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## Win at Red Bull Ring takes Juri Vips into clear championship lead

- Estonian claims victory in Race 3 ahead of Nicklas Nielsen and Marcus Armstrong
- Vips tops the table ahead of Drugovich and Armstrong after nine races
- Laurin Heinrich lifts Best Rookie trophy for the second time this weekend

### Red Bull Ring – Race 3

**Date:** 11th June 2017  
**Weather:** Dry, 28 °C  
**Length of track:** 4,318 metres  
**Top 3:** 1. Juri Vips, 2. Nicklas Nielsen, 3. Marcus Armstrong

**Spielberg:** Juri Vips (16, Estonia, Prema Powerteam) has celebrated his second ADAC Formula 4 win of 2017 and moved into a clear championship lead. The Estonian won the ninth race of the season at the Red Bull Ring ahead of reigning rookie champion Nicklas Nielsen (20, Denmark, US Racing) and Marcus Armstrong (16, New Zealand, Prema Powerteam).

“This was a really good weekend, and I hope that we can continue in the same vein,” said Vips. “The standard of the field is tremendously high. Every weekend, you have to deliver a top performance to stay in contention.”

Kami Laliberté (17, Canada, Van Amersfoort Racing) finished fourth in front of Lirim Zendeli (17, Germany, ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg) and Felipe Drugovich (17, Brazil, Van Amersfoort Racing). Completing the Top Ten were Kim-Luis Schramm (19, Germany, US Racing), Julian Hanses (19, Germany, US Racing), Frederik Vesti (15, Denmark, Van Amersfoort Racing) and Fabio Scherer (17, Switzerland, US Racing). Laurin Heinrich (15, Germany, Team Laurin Heinrich) was again Best Rookie; the 15-year-old was delighted with 16th place in the general classification.

Starting from pole position, David Malukas (16, USA, Motopark) initially asserted his lead ahead of guest starter Kush Maini (16, India, Jenzer Motorsport) and Zendeli. Vips, who had lined up seventh on the grid, soon moved up to fourth before overtaking Zendeli as well.

Rookie Tom Beckhäuser (18, Czech Republic, ADAC Berlin-Brandenburg e.V.) then spun off the track, and the safety car was deployed for four minutes. At the restart, India’s Kush Maini briefly took the lead, while Vips was getting past pole-setter Malukas. Maini and Vips pulled out a gap, but the guest starter was powerless to ward off the assault by the Estonian for long.

Maini misbraked and then had the disappointment of seeing Nielsen, Armstrong and various others sailing past. Towards the end of the race, the safety car had to return to the track when Cédric Piro (19, Germany, Team Piro Interdental) crashed out. After the restart, Vips ran out a comfortable winner.

The Estonian has now opened up a gap at the top on 119 points ahead of Drugovich (102) and Armstrong (90). Nielsen is fourth on 83 points. The youngsters of the ADAC High-Speed

## MEDIA INFORMATION

Academy will be back in action on the weekend of 7th - 9th July for races ten to twelve of the campaign at Oschersleben.



### More comments on the ADAC Formula 4 race

**Juri Vips (winner, Prema Powerteam):** "We can still improve in qualifying. Things didn't go quite as well in that department as they did in the race itself this weekend. You just can't afford to make mistakes this year – they are costly."



**Nicklas Nielsen (second, US Racing):** "The start was great – I made a lot of good moves and avoided any mistakes. Ultimately, I managed to stay behind Juri and keep Marcus at a distance, so I am absolutely satisfied. I've already picked up trophies here last year – this time it's a bronze and a silver. I'm very pleased about that."

**Marcus Armstrong (third, Prema Powerteam):** "Not a bad weekend. I am very happy. I wanted to finish in the Top Five, so coming third is really cool and actually quite a surprise."

**Laurin Heinrich (16th and Best Rookie):** "I'm feeling extremely pleased. It was a tough race with lots of hard-fought battles. This is also due to the characteristics of the track: it has a lot of straights which you take at maximum speed and subsequent corners which you have to brake hard for. But the bottom line is that it was a super weekend for me."

### ADAC Formula 4 at the Red Bull Ring on TV

SPORT1+	12/06/17	08:35	Race 1	Recording
SPORT1+	12/06/17	09:10	Race 2	Recording
SPORT1+	12/06/17	11:35	Race 3	Recording
SPORT1+	16/06/17	10:00	Race 1	Recording
SPORT1+	16/06/17	10:40	Race 2	Recording
SPORT1+	16/06/17	13:05	Race 3	Recording

### 2017 ADAC Formula 4 schedule

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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