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23 drivers took part in the second official test session of the 2017 season at the Imola racing circuit.

In just over a week - from Friday 8 to Sunday 10 September - the Emilian circuit will host the fifth round of the season. The fastest out on the track is the Dutch driver Job Van Uitert of Jenzer Motorsport

Imola 31/08/2017 – The drivers and teams gave it their all during the eight hours available - from 9 am to 1 pm and from 2.30 pm to 6.30 pm - for the second official test session of the 2017 season of the Italian F.4 Championship powered by Abarth. It is no coincidence that this will be the venue of the fifth round of a Championship that still numbers many contenders for overall victory. Therefore, it was essential to rack up as many kilometres as possible to identify the best set-up. Six drivers managed more than 100 laps, while 10 managed more than 80, further confirming the reliability of the single-seaters powered by Abarth engines using Magigas fuel and equipped with Pirelli tyres.

- ∞ The fastest on the day was Job Van Uitert (third in the overall standings) with a time of 1'45"296, recorded in the morning. 0,12 seconds behind, in second place and having completed 114 laps, was the Venezuelan Sebastian Fernandez (Bhaitech), having recorded 1'45"416 in the afternoon. Just 0,23 seconds from Fernandez, in third, was the Indian Kush Maini (Jenzer Motorsport). In fourth spot was the championship leader, New Zealand's Marcus Armstrong (Prema Power Team), having posted 1'45"628. Right behind was his team mate, the Brazilian rookie Enzo Fittipaldi, with a time of 1'45"729. Speaking of rookies, the leader in the standings, the Italian Leonardo Lorandi (Bhaitech), finished sixth with a time of 1'45"747. Seventh to tenth place were occupied by the Russian Artem Petrov (DR Formula), the German Lirim Zendeli (BWT Muecke Motorsport), the Italian Lorenzo Colombo (Bhaitech) and the Estonian Juri Vips (Prema Power Team).
- ∞ As is the case during race weekends, the test session also demonstrated the equilibrium and high level of the championship. Indeed, 12 drivers all posted times within a second of each other.
- ∞ An analysis of the "ideal lap" highlighted that the fastest driver of the day, Van Uitert, has huge margins of improvement: 1'44"981 is his perfect hypothetical lap. Fernandez and Maini's potential is less than two tenths slower: 1'45"224 compared with 1'45"416 and 1'45"203 compared with 1'45" 439, respectively. Over the two sessions during the day, no one managed to put together their 5 best lap section times.



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- ∞ As is the case at Mugello, Imola also registers quite high speeds: Petrov was the fastest, having recorded 240.9 km/h.
- ∞ The next appointment is on Friday, 8 September for the first practice sessions of the fifth round of this season's Italian F.4 Championship Powered by Abarth.

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