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ADAC FORMULA 4 FAST FACTS

- Four-time Formula 1 world champion Sebastian Vettel is patron of the ADAC Formula 4
- The ADAC Formula 4 is embarking on its fourth season in 2018
- ADAC is continuing its successful tradition with Formula 4 of supporting juniors in formula motor racing
- Newcomers from karting come up against young drivers with experience of various junior single-seater racing series
- The ADAC Formula 4 will hold races within the context of Formula 1 for the first time and line up during the German Grand Prix at Hockenheim under the banner of the 'premier class of motorsport'
- A 160-bhp Abarth turbocharged engine in a Tatuus chassis on Pirelli tyres
- 20 races during the season spread over seven race weekends in Germany and Austria under the banner of the ADAC GT Masters as well as two times the DTM and one the FIA Formula One World Championship
- SPORT1 and/or SPORT1+ broadcast the races live or as recordings on TV
- 2016 marked the 25th anniversary of the ADAC's support for formula motor racing juniors which first began in 1991 with the ADAC Formel Junior
- Famous drivers from the ADAC Formula junior series include: Sebastian Vettel, Nico Rosberg, Nico Hülkenberg, Ralf Schumacher, Pascal Wehrlein, Timo Glock, Marco Wittmann, René Rast, André Lotterer and many more
- Drivers aged 15 and over are eligible to line up in the ADAC Formula 4



ADAC FORMULA 4 – 2018 RACE CALENDAR

13/04/18 –
15/04/18

01



Motorsport Arena Oschersleben
www.motorsportarena.com

04/05/18 –
06/05/18

02



Hockenheimring (with DTM)
www.hockenheimring.de

18/05/18 –
20/05/18

03



Lausitzring (with DTM)
www.lausitzring.de

08/06/18 –
10/06/18

04



Red Bull Ring
www.projekt-spielberg.com

20/07/18 –
22/07/18

05



Hockenheimring (with Formula 1)
www.hockenheimring.de

03/08/18 –
05/08/18

06



Nürburgring
www.nuerburgring.de

21/09/18 –
23/09/18

07



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THREE QUESTIONS FOR ADAC SPORTS PRESIDENT HERMANN TOMCZYK

MR TOMCZYK, THE ADAC FORMULA 4 IS NOW IN ITS FOURTH SEASON. HOW ARE THINGS LOOKING?

Good! With the ADAC Formula 4, the ADAC has a fine tradition of successfully promoting juniors in single-seater racing and is a real talent factory. The fact that drivers like David Schumacher, the son of Ralf Schumacher, Enzo Fittipaldi, grandson of Emerson Fittipaldi and Mike Doohan's son, Jack, will line up in the series this year, speaks volumes, as does the involvement of ex-Formula 1 Team Principal Monisha Kaltenborn with her new team, KDC Racing. SPORT1 will continue to show the series on TV with at least one live broadcast on race weekends, which is extraordinary in junior racing and indicative of ADAC Formula 4's drawing power.

WHAT ROLE DOES THE ADAC FORMULA 4 PLAY IN PROMOTING YOUNG TALENT?

The most successful drivers from the previous three years have all made the move up from the ADAC Formula 4 into Formula 3. Joel Eriksson, the 2015 championship runner-up, will start for BMW in the DTM this year, and Lando Norris is

now a McLaren F1 test driver. He also took part in 2015. This proves just how capable drivers emerging from the series are and the important role it has to play in bringing on juniors. For more than 25 years, the ADAC has been providing an attractive and affordable platform for young formula racing drivers. During this time, 13 drivers from our series have moved up into Formula 1, including Sebastian Vettel, Nico Hülkenberg and Nico Rosberg. A series like the ADAC Formula 4 has a vital role to play as regards the successful promotion of young talent in Germany.

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, THE ADAC FORMULA 4 WILL HOLD RACES AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S FORMULA 1 PROGRAMME. HOW IMPORTANT IS THAT FOR THE SERIES?

The races under the banner of the German Formula 1 Grand Prix at Hockenheim will certainly be the biggest highlight on this year's ADAC Formula 4 calendar. Racing against the backdrop of such a huge stage is very important and greatly motivates young drivers. Quite apart from anything else, it also, of course, gives them an excellent chance to impress Formula 1 bosses!



ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ADAC FORMULA 4

The ADAC Formula 4 is continuing its successful training and support of formula motor racing juniors on behalf of the ADAC, and the series will be starting its fourth season in 2018. Some 20 young talents will line up for seven meetings in 2018 and contest 20 races in all. Formula 4 racing cars with chassis from the Italian manufacturer, Tatuus, and Abarth turbo engines are used. SPORT1 and SPORT1+ will broadcast the races live on TV and online via live stream.

THE CAR

Teams in the ADAC Formula 4 use chassis manufactured by Tatuus which meet the stringent safety requirements of the FIA. Italian premium tyre manufacturer Pirelli who are well-known from Formula 1, supply the ADAC Formula 4. Rim manufacturer ATS are new.

THE ENGINE

The ADAC Formula 4 racing cars run production-based Abarth engines. The 1.4-litre 414 TF turbo-powered engine delivers some 160 bhp with a maximum torque of 250 Nm. Top speed is around 210 km/h. The four-cylinder engine is based on an Abarth 500 standard production engine specially modified for racing.

THE DRIVERS

ADAC Formula 4 quickly became established as one of the world's strongest series for juniors. Drivers with experience of various single-seater series come up against ambitious newcomers moving up from karting. Drivers aged 15 and upwards are eligible to line up in the ADAC Formula 4.

THE MODUS OPERANDI

An ADAC Formula 4 race weekend consists of three 30-minute races on Saturday and Sunday preceded by two 15-minute qualifying sessions with a five-minute break in between (15 minutes qualifying for Race 1 - 5 minutes break, 15 minutes qualifying for Race 2).

Grid positions for Races 1 and 2 are decided on the basis of times posted in the qualifying, and the driver with the fastest lap time will line up in pole position. All other drivers are allocated positions behind him according to the lap time they set.

In Race 3, the Top Eight from Race 2 line up in reverse order (reverse grid), so the winner of Race 2 starts from eighth on the grid, the eighth-placed driver from Race 2 from pole position, and so on. The remaining drivers line up where they placed

in Race 2, so the ninth-placed driver starts from 9th place, and the driver in last place from Race 2 starts from the back of the grid again.

Points in all the various competitions - drivers', rookie and team standings - are awarded as follows: P1/25 points, 2/18, 3/15, 4/12, 5/10, 6/8, 7/6, 8/4, 9/2, 10/1.

THE ROOKIE CHAMPIONSHIP

The ADAC Formula 4 Rookie Cup is for drivers lining up for their first ADAC Formula 4 season in 2018 who have not raced at any licensed circuit for single-seater or touring cars in Germany or elsewhere prior to 01/01/2018. All drivers contesting the ADAC Formula 4 Rookie Cup are also awarded places overall in the ADAC Formula 4, scoring points and winning prize money separately from the Rookie Cup competition.

THE ADAC FORMULA 4 ON TV

On race weekends, SPORT1 and SPORT1+ will broadcast the ADAC Formula 4 races live or as recordings. SPORT1 will also carry reports - among others - about the young ADAC Formula 4 talents in a 60-minute ADAC GT Masters magazine programme. Multi-media coverage will be supplemented by extensive online reporting on SPORT1.de and at adac.de/formel-4 as well as via SPORT1 apps for mobile phones.



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 champions Sebastian Vettel and Nico Rosberg, Nico Hülkenberg and Ralf Schumacher or DTM stars such as Marco Wittmann, Timo Glock, Pascal Wehrlein or René Rast all started out on their thriving careers in the ADAC junior formula series.

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, former DTM driver and ADAC GT Masters champion.

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 World Sports Car Champion and three-time Le Mans winner André Lotterer.

Other graduates of the ADAC formula academies include the two former F1 drivers Christian Klien and Ralf Schumacher who made his debut in the 1992 ADAC SONAX Formula Junior Championship.

ship. Schumacher was the first driver to have come through from the ADAC junior single-seater support scheme to make the eventual step up to Formula 1. Twelve others would subsequently follow in his footsteps. 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 as a reward for having won the title.

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 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 fourtime Formula 1 world cham-

Champion. Following in the footsteps of Hülkenberg, now a top Formula 1 driver, were Christian Vitoris (2006) and Jens Klingmann (2007) who laid the foundations for their own successful careers in motor racing in the Formula BMW ADAC Championship.

Between 2008 and 2014, the series under its

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.

new name of Formel ADAC continued the long-standing 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.

Two former champions from Formel ADAC have furthered their careers on the international motor racing scene. The 2009 champion, Daniel Abt, is now contesting his third season in FIA Formula E. Marvin Kirchhöfer, the 2012 ADAC Junior Motorsport Personality of the Year, first competed in GP3 and GP2 and joined the ADAC GT Masters line-up in 2017. The three first ADAC Formula 4 champions also have a successful career in their sights. Marvin Dienst (2015) was a contestant in the 2017 FIA WEC Sports Car Championship, while the 2016 champion Joey Mawson and runner-up Mick Schumacher have now been joined by the current title holder Juri Vips in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship.

Closely associated with the ADAC youth development programme is the ADAC Sports Foundation. Since 20 years, 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.



2018 ADAC FORMULA 4 LIST OF ENTRANTS

NR.	DRIVER	NAT.	COMPETITOR	TEAM
2	Frederik Vesti		Van Amersfoort Racing	Van Amersfoort Racing
4	Niklas Krütten		ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.	ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.
5	Gianluca Petecof		Prema Powerteam	Prema Powerteam
6	Ido Cohen		ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.	ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.
13	Aaron Di Comberti		KDC Racing	KDC Racing
14	Leonardo Lorandi		KDC Racing	KDC Racing
21	Charles Weerts		Van Amersfoort Racing	Van Amersfoort Racing
22	Lucas Alecco Roy		Van Amersfoort Racing	Van Amersfoort Racing
23	Joey Alders		Van Amersfoort Racing	Van Amersfoort Racing
26	Leon Köhler		ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.	ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.
27	David Schumacher		US Racing - CHRS	US Racing - CHRS
28	Mick Wishofer		US Racing - CHRS	US Racing - CHRS
30	Liam Lawson		Van Amersfoort Racing	Van Amersfoort Racing
44	Lirim Zendeli		US Racing - CHRS	US Racing - CHRS
64	Oliver Caldwell		Prema Powerteam	Prema Powerteam
74	Enzo Fittipaldi		Prema Powerteam	Prema Powerteam
80	Andreas Estner		Neuhauser Racing	Neuhauser Racing
81	Sebastian Estner		Neuhauser Racing	Neuhauser Racing
95	Tom Beckhäuser		US Racing - CHRS	US Racing - CHRS

THE ADAC FORMULA 4 ON SPORT1

The ADAC Formula 4 is about to commence its fourth season, and SPORT1, Germany's leading sports broadcaster, will again be there live. SPORT1 will broadcast some ADAC Formula 4 races live on free-to-air TV. All races will be freely available as online and mobile livestream at sport1.de and www.adac.de/formel-4 on the Internet. All three races can be seen live or as recordings every weekend on SPORT1+. Extensive TV coverage will be complemented by a 60-minute ADAC GT Masters highlights magazine, reporting on the Super Sports Car League, the ADAC Formula 4 and the ADAC TCR Germany

on Sunday evening after each ADAC GT Masters race weekend. Sarah Valentina will present the programmes, while Patrick Simon will be back behind the microphone in the commentator's booth for the fourth season of the series. This multi-media coverage will be supplemented by online reporting on SPORT1.de and via SPORT1 apps. News, interviews, news columns, videos, picture galleries, plus results and statistics from the series will be made available on special dedicated channels.





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ADAC BERLIN-BRANDENBURG e.V.

The 'Pink Panthers' of ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg aim to be a force to reckon with once again in 2018. Since Mücke Motorsport was established in 1998, the team has nurtured no fewer than eight drivers who subsequently went on to fame and fortune in Formula 1: Sebastian Vettel, Pascal Wehrlein, Sergio Pérez, Sébastien Buemi, Christian Klien, Robert Kubica, Roberto Merhi and Markus Winkelhock. The Berlin-based outfit has contested both the German and the Italian Formula 4 since the two series were founded, securing 16 wins and 58 podium finishes along the way. Their first three years in ADAC Formula 4 were also successful, with David Beckmann taking the rookie title in the opening season. In year two, Mike David Ortman made his mark with three race wins and third place in the general classification. And in the most recent campaign, Lirim Zendeli, Sophia Flörsch and Oliver Söderström made seven podium appearances between them, earning third place in the team championship. This year, the team is pinning its hopes on three newcomers to single-seater racing: Niklas Krütten from Trier, Leon Köhler from Kleinwallstadt near Aschaffenburg and Ido Cohen from Israel. For all three, this debut season will be all about gaining experience. "In the last few years, we have shown that we have a good instinct for talent spotting," says Peter Mücke. "This time is no exception, and I think we are strongly positioned for the season ahead. Niklas has what it takes to be a contender for the rookie title, as we saw in 2018 when he first drove one of our 'Pink Panthers.'" Like Krütten, ADAC Sports Foundation protégé Köhler,

who is reigning KZ2 European kart champion, also has prior experience. In January 2018, he drove his first races in a single-seater and celebrated two wins in the Formula 4 UAE in Dubai. Ido Cohen has also displayed great ambition and assertiveness during his budding career. Born and raised in Tel Aviv, the first Israeli in the ADAC Formula 4 had to make the long journey between his home and Europe on multiple occasions. "What impresses me about him is the absolute will to achieve something in our sport despite numerous hardships," says Mücke. Three newcomers – for team boss Peter Mücke, this is the perfect illustration of the way that his team puts the training of young drivers at the forefront of their endeavours. For almost two decades, the Berlin-based team has been an integral part of the various ADAC junior formula series. "We not only want to send drivers into action for the year but also offer them in-depth training which will prepare them for higher levels of the sport," says Mücke, who sees ADAC Formula 4 as "the ideal entry into formula racing". "In Leon, Niklas and Ido, we have three genuine contenders for the rookie championship. Hopefully, they will also be able to make their mark in the general classification, too."

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KDC RACING

Joining the ADAC Formula 4, having had experience of Formula 1, Monisha Kaltenborn was Team Principal in the premier class at Sauber until the summer of 2017 and is still involved in motorsport. She intends to tackle the 2018 season, fielding a young outfit in the ADAC high-speed school. The new team's name, KDC Racing, stands for Kaltenborn and Di Comberti. The Austrian team boss, who was born in India, now has the backing of business partner Emily di Comberti, who shares her enthusiasm for motorsport and wants to provide young talents with a solid platform for their future careers. "We share a common goal, to support young talents in their motor racing careers," said Kaltenborn, who will contest both the German ADAC Formula 4 and its Italian Formula 4 counterpart with KDC Racing. "Formula 4 is the classroom for the world champions of tomorrow and is therefore particularly exciting. We think it has great potential." Based in Granollers, Spain, the team are well positioned from an organisational point of view in the immediate vicinity of Barcelona's Circuit de Catalunya. "We were very quickly able to find experienced engineers and mechanics," said Kaltenborn, who has extensive contacts to the motor racing scene thanks to her many years of Formula 1 experience. Team Manager Josep Trinidad is very familiar with how junior series run and is in charge of day-to-day affairs. KDC Racing will field two drivers in the ADAC Formula 4 in their debut year, Aaron Di Comberti (17, Great Britain) and Leonardo Lorandi (17, Italy). The team have clearly defined goals for their first season in the ADAC

Formula 4 and are full of confidence. "We aim to compete in the top mid-field of the race series both in Germany and Italy, which is certainly ambitious, considering that we only had two months, in which to get the team up and running for 2018," said Kaltenborn.

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NEUHAUSER RACING

Motorsport - made in Austria is the proud boast of Austrian racing team Neuhauser Racing from Zell am Ziller in the Tyrol. Since 2008, the team, founded in 2004, have contested all races of the ADAC junior series without a break, and with some success! In 2014, Danish driver Mikkel Jensen became the last champion in the record books of the Formel ADAC, which was the ADAC Formula 4's forerunner, and the outfit also won the team title. Prior to that, this founding member of the series had already finished as championship runners-up in the team rankings of the Formula junior series three times. After a debut season of mixed fortunes in 2015, youthful team boss Hannes Neuhauser had an outstanding 2016, with Denmark's Niklas Nielsen winning the rookie title and Felipe Drugovich also getting his career off to a flying start as a product of the Neuhauser talent mill. In 2017, the Brazilian switched to Van



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Amersfoort Racing where he had a great season, during most of which a tally of seven victories kept him in contention for the championship title. Neuhauser once again have an exciting driver duo as they go into 2018: Andreas and Sebastian Estner are not only the first pair of brothers in the history of the ADAC Formula 4 but, according to the team boss, are both excellent prospects. “With Andreas, we intend to be challenging for the title,” says Neuhauser. “In Sebastian’s case, we see him having a say in the rookie classification.” Working with the brothers is no problem at all: “There is no jealousy and there are no secrets in the team. We are like a family, with everyone sticking together and knowing what they have to do.” Andreas (17) is the older of the two brothers and can already look back on two years in the German junior series. He scored six championship points in 2017 and only narrowly missed out the podium at the Lausitzring and the Nürburgring coming fourth on both occasions. His 16-year-old brother Sebastian is about to graduate from karting as a newcomer to ADAC Formula 4. Hannes Neuhauser clearly intends to remain true to his guiding principle: “We do not need to hide our light under a bushel and we should be good for the occasional surprise result, as we’ve seen in the past. The fact that we, as a small-scale Austrian team, repeatedly come out ahead of the big names shows that we are doing a very good job,” says Neuhauser. He considers the ADAC Formula 4 to be “the best series of its kind in the world”. “We are ambitious, but at the same time, we don’t lose our sense of fun. I am confi-

dent that, with our two new drivers, we can really shake up the field. The ADAC Formula 4 is definitely a good springboard for the future of young drivers.”

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PREMA POWERTEAM

Prema Powerteam are one of the most prestigious racing outfits in the whole of Europe. Since its founding in 1983, the team, based in Italy, have won many championships in Formula 3 and Formula Renault. With Esteban Ocon, Prema Powerteam took victory overall in 2014 in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship. Jacques Villeneuve, Robert Kubica, Kamui Kobayashi, Daniel Juncadella, Roberto Merhi, Valtteri Bottas, Charles Leclerc, Pierre Gasly, Felix Rosenqvist, Lance Stroll and Antonio Giovinazzi are just a few of Prema Powerteam alumni to have gone on to greater things in the DTM or Formula 1. Prema also have an enviable track record in ADAC Formula 4. The runner-up spot for Mick Schumacher and the team title in 2016 were only the beginning. In 2017, the Italians once again won the team trophy and pulled off a one-two in the drivers’ championship with Juri Vips from Estonia taking the title and the New Zealander Marcus

Armstrong finishing as runner-up by the narrow margin of 4.5 points. The team is also poised for success in 2018 with a driver quartet that includes some famous names: Enzo Fittipaldi, grandson of two-time Formula 1 world champion Emerson Fittipaldi, and Australia’s Jack Doohan, son of five-time world motorcycling champion Mick Doohan. Doohan junior, who has been active in karting so far, is now taking his first steps in formula racing with Prema. He will not, however, be competing on every weekend in 2018, instead restricting himself to guest appearances. Fittipaldi already knows the ADAC Formula 4 series from a guest appearance last year at the Nürburgring, in which he achieved a podium finish (P3) at the very first attempt. “The competition in the ADAC Formula 4 is at a very high level, where every tenth of a second counts,” says Fittipaldi Junior. “Prema are a winning team – they won the drivers’ title and the team classification in 2017. That gives me a lot of motivation to challenge for the championship. I’m ambitious – and I want to win.” The third member of the squad is Oliver Caldwell from the UK. He gained his first experiences in ADAC Formula 4 at Oschersleben during the 2017 campaign as a member of the ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V. line-up. Number four in the squad is Brazilian 15-year-old Gianluca Petecof, making his debut in a single-seater. According to team principal Angelo Rosin, he is in for a learning season: “The ADAC Formula 4 is an ideal platform for young drivers making the step up from karting. The whole championship takes place in a very professional setting, which plays a major role in the development of a young

driver.”

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US RACING - CHRIS

Team US Racing, the successor to HTP F4 Junior Team UNGAR, the championship-winning team from 2015, will line up this year in conjunction with Czech team Charouz Racing System, using the name US Racing - CHRIS. Under the sporting direction of former Formula 1 and DTM driver Ralf Schumacher and Team Principal Gerhard Ungar, their intention for the third season is to build on the successes from previous years. Another aim for 2018 is to make it possible for young talents to become professional racing drivers. The team are headquartered in Kerpen which is where race outings in the ADAC Formula 4 are prepared and coordinated. US Racing have repositioned themselves for 2018. 18-year-old Lirim Zendeli, one of the most successful drivers from the previous two years, drives for US Racing. His big break-through came towards the end of last season. He secured three wins and two second places in 2017 and finished fourth overall at the end of the year. Zendeli should definitely be one of the top championship contenders in 2018 thanks to his strong showing. Mick Wishofer also delivered a strong performance in 2017. The Austrian achieved ele-



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ven podiums as best rookie and won the Rookie championship by a big margin. He secured P10 in the last race of the season at Hockenheim, achieving the first top-ten finish of his career. 16-year-old David Schumacher, son of Ralf Schumacher and nephew of F1 record world champion Michael Schumacher, has made the move from karting to single-seater racing and is set to make his debut for US Racing - CHRS in the ADAC Formula 4 in 2018. He showed his class recently in the F4 UAE with second place and fast times. He was in contention to take the championship until the very last race and finished the series as best rookie. Czech driver Tom Beckhäuser gained his first experience in the ADAC Formula 4 with the ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V. team during 2017 and contested the last two F4 UAE meetings in Abu Dhabi and Dubai for US Racing. “The competition this year is strong. Nevertheless, we hope and expect to win races and be in championship contention,” says Team Principal Gerhard Ungar, who thinks that the ADAC Formula 4 is the best entry-level series for young racing drivers wanting to turn pro.

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VAN AMERSFOORT RACING

„Passion. Dedication. Tradition.“ 42 years after it was first set up, these words still perfectly sum up Van Amersfoort Racing’s ideals. The team from the Netherlands, founded in 1975 by Team Principal Frits van Amersfoort, is one of the most well established and successful motor racing outfits and enjoys an excellent reputation for training young talents. Formula 1 driver Kevin Magnussen was a member of the squad in 2008, and the youngest driver ever to race in Formula 1, Max Verstappen, whose father Jos used to drive for Van Amersfoort Racing, is the most recent F1 ace to be trained by the team. VAR’s list of famous ‘ex-pupils’ includes ADAC GT Masters championship runner-up Jaap van Lagen, DTM driver Lucas Auer and former Formula 1 driver Giedo van der Garde. The example of Mick Schumacher, who joined winners’ row at the very first race weekend as the ADAC Formula 4 debuted at Oschersleben in 2015, was followed by Australian Joey Lawson, the champion of the 2016 season and race winner record holder with no less than 15 race victories to his name. In 2017, he was succeeded by young Brazilian Felipe Drugovich who proved his immense talent with seven race wins and third place in the championship. In the 2018 season, Van Amersfoort Racing will again be fielding a strong squad of drivers drawn from all over the world. It will include Denmark’s Frederik Vesti and Belgium’s Charles Weerts in their second season

in the German series. Vesti was a winner at Oschersleben in 2017. In all, he made three podium appearances, including a runner-up spot at the Lausitzring and a P3 at the Sachsenring. Weerts won the best rookie category in three races and finished the season as runner-up in the newcomer’s class. New to the team are rookie Joey Alders from the Netherlands, New Zealander Liam Lawson and Germany’s Lucas Alecco Roy. Roy’s route into ADAC Formula 4 is highly unusual: as a former dressage rider, he is undertaking a major career change. He first tried his hand at motor racing in the 2017 British Formula 4. Frits van Amersfoort is optimistic about the prospects for each member of his driver quintet: „I enjoy the challenge of working with young drivers, helping them to develop and become successful,” says Van Amersfoort, who thinks that: „the high-performance ADAC Formula 4 is the best training ground. We’re certain that all the drivers currently with us in Formula 4 and Formula 3 in 2017 have all that it takes to be successful in motor sport.“

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ADAC FORMULA 4 STATISTICS

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL DRIVERS

Driver:	Wins:
1. Joey Mawson	15
2. Marvin Dienst	8
3. Joel Eriksson	7
Felipe Drugovich	7
5. Mick Schumacher	6
6. Mike David Ortmann	3
Marcus Armstrong	3
Lirim Zendeli	3
9. Thomas Preining	2
Juri Vips	2
Fabio Scherer	2
Kami Laliberté	2
13. Lando Norris	1
David Beckmann	1
Ralf Aron	1
Kim-Luis Schramm	1
Simo Laaksonen	1
Nicklas Nielsen	1
Frederik Vesti	1
Julian Hanses	1
Artem Petrov	1

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

Team:	Wins:
1. Van Amersfoort Racing	27
2. Prema Powerteam	11
3. HTP F4 Junior Team UNGAR	8
Motopark	8
ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.	8
6. US Racing	4
7. Lechner Racing	2
8. Jenzer Motorsport	1

THE MOST POLE POSITIONS

Driver:	Number:
1. Joey Mawson	10
2. Marvin Dienst	7
3. Janneau Esmeijer	6
4. Marcus Armstrong	4
Mick Schumacher	4
Kim-Luis Schramm	4
7. Joel Eriksson	3
Felipe Drugovich	3

Lirim Zendeli	3
Julian Hanses	3
11. Thomas Preining	2
Kami Laliberté	2
Jannes Fittje	2
Mike David Ortmann	2
Michael Waldherr	2
16. Marek Böckmann	1
Jason Kremer	1
Tim Zimmermann	1
Juri Vips	1
Jonathan Aberdein	1
Leonard Hoogenboom	1
Simo Laaksonen	1
Nicklas Nielsen	1
Louis Gachot	1
David Malukas	1
Artem Petrov	1

FASTEST LAPS

Driver:	Number:
1. Joey Mawson	11
2. Marvin Dienst	6
Felipe Drugovich	6

4. Kim-Luis Schramm	5
5. Robert Schwartzman	4
6. Nicklas Nielsen	3
Lirim Zendeli	3
Kami Laliberté	3
Juan Manuel Correa	3
Sophia Flörsch	3
Fabio Scherer	3
12. Ralf Aron	2
Janneau Esmeijer	2
Lando Norris	2
Mike David Ortmann	2
Mick Schumacher	2
Frederik Vesti	2
18. Michael Waldherr	1
Joel Eriksson	1
David Beckmann	1
Jannes Fittje	1
Marcus Armstrong	1
Jonathan Aberdein	1
Julian Hanses	1

ADAC FORMULA 4 TECHNICAL DATA

Tatuus Formula 4 Model F4 T014

Chassis:	Carbon fibre sandwich construction with aluminium/nomex honeycomb reinforcement
Body:	Glass-fibre
Suspension front/rear:	Push-rod with two springs and dampers
Springs:	Eibach
Brakes:	Brembo
Wheel rims:	ATS
Tyres:	Pirelli, tyre size front/rear: V 200/540-13 // H. 250/575-13
Electronics:	Magneti Marelli
Transmission:	SADEV 6-speed, sequential, paddle change

Dimensions




























Track width, front:	1,514 mm
Rear track width:	1,485 mm
Wheelbase:	2,750 mm
Length (maximum):	4,350 mm
Width (maximum):	1,750 mm
Height:	950 mm
Minimum weight:	565 kg

Engine

Engine:	Abarth 414 TF, 1,400cc, turbo
Power output:	approx. 118 KW/160 bhp
Torque:	approx. 250 Nm @ 3,500 rpm
0-100 kph:	approx. 3.8 sec
Maximum speed:	approx. 210 kph
Price:	approx. 51,000 Euros (racing car without tyres)










WINNERS OF PAST ADAC JUNIOR FORMULA SERIES

1991	 Christian Abt ADAC SONAX Formel Junior	1992	 Alexander Grau ADAC SONAX Formel Junior	1993	 Ralf Kalaschek ADAC BMW Formel Junior	1994	 Richard Kopp BMW ADAC Formel Junior
1995	 Dominik Schwager BMW ADAC Formel Junior	1996	 Thomas Braumüller BMW Formel ADAC	1997	 Tom Schwister BMW Formel ADAC Championship	1998	 Stefan Mücke BMW Formel ADAC Championship
1999	 André Lotterer BMW Formel ADAC Championship	2000	 Hannes Lachinger BMW Formel ADAC Championship	2001	 Timo Glock BMW Formel ADAC Championship	2002	 Nico Rosberg BMW Formel ADAC Championship
2003	 Maximilian Götz Formel BMW ADAC Championship	2004	 Sebastian Vettel Formel BMW ADAC Championship	2005	 Nico Hülkenberg Formel BMW ADAC Championship	2006	 Christian Vietoris Formel BMW Germany
2007	 Jens Klingmann Formel BMW Germany	2008	 Armando Parente Formel ADAC	2009	 Daniel Abt Formel ADAC	2010	 Richie Stanaway Formel ADAC
2011	 Pascal Wehrlein Formel ADAC	2012	 Marvin Kirchhöfer Formel ADAC	2013	 Alessio Picarello Formel ADAC	2014	 Mikkel Jensen Formel ADAC
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