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## **David Beckmann is all set to race in the top series for junior formula racing drivers after achieving good results in testing**

- David Beckmann will get his first FIA Formula 2 season under way in Bahrain
- Driving for Charouz Racing System, he did really well in testing by posting best time on day one
- David: "My goal is to claim at least one podium this year and to finish the season in the Top Ten overall, which will obviously not be easy as a newcomer"

David Beckmann's motor racing season will kick off this weekend with three races at the Bahrain International Circuit. 20-year-old Beckmann is moving up this year to contest FIA Formula 2 which is the top formula racing series for juniors. He will line up in a 620-bhp racing car prepared by Charouz Racing System, the famous outfit from the Czech Republic.

The German demonstrated his driving skill and ability to learn quickly during the test drives that took place two weeks ago in Bahrain. He had an excellent showing on the very first day, as he notched up best time in the field of 22 participants and left many more experienced drivers behind. He was able to gain plenty of experience at the wheel of his new racing car during testing, covering almost 200 laps over the three days. He will be tackling the first three races of the season this weekend under the banner of Formula 1.

Beckmann was selected for his new role on the basis of strong results in the FIA Formula 3 last season. He won two races in 2020, achieving six podium finishes in total. He finished the season in sixth place overall in the championship and still had a chance of winning the title right up until the season finale at Mugello.

The FIA Formula 2 season consists of eight race meetings, all of which take place as part of the support package for Formula 1, so it goes without saying that the young drivers attract a lot of attention. Each race weekend consists of free practice and qualifying on Friday, two sprint races on Saturday and a longer main event on Sunday. In the past, drivers including Nico Rosberg and Lewis Hamilton have been overall winners in GP2, the race series that preceded the current one. Mick Schumacher is the reigning Formula 2 champion.

### **Three questions for David Beckmann**

#### **How have you been preparing for the new challenges you will face in FIA Formula 2?**

Well, I've already taken part in the final round of Formula 2 testing in Bahrain for Charouz Racing System, which was in 2020. We did even better in this year's tests. I'm mega pleased to be taking another step towards my goal of Formula 1 along with the team. During the winter, I exercised much harder than in previous years. The two sprint races both last around 45 minutes and the main event can take almost an hour. Being physically fit helps a lot, especially towards the end of the race and can make all the difference in the scraps.

**In what ways is the Formula 2 single-seater different to the racing car you drove last year?**

Thanks to its highly tuned aerodynamic components, you can take the turns faster in a Formula 2 car, but it's the brakes that really make the difference. I will be driving a racing car with carbon brake discs for the first time, which enable you to decelerate more smoothly than with steel brake discs, as they withstand the heat better. However, you must get them up to temperature over the first few laps of a practice session or race in order for them to work properly. It is, therefore, absolutely crucial that you do everything right on the formation lap so that you can be ready for action through the first couple of turns.

**How do you expect to do as the 2021 season gets under way?**

I always find it very interesting when joining a new racing series, because there's always a lot to learn and I can develop my driving skills. I soon got to grips with the car in testing. Basically, I intend to develop my potential step by step. My goal is to claim at least at least one podium this year and to finish the season in the Top Ten overall, which will obviously not be easy as a newcomer.

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