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## HITECH JUNIOR SCORE FIRST IFM WIN



**IFM alumni claims  
historic victory**



**More success  
for Leimer**



# LEIMER CLAIMS SECOND WIN, ANDERSEN SCORES FIRST VICTORY FOR HITECH JUNIOR

Kasper Anderson

## WHAT'S THE POINT

### Round 03

Jenzer Motorsport's Fabio Leimer led this weekend's round three from start to finish, after qualifying on pole position. The young Swiss enjoyed a strong start, maintaining his lead despite JD Motorsport's Josef Kral following him closely into the first corner.



Kral, Leimer, Arabadzhiev

An incident involving ADM Motorsport Earl Bamber and Iris Project's Simon Trummer brought out the safety car soon after, giving Kral a chance to fight for the lead once again. Unfortunately the Czech wasn't able to convert his restart pace into a pass and eventually finished in second place. Fellow JD Motorsport driver Vladimir Arabadzhiev claimed third place despite starting fifth on the grid. The Bulgarian overtook Hitech Racing's Kasper Andersen in the earlier stages of the race, before benefiting from team-mate Sergey Afanasiev's retirement on lap seven.

"I had a good start but Josef was alongside me and he was really close, I thought he could pass me," said Leimer. "After I got settled in the race and it was ok."

### Round 04

Hitech Junior's Kasper Andersen claimed the first win for his team in round four. After passing Jenzer Motorsport's Nicolas Maulini and fellow Hitech Junior driver Alexander Rossi at the start, Andersen led the race to the chequered flag to claim his first IFM win since Anderstorp in 2007.

Starting fifth, Jenzer Motorsport's Pål Varhaug fought hard with Rossi on the first lap before catching Maulini and passing him on lap five. The young Norwegian then had to defend his position against JD Motorsport pair Josef Kral and Sergey Afanasiev, before claiming second place, his highest IFM finish of the season to date.

Afanasiev claimed the final podium finish in third place, having started the race in P11. The Russian driver enjoyed a strong start and climbed to sixth place on the first lap before working his way through the field to finish third.

"It's great for the team and me," said Andersen. "I've always done well here in Valencia and leading the race like this really gave me flashbacks from 2007!"

### ROUND 03

1. Fabio Leimer, Jenzer Motorsport
2. Josef Kral, JD Motorsport
3. Vladimir Arabadzhiev, JD Motorsport
4. Pål Varhaug, Jenzer Motorsport
5. Patrick Reiterer, Iris Project
6. Kasper Andersen, Hitech Junior
7. Alexander Rossi, Hitech Junior
8. Nicolas Maulini, Jenzer Motorsport

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1. Kasper Andersen, Hitech Junior
2. Pål Varhaug, Jenzer Motorsport
3. Sergey Afanasiev, JD Motorsport
4. Josef Kral, JD Motorsport
5. Vladimir Arabadzhiev, JD Motorsport
6. Fabio Leimer, Jenzer Motorsport

### DRIVERS CLASSIFICATION (TOP EIGHT)

1. Fabio Leimer, 26 points
2. Pål Varhaug, 20 points
3. Vladimir Arabadzhiev, 16 points
4. Josef Kral, 12 points
5. Alessandro Kouzkin, 11 points
6. Kasper Andersen, 9 points
7. Dennis Reitera, 6 points
8. Alexander Rossi, 5 points

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

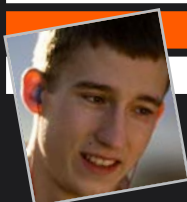
Simon Trummer

08/06/89 – 20 years old



Josef Kral

15/06/90 – 19 years old



# WELCOME BACK

Swiss driver Nicolas Maulini returned to International Formula Master this weekend for the first time in over a year. Having raced throughout the 2007 season under the NMRT umbrella, the young entrepreneur then took time out of the international Series last season to concentrate on his business.

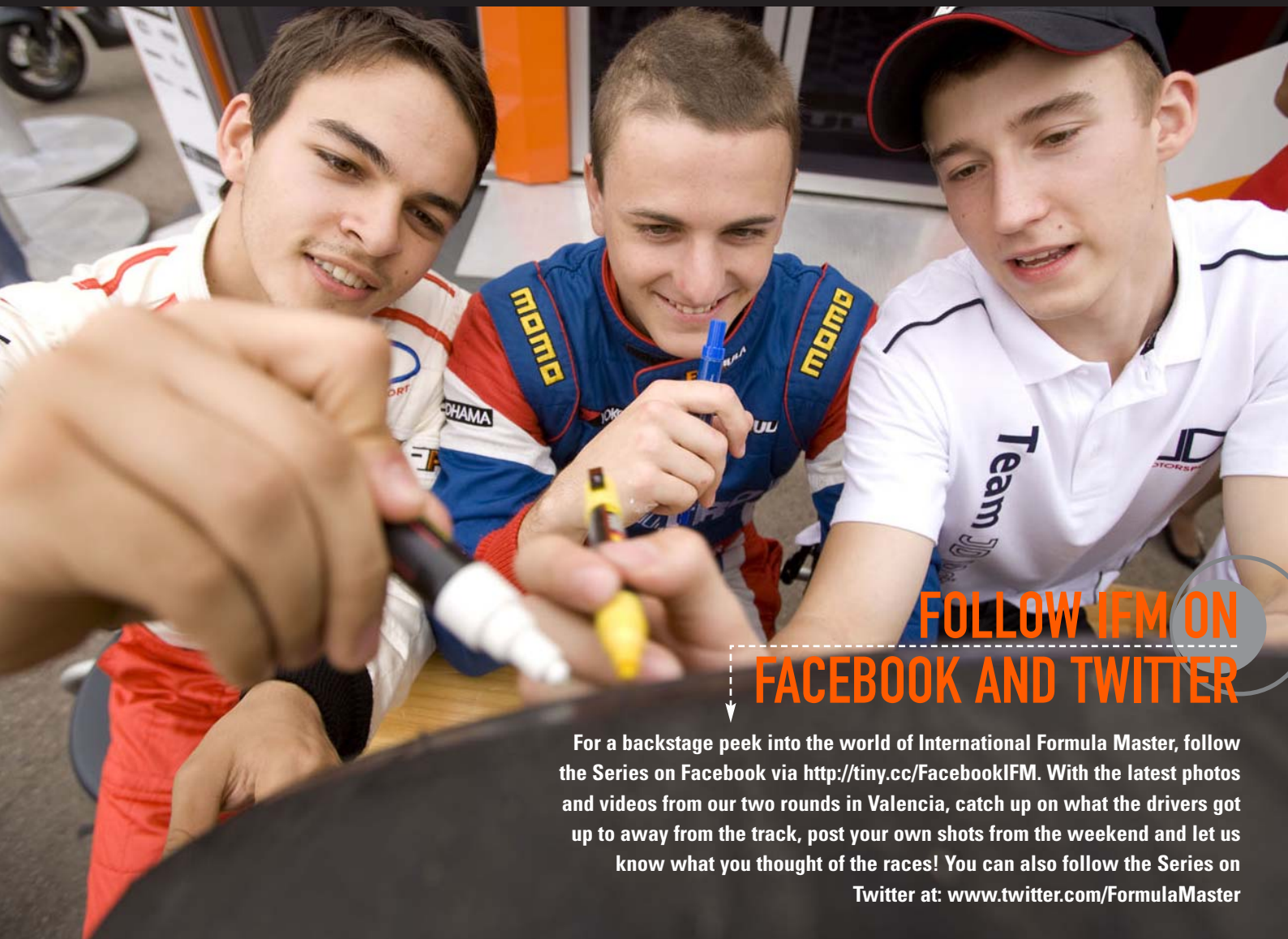
"I raced in Formula Master Italia last year with Jenzer Motorsport but didn't take part in the international series so it's really good to be back," said Maulini. "The main thing is to get used to the changes on the car since the last time I raced here was with the 2007 specifications but other than that it's straight back into the thick of things. I'm with Jenzer Motorsport this year who are



Nicolas Maulini

proven race winners so there's good support all around and a good feeling for the races."

Maulini's return already proved successful, the young Swiss claimed seventh and eighth-place finishes this weekend, his best IFM results to date.



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For a backstage peek into the world of International Formula Master, follow the Series on Facebook via <http://tiny.cc/FacebookIFM>. With the latest photos and videos from our two rounds in Valencia, catch up on what the drivers got up to away from the track, post your own shots from the weekend and let us know what you thought of the races! You can also follow the Series on Twitter at: [www.twitter.com/FormuIaMaster](http://www.twitter.com/FormuIaMaster)

# SWEET VICTORY

**Danish** driver Kasper Andersen delivered new IFM team Hitech Junior's first victory this weekend in Valencia with a stunning drive, which saw the young racer take the lead at the start of round four and keep it, unchallenged, until the chequered flag.

"It's great for the team and me; I've always done well here in Valencia and leading the race like this really gave me flashbacks from 2007! This means a lot though; I really had no testing at all with the team and went straight into the car in Pau after six months away from racing in the Series. We worked hard and now we have a victory as a result.

"I had a great start, although the guy in front got away well too but I had a good reaction time. We definitely have to keep working though; our car was quite good in the beginning but not as fast as the front-runners. We struggled a lot as the weekend got underway although overnight we did some changes and today we saw the result. But we can improve a lot still, we have to keep working and then we're going for it!"

Team Manager David Hayle was delighted with the team's result in only its second International Formula Master event: "It was a great result for Kasper, he drove superbly and once he'd got the lead was able to dominate the race from the front and build a healthy gap to second.

"Alexander could have secured a second podium finish in third place had he not been taken out, as his lap times over the race were matching those of the lead



cars so it's unfortunate for him that he was unable to join Kasper on the podium. The team worked hard over the course of the weekend and it's a great achievement to get a win in our first year in the Series and only the second race weekend. Both drivers have shown great potential already and I'm sure they will continue this form into the next rounds."



# WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

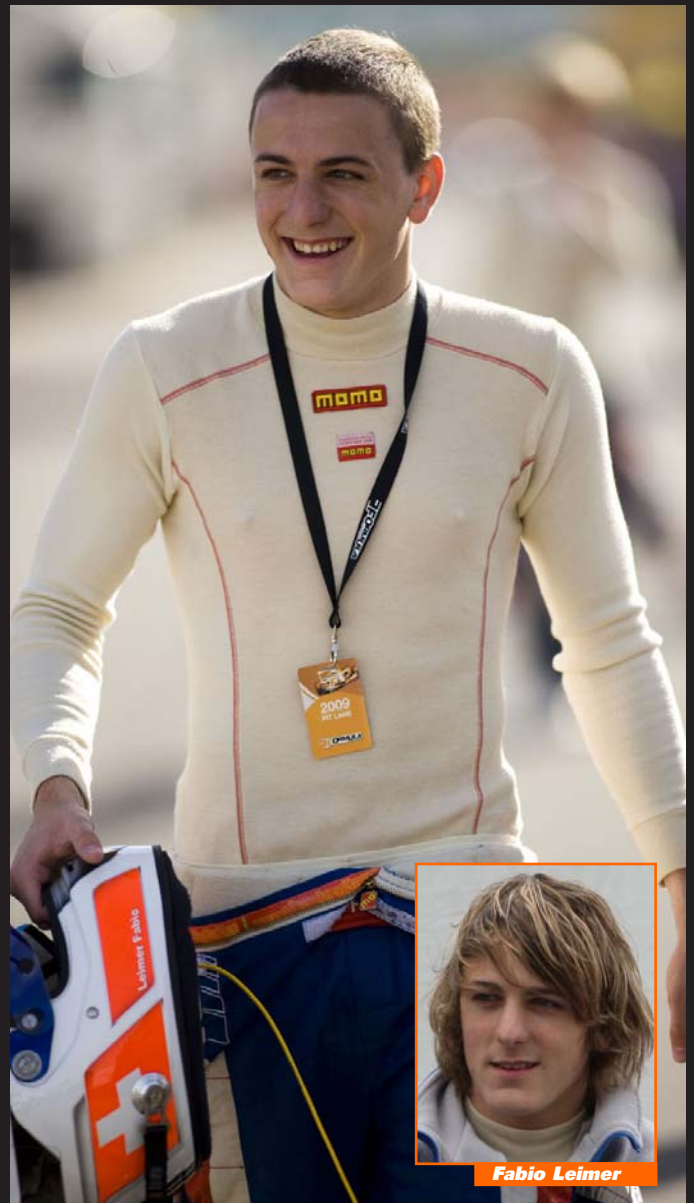


Earl Bamber

With most IFM drivers competing in the Series as teenagers or in their early twenties, a year in international racing tends to make a significant difference in their confidence, especially if they enjoy the success that Fabio Leimer, Josef Kral and Earl Bamber have collected over the past 12 months. In Formula Master alone, the three drivers have collected 134 points and 12 podiums, including six wins, whilst Bamber spent the winter months between IFM seasons driving in GP2 Asia and A1GP. Looks change considerably too at their age, the difference between boy and young man is poignant in our three race winners.



Josef Kral



Fabio Leimer

# 2009 CALENDAR

| Rounds | Date            | Venue                        | Partnering |
|--------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------|
| 01&02  | 16-17 May       | Pau, France                  | WTCC       |
| 03&04  | 30-31 May       | Valencia, Spain              | WTCC       |
| 05&06  | 20-21 June      | Brno, Czech Republic         | WTCC       |
| 07&08  | 18-19 July      | Brands Hatch, United Kingdom | WTCC       |
| 09&10  | 25-26 July      | Hungaroring, Hungary         | F1         |
| 11&12  | 29-30 August    | Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium   | F1         |
| 13&14  | 05-06 September | Oschersleben, Germany        | WTCC       |
| 15&16  | 19-20 September | Imola, Italy                 | WTCC       |



## CIRCUIT PREVIEW

The scene of IFM's first champion, Jérôme D'Ambrosio's double win in 2007, Brno also holds memories for Latvian driver Harald Schlegelmilch. The young racer won his first International Formula Master race there with Trident Racing and will be hoping to repeat the feat this season, whilst national driver Josef Kral will be equally keen for a good result in front of his home crowd. With Fabio Leimer currently leading the drivers' standings and averaging one win per weekend, competition will be fierce for the elusive perfect weekend score of 19 points. Qualifying has also proven prophetic at the Czech circuit, each year the pole setter has gone on to win the title.



# AUTOMOTODROM BRNO: Czech Republic

**Lap distance:** 5.403 km

**Race distance:**

Race 1: 19 laps

Race 2: 14 laps

**Location:** 10 km west of Brno

**Official website:** [www.automotodrombrno.cz](http://www.automotodrombrno.cz)

**IFM LAP RECORDS:**

**Race:**

2007: Race 1 – 1:54.683/169.60 kph,  
Jérôme D'Ambrosio, 16 June 2007

2008: Race 1 – 1:49.899/176.98 kph,  
Chris van der Drift, 14 June 2008

**Qualifying:**

2007: 1:52.643/172.67 kph,

Maximilian Goetz, 15 June 2007

2008: 1:47.050/181.69 kph,

Chris van der Drift, 13 June 2008

**PREVIOUS IFM WINNERS:**

2007 Race 1: Jérôme D'Ambrosio,  
Cram Competition

2007 Race 2: Jérôme D'Ambrosio,  
Cram Competition

2008: Race 1: Chris van der Drift, JD Motorsport

2008: Race 2: Harald Schlegelmilch, Trident Racing



Jérôme D'Ambrosio



Sergey Afanasiev

# RISING STAR

**Russian** driver Sergey Afanasiev is competing with IFM for his second year running and claimed a podium-finish this weekend. The young racer is sporting one of the most distinctive liveries on the grid this season, running the Lukoil colours in association with Red Bull. Afanasiev has been part of the Lukoil Driver's Support Program

for several years now, climbing from Russian karting championships to international formulae.

"The programme began with a Russian team that won its championship in the first year. Because they were very professional, they decided that they wanted to improve not only their team but motorsport in Russia too. They decided to search not for drivers who were already racing for a long time and winning titles but to invest in young drivers that they could develop and see winning somewhere else later on.

"I was lucky enough to be chosen; I started with them



Sergey Afanasiev

from go-karting and got some good results, not only in Russia but in Europe too. They then brought me to formula racing for the first time in Russia and I won my championship.

"After that we decided to go to Europe and develop our presence over there too, and opened up the programme to European racers as well. As things grew, big partners got involved such as Red Bull, which is a big deal since they represent 20% of Formula One at the moment!

"In Russia, they are simply the best driver programme; nothing else comes close. And in Europe they are gaining momentum too. They can be seen in many formulae and karting over here now.

"It's a great opportunity for me; I've been able to test a lot of different cars thanks to them, which wouldn't have been possible without them. And they are already working on the next generation of drivers who are currently karting. They will definitely have a driver in Formula One in the future."

## IFM Fact!



International Formula Master's lap record for the Ricardo Tormo circuit in Valencia, Spain, stands at 1:26.136 set on 02 March 2009. Drivers couldn't reach the lap record this weekend however, with temperatures being much higher. Fabio Leimer was still the fastest qualifying single-seater of the weekend with a fastest lap of 1:27.455.

# IFM ALUMNI CLAIMS HISTORIC WIN



Rahel Frey

Former IFM driver Rahel Frey, the only woman to ever race in the Series, became the first woman to win a Formula 3 race on German soil on 25 May. Starting the race from pole position after securing P1 during qualifying, the Swiss drove a perfect race to finish six seconds ahead of her next rival. With her last pole position secured in International Formula Master in 2007, at the final round of the



season in Monza, the 23-year-old admitted to being nervous before the race: "The last time I had secured a pole position to date was in Formula Master, and in that race, everything went wrong... I haven't quite realised what has happened now."

## SAFETY FIRST

As well as providing top IFM drivers with a test in their WTCC Chevrolet Cruze at the end of the season, FIA World Touring Car Championship team Chevrolet are also supplying

International Formula Master with its pace, safety and medical car, used for each round of the Series... The car in front... is a Chevrolet actually.





# BATTLE OF THE TUNES



## **Kelvin Snoeks**

Motorcycle – DJ Tiesto

Forever – Chris Brown

I want your soul – Armand van Helden

De Glimlach Van Een Kind – Andre Hazes

Changes – Tupac



## **Alexander Rossi**

November Rain – Guns n' Roses

Human – The Killers

What I've Done – Linkin Park

Beautiful Day – U2

Feel – Robbie Williams

# PHOTO GALLERY



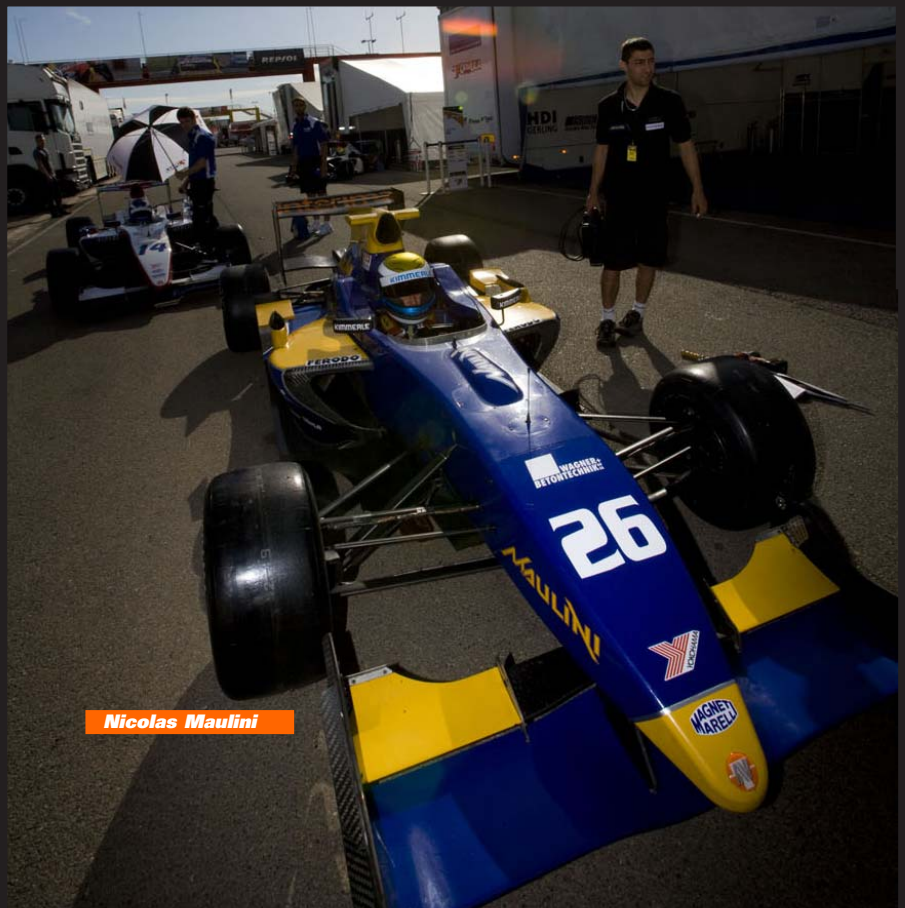
**Dennis Retera**



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**Earl Bamber**



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**Vladimir Arabadzhev**



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