







Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps 7.004 KM $^{Start/Finish\ Offset}$

RACE 1 >> 17 LAPS >> 118.944 KM 40 min.
RACE 2 >> 17 LAPS >> 118.944 KM 40 min.

TIMETABLE GMT+2

FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST

09:35 Practice Session . 45 min.

17:50 Qualifying Session . 30 min.19:30 Press Conference*

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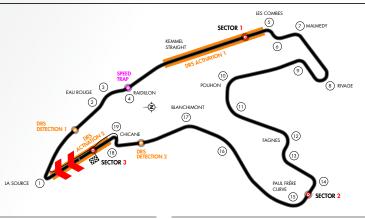
SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST

10:35 Race 1 . 17 laps • 40 min. **11:40** Press Conference*

SUNDAY O1ST SEPTEMBER

09:45 Race 2 . 17 laps • 40 min.

*Note: The FIA F3 press conference takes place in the F1 press conference room.





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WARM UP





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- > The 2019 FIA Formula 3 Championship Media Kit is available for download in our Media Zone: WWW.FIAFORMULA3.COM

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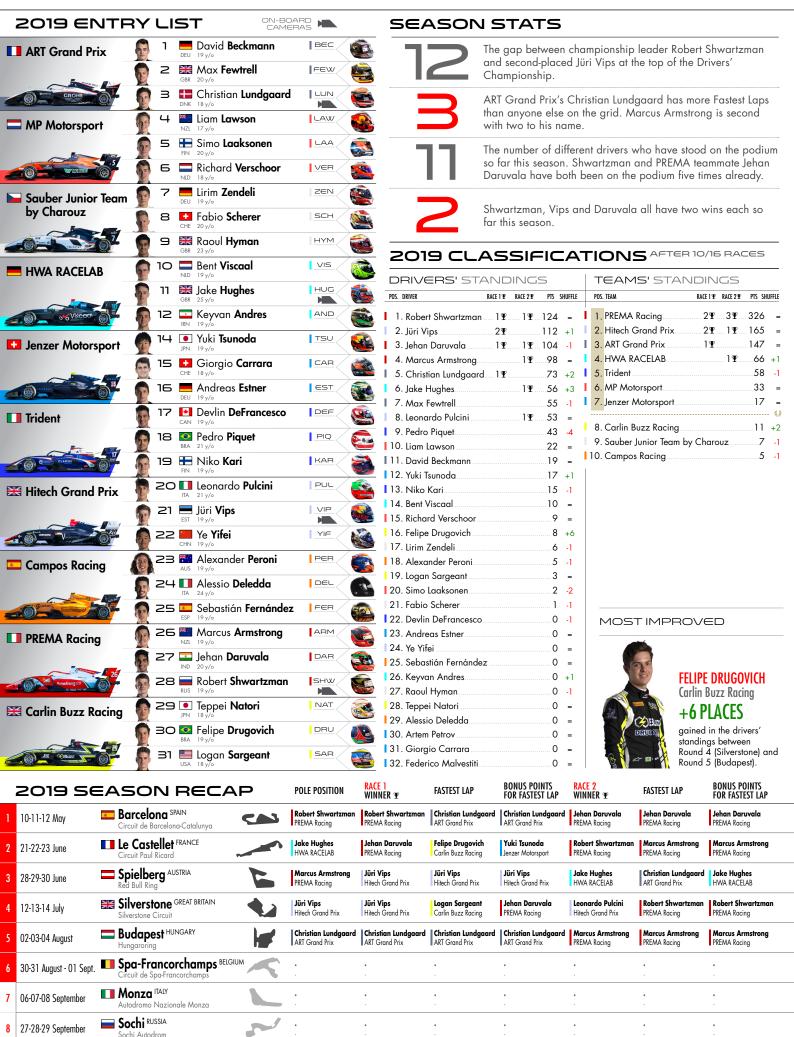
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Season Stats

- **12** The gap between championship leader Robert Shwartzman and second-placed Jüri Vips at the top of the Drivers' Championship.
- **3** ART Grand Prix's Christian Lundgaard has more Fastest Laps than anyone else on the grid. Marcus Armstrong is second with two to his name.
- 11 The number of different drivers who have stood on the podium so far this season. Shwartzman and PREMA teammate Jehan Daruvala have both been on the podium five times already.
- 2 Shwartzman, Vips and Daruvala all have two wins each so far this season.

Noteworthy

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Data (GMT+2)

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Saturday

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Sunday

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