Franz Engstler has notched up numerous successes and titles during his career and is the lynchpin of the company. Youth training has a high priority – Engstler acts as mentor to the young drivers and enjoys passing on his experience and supporting them on their way to successful careers in motor racing. The team led by Engstler and sporting director Kurt Treml raced in the ADAC Formula 4 in 2015, its debut year. „The ADAC and their team have created the perfect platform. The high number of entrants speaks for itself,“ said team principal Franz Engstler. „The series has a very high profile in Germany and sets high standards for the quality of its drivers. This year, we need to build on the insights we gained in 2015.,,“

www.engstler-motorsport.de



MOTOPARK

With 23 international championships and more than 200 race wins, Team Motopark is one of the most successful outfits in formula motor racing. Many racing drivers, including current and former Formula 1 drivers Valtteri Bottas, Kevin Magnussen, Max Verstappen, Sébastien Buemi and also Scott Speed and Bruno Senna have passed through Timo Rumpfkeil's talent factory. Youth training has been the outfit's main focus since its inception in 1998. In the inaugural season of the ADAC Formula 4, Motopark were in contention to win victory overall until just before the end of the season, notching up a total of seven wins with Joel Eriksson. „Once again this year, the ADAC Formula 4 will be one of the world's most important junior series and its significance has again been confirmed by a top-class field of drivers,“ said team boss Rumpfkeil, who ensures that his drivers get the best possible preparation for the season.

www.motopark.com

NEUHAUSER RACING

In 2014, Austrian outfit Neuhauser Racing entered the record books as the last team and drivers' championship winners in the history of the Formel ADAC, the predecessor to ADAC Formula 4. Prior to that, the Formel ADAC founding member team had finished runners-up three times in the junior single seater series. The inaugural season of the ADAC Formula 4 last year was a mixed bag for the outfit,

but team principal Hannes Neuhauser remains true to his beliefs: „We intend to approach matters with plenty of ambition but also fun. I believe that we can give the front-runners in the field a good shake-up with our two rookies. It's really great that the Formula 4 season is finally about to start again,“ said Neuhauser. „With more than 40 racing cars, the ADAC Formula 4 is the best series of its kind anywhere in the world in my opinion and therefore constitutes a brilliant springboard for the future careers of young drivers.“

www.neuhauser-racing.at

PREMA POWERTEAM

Prema Powerteam is one of the most prestigious racing outfits in Europe. Since it was founded in 1983, the Italian team has won numerous championships in Formula 3 and Formula Renault. In 2014, Ferrari Junior Esteban Ocon driving a Prema Powerteam car won the FIA Formula 3 Championship. Jacques Villeneuve, Robert Kubica, Kamui Kobayashi, Daniel Juncadella and Roberto Merhi are just a few of the former Prema Powerteam drivers who have made the step up to Formula 1 or DTM racing. Prema Powerteam won the drivers' and team titles in the Italian Formula 4 championship in 2014. The team achieved one victory in 2015, the premiere season of the ADAC Formula 4. „I'm expecting a high standard this season. The ADAC Formula 4 is an ideal platform for young drivers coming from karting. The whole championship takes

place in a very professional environment, which plays a big role in a young driver's development,“ said team principal Angelo Rosin. „While we're used to competing at an international level, we now intend to prove our competitiveness beyond Italy's borders.“

www.premapowerteam.com

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RENNSPORT RÖSSLER

For more than 40 years, Rennsport Rössler have successfully competed in many professional racing series and been involved in junior racing. Numerous successes in the German Formula 3 Cup, the Formula 3 Euro Series, in hill-climbing and in Formula Lista are testament to their huge experience, know-how and tremendous enthusiasm for motor racing. Rennsport Rössler secured the Austrian Formula 3 championship title in 2015 and will now line up for their first year in the ADAC Formula 4.

www.rennsport-roessler.de

ROBIN BREZINA

After his debut season in 2015, Robin Brezina will line up again this year in the ADAC Formula 4 field on his own account. The 17-year-old from Dauchingen took the classic route from karting into single-seater racing and completed seven races in total last season. „We decided to join the ADAC Formula 4 at a relatively late stage in 2015, but I can truly say that it was absolutely the right decision,“ said Brezina. „Formula 4 has a large field of entrants who are all very strong, which is very important to me, because it's only through strong competition that I can improve and learn for the future.“

www.robinbrezina.de

RS COMPETITION

Danish team RS Competition provided a touch of international flair in the ADAC Formula 4. The team is managed by German-Danish team boss, Robert Schlünssen, who has been actively involved in junior sport for many years. Schlünssen enjoyed a career as a racing driver and has lined up previously in Formula Renault and in the Danish Touring Car championship. The team have been active in karting since 2006, winning championships in Germany, Denmark and Scandinavia during 2014. RS Competition can now offer young talents a further opportunity for advancement thanks to setting up their ADAC Formula 4 team in 2015. „Our focus is on the training of young drivers. The ADAC Formula 4 provides the ideal step for youngsters moving up from



karting to motor racing,” said Schlünssen, who will field two rookies in 2016. „We’ve improved a lot compared to 2015. Our goal is to secure top rankings in the rookie classification.“

www.rs-competition.com

SMC SCHWÄRZLER MOTORSPORT CONCEPTS

From 2011 to 2015, the family-run business, Schwärzler Motorsport Concepts looked after the technical side of the AsiaCups which are contested in Malaysia. However, the company had been active in motor racing prior to 2011. The foundations were laid with the technical support of Formula Lista, Formula LO and through participation in various GT series. Father Georg and sons Tobias and Benjamin are now concentrating their years of experience and know-how mainly on the ADAC Formula 4. „We are newcomers, who intend to get established in the ADAC Formula 4 as quickly as possible,“ said team principal Tobias Schwärzler. „We laid the basis last year in the season finale at the Hockenheimring with our guest driver Luis Leeds. We aim to build on that this season.“ Leeds was signed as a Red Bull Junior after his Formula 4 race for SMC Schwärzler Motorsport Concepts. SMC Schwärzler Motorsport Concepts fielded current Formula 4 entrant Michael Waldherr in the AsiaCup in 2014.

www.smc-racing.de

TEAM PIRO SPORT INTERDENTAL

Piro Sports have been represented on race tracks

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in Germany and Europe since 1998, becoming well established in various one-make cups. Cutting their teeth in the Ford Puma Cup, the Saarland-based team has also fielded racing cars in the Alfa 147 Cup and in the Mini Challenge. Led by team boss Erwin Piro, the team also made its first appearance in Formula Renault in 2014. Entry into the ADAC Formula 4 followed in 2015. „The profile of the ADAC Formula 4 is very high. It’s almost like a mini world championship for drivers from many different countries,“ said Piro, who had a successful career as a racing driver in Formula Super V. „We’re looking forward to lots of marvellous races this season with as few safety car phases as possible.“

www.piro-sports.de

TEAM TIMO SCHEIDER GMBH

Two-time DTM champion Timo Scheider built on his existing youth training concept by setting-up Team Scheider last year and joining the ADAC Formula 4. Scheider has supported and promoted young

talents with his own karting team since 2010. Through Team Scheider, the DTM driver is offering young drivers a further opportunity to move up into professional motorsport. „The many foreign entrants give the series plenty of international flair, and it reaches a wide public thanks to live TV broadcasts,“ said Scheider.

www.timoscheider.de

US RACING

Team US Racing are the successors to last year’s championship-winning team, HTP F4 Junior Team UNGAR. Together with ex-Formula 1 and DTM driver Ralf Schumacher, team boss Gerhard Ungar aims to continue the mission started last year, to give young talents the opportunity to enter the world of professional motor racing. Team US Racing’s new headquarters are in Kerpen, from where outings in the ADAC Formula 4 are prepared and coordinated. „We had an exceptional season in 2015. I’m now looking forward to working with Ralf Schumacher,“ said Gerhard Ungar. „The ADAC Formula 4 is the best entry-level series for young drivers in professional motorsport. Interest in the second season is enormous once again. It’s important that the series continues to develop at a high level.“

www.usracing.one

VAN AMERSFOORT RACING

Passion. Dedication. Tradition. These three words perfectly sum up the ideals of Van Amersfoort

Racing. Founded in 1975 by team principal Frits van Amersfoort in the Netherlands, the team is one of the best-established, most successful motor racing teams and enjoys an excellent reputation for training young talents. Formula 1 driver Kevin Magnussen was part of the squad in 2008, and the team recently trained Max Verstappen, the youngest driver in the history of Formula 1. His father, Jos, used to race for Van Amersfoort Racing. More well-known names can be found on VAR’s list of former trainees, ADAC GT Masters championship runner-up Jaap van Lagen, DTM driver Lucas Auer and ex-Formula 1 driver Giedo van der Garde. At last year’s Formula 4 premiere, Mick Schumacher, the son of record-breaking world champion, entered his name in the list of winners during the very first race weekend in Oschersleben, driving a VAR racing car. Van Amersfoort Racing will again be in the ADAC Formula 4 line-up in 2016 with another strong, international team.

www.vanamersfoortracing.nl



FOUR QUESTIONS TO ADAC SPORT PRESIDENT HERMANN TOMCZYK ABOUT THE ADAC FORMULA 4



Mister Tomczyk, the ADAC Formula 4 will soon be starting its second year. What is your assessment of how the junior formula series has developed?

Hermann Tomczyk: „The debut season exceeded all expectations. We obviously have our finger on the pulse with the ADAC Formula 4. In its very first year, we managed to establish the ADAC Formula 4 as one of the strongest junior racing series in Europe. The fact that in the second year we have even more entrants than in the debut season shows that we can sustain development of the series.“

How important is the ADAC Formula 4 for the promotion of young talents?

„The ADAC is in the fortunate position of being able to actively promote young trainees. For the past 25 years, starting with the ADAC Formula Junior in 1991, the ADAC has provided an attractive and affordable open-wheel racing platform for juniors. All of the four German drivers currently competing in Formula 1 have won an ADAC junior formula series at some time in the past. The most recent was Pascal Wehrlein in

the 2011 Formel ADAC. That shows just how important our youth development is. But we also promote young trainees in other areas of motor sport apart from single-seater racing. In rallying, we have established the ADAC Opel Rallye Cup. The new ADAC TCR Germany is also attracting young talents, as are the new ADAC Moto3 Northern Europe Cup and the ADAC Junior Cup powered by KTM on the motorcycle circuit and the ADAC MX Junior Cup and Youngster Cup in motocross. The ADAC is the first port of call for young motor sport talents.“

What are your expectations for the 2016 ADAC Formula 4 season?

„It was already apparent in the last round of testing just before the start of the season that we again have a highly competitive field. For the first time, young talents from karting will come up against drivers who already have one year's experience of the ADAC Formula 4, which will make for an exciting season. I am particularly pleased that we have four girls in the field this year.“

SPORT1 will again broadcast the races on TV. How important is that?

„Bringing SPORT1 on board as television partners

was a stroke of genius, because I do not know of any other broadcaster who would feature a junior series so extensively on free-to-air television and even broadcast races live! That helps us with marketing and and is also a boon especially for the drivers, because it is not easy to attract sponsors in junior sport.

Drivers are able to give their partners an excellent media presence through TV broadcasting. SPORT1 will again feature all races on TV this year and complement its coverage with a multimedia package via its apps and the Internet, enabling us to reach a whole new audience.“

ADAC FORMULA 4: 2015 SEASON

MOST SUCCESSFUL DRIVERS	WINS	MOST SUCCESSFUL TEAMS	WINS
Marvin Dienst	8	HTP F4 Junior Team UNGAR	8
Joel Eriksson	7	Motopark	7
Joey Mawson	5	Van Amersfoort Racing	6
Lando Norris	1	ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V	2
David Beckmann	1	Prema Powerteam	1
Ralf Aron	1		
Mick Schumacher	1		
MOST POLE POSITIONS	NO	FASTEST LAPS	NO
Marvin Dienst	7	Marvin Dienst	6
Janneau Esmeijer	5	Joey Mawson	5
Joey Mawson	3	Robert Shwartzman	4
Joel Eriksson	3	Ralf Aron	2
Marek Böckmann	1	Janneau Esmeijer	2
Jannes Fittje	1	Lando Norris	2
Jason Kremer	1	Michael Waldherr	1
Thomas Preining	1	Joel Eriksson	1
Michael Waldherr	1	David Beckmann	1
Tim Zimmermann	1		



TECHNICAL INFORMATION ADAC FORMULA 4

Vehicle manufacturer:	Tatuus
Material:	Composite Carbon
Engine:	Abarth 414 TF, 1,4 Ltr.Turbo
Output:	160 PS
Torque:	ca. 250 Nm / 3.500 U/Min
Special feature(s):	Schaltwippen
Top speed:	ca. 210 km/h
Minimum weight:	570 kg

WINNERS OF PAST ADAC JUNIOR FORMULA SERIES

1991 Christian Abt (BMW Formel ADAC Junior Championship)	2003 Maximilian Götz (Formel BMW ADAC Championship)
1992 Alexander Grau (BMW Formel ADAC Junior Championship)	2004 Sebastian Vettel (Formel BMW ADAC Championship)
1993 Ralf Kalaschek (BMW Formel ADAC Junior Championship)	2005 Nico Hülkenberg (Formel BMW ADAC Championship)
1994 Richard Kopp (BMW Formel ADAC Junior Championship)	2008 Armando Parente (Formel ADAC)
1995 Dominik Schwager (BMW Formel ADAC Junior Championship)	2009 Daniel Abt (Formel ADAC)
1996 Matthias Wolf (BMW Formel ADAC Junior Championship)	2010 Richie Stanaway (Formel ADAC)
1997 Tom Schwister (BMW Formel ADAC Championship)	2011 Pascal Wehrlein (Formel ADAC)
1998 Stefan Mücke (BMW Formel ADAC Championship)	2012 Marvin Kirchhöfer (Formel ADAC)
1999 André Lotterer (BMW Formel ADAC Championship)	2013 Alessio Picarello (Formel ADAC)
2000 Hannes Lachinger (BMW Formel ADAC Championship)	2014 Mikkel Jensen (Formel ADAC)
2001 Timo Glock (BMW Formel ADAC Championship)	2015 Marvin Dienst (ADAC Formula 4)
2002 Nico Rosberg (Formel BMW ADAC Championship)	

2016 RACE CALENDAR

1	15–17 April	Motorsport Arena Oschersleben www.motorsportarena.com	ADAC GT Masters
2	29 April – 1 May	Sachsenring www.sachsenring-circuit.com	ADAC GT Masters
3	03–05 June	Lausitzring www.lausitzring.de	ADAC GT Masters/DTM
4	17–19 June	Motorsport Arena Oschersleben www.motorsportarena.com	TCR International
5	22–24 July	Red Bull Ring (A) www.projekt-spielberg.at	ADAC GT Masters
6	05–07 August	Nürburgring www.nuerburgring.de	ADAC GT Masters
7	19–21 August	Zandvoort (NL) www.cpz.nl	ADAC GT Masters
8	30 September – 2 October	Hockenheimring www.hockenheimring.de	ADAC GT Masters



*Subject to change



ADAC FORMULA 4 ON SPORT1

As ADAC Formula 4 prepares to embark on its second season, Germany's leading sports channel SPORT1 is all set to resume live coverage. Selected races from the ADAC Formula 4 series are to be shown live on the free-to-air TV channel SPORT1. All races will be broadcast live and free of charge online and via mobile live stream on www.sport1.de and www.adac.de/formel-4. There will also be live or catch-up transmission of all three races every weekend on SPORT1+. The extensive TV coverage is supplemented by a 60-minute ADAC GT Masters highlights magazine scheduled for after the weekend, which rounds up all the action from the

Super Sports Car League, ADAC Formula 4 and ADAC TCR Germany. There is no change to last year's SPORT1 team of presenters reporting on ADAC Formula 4 over the eight race weekends: Julia Josten fronts the programme while Patrick Simon is the man behind the microphone delivering the running commentary.

The multimedia package includes online coverage on SPORT1.de and the SPORT1 apps. There are dedicated channels for news, interviews, opinion, videos and image galleries as well as results and statistics for the series.

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