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Facts and figures: The 2015 ADAC Formula 4 season

- 51 drivers contest ADAC High-Speed Academy debut season
- Around 145,000 spectators at races
- Drivers' average age: 17 years, 1 month, 50 days

Munich. The inaugural season of the ADAC Formula 4 in 2015 was an overwhelming success. 51 young talents provided plenty of excitement and entertainment in the season's 24 races. Around 145,000 fans came to experience the ADAC High-speed School live at the eight events. TV partners SPORT1 and SPORT1+ broadcast all the races live on TV, enabling viewers to watch Marvin Dienst (18, DEU, HTP F4 Junior Team UNGAR) win the first ADAC Formula 4 championship. ADAC Stiftung Sport protégé David Beckmann (15, DEU, kfzteile24 Mücke Motorsport) secured victory overall in the Rookie Championship.

Facts and figures: ADAC Formula 4 inaugural season:

51 drivers from **16** different countries, including **23** from Germany, lined up for the eight race weekends.

24 young talents were contesting their first season in motor racing, so **47** percent of the field were rookies.

The drivers raced for **20** different teams from **7** countries. Teams came from Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Australia, Italy, Denmark and the Netherlands.

3 lady drivers continued the tradition of female starters in the ADAC formula racing series for juniors. Michelle Halder (16, DEU, Engstler Motorsport), Marylin Niederhauser (20, CHE, Race Performance) and Carrie Schreiner (17, DEU, HTP F4 Junior Team UNGAR) were contesting their first season in formula racing.

The average age of all the drivers at the season opener in Oschersleben (April 25th, 2015), was **17 years, 1 month and 50 days**.

Around **145,000** spectators came to watch during the debut season of the ADAC Formula 4. The young talents guested seven times with the ADAC GT Masters and once with the DTM touring car series in Oschersleben.

Fans were able to watch more than **30** hours of live coverage of the ADAC Formula 4 on SPORT1 and SPORT1+ during the 2015 season. Exclusive TV partner SPORT1 broadcast more than **20** hours of programming on free-to-air TV.

Joel Eriksson (17, SWE, Motopark), Lando Norris (15, GBR, kfzteile24 Mücke Motorsport) and Robert Shwartzman (16, RUS, kfzteile24 Mücke Motorsport) formed the youngest party on the podium at Spa-Francorchamps with an average age of **16 years, 1 month and 9 days**.

Drivers covered **15,189** laps during the 24 races this season on tyres provided by exclusive tyre supplier Pirelli, which equates to a distance of **62,209** kilometres in total.



At the eight race weekends, Pirelli supplied **320** wet-weather tyres and **1,920** slicks to teams in the ADAC Formula 4.



7 different drivers achieved wins. Champion Marvin Dienst won **8** times, one third of all races. Championship runner-up Joel Eriksson, who finished on the top rung of the podium **7** times, secured the second-highest number of wins.

David Beckmann took the most victories in the rookie standings. The rookie champion achieved **10** wins in the classification which is exclusively for drivers without any previous racing car experience.

15 different drivers finished on the podium, which proves just how competitive the ADAC Formula 4 is. Champion Marvin Dienst won the most trophies with **14** podiums.

10 different drivers started from pole. Plenty of excitement was always assured: The race was won only **7** times from pole position.

Race winner Marvin Dienst had a lead of only **0.259** seconds on Joel Eriksson in the closest finish of the season at Oschersleben. That same weekend, spectators also saw a driver take victory with the biggest lead of any race winner. Joey Mawson (**19**, AUS, Van Amersfoort Racing) crossed the finish line **8.799** seconds ahead of runner-up Tim Zimmerman (**19**, DEU, Neuhauser Racing) in the third race.

Joel Eriksson covered the greatest number of leading laps. The Swedish teenager drove a total of **114** laps in P1. Marvin Dienst (**110**), Joey Mawson (**84**) and Mick Schumacher (**16**, DEU, Van Amersfoort Racing/**18**) booked the remaining places in this particular category.

Robert Shwartzman achieved the highest average speed. The Russian set an average speed of **176.824** km/h on his fastest race lap during the first race at Spa-Francorchamps.

Spectators at the Sachsenring witnessed the closest qualifying of the year. Joel Eriksson posted the fastest time of **1:33.605** minutes in qualifying group A. Tim Zimmermann in second place was only **0.002** seconds off the pace at the 3.645-kilometre circuit.

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