



DEFRANCESCO EYES EUROFORMULA OPEN PODIUM AT SPA

Carlin driver Devlin DeFrancesco sets his sights on a podium finish in the second round of the Euroformula Open at the historic Belgian circuit of Spa-Francorchamps (27-28 May).

After his impressive championship debut at Estoril, Portugal, the Canadian racer is looking to improve on his promising rookie podium with an overall top-three at the Belgian Grand Prix venue.

Heading into the weekend, the 17-year-old sits ninth in the Drivers' Championship, just 10 points behind third, with 54 on offer at each round.

"It was an encouraging start to the season," **Devlin said**. "I learned a lot and the added experience will certainly help me for the upcoming race. An overall podium is the aim, Billy [Monger] has been on my back about getting one, so hopefully I can do that for him!"

This will be Devlin's first experience of the 7.004 km circuit, but with extensive runs on his simulator, the 2016 F4 British Championship front-runner is confident of quickly adapting.

"I've probably done five or more race distances on my simulator," **Devlin continued.** "Obviously, it's very different once you're there but it's really useful to be heading into the weekend knowing a bit about what to expect.

"The experience from the first weekend will help, but you can't even compare Estoril and Spa, it's like apples and oranges. The long straights provide a lot of opportunities to overtake, unlike what we had in the first round. There have been many classic races at Spa and the weather always plays a part, so it'll be interesting to see if that'll be a factor."

In the heart of the Ardennes Forest, Spa is one of the most famous and oldest racing circuits in the world, and is a track that Devlin has long-aspired to race at.

"It has to be one of the most special places in motor racing," **Devlin said.** "I'm looking forward to Les Combes in particular, it flows nicely and provides a great opportunity for overtaking. Pouhon is another corner that I can't wait to tackle. It's fast and you can gain or lose a lot of time there."

Free practice will begin on Friday, before the first qualifying session and race one get underway on Saturday. There will also be a second qualifying heat and race on Sunday (click [here](#) for a full weekend timetable).

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