

Circuit Paul Ricard
5.842 KM Start/Finish Offset +0.064 km

SATURDAY RACE 1 >> 20 LAPS >> 116.904 KM 40 min.
RACE 2 >> 20 LAPS >> 116.904 KM 40 min.
SUNDAY RACE 3 >> 20 LAPS >> 116.904 KM 40 min.

WHEN TO WATCH

ALL TIMES LOCAL (GMT +2)

FRIDAY 18 JUNE

10:05 Practice Session . 45 min.
13:50 Qualifying Session . 30 min.
16:05 Press Conference*

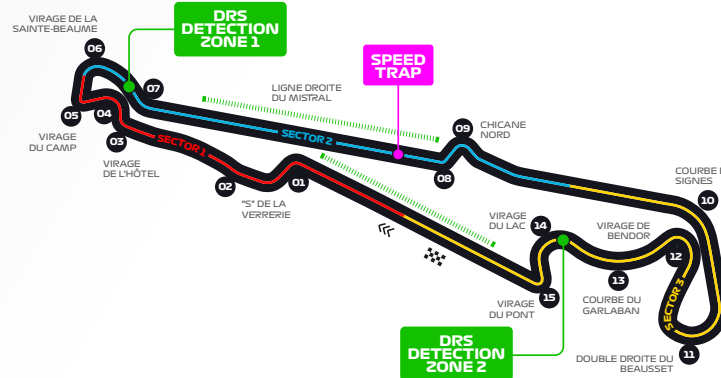
SATURDAY 19 JUNE

10:10 Race 1 . 20 laps or 40 min.
11:15 Press Conference*
16:40 Race 2 . 20 laps or 40 min.
17:45 Press Conference*

SUNDAY 20 JUNE

11:40 Race 3 . 20 laps or 40 min.
12:45 Press Conference*

*Note: You can join the Press Conference via Zoom upon request.



AVERAGE TEMP. 26°/17°
AVERAGE RAINFALL 15 MM

LAP RECORD 2019

1:49.519 (192.032 KM/H)
Jake Hughes (HWA RACELAB)

MAXIMUM SPEED

293.6 KM/H in 2019 Race 2
Christian Lundgaard (ART Grand Prix)

COMPOUND ALLOCATION



THE STORY SO FAR

The 2021 FIA Formula 3 Championship makes a much-anticipated return at the Circuit Paul Ricard this weekend, after an action-packed opening round in Barcelona last month.

An exhilarating weekend of racing during the season-opener at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya saw three drivers, Alexander Smolyar, Olli Caldwell, and Dennis Hauger all crowned Formula 3 race winners for the first time. In addition to three new podium sitters, the round also saw a total of 15 drivers pick up points across the three races first races of the season.

ART Grand Prix's Smolyar sealed an impressive first victory in Formula 3, darting ahead of reserve polesitter Jonny

Edgar in the early stages of Race 1 to finish ahead of Trident's Clément Novalak and MP Motorsport's Caio Collet. Meanwhile, PREMA Racing's Caldwell emerged victorious from a frenetic Race 2, which saw two front row crashes in just six laps, winning out over MP's Victor Martins and ART's Frederik Vesti.

Red Bull Junior Hauger got his Championship contending campaign off to a strong start in Race 3, with a dominant lights-to-flag that saw him cross the line with an impressive 4s lead. The Norwegian also scored PREMA's second win of the weekend, coming home ahead of academy-mate Jack Doohan, and HWA RACELAB's Matteo Nannini.



THE CHALLENGERS

After three races Dennis Hauger (34 points) leads the Drivers' Championship, with a narrow 2-point gap to teammate Olli Caldwell (32) who was one of five drivers to score points in all three races in the opening round. The PREMA duo lead Clément Novalak (28) who sits in third ahead of Alpine Academy driver Victor Martins (24), the highest placed rookie, in fourth. Trident's Jack Doohan (21), who collected his Formula 3 podium in Barcelona rounds out the top five.

PREMA Racing lead the way in the Teams' Championship (66 points) after strong weekends for both Hauger and Caldwell. Second placed Trident (49) are 17 points back, and lead MP Motorsport (44) by just five points. ART Grand Prix (38) and HWA RACELAB (16) are in fourth and fifth, respectively.



Johnathan Hoggard makes his Formula 3 debut this weekend, replacing Pierre-Louis Chovet at Jenzer Motorsport. Hoggard featured in both post-season tests last year, but this weekend will be his first appearance of the 2021 season.

Meanwhile Chovet steps in for Campos Racing driver László Tóth at the Spanish team this weekend, after the Hungarian rookie tested positive for COVID-19 during pre-race PCR testing.

FROM THE GRID

Victor Martins / MP Motorsport



"The layout at Circuit Paul Ricard is quite fun: there are some quite long straights with some technical corners. I think it's quite tricky to get everything right. It's in France, so it's pretty exciting for me as it's my home race, but at the end of the day you still expect to do that same job and you expect to deliver the same results."

"It's difficult to know what to expect when it comes to tyre management because I've never been to Le Castellet with a Formula 3 car. I've been with Formula Renault before, but we didn't have as much degradation. The target for me is to analyse what happened in MP's previous Formula 3 races and understand as much as possible before we get into the car for Free Practice."

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"The new format is pretty exciting because it doesn't disadvantage a rookie driver. The guys coming back for a second year haven't really experienced the format yet either. We have to manage pushing the car to the limits and having some margin. It's also important to think twice before making a decision, because if you do something in Race 1, it can affect Race 2 and then your weekend isn't great."

"My goal for this weekend is to enjoy it as much as possible, as it will be first home race supporting Formula 1. Having support from the spectators will be awesome. I need to enjoy it but still work like I do every weekend, and if I do, I will be able to deliver really good results. I've seen in the past that it's when you expect the least from yourself that you get the most, so I just need to keep calm and go from there."

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STAT PACK

→ The Formula 3 race lap record at the Circuit Paul Ricard is 1:49.519, set by Jake Hughes with HWA RACELAB in 2019.

→ Just one driver has previously competed in a Formula 3 race at Le Castellet: Logan Sargeant, with Carlin Buzz Racing in 2019.

→ At 5.842km in length Circuit Paul Ricard is the second longest circuit on the 2021 calendar, shorter only than Spa-Francorchamps.

→ A fastest lap for ART's Frederik Vesti at Paul Ricard would see him equal the existing record of four, currently held by Oscar Piastri and Marcus Armstrong.

TYRE TALK MARIO ISOLA (PIRELLI HEAD OF F1 AND CAR RACING) SAYS:

"Paul Ricard provides quite a varied challenge for the tyres, but the main demands are the lateral forces through the fast corners such as Signes. There are also some long straights and heavy braking zones. The surface is fairly smooth, though, meaning degradation is fairly low, although thermal degradation

is always a possibility in the warm weather you expect in the south of France in June. We saw some great racing in Formula 3 on this circuit two years ago, and with the hard compound being nominated rather than the medium, the drivers should be able to push harder throughout all three races."

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2021 ENTRY LIST

ON-BOARD CAMERAS

PREMA Racing	1	Dennis Hauger NOR 18 y/o	HAU	
	2	Arthur Leclerc MON 20 y/o ROOKIE	LEC	
	3	Olli Caldwell GBR 19 y/o	CAL	
Trident	4	Jack Doohan AUS 18 y/o	DOO	
	5	Clément Novalak FRA 20 y/o	NOV	
	6	David Schumacher DEU 19 y/o	SCH	
ART Grand Prix	7	Frederik Vesti DNK 19 y/o	VES	
	8	Alexander Smolyar RUS 19 y/o	SMO	
	9	Juan Manuel Correa USA 21 y/o ROOKIE	JCO	
Hitech Grand Prix	10	Jak Crawford USA 16 y/o ROOKIE	CRA	
	11	Ayumu Iwasa JPN 19 y/o ROOKIE	IWA	
	12	Roman Staněk CZE 17 y/o	STA	
HWA RACELAB	14	Matteo Nannini ITA 17 y/o	NAN	
	15	Oliver Rasmussen DNK 20 y/o ROOKIE	RAS	
	16	Rafael Villagómez MEX 19 y/o ROOKIE	VIL	
MP Motorsport	17	Victor Martins FRA 20 y/o ROOKIE	MAR	
	18	Caio Collet BRA 19 y/o ROOKIE	CCO	
	19	Tijmen Van der Helm NLD 17 y/o ROOKIE	VAN	
Campos Racing	20	Pierre-Louis Chovet FRA 19 y/o ROOKIE	CHO	
	21	Lorenzo Colombo ITA 20 y/o ROOKIE	LCO	
	22	Amaury Cordeel BEL 18 y/o ROOKIE	ACO	
Carlin Buzz Racing	23	Ido Cohen ISR 19 y/o ROOKIE	COH	
	24	Kaylen Frederick USA 19 y/o ROOKIE	FRE	
	25	Jonny Edgar GBR 17 y/o ROOKIE	EDG	
Jenzer Motorsport	26	Calan Williams AUS 20 y/o	WIL	
	27	Johnathan Hoggard GBR 20 y/o ROOKIE	HOG	
	28	Filip Ugran ROU 18 y/o ROOKIE	UGR	
Charouz Racing System	29	Logan Sargeant USA 20 y/o	SAR	
	30	Enzo Fittipaldi BRA 19 y/o	FIT	
	31	Reshad de Gerus FRA 17 y/o ROOKIE	DEG	

SEASON STATS

15

A total 15 drivers scored points in the opening round in Barcelona, the second highest number of drivers to score points in a single round since Formula 3 began.

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Of the 15 who scored points, five drivers scored points in all three races: 3 second years and 2 rookies, Victor Martins and Caio Collet.

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Eight teams scored points at Circuit de Catalunya-Barcelona, and five teams were represented on the podium across the three races.

2021 CLASSIFICATIONS AFTER 3/21 RACES

DRIVERS' STANDINGS

POS. DRIVER	R1	R2	R3	PTS	SHUFFLE
1. Dennis Hauger	1			34	
2. Olli Caldwell		1		32	
3. Clément Novalak				28	
4. Victor Martins ROOKIE				24	
5. Jack Doohan				21	
6. Caio Collet R				20	
7. Frederik Vesti				20	
8. Alexander Smolyar	1			17	
9. Matteo Nannini				16	
10. Jonny Edgar R				11	
11. Logan Sargeant				10	
12. Ayumu Iwasa R				4	
13. Jak Crawford R				2	
14. Roman Staněk				1	
15. Juan Manuel Correa R				1	
16. David Schumacher				0	
17. Calan Williams				0	
18. Enzo Fittipaldi				0	
19. Reshad de Gerus R				0	
20. Arthur Leclerc R				0	
21. Pierre-Louis Chovet R				0	
22. Tijmen Van der Helm R				0	
23. Amaury Cordeel R				0	
24. Oliver Rasmussen R				0	
25. Kaylen Frederick R				0	
26. Rafael Villagómez R				0	
27. Ido Cohen R				0	
28. Filip Ugran R				0	
29. Lorenzo Colombo R				0	
30. László Tóth R				0	

TEAMS' STANDINGS

POS. TEAM	R1	R2	R3	PTS	SHUFFLE
1. PREMA Racing	1	1		66	
2. Trident				49	
3. MP Motorsport				44	
4. ART Grand Prix	1			38	
5. HWA RACELAB				16	
6. Carlin Buzz Racing				11	
7. Charouz Racing System				10	
8. Hitech Grand Prix				7	
9. Jenzer Motorsport				0	
10. Campos Racing				0	

MOST F3 WINS

20 DRIVERS

Marcus Armstrong	NZL	3
Jake Hughes	GBR	3
Liam Lawson	NZL	3
Robert Shwartzman	RUS	3
Frederik Vesti	DNK	3
Jüri Vips	EST	3
David Beckmann	DEU	2
Jehan Daruvala	IND	2
Oscar Piastrini	AUS	2
Théo Pourchaire	FRA	2
Logan Sargeant	USA	2
Olli Caldwell	GBR	1
Dennis Hauger	NOR	1
Christian Lundgaard	DNK	1
Pedro Piquet	BRA	1
Leonardo Pulcini	ITA	1
Alexander Smolyar	RUS	1
Yuki Tsunoda	JPN	1
Bent Viscaal	NLD	1
Lirim Zendeli	DEU	1

2021 SEASON RECAP

POLE POSITION

RACE 1 WINNER

FASTEST LAP

RACE 2 WINNER

FASTEST LAP

RACE 3 WINNER

FASTEST LAP

1	07-08-09 May	Barcelona SPAIN Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya		Dennis Hauger PREMA Racing	Alexander Smolyar ART Grand Prix	Alexander Smolyar ART Grand Prix	Olli Caldwell PREMA Racing	Dennis Hauger PREMA Racing	Dennis Hauger PREMA Racing	Dennis Hauger PREMA Racing
2	18-19-20 June	Le Castellet FRANCE Circuit Paul Ricard								
3	02-03-04 July	Spielberg AUSTRIA Red Bull Ring								
4	30-31 July - 01 August	Budapest HUNGARY Hungaroring								
5	27-28-29 August	Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps								
6	03-04-05 September	Zandvoort NETHERLANDS Zandvoort Circuit NEW VENUE								
7	22-23-24 October	Austin UNITED STATES Circuit of the Americas NEW VENUE								