

## CHAMPIONNAT DE FRANCE F4



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### **Arthur Rougier, French F4 Champion 2017!**

**After seven rounds and 21 races, the 2017 French F4 Championship ended with the end of Race 3 on the Paul Ricard circuit, rewarding Arthur Rougier with the title of 2017 French F4 Champion. The young driver succeeds Yifei Ye.**

This 2017 season was rich in twists and turns and all the drivers of the championship gave their best throughout the series. The suspense remained intact until the last race which eventually crowned Arthur Rougier. A title richly deserved after his very good performances. In his first year in F4 Victor Martins won the title of French Junior F4 Champion of 2017.



## **INTERNATIONAL SERIES**

The French F4 Championship, a FIA International Series, reserved for drivers between the ages of 16 and 23, consequently crowned Arthur Rougier with more than 300 points after the seven meetings of the season. With 12 podium finishes including five victories in 2017, the young driver was able to demonstrate what he was capable of driving a F4 while his career in motorsport has only just begun. With an 122 point gap, Florian Venturi is therefore vice-champion of French F4 in his first year and can congratulate the latter with seven podiums and beautiful duels on track. Pierre-Alexandre Jean made a quantum leap for his second year with the third step of the podium.

Christian Muñoz would have preferred to climb on the podium more often, nevertheless the Colombian driver impressed in particular with his consistency which earned him 4th place in the International Series classification. At only six points behind, Jean-Baptiste Mela was able to show his lucidity and prove once again that he should be counted on in the years to come. Marvin Klein and Hugo Chevalier finished neck and neck in the ranking and deserve their 6th and 7th places.

Charles Milesi follows them with 8th place. The young driver impressed at the end of the season and has as many victories as Victor Martins. Javier Gonzalez was also a formidable opponent and took 9th place. Finally, Thomas Drouet was not unmerited this season and especially during the third meeting where he scored his first victory in F4 on the exacting circuit of Pau, in Race 2.

### General ranking of the 2017 French F4 Championship, International Series

1. Arthur ROUGIER: 331 points
2. Florian VENTURI: 209 points
3. Pierre-Alexandre JEAN: 206 points
4. Christian MUÑOZ: 173 points
5. Jean-Baptiste MELA: 167 points
6. Marvin KLEIN: 145 points
7. Hugo CHEVALIER: 140 points
8. Charles MILESI: 136 points
9. Javier GONZALEZ: 94 points
10. Thomas DROUET: 83 points
11. Casper ROES ANDERSEN: 82 points
12. Aldo FESTANTE: 25 points

## **FRENCH JUNIOR F4 CHAMPIONSHIP**

Despite the loss of the title due to a few small errors at the last meeting, Victor Martins still won the 2017 French Junior F4 Championship. The young driver totalled the most pole positions and the greatest number of fastest race laps while he was one of the youngest drivers on the grid this year. Stuart White, the young South African driver, had a very good finish this season as one of the ten drivers who managed to take at least one victory.

Ugo de Wilde was the youngest driver on the grid and his progression was impressive this year as the 3rd overall junior. The young Belgian driver has not had his last word and seems to want to follow in the footsteps of Stoffel Vandoorne, former FFSA Academy and currently at McLaren in Formula 1. Finally, Amaury Cordeel takes 4th place in this ranking and concludes this first year of single-seater learning.

### General classification 2017 French Junior F4 Championship

1. Victor MARTINS: 272 points

2. Stuart WHITE: 252 points
3. Ugo DE WILDE: 217 points
4. Amaury CORDEEL: 116 points

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