



DEFRANCESCO AIMS FOR EUROFORMULA OPEN TOP-THREE

Devlin DeFrancesco heads into the Euroformula Open finale at Barcelona ready to fight for third in the drivers' standings, whilst also in pole position to secure the Spanish F3 Championship.

Having taken an impressive double-podium at Jerez last time out, the Carlin driver is now just five points off third in the championship and extended his Spanish F3 lead over team-mate Ameya Vaidyanathan to 24 points.

“The goal is to repeat the Jerez result,” **the Canadian-Italian said.** “If I can get on the front row again and defend my position, I’m confident that we can climb to third in the Drivers’ Championship.

“Winning the Spanish F3 title is another goal! I currently have a good advantage, but anything can happen, so I will remain completely focused on just maximising the result.”

The 17-year-old is yet to race at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, but took part in a successful winter test there earlier in the year.

"I did quite a lot of laps here at the beginning of 2017 and have spent some time in the simulator," **Devlin continued**. "It was one of the first places I drove the new car, so when we were last here I was still learning a lot.

"I like the track, we know the areas I need to improve on and there will be some work to do in practice. However, I've gained a lot of experience since my last visit and am confident that we will be fighting at the front again!"

Devlin will also be competing at the prestigious Macau Grand Prix with Carlin in November (17-19), driving the Dallara-built, Volkswagen-powered car he drove in the final two rounds of the 2017 FIA European F3 Championship.

"I'm very excited to be competing in the 64th Macau GP," **Devlin said**. "It's a race everyone wants to do well in and join an elite list of winners, such as Ayrton Senna and Michael Schumacher. With this being my first attempt, it's going to be about gaining experience and hopefully having some great on-track battles."

The 2016 British F4 race-winner achieved a best finish of 12th at the Red Bull Ring in European F3, demonstrating his natural ability by beating several series regulars and could provide an option for next season.

"Driving in the European F3 Championship was incredible," **Devlin recalled**. "Obviously, we now have to think about what we want to do next year and that is a very competitive series.

"Nothing is confirmed for 2018 yet though and for now we're concentrating on closing out the current campaign on a positive note, then we'll start looking at our options."

There will be a private test at Barcelona on Thursday, before practice on Friday. Qualifying and race one will get underway on Saturday, with the final qualifying and race of the season taking place on Sunday (click [here](#) for a full weekend timetable).

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