

ROUND 9 **SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS** BELGIUM



ALL TIMES LOCAL GMT +2

FRIDAY
28 JULY

09:55
Free Practice
45 min.

15:00
Qualifying Session
30 min.

18:35
Press Conference

SATURDAY
29 JULY

10:00
Sprint Race

12 LAPS >> 83.924 KM
40 min. +1 Lap

Grid set by reversing Top 12 of Qualifying Results

11:05
Press Conference

SUNDAY
30 JULY

08:30
Feature Race

15 LAPS >> 104.936 KM
45 min. +1 Lap

Grid set by Qualifying Results

WHAT'S UP

Gabriel Bortoletto arrives in Belgium with a 43-point advantage in the Drivers' Championship, and the chance to equal the Formula 3 record for the most consecutive points finishes. Trident were victorious last season at Spa in the hands of Zane Maloney and will be hopeful of a repeat in 2023 with their lead driver on 144 points at the top of the Standings.

Zak O'Sullivan is in the midst of a late-season revival of sorts. The PREMA Racing driver put in his best weekend of the year last time out, winning the Budapest Feature Race expertly from teammate Dino Beganovic. Now on 101 points, the Briton leaps up to second in the Championship.

Josep María Martí said mistakes were extra costly at the Hungaroring, as the Campos Racing driver slipped to third behind O'Sullivan. While he was exciting to watch on Sunday, fighting back to

sixth in the Feature, he cannot afford any more slip ups to keep his strong season going.

Paul Aron has enjoyed three top five finishes on the bounce and is fourth in the Drivers' Championship heading into the Spa weekend. The Estonian is tied with teammate Beganovic on 94 points, one ahead of Franco Colapinto in sixth, with the MP Motorsport driver hitting his stride late on in 2023.

In the Teams' Standings, PREMA Racing retook the top spot from compatriots Trident in Budapest. The reigning Champions lead the way on 289 points to Trident's 274. If the latter can repeat their incredible ending to 2022 with wins at Spa and Monza, this fight is a long way from being over.

The fight for third is hotting up as well, with Campos Racing closing the gap to Hitech Pulse-Eight. The British outfit remains third on 154, but Campos is catching, now on 143.

FROM THE GRID

Nikita BEDRIN
Jenzer Motorsport



"Spa is great for the many overtaking areas and high-speed corners. Corners like Pouhon are really cool, when you're driving them, you feel the downforce and g-forces of the car. It makes the track special because the whole track is made up of high-speed corners, which is really cool, especially when you're inside the car."

"The best overtaking areas are T1, the last chicane and especially going into Turn 5 and 6. Because of the long straight that comes before, you have a lot of momentum on those ahead, so it's very simple to make a move if you have a good run out of Turn 1."

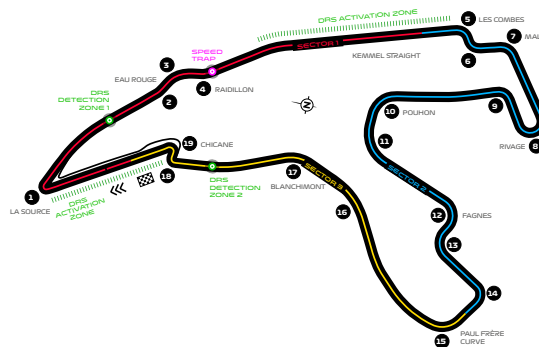
"I don't know how much tyre wear there will be at Spa in this car, but I know it's not low for sure because of the number of high-speed corners. Knowing the medium tyre from Hungary, I know it'll be bad because this track has many high-speed corners which will punish the tyres. So it will be a challenge. Also you need to take care of the tyres in the race, you can't just go full push all through the race because you'll end up last like that."

TRACK DATAS Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps **7.004 KM** Start/Finish Offset - 0.124 km

LAP RECORD
2:05.125 (201.513 KM/H)
Daruvala (PREMA Racing) in 2019

2022 POLE POSITION
2:11.289 (192.052 KM/H)
Collet (MP Motorsport)

MAXIMUM SPEED INTERMEDIATE 1
303.5 KM/H
Beckmann (Trident) in 2020 Race 2



COMPOUND ALLOCATION

TYRE TALK

RACE STRATEGY



Pirelli have brought the medium tyre once again this weekend, and after Budapest, the drivers and teams will have plenty of data to chew through as they look to understand the new compound for 2023. Around the Hungaroring, tyre degradation was big factor but around Spa-Francorchamps, that should be seen to a much lesser extent this weekend.

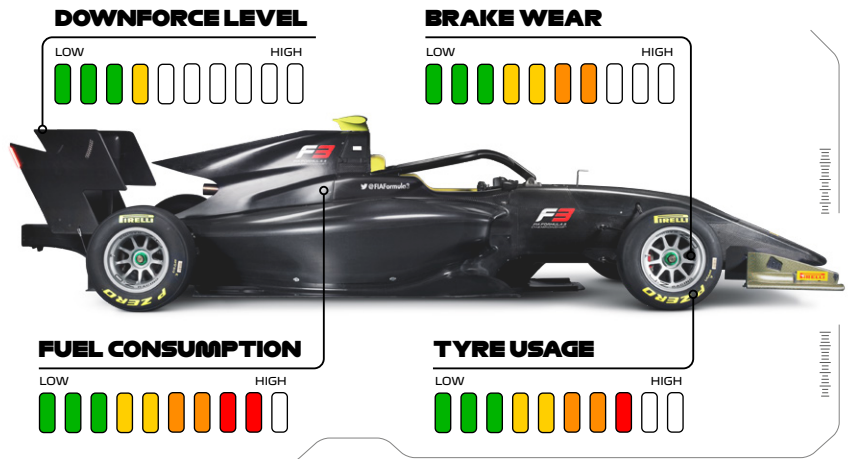
While there is a balance to be found in terms of keeping the tyres alive through the demanding middle sector, the long straights of Spa mean tyre wear is less of a concern, and the biggest consideration could be the weather. The longest circuit on the Formula 3 calendar, Spa is notoriously tricky when it comes to changeable conditions, and it has been known to rain heavily over one side of the track but remain dry in other places. Keeping an eye on the sky will be crucial throughout the weekend.

Mario ISOLA

Pirelli Motorsport Director

“The P Zero Yellow medium has been chosen for Spa, offering the best compromise between performance and durability: a vital consideration given the relentless pace of the Belgian circuit, with multiple forces acting on the tyres. As always on this demanding track in the Ardennes, the weather can be decisive: it’s not unusual for the track to go from dry to wet in just a few minutes, and to have both wet and dry conditions on different parts of the circuit. With no intermediates available, identifying the crossover point from wet to slick tyres could become a decisive factor.”

TECH INFO



With the high-speed blasts making up two thirds of the lap, Spa-Francorchamps is all about aerodynamic efficiency, especially in terms of top-end speed. The middle sector is the most demanding when it comes to downforce. Teams will be looking to strike the right balance between a car that can carry speed through the corners without scrubbing

the tyre surface through the corners excessively, whilst not being vulnerable in the full throttle sections of the lap due to drag. Managing that balance will be a crucial performance differentiator throughout the weekend, as those who struggle to find the best setup will fall away late on in the races. With so much of the lap being flat out, fuel consumption is also very high.

STAT PACK

Zak O'Sullivan could become the first Formula 3 driver to achieve five wins in the Championship. His Feature Race victory in Budapest put him level with Frederik Vesti, Dennis Hauger and Jack Doohan.

Paul Aron is the only driver to have completed every racing lap so far in the 2023 season. The PREMA Racing driver is on 304 and counting.

Only Robert Shwartzman has a better points-per-round average than Gabriel Bortoleto. The Trident driver has achieved a stellar 10.26 so far in 2023. The Formula 3 record currently stands at 13.25.

PREVIOUS RESULTS

ROUND 8 BUDAPEST HUNGARY



PRACTICE

- 1. | O'Sullivan**
PREMA Racing
- 2. | Boya**
MP Motorsport
- 3. | Aron**
PREMA Racing



QUALIFYING

- 1. | O'Sullivan**
PREMA Racing
- 2. | Beganovic**
PREMA Racing
- 3. | Fornaroli**
Trident



SPRINT RACE

- 1. | Mini**
Hitech Pulse-Eight
- 2. | Bortoleto**
Trident
- 3. | Bedrin**
Jenzer Motorsport



FEATURE RACE

- 1. | O'Sullivan**
PREMA Racing
- 2. | Beganovic**
PREMA Racing
- 3. | Colapinto**
MP Motorsport

2023 ENTRY LIST

ON-BOARD
CAMERAS

Team	Driver	Age	Category	Car
PREMA Racing	1 Paul ARON	19 y/o	ROOKIE	ARO
	2 Dino BEGANOVIC	19 y/o	ROOKIE	BEG
	3 Zak O'SULLIVAN	18 y/o		OSU
Trident	4 Leonardo FORNAROLI	18 y/o	ROOKIE	FOR
	5 Gabriel BORTOLETO	18 y/o	ROOKIE	BOR
	6 Oliver GOETHE	18 y/o		GOE
ART Grand Prix	7 Kaylen FREDERICK	21 y/o		FRE
	8 Grégoire SAUCY	23 y/o		SAU
	9 Nikola TSOLOV	16 y/o	ROOKIE	TSO
MP Motorsport	10 Franco COLAPINTO	20 y/o		FCO
	11 Mari BOYA	19 y/o	ROOKIE	BOY
	12 Jonny EDGAR			EDG
Hitech Pulse-Eight	14 Sebastián MONTOYA	18 y/o	ROOKIE	MON
	15 Gabriele MINI	18 y/o	ROOKIE	MIN
	16 Luke BROWNING	21 y/o	ROOKIE	BRO
Van Amersfoort Racing	17 Caio COLLET	21 y/o		CCO
	18 Rafael VILLAGÓMEZ	21 y/o		VIL
	19 Tommy SMITH			SMI
Rodin Carlin	20 Oliver GRAY	19 y/o	ROOKIE	GRA
	21 Francesco SIMONAZZI	19 y/o	ROOKIE	SIM
	22 Ido COHEN	21 y/o		COH
Campos Racing	23 Josep Maria MARTÍ	18 y/o		MAR
	24 Christian MANSELL			MAN
	25 Hugh BARTER	17 y/o	ROOKIE	HBA
Jenzer Motorsport	26 Nikita BEDRIN	17 y/o	ROOKIE	BED
	27 Taylor BARNARD	19 y/o	ROOKIE	TBA
	28 Alejandro GARCÍA	20 y/o	ROOKIE	GAR
PHM Racing by Charouz	29 Sophia FLÖRSCH	22 y/o		FLO
	30 Roberto FARIA	19 y/o	ROOKIE	FAR
	31 Woohyun SHIN	18 y/o	ROOKIE	SHI

2023 STANDINGS

DRIVER STANDINGS

POS.	DRIVER	SPRINT	FEATURE	PTS	SHUFFLE
1.	Gabriel Bortoleto ROOKIE		2	144	=
2.	Zak O'Sullivan	2	2	101	+5
3.	Josep Maria Martí	2	1	100	-1
4.	Paul Aron R	1		94	=
5.	Dino Beganovic R			94	=
6.	Franco Colapinto	1		93	=
7.	Gabriele Mini R	1	1	87	-4
8.	Oliver Goethe		1	66	+2

9.	Leonardo Fornaroli R			64	-1
10.	Grégoire Saucy			53	-1
11.	Caio Collet			40	=
12.	Luke Browning R			38	=
13.	Christian Mansell			34	+1
14.	Sebastián Montoya R			29	-1
15.	Jonny Edgar			23	=
16.	Taylor Barnard R			16	=
17.	Mari Boya R			13	=
18.	Kaylen Frederick			11	=
19.	Nikita Bedrin			9	+2
20.	Hugh Barter R			9	-1
21.	Ido Cohen			2	-1
22.	Nikola Tsolov R			0	=
23.	Alejandro García R			0	=
24.	Tommy Smith R			0	=
25.	Oliver Gray R			0	=
26.	Rafael Villagómez			0	=
27.	Sophia Flörsch			0	+1
28.	Hunter Yeany			0	-1
29.	McKenzy Cresswell R			0	=
30.	Roberto Faria R			0	=
31.	Piotr Wiśnicki R			0	=
32.	Maxwell Esterson R			0	=
33.	Woohyun Shin R			0	<<

TEAM STANDINGS

POS.	TEAM	SPRINT	FEATURE	PTS	SHUFFLE
1.	PREMA Racing	3	2	289	+1
2.	Trident		3	274	-1
3.	Hitech Pulse-Eight	1	1	154	=
4.	Campos Racing	2	1	143	=
5.	MP Motorsport	1		129	=

6.	ART Grand Prix			64	=
7.	Van Amersfoort Racing			40	=
8.	Jenzer Motorsport			25	=
9.	Rodin Carlin			2	=
10.	PHM Racing by Charouz			0	=

MEDIA PLATFORM

The FIA Formula 3 Media Kit and stats sheet are now available via our media platform, along with a selection of driver interviews.

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SEASON RECAP

POLE POSITION

SPRINT RACE WINNER

FASTEST LAP
⊕ FL BONUS POINTS

FEATURE RACE WINNER

FASTEST LAP
⊕ FL BONUS POINTS

Round	Date	Circuit	Pole Position	Sprint Race Winner	Fastest Lap	Feature Race Winner	Fastest Lap	
1	03-05 March	Sakhir BAHRAIN Bahrain International Circuit	Gabriele MINI Hitech Pulse-Eight	Josep Maria MARTÍ Campos Racing	Josep Maria MARTÍ Campos Racing	Gabriel BORTOLETO Trident	Gabriel BORTOLETO Trident	
2	31 March-02 April	Melbourne AUSTRALIA Albert Park Circuit NEW VENUE	Gabriel BORTOLETO Trident	Zak O'SULLIVAN PREMA Racing	Luke BROWNING Hitech Pulse-Eight	Gabriel BORTOLETO Trident	Grégoire SAUCY ART Grand Prix	
3	19-21 May	Imola ITALY Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari	EVENT CALLED OFF					
4	25-28 May	Monte Carlo MONACO Circuit de Monaco NEW VENUE	Gabriele MINI Hitech Pulse-Eight	Josep Maria MARTÍ Campos Racing	Hugh BARTER Campos Racing	Gabriele MINI Hitech Pulse-Eight	Gabriele MINI Hitech Pulse-Eight	
5	02-04 June	Barcelona SPAIN Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya	Josep Maria MARTÍ Campos Racing	Zak O'SULLIVAN PREMA Racing	Zak O'SULLIVAN PREMA Racing	Josep Maria MARTÍ Campos Racing	Josep Maria MARTÍ Campos Racing	
6	30 June-02 July	Spielberg AUSTRIA Red Bull Ring	Grégoire SAUCY ART Grand Prix	Paul ARON PREMA Racing	Paul ARON PREMA Racing	Zak O'SULLIVAN PREMA Racing	Dino BEGANOVIC PREMA Racing	
7	07-09 July	Silverstone GREAT BRITAIN Silverstone Circuit	Leonardo FORNAROLI Trident	Franco COLAPINTO MP Motorsport	Paul ARON PREMA Racing	Oliver GOETHE Trident	Zak O'SULLIVAN PREMA Racing	
8	21-23 July	Budapest HUNGARY Hungaroring	Zak O'SULLIVAN PREMA Racing	Gabriele MINI Hitech Pulse-Eight	Gabriel BORTOLETO Trident	Zak O'SULLIVAN PREMA Racing	Zak O'SULLIVAN PREMA Racing	
9	28-30 July	Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps						
10	01-03 September	Monza ITALY Autodromo Nazionale Monza						