

FORMULA REGIONAL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP BY ALPINE RETURNS TO ZANDVOORT

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The stage is set for the third of ten double-header events this season in the **Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine**, taking place this weekend at the **Zandvoort** circuit, which also hosts the Dutch Formula 1 Grand Prix. This prestigious venue is among the highlights of the season, as the international series will be competing during one of the main DTM events, historically drawing a large number of enthusiasts to the stands of the track located on the shores of the North Sea.

Among the more than 30 cars ready to put on a show, the series leader **Rafael Camara** will be present. Driving for **Prema Racing**, he leads the championship standings with 93 points, thanks to three victories so far this season, including a recent double win at Spa Francorchamps. Close behind the Ferrari Driver Academy's front-runner is **Evan Giltaire (ART Grand Prix)**, who won the second race at Hockenheim and recently placed sixth in the second Belgian race, securing the top rookie spot. Another prominent rookie, **Noah Strømsted (RPM)**, scored a fourth and a second place at Spa, along with a double rookie win, putting him just three points behind Giltaire and third in the overall standings with 30 points.

Tuukka Taponen (R-ace GP), also a Ferrari Driver Academy member, shares the same points tally, having secured a silver medal in the first German race and a solid fifth place in Race 2 at Spa. **James Wharton** (Prema Racing), also with 30 points, rebounded from a challenging start at Spa, where a qualifying incident kept him out of the first race, but he clinched the third podium spot in the second race. **Brando Badoer**, another contender to watch this weekend, is driving for **Van Amersfoort Racing** and currently holds sixth place in the championship, consistently scoring points in the first four races. Similarly fast is Portuguese driver **Ivan Domingues**, also with Van Amersfoort Racing, who is third in the rookie standings and seventh overall, just ahead of Williams Academy driver **Alessandro Giusti (ART Grand Prix)**, trailing by three points. Completing the top 10 are **Roman Bilinski (Trident)**, who recently achieved his first pole position and a second-place finish in Belgium, and Red Bull Academy's **Enzo Deligny (R-ace GP)**.

Notably absent from the grid will be **Doriane Pin (Iron Dames)**, who is forced to miss the Dutch round due

to health reasons. However, her teammate **Marta Garcia**, the reigning Formula 1 Academy champion, will be present. Garcia is coming off her best race finish of the season, with a fifteenth-place result in Race 2 at Spa.

The Zandvoort weekend will kick off with the Pre-Event Collective Test on Thursday, followed by the Collective Tests on Friday at 8:05 AM and 3:00 PM, each lasting 50 minutes. Saturday's schedule includes the first qualifying session at 10:25 AM, with Race 1 starting at 5:50 PM. On Sunday, the second qualifying session is set for 9:35 AM, and Race 2 will take place over 30 minutes plus one lap at 3:05 PM. As usual, both the qualifying sessions and races of the Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine will be broadcast live on the official YouTube channel.