

**ITALIAN F.4 CHAMPIONSHIP POWERED BY ABARTH: GREAT EXPECTATIONS FOR THE SEASON OPENER IN ADRIA. 22 CARS ASSISTED BY 10 TEAMS AND DRIVERS COMING FROM 11 COUNTRIES: THE ITALIAN F4 CHAMPIONSHIP IS READY TO START AT THE ADRIA INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY. THE THREE RACES ON SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE LIVE ON TV ON RAI SPORT 2.**

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**THE FORMULA 4 IS READY TO START.**

The official season-opener event of the new Formula 4 is on schedule this weekend at the Adria International Raceway. The new single-seater created by FIA is going to make its debut on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th June during the Aci Racing Weekend. This brand new category aims at becoming the ideal training ground for young and talented drivers: they will have at their disposal a brand new single-seater, especially designed for the needs of their skills and to accompany the emerging talents in their professional growth from kart racing to car racing.

**ITALIAN F.4 CHAMPIONSHIP BY ABARTH** is the official name of this new Championship, which achieved its first success already during the registration phase. All drivers, from 15 years of age, can enter the Championship; there are 22 F4 single seaters ready to line up on the circuit of Adria. There are 10 teams with drivers coming from 11 different countries. The main goal of the F4 is giving these rookies the opportunity to improve their skills in car racing. A good example is represented by the driver from Rome Leonardo Pulcini (Euronova Racing): he is not 16 yet and he is going to make its debut as the runner-up of the World 2013 CIK-FIA KF Junior championship. The 19-year-old Andrea Fontana from Belluno is Pulcini's teammate; he, too, has just finished a period of training in kart racing. There are also foreign drivers who can boast great and successful experience in kart racing: among them the Russian Ivan Matveev, who drives for SMP Racing. The standard-bearers of the Jenzer Racing team are Ali Al Khalifa from Bahrain and the three Swiss drivers Alan Valente, Lucas Mauron and Nico Rindlisbacher.

**TEAMS AND DRIVERS ON THE STARTING GRID.**

A team from Malta, assisted by the Italian DR Racing, presents the American driver Zackary Dante and Keith Camilleri from Malta. The Italian from Milan Andrea Russo will race for Diegi Motorsport, while the promising Matteo Caroli from Como is in the Antonelli Motorsport team together with the Brazilian Joao Ricardo Vieira and the Swiss Jonathan Giudice. Large line up also for the Adria Raceway by Cram, which presents the French Max Defourny, the Swiss Edi Haxhiu, the Italian Mattia Drudi and Giovanni Altoè. The Canadian Lance Stroll and the Japanese Takashi Kasai were successful kart drivers before joining the F4 Championship; they are racing for Prema Powerteam together with their teammate Brandon Maisano. Gustavo Bandeira will run for Dav Racing and, last but not least, the Israeli Bar Baruch will race for his compatriot team Israel F.4, a team assisted by Torino Squadra Corse.



**THE PROMOTION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP**, conducted by WSK Promotion, counts a lot on communication, which is developed through all the available media. The schedule is top level, thanks to the live TV broadcast of Rai Sport 2. The network will cover the whole event on Sunday 6th June, airing live the three races. The F.4 Championship is followed also by the TVM2 network from Malta, which will broadcast Race 3 live. The live streaming will be available on the Internet on the websites [www.acisportitalia.it](http://www.acisportitalia.it), [www.f4championship.com](http://www.f4championship.com) and [www.sportube.it](http://www.sportube.it). The streaming is scheduled on Sunday 6th June too. There is also a delayed broadcast of the three races scheduled on Monday 9th June on the channel 249 of Dinamica Channel, from 08:30pm. Besides all this, there are many other TV programmes dedicated to the recap of the event, on schedule next week.

**THE 2014 F.4 SEASON** is on 7 rounds, hosted by the most important Italian speedways. The season will finish in Spain, on 19th October, at the circuit of Barcelona. The programme of the weekend in Adria has on schedule free practice on Saturday 7th June, with an initial shakedown early in the morning, at 09.00am; two more sessions at 12:00pm and 02:55pm and, finally, two sessions of qualifying at 06:20pm and 06:45pm. The timetable of the three races on Sunday 8th June: race 1 at 9:00am, race 2 at 12:45pm and Race 3 at 05:00pm. All the races last 28 minutes plus a lap. The TV broadcast of each race on Rai Sport 2 begins 5 minutes before the start of the race.

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