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Nicklas Nielsen celebrates maiden victory in ADAC Formula 4

- Danish junior shares podium with Felipe Drugovich and Fabio Scherer
- Best Rookie is Mick Wishofer from Austria in P14
- Third race to take place on Sunday at Motorsport Arena Oschersleben



Oschersleben – Race 2

Date: 29 April 2017
Weather: Dry, 12° C
Length of track: 3,696 metres
Top Three: 1. Nicklas Nielsen, 2. Felipe Drugovich, 3. Fabio Scherer

Oschersleben: Last year's winner of the Best Rookie trophy, Nicklas Nielsen, celebrated the first victory of his ADAC Formula 4 career in the second race of the season at Oschersleben. The 20-year-old, who is a member of the US Racing team managed by ex-Formula 1 and DTM driver Ralf Schumacher and Gerhard Ungar, won from pole position ahead of Felipe Drugovich (16, Brazil, Van Amersfoort Racing) and Fabio Scherer (17, Switzerland, US Racing). The best rookie was Mick Wishofer (17, Austria, Lechner Racing) in P14.

After two races, Nielsen moves into the championship lead on 43 points, having finished second on Saturday morning: "I'm really happy. Thanks to my team. Now I'm looking forward to tomorrow's race. You never know what might happen then, either!"

Nielsen, Drugovich and Scherer were followed across the line by the Prema Powerteam trio of Juri Vips (16, Estonia), Juan Manuel Correa (17, USA/Ecuador) and Marcus Armstrong (16, New Zealand) in fourth, fifth and sixth respectively. Rounding off the Top Ten were Kami Laliberté (17, Canada, Van Amersfoort Racing), Jonathan Aberdein (19, South Africa, Motopark), Lirim Zendeli (16, Germany, ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg) and David Malukas (15, USA, Motopark).

Shortly after the start, there was a collision between multiple drivers, as a result of which Michael Waldherr (20, Germany, Neuhauser Racing) was forced to retire. The race was temporarily suspended and subsequently restarted with a shorter duration. Nielsen was not going to let the interruption knock him off his stride, however, and he successfully defended P1 at the restart. Although Drugovich closed the gap over the remaining laps, he was unable to get past. Scherer and Vips were also queuing up behind.

The starting order for the third race (Sunday, 11:45 CEST, live on SPORT1+) is determined by the result of the first race, which was won by Vips. The Top Ten line up in reverse order, which means that Kami Laliberté starts from pole position and race winner Vips from tenth.

Further comments on the ADAC Formula 4 race

Nicklas Nielsen (Winner, US Racing): "It was similar to the first race. I was initially very fast and managed to pull out a lead. Towards the end, though, it got tight again. It was fun competing with Felipe; we were team-mates last season."

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Felipe Drugovich (Second, Van Amersfoort Racing): “Obviously, I would have liked the victory, but second place is also really good – just like every podium finish. I also set the fastest lap, so I’m pleased about that.”



Fabio Scherer (Third, US Racing): “I’m basically quite satisfied with the weekend so far. It’s miles better than last year – even if everything still isn’t perfect. There’s a gap between us and the top, but the season still has a long way to go.”



Mick Wishofer (14th and Best Rookie, Lechner Racing): “The pace was very good, and I was able to overtake some opponents. I am happy about my start to the season. The ADAC Formula 4 is a highly competitive championship, so it’s not really easy for a rookie. But if I continue to work hard, I will definitely improve. Anyway, that’s what I’m aiming for.”

ADAC Formula 4 at Oschersleben on TV

SPORT1+	Sun 30th April	11.05	Race 2	First showing
SPORT1+	Sun 30th April	11.50	Race 3	LIVE
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2017 ADAC Formula 4 schedule (subject to change)

28/04/17 - 30/04/17	Motorsport Arena Oschersleben
19/05/17 - 21/05/17	Lausitzring (with DTM)
09/06/17 - 11/06/17	Red Bull Ring Spielberg/AUT
07/07/17 - 09/07/17	Motorsport Arena Oschersleben
04/08/17 - 06/08/17	Nürburgring
15/09/17 - 17/09/17	Sachsenring
22/09/17 - 24/09/17	Hockenheimring

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